

#### President's Message



John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

### **Golden Opportunity For Husky Unity**

The ancient Romans had *Janus*. The Dieruff Class of '68 has *Janice...* and Bill.

Known as the god of beginnings and transitions, Janus was commonly depicted with two faces, one pointed toward the past and the other directed toward the future. He was even honored to have the month of January named after him.

Our dear friends Janice and Bill have not received such a tribute on the calendar. Nonetheless, they are deserving of our recognition and genuine praise. They have blended their focus (and faces), and have successfully peered in both directions. Janice Besecker Onieal and Bill Shannon are spirited members of the Dieruff Class of 1968. They have looked back to those days of yesteryear, and they have gazed toward the coming year with plans to celebrate the golden anniversary of their senior year.

Last year, Bill Shannon had a brilliant idea. Rather than conduct a singular reunion event, Bill concocted a creative alternative. He thought, "why not orchestrate a full year of celebrations?" And so, Bill and Janice launched a campaign to unite their classmates throughout the year, coordinating the events with the Alumni Association and the Dieruff High School calendars.

The initial event of their adventurous campaign was the October 28, 2017 Tailgate Party and the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game. What a joy is was to have the Class of '68 revelers join the full contingent of alumni cheering the Huskies on to victory!

Our Mardi Gras Party on February 17, 2018 is the next scheduled gathering for the '68 alumni. It has become an exciting tradition for many of the Dieruff classes to rally their classmates under the colorful banner of the Alumni Association Mardi Gras Party.

In April, the Class of 1968 has reserved a block of tickets to attend the award-winning Dieruff Theatre Department's Spring Musical, "Side Show". Next, members of the Class of 1968 will be attending the Commencement Ceremonies in June at the PPL Center, and will march as a group, preceding the graduating seniors. The Alumni Association's "Fandangle", that mega-reunion for all classes, will then follow on July 28, 2018. In the Fall, the Tailgate Party and the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game will provide another opportunity to unite and celebrate.

Bringing the year of celebration to a conclusion, the final event for the Class of 1968 is the grand Reunion, scheduled for November 3, 2018 at The Palace in Allentown. Never before has a Dieruff graduating class embarked on such an ambitious strategy of celebrating their Husky Pride. We applaud their spirit, and we look forward to partnering with them to assist and encourage. This could be a new model for other reunion classes.

With warm Husky regards,

John







Football Team Pool Party



Marching Band Cookout



Grapplers Get-Together



Dieruff-Allen Game Tailgate



Stockings For Soldiers



Alumni Choir Caroling



Video Holiday Card w/Peter Carpenter

These are just a few of the events that the Dieruff Alumni Association was involved with during the past year. There are even more events not pictured here.

The Alumni Association not only works with the Alumni members, but also the current students of Dieruff High School and the community as well. Join us for any event and you will hear the joyous sounds of laughter filled with Husky Pride.

If you haven't been involved at any of our functions, now is the best time to join us. Plan to attend this year's Mardi Gras Party on February 17, or come to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at Dieruff High School.

To view a video of all the events from last year, click the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/ john.hughes.372661/ videos/10211044801615869/



#### Kiska's Korner

Kiska V w/Karen Coleman

It was going to happen. Mom got the call from the shelter. Emergency - four kittens needed fostering and there was no room. Christmas and no room? Being a Rescue myself, how could we refuse? So for a little more than three weeks, I have been living with four kittens and my housemates Willow and Kibbee. They would not have made it outside with this bitter cold.

December ninth, three kittens arrived. Cute grey and white. Scared, they had lived outside and had not been handled. Sadly, the runt had run away. She was so tiny and out alone, hungry and scared in a snow-storm. We all worried about her. Luckily, she was captured the next day and was reunited with her littermates. She was so scared that she trembled for two days and hid in the corner of the cage. They were nine weeks old and the optimum socialization period was fast closing. I tried to be friends, but all the little guys did was hiss and spit at me. So with the radio playing carols, toys, food, play, and constant holding and cuddling, they soon (even Ivy) were ready for their new homes.

Mom talked to everyone and the word spread. Thought I would have to appeal to the Husky Nation. Six cats were just too much to handle for this husky.

By January 2, they all had great homes. Nick, the big male went to a family that wanted a Christmas cat. He climbed their tree, slept in the tree, much to their delight. After the vet visit, Noel (later Nick II) so charmed Dr. John that he is now living in Scranton with Dr. John's cousin. Ivy moved in with Mom's physical therapist. No longer shy, she rules the household. Holly (now Willow) was adopted by two of Mom's past students. This was our Christmas story and miracle.

Now it is quiet. No meows, no hisses. Decorations are stored and it is peaceful. With this horrible cold, I curl up with Willow and Kibbee. They purr, I snore...a return to normal.

Except for this cold. As most of you know, I do not like cold. I hurry, do my business and run inside, where I usually curl on the bed or sofa with a blanket. Hoping for a January thaw and an early spring. No Iditarod for this husky. Sunshine, a warm breeze, my water dish filled with ice cubes, my bucket list. Stay warm.

Love,

 $\mathcal{K}$ iska  $\mathcal{D}$  Diva Dog and foster to four very lucky kittens!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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February 2:	Winter Pep Rally 1:30PM ALL ALUMNI WELCOME
	Richard Schmidt Gymnasium
February 7:	Monthly Alumni Meeting 6:30PM
	Meilinger Center
February 17:	7th Annual Dieruff Alumni Association Mardi Gras Party
	East Side Youth Center (SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)
February 20:	PIZZA FUND RAISER 10:30AM-9:00PM
	MOD Pizza (SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS)
February 24:	Key Club Husky A Capella Festival 7:00PM
-	Peter Carpenter Auditorium
April 26, 27, 28:	Dieruff Theatre Company "Side Show"
• · · ·	Peter Carpenter Auditorium
	Visit www.ticketor.com/dierufftheatre/ for tickets
May 19:	Class of '86 Turns 50
-	Coplay Saengerbund (SEE RIGHT FOR DETAILS)
July 28:	6th Annual Fandangle 2PM-6PM
,	East Side Youth Center (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

#### All events can be found on the DHS Alumni Website: www.Dieruff-Alumni.org



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