

# Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Fandangle = Fantastic!

### Classes of '62 & '72 Lead Record Crowd at 5th Annual Gathering

Photos by: John G. Hughes, Jr.

It was the social event of the Summer. Huskies from far away and around the corner came home to the East Side to enjoy time with old friends at the Annual Fandangle. This marks the 5th Anniversary of the all-classes reunion, as a record breaking crowd descended on the East Side Youth Center.

Mark your calendars now for the 6th Annual Fandangle: **Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 2PM.**

You can see additional photos of this year's event by visiting the Alumni website:

**[www.Dieruff-Alumni.org](http://www.Dieruff-Alumni.org)**,

To see the singing of the Alma Mater, click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcxj5b4gnqo>

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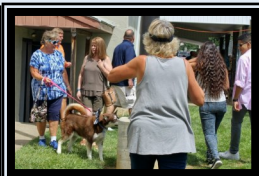
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Saturday, July 29, 2017





## President's Message

*John G. Hughes, Jr. '61*

### Teamwork Is The Key

When describing his participation in the demanding 1,000-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska, a veteran musher commented, "Teamwork is the key". Success requires a team of Huskies that can blend their individual skills and talents, and work toward a common goal.

The calendar of events launched by the Dieruff Alumni Association represents our version of the "Iditarod"....and teamwork is the key, indeed! Just consider our most recent challenges.

The July 29, 2017 Fandangle, our mega-reunion for all classes, enjoyed unprecedented attendance, and universal applause. Working closely with the reunion committees of the classes of 1962 and 1972, we were able to rally their passionate members, celebrating their 55th and 45th reunions, as part of the Fandangle event. Another group of Huskies that contributed to the success of the Fandangle was the Alumni Choir members who faithfully performed the Dieruff Alma Mater under the spirited direction of Mr. Peter Carpenter. A surprise birthday cake and a joyous rendition of "Happy Birthday" helped "Mr. C" celebrate his 90th birthday.

A team approach was certainly responsible for the success of the fifth annual Swim Party for the Dieruff Football Team. Hosting a busload of players and coaches, our team of alumni orchestrated an afternoon of energy, entertainment, food, and camaraderie. We were particularly impressed by the sincere display of appreciation and respect from these fine young men.

And so, as we proceed into the Fall Season, our team of energetic alumni is actively developing plans for our monthly meetings, Giant Gift Card Sales, the Giant A+ Rewards Program, Raffle Ticket Sales for the autographed Andre Reed Football Jersey, and the annual Tailgate Party scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game. We will also be partnering with the committee members of the various classes to help plan reunions and other events. Once again, teamwork is the key.

We welcome each and every one of you to join our friendly team. Mush you Huskies!

With warm Husky regards,

John





## Dieruff Football Team Annual Swim Party

As the summer draws to an end and as school is about to begin, the Alumni Association continues a tradition that began six years ago: the Dieruff football team swim party.

This event has become a “right of passage” for the team and is looked forward to not only by the players but by the Alumni who attend as well.

Many thanks as always to Jinny and John Hughes for opening up their home to the team and also to the Alumni members who bring food, snacks and help life guarding the pool area.

Here’s the ultimate video of “boys being boys”. Click on the link below and watch the “I Gotta Feeling” video of the football team enjoying a day of fun and camaraderie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpIQ6iULhg4&t=00s>



## Alumni Football Players “Feed Inspiration” To Current Team

In what has also become an annual tradition, members of the ‘63 Dieruff football team have given the current football team something to chew on - (literally!) - gift certificates to Yocco’s Hot Dogs.

These gift certificates are presented weekly to the team’s most outstanding offensive and defensive players, as chosen by the coaching staff.

Our thanks to Ray Roche and Ron Burda (Class of ‘64) for their continued donation to the team.



*Dieruff Head Football Coach Kyle Beller is presented the gift certificates to Yocco’s from members of the ‘63 team: Ray Roche (left) and Ron Burda (right)*

## Strike Up The Band

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

Mother Nature proved that her favorite colors must be blue and gray as she delivered a beautiful late-summer afternoon on which to honor and recognize our Husky Marching Band. On Thursday, August 31, the LED Alumni Association hosted a picnic for the band members and their new director, Mr. Larry Flynn. Feasting on pizza, cheeseburgers, cookies and fresh fruit, the thankful students, along with a few of their younger siblings (future Huskies), enjoyed the celebration before serenading us with a live "Performance in the Park."

As this Husky stood on the sidewalk which overlooks the perfect setting of Andre Reed Park, my attention was divided between the outstanding music and the enthusiastic comments of parents and the many local passersby who stopped to listen. "They sound so much better," "I can hear the band practicing from my house," and "Wow! They look and sound great." As a life-long Southsider, I confess that I felt a bit envious of the residents who get to hear the Husky Band play the Dieruff Fight Song in their Eastside neighborhoods.

What impressed me most about the students, however, was their genuine humility and gratitude which was demonstrated as they very politely, one by one, came through the buffet line. And, although there was much food for everyone, not one kid took "seconds" without first asking permission. Exceptional good manners must go hand-in-hand with these kids' musical talents.

But the best part was yet to come. Before the conclusion of the event, Band Director Larry Flynn introduced each member. Although he had been with these kids for only a few short months, he still took the time to acknowledge and thank every student by name for his/her specific talents and contributions to the band. How heartwarming it was to hear of the boy who walked three and a half miles (one way) to Dieruff and never missed a practice! Remember how hot it was this past summer? And the young lady who always waited for her band director in the parking lot because she was so eager to get started. As Mr. Flynn sang the praises of each student, I could see Husky Pride beaming from Principal Susan Bocian and the other school administrators. These kids, who all cheered for and supported one another, give us so many reasons to be proud.

So, as we welcome our new band director along with the 2017 football season, please be sure to stop by and say "Hello!" to Mr. Flynn during one of the LED gridiron games. As the ASD stadium's PA announcer presents the "Beast from the East," and the "hardest working band in Allentown," sit back and enjoy the autumnal half-time sounds of our harmonious Huskies.

And be sure to sing along to the Fight Song as we Cheer, Cheer, Cheer for Dieruff High!

Click the link below to see the band in action during "Preview Night"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynynVCmlaQ>







# Dieruff Alumni Association **Tailgate Party**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**  
Pre-game Huskies vs. Canaries Football

**Opposite Gate #2 J. Birney Crum**  
**Tailgate 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Gametime 2:00 PM**

## **\$10 Donation**

Includes catered lunch by  
Giovanni's On The Go  
Meet the Band, Cheerleaders,  
and AFROTC Cadets.  
Greet the Team & Coaches  
as they arrive.

**Tickets available at Stahley's, Dieruff Main Office,  
or online: [www.dieruff-alumni.org](http://www.dieruff-alumni.org)**



**Win a framed  
Football Jersey  
autographed by  
HOF Andre Reed**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

**2 for \$5**

**5 for \$10**

**Winning Ticket will be drawn  
at the Dieruff vs. Allen  
Football Game  
October 28, 2017**

**All proceeds will benefit the Dieruff  
Alumni Association Scholarship Fund**

## **Grapplers - Get A Grip!**

*John G. Hughes, Jr. '61*

Husky Wrestlers are planning a second affinity group reunion for Friday, October 20, 2017. Robb Trexler, Dieruff Class of 1966, launched his idea for a wrestlers' reunion last year, and it was a tremendous success. A passionate group of one dozen Dieruff alumni wrestlers and coaches from those

early years met for lunch to reminisce and reconnect.

Now, Robb hopes to expand the gathering, and invites all alumni matmen to join the celebration. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM at the Hamilton Family Restaurant

(HamFam), 2027 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18104. Everyone will be on their own for lunch. To confirm your reservation, call restaurant owner Abe Youwakim at: 484/866-3355.



*"Team Photo" of last year's attendees (Courtesy of Mcall.com)*



## Kiska's Korner

By Kiska V (with Karen Coleman)

I have some Bad Dog incidents that I would like to share with you. I do not think I did anything wrong, just doing normal Husky behavior. Several weeks ago, Mom had some stuff on the bed, pens, a book, a tablet. I was supposed to be napping. I saw it, the Purple Pen. Just really checking out back to school supplies. Chewed it, but did not eat it. But purple ink got all over the bedspread and all over my paws. Mom had to trim my paws. Still have a tiny bit between my toes.

Then the second event could have been a disaster. We went to the scrimmage. A very hot Saturday. Aunt Cindy gets me out of the van and I feel it, the collar has broken and the collar and leash have fallen to the ground. FREEDOM. So in typical husky fashion I run. Listen to no commands. I am free. Instead of running into the stadium, I was heading down the hill to busy Linden Street. Huskies off leash are bad situations. We love to run. A man tried to grab me, but I turned, ran right by Mom and Aunt Cindy. Luckily another man grabbed my second collar, the one I always wear with identification, and I was rapidly leashed. The ladies were very upset. Mom was so ticked we took a walk around the track. I just was looking for gum like always. Found it. This time it was melted on the track and I stepped in it. By the time we got back to the bench, I was limping due to the gravel in the gum. Got a quick exam, ice from the trainer, and soon my foot was clean. That was just one of THOSE DAYS.

Then the Emmaus game. All was well, had VIP parking, nice fans. But they had a cannon, I am sooooooooooooo scared of loud noises. We had to leave early. Aunt Cindy stopped at MacDonald's and I had a dish of vanilla ice cream which calmed my tummy and my nerves. Been eventful.

We will see you at many of the fall events. Misha will be making limited visits. At fourteen and a half years of age, the hindquarters are giving her trouble. She will no longer be running on the field. Her health is our number one concern.

LOVE AND HUSKY HUGS,  
*Kiska V*, Diva Dog



## \*\*\*THIS JUST IN\*\*\* PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Joy Howe did an interview with Misha, Uncle John Hughes, Mom and me. Joy wants to do stories that go beyond the playing field and the score. Mom, the stage mother, contacted her about Misha and me and the rest is history. Few schools have live dog mascots. But always a shout-out to Easton and their bulldog. Was a great experience to showcase all the wonderful things about Dieruff. It was nice to show the love between us doggies and the students, players, fans, and even the visiting team. Having a dog is special.

Thank you Joy. She was really nice and pet both of us. I got a long belly rub. The camera man was great. Misha and I really had a good time. So please tune in to see us. A real night of Husky Pride, a win and a great band performance and our spot.

Would like to dedicate this piece to all shelter and rescue dogs.

**Sept. 8th at 11 PM**

**Sept. 9th at 6 AM**

**The Big Ticket @ 10PM on WFMZ-69 & WFMZ.com**





# "The Parade Marches On"



Dear Class of 1967 Graduate,

**DEADLINE OCT. 7, 2017**

You are cordially invited to attend the 50 year celebration of your graduation from Louis E Dieruff High School. The following events are scheduled.

1. **Friday October 27, 5PM at Stahley's.** Pay as you order from the bar and menu. Tables will be reserved for our class. 1826 Hanover Avenue, Allentown
2. **Saturday October 28, Tailgate at the ASD Stadium, 11-1PM.** This event is hosted by the DHS Alumni Association and is open to all alumni. Cost is \$10. You can purchase tickets at <http://www.dieruff-alumni.org> if you are a member. If you are not a member, tickets can also be purchased at Stahley's.
3. **Saturday October 28, 1PM Pregame Ceremonies/ 2PM Kickoff, Dieruff /Allen Game.** Tickets are free for seniors.
4. **Saturday October 28, 6-11PM, 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, at the Palace Center.** (This was formerly Albeth Ice Rink/Ice Palace Skating Arena), 623 Hanover Avenue, Allentown. [www.thepalacecenter.com](http://www.thepalacecenter.com). (Cash bar for wine, beer, liquor) at 6PM, Buffet Dinner at 7PM. Cost is \$50. Music by DJ John Harvey, Dress is Business /Casual
5. **Sunday October 29, Tour of the Renovated Louis E. Dieruff High School, 9:30-10:45AM.** There's a lot to see if you haven't been in the school for a while. We plan on touring the completely renovated school including the new Michael Meilinger wing, Linda (Repp) Cruttenden court, Peter Carpenter auditorium, and the Dennis McGinley natatorium, Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Media center.
6. **Sunday October 29, Brunch at the Top Diner, 11AM** 1019 Union Blvd. Allentown. Pay as you order.

Please continue to update your contact information at the following websites

<http://www.classreport.org/usa/pa/Allentown/dieruff/1967/> , <http://www.dieruff-alumni.org> ,  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Louis-E-Dieruff-Class-of-1967/147377712034592>

**Please fill in and mail the bottom portion of this form if you are attending the reunion or NOT**

This will help us keep the contact information up to date. You will not receive a ticket for the main event. Reservations will be made and confirmed at the check in table when you arrive.

**MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DIERUFF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 c/o Bambi (Seek) Coyle, 5730 Grouse Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017 OR MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT <http://www.dieruff-alumni.org> If you make your reservation on line (by credit card), fill out the paper below and send to Bambi Coyle for record purposes.**

**Note: Any questions call or email MonnaLou Henninger at 610-704-2510, [monnalou@monnalouhenninger.com](mailto:monnalou@monnalouhenninger.com) or email to [stevehenninger64@gmail.com](mailto:stevehenninger64@gmail.com)**

**DIERUFF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 50<sup>TH</sup> CLASS REUNION (Return this portion)**

**Please check off which events you will attend: 1□, 2□, 3□, 4□, 5□, 6□**

☐ I will not attend any events

**PLEASE PRINT**

Classmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies: Please include maiden name

Street / City / State / Zip Code

Attending Spouse or Guest: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ if Dieruff Grad state graduation year (class of) \_\_\_\_\_

Classmate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Classmate Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you or your spouse/guest a Military Veteran?**

☐ Classmate, Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Spouse or Guest Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you give your permission to share your contact information in the Reunion program** ☐ Yes, ☐ No?

\$50 per person Total Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I made reservation online by Credit Card



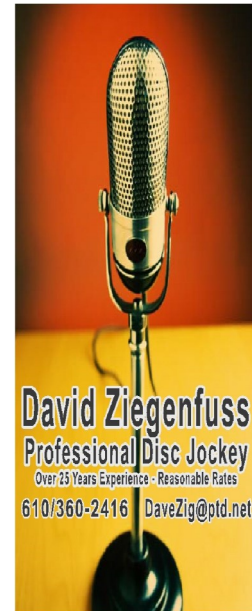
# UPCOMING EVENTS

To get your event listed, please email event before the 24th of each month to: [dhsalumninews@ptd.net](mailto:dhsalumninews@ptd.net)

- September 29:** Class of '65 Turns 70 6PM-10PM \$30PP  
Northampton Events Center (visit WEBSITE for details)
- October 4:** Alumni Association Meeting 6:30PM (also DHS Open House)  
Meilinger Center
- October 14:** HOMECOMING 12:30PM vs Pocono Mountain West  
J. Birney Crum Stadium
- October 20:** Husky Wrestlers Reunion 11:30AM  
Hamilton Family Restaurant (SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS)
- October 22:** Class of 1986—All You Can Eat Breakfast 10:30AM—1:30PM  
Brass Rail Restaurant, Allentown (SEE AD BELOW)  
\$15.00 PP—All Are Welcome!
- October 27-28:** Class of 1967—50th Year Reunion  
(SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 8)
- October 28:** Dieruff-Allen Game Tailgate @ 11:00AM (SEE PG. 5 FOR DETAILS)  
Football Game @ 2:00PM—J. Birney Crum Stadium
- November 25:** Class of 1977 40th Year Reunion 6PM \$55PP  
Allentown Brew Works (visit WEBSITE for details)

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