

# Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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## 6th Annual Fandangle

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## President's Message

*John G. Hughes, Jr. '61*

### Canine Connections

After the brief obligatory "sniffing session", our faithful mascot, Kiska, welcomed Nadia to the Husky Pack. The canine connection was complete!

Robin Jacoby, Dieruff Class of '85 and her father Bob, had brought their newly adopted Husky puppy to the football game at J. Birney Crum Stadium to introduce her to Kiska. Kiska's "mom" Karen Coleman and "Aunt Cindy" Wolst awaited their arrival on the sideline. The pair of Huskies bonded like mother and daughter. It was a beautiful sight.

Kiska and Nadia certainly set a commendable example of connectivity. And so it is with the Dieruff Alumni Association. One of our critical roles is to facilitate connections among alumni, current students, and the faculty and staff. During the last several months, we have experienced very dramatic connections.

On July 28th, over 300 alumni gathered at the East Side Youth Center for the "Fandangle", the mega-reunion for all classes. It is interesting to note that 38 different graduating classes were represented during an exciting day of celebration. Earlier that same day, about three dozen Dieruff alumni wrestlers and past coaches met at the Hamilton Family Restaurant to reconnect and reminisce.

Setting rivalries aside for the evening, the Dieruff Class of 1973 connected with their counterparts from William Allen, and celebrated a joint 45th class reunion on August 11th.

A pair of featured events in August allowed our alumni to connect with Dieruff students. The first was our annual Husky Football Swim Party, and the second was a cookout for the Marching Band. Both of these celebrations have developed into popular traditions.

Please ink October 27th on your calendar. That is the date of our Annual Tailgate Party that precedes

the Husky vs. Canaries Football Game. Alumni have an opportunity to connect with each other, and with the Dieruff Cheerleaders, the Marching Band, and AFROTC cadets as we engage in a fun celebration of Husky Pride. After a catered brunch served by Giovanni's On The Go at Cedar Beach Park (opposite Gate #2 at J. Birney Crum Stadium), we cross the street, form a gauntlet into the stadium and welcome the football players and coaches as they arrive for the big game.

We invite you all to join us for this exciting "memory maker", for you... and for the kids.

With warm Husky feelings of connectivity,

John





## Celebrating 50 Years of LED Soccer

Ken Woolley '69

It was August 1968 and we heard that a new sport was being introduced to both Dieruff and Allen High Schools. That new sport was soccer. A small group of us had already been getting ready all summer to play this new sport. Four or five nights a week we would trek across the Hamilton Street Bridge and make our way to Fountain Park to play pick up soccer. It was the only place in Allentown that had a soccer field. We would be learning the sport from men who had previously played the sport at high levels in Europe. Many of them retired from the top tier of soccer in England, Scotland, and Germany to name a few.

Our first practice began in August and we had our first practice at Ritter Elementary School field. The field was so small the goal keepers could throw the ball into the opposing goal. We quickly moved to Midway Manor Elementary School. That field was only about 80 yards long but was much better than Ritter and we stayed there for the rest of the season. Thirty players showed up for the first practice. It was the first year for Dieruff, Allen and Emmaus soccer in the EPC.

Our coaching staff this first year was Head Coach Mr. Terry German. Mr. German played goalie at West Chester State College so was the perfect fit for our new program. His assistant coach was Mr. Joe Minninger.

Our first game in school history was scheduled for Wednesday

September 12, 1968 at 7:30pm. Prior to the game I was amazed and honored to be selected the first Captain in school history. My good friend Mike Weigand was selected as co-captain.

Arriving at ASD stadium, we were amazed at the number of people showing up for this game. Both school bands were in attendance. It turned out that over 2,000 people were there to see this contest. Both the Morning Call and Evening Chronicle had articles describing the huge crowd.

The game itself was an ebb and flow of action. Most observers thought we had the best of play in the first half and Allen the second half. For the soccer fan who knows the modern formations such as the 4-4-2 etc., we played a 2-3-5. You won't ever see a formation like that in the modern game today. After regulation the score was still 0-0. Going into the first OT both teams had chances to score. Going into the second OT, it looked increasingly like the game would end in a tie. However, with less than a minute in the game, I trapped the ball at midfield and slotted the ball to a streaking Mike Weigand who scored the winning goal with just 30 seconds left in the game. Mike got the first goal and I got the first assist. For Dieruff fans it was a storybook ending. I can still remember the bus ride back to the east side with everyone on the bus cheering and laughing. It was truly Husky Pride. As a sidelight, right after the



game, Mike Weigand was rushed to the hospital to have his appendix removed. He returned later in the season.

As a team we had a few wins that first season, only to lose to Allen in the last game of the season 2-0. But nothing could compare to winning the first ever game in school history and against your cross town rival.

On a personal note: Playing that first season began a lifelong love of soccer for me. I have now been coaching for 45 years, college, high school (Dieruff's Head Coach 80's, 90's) and club ball. As a player, I played on a pro pass in Europe, U.S. Olympic Soccer as an alternate, Major and 1<sup>st</sup> division and was inducted into the Lehigh Valley Soccer Hall of Fame in 2009. However, being a member of that first Dieruff team and having the honor to captain that team still after all these years ranks as one of the major highlights of the soccer career. I still bleed Dieruff Blue!!

## Band Cookout Converted To “Cook-In”

*John G. Hughes, Jr '61*

Mother Nature threatened to spoil the Alumni Association Cookout for the Dieruff Marching Band, scheduled for September 6th. With storm clouds forming in the West, we simply moved the serving tables and the sumptuous spread from the original location outside, adjacent to the south side of the high school (across from Andre Reed Park) into the Meilinger Media Center.

When the band completed its afternoon practice session, all of the musicians and the staff adjourned to the Media Center where alumni served a delicious meal, complete with meatball sandwiches, chicken barbecue, pizza, pretzels, chips, brownies, cookies, water and soft drinks. Band Director Mr. Larry Flynn was particularly pleased as his students politely expressed their appreciation to our dedicated alumni.

Following their well-deserved dining experience, the band members returned to the practice field and presented an impressive preview of this year's routine.

Family and friends who had gathered at the perimeter of the park applauded with pride as the band demonstrated their accomplished skills. Husky Pride!





## Wrestler's Reunion 7/28/18

*John G. Hughes, Jr. '61*

For the third consecutive year, Dieruff alumni wrestlers and past coaches gathered at the Hamilton Family Restaurant (HamFam) in Allentown.

July 28th was selected for the reunion, allowing attendees to also participate in the Alumni Association's "Fandangle".

With fond memories of those golden years, about three dozen people reconnected and reminisced.



## Kiska's Korner

*By Kiska V w/Karen Coleman*

What a hot and humid summer. I am so shedding. Thank goodness for air conditioning. But even in the heat, I did venture out and attended some events. Fall is my favorite time of the year.

The Fandangle was fun. The food was really good. I so love the bar-be-que and ate two big helpings. The new basket social was a success. A lot of the work fell on Aunt Cindy because Mom had to take care of me. Sadly, I am good at events for about an hour or so and then the attention wanes and I want to go home. When it is hot, I want to go home much sooner. But good work Aunt Cindy. Next year, many more baskets.

Also attended the joint 45<sup>th</sup> Dieruff Allen class reunion. I was on my very best behavior. A dignified, mature dog. I sat or rolled over for a belly rub. When Uncle Fred walked me around, I greeted

everyone and wagged, really plumed my tail. I did Dieruff proud. My Mom is a trip. She was inviting the Allen people to come to the Big football game. Then, being Miss Congeniality, she explained how proud we Dieruff people will be because there will be four dogs on the field!!!!!!

Had a lovely visit with the cheerleaders. The ladies are very nice and talented. They pet me, practiced running me and shared their ice pops with me. Many of them love animals and they shared their pet stories with Mom. It was hot and I was thirsty, so into the Guidance Department and Aunt Holly. I have my own bottled water and a decorated dish. That water tasted good. Mrs. Bocian has my caramels in her office.

Had a photo shoot with the Administrators. John Hughes did a great job because dogs are hard to photograph and it was all

three of us. The official photo looks great. I am front and center with Mrs. Bocian. Elsa and Misska are on either end. When I saw them coming into school. I gave a howl of welcome and we all got along very well. The unofficial photo is something else. I was being very silly and rolled over for a belly rub. On my side with paw up in the air. I looked like a centerfold, glamorous and a true Diva.

Love,

*Kiska V* Diva Dog



## DHS New Mascot Team

*Karen Coleman LED Faculty*

For years Dieruff has had one mascot, Kiska. When Kiska IV got too ill to work, Misha took over her job for two football seasons. After IV died, Misha was joined by a young pup, now our Kiska V. They were best friends and worked so well together. In April Misha passed. Kiska grieved and still misses her old friend.

But now we have more girls to join the mascot team and help with the many duties of being a mascot. With such a big school and so many events, it is a lot of work for one dog. Kiska V has turned eight years old and is slowing a bit. Slowing a lot is Kiska's Mom. Linda Schmitz teaches at Dieruff and is the cheerleading coach. She has two gorgeous black and white huskies. Blue-eyed beauties. The girls are Misska and Elsa and are filled with love and that puppy energy. At ten months old, they are as big as Kiska. They have become friends and we had a wonderful photo shoot. John Hughes did an awesome job photographing the three dogs.



On September first, Robin Jacoby got her husky puppy. The little girl is nine weeks old and adorable as are all husky puppies. As of this writing, she does not have a name. Hoping for something Russian. Her kennel name is Tinkerbelle. She has a sweet disposition. She had her first job by coming to the Alumni meeting. She did well.

Dieruff is on the cutting edge. The latest trend in education is the use of comfort dogs. We have always had Kiska, but now she has back-up. We have four loving dogs who will be giving husky hugs and kisses and spreading HUSKY PRIDE.



## Class of 1964 Presents Weekly Awards

Ron Berta and Ray Roche once again presented Yocco's gift certificates for the football players this year to Coach Kyle Beller, on behalf of the Class of 1964.

This is the sixth year in a row that the Class of 1964 has presented the award to LED football. Prizes go to the most outstanding offensive and defensive players each week.

Thank you to the Class of 1964 for continuing to reward the football team. Husky Pride!



Coach Kyle Beller with '64 football alumni Ron Berta and Ray Roche



## Nadia's Performance: A Perfect 10

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

What a memorable moment! Put the date in your journal: September 14, 2018!

As the Dieruff Football Team split the breakaway banner and flowed onto the Andre Reed Field at J. Birney Crum Stadium, they were accompanied by our faithful Husky mascot, Kiska. That has been a common occurrence. She always runs onto the field with the team.

What made this experience so unusual was that she was joined by Nadia, that young Husky pup who was making her inaugural entrance onto the gridiron. Following closely behind Kiska and Cheerleader Jayda, Nadia and her "mom" Robin proudly pranced onto the artificial turf.

Not unlike the record-setting gymnastic performance by Nadia Comaneci in the 1976 Montréal Olympics, we would score our Nadia's performance a perfect "10".



## Class of '73 Celebrates 45 Years with WAHS

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

On August 11, 2018, the old Albeth Ice Skating Rink, now converted to The Palace Center, was the site for a joint reunion for the Dieruff and Allen classes of 1973. For one evening the two classes buried the hatchet to celebrate their 45th Class Reunions together, in harmony. The fancy buffet dinner included chicken marsala, steak medallions, and crab-stuffed flounder. For many, the

highlight of the evening was the dancing sounds of The Large Flowerheads. To view a brief video of their performance, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/pDJx1DowZTA>



## Raffle For Prized Football

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61



Once again, Joyce Reed-Ebling, mother of Pro Football Hall of Famer and Dieruff Alum Andre Reed, has made a contribution to raise money for our Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. This year, Joyce has given us a beautiful encased football featuring photographs and autographs of the seven players who were enshrined in the Hall of Fame with Andre in 2014.

Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold, at \$5 each, which increases your odds to win this valuable keepsake.

Each week, Joyce and her husband John Ebling join an avid group of Buffalo Bills fans and watch the game at Taps, a friendly restaurant in Bethlehem. Many of these loyal Bills enthusiasts appreciate the value of this football, and have purchased raffle tickets. Pictured here are Joyce and John at a recent Sunday gathering.

Make sure you purchase your tickets for this one-of-kind raffle. Remember, only 200 tickets will be sold. Drawing will occur at the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game on October 27, 2018.

**Dieruff Alumni Association**  
**Tailgate Party**  
 Saturday, October 27, 2018  
 Pre-game Huskies vs. Canaries Football

Opposite Gate #2 J. Birney Crum  
 Tailgate 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
 Gametime 1:00 PM

**\$10 Donation**

Includes catered brunch 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, DHS Main Office**  
**on [www.dieruff-alumni.org](http://www.dieruff-alumni.org)**



**Win a limited edition football**  
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**\$5 RAFFLE TICKETS**

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held at Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game on Saturday, October 27, 2018

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



## 2018 DHS Football Senior Photos

For five years now, the Seniors for the LED football team have gathered in the solarium of Jinny and John Hughes home on the day of the annual football team picnic and pool party, to have their photos taken for the team yearbook. Most of the guys have never worn a tie or sport coat before, yet “clean-up” very well; for one day losing the “game face” and presenting Oscar Award winning smiles.

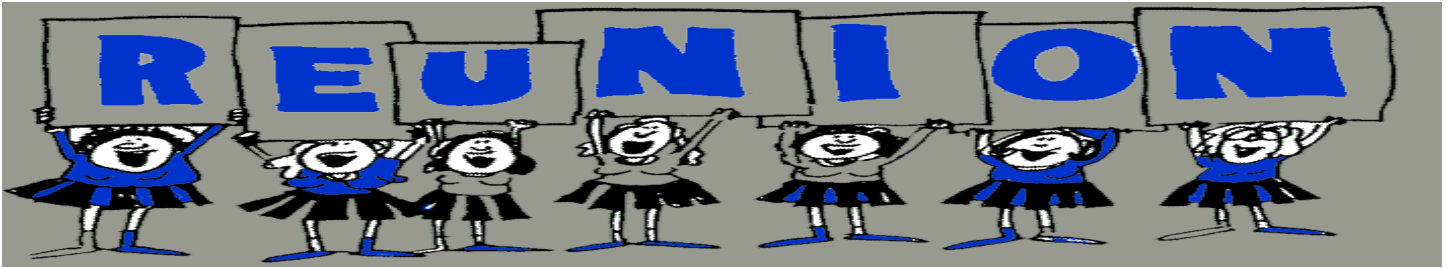
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## LOUIS E. DIERUFF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978

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DHS '78 Reunion

#### Advanced Tickets Only

Both credit card and check  
payment options available through  
website.

If selecting check option, make payable  
to Dieruff Class of '78 and mail to:

Dieruff Alumni Association/Reunion '78  
815 N. Irving Street  
Allentown, PA 18109

Please include your contact info

**\$35 per person**

Register - R S V P  
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**OCT / 27 / 2018**

**5 pm TO 10 pm**

THE EVENT CENTER AT SHEPHERD HILLS GOLF CLUB  
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**40th  
Reunion**

**Dinner Buffet at 6:30pm**

Salad of Mixed Field of Greens

Chicken Parmesan

Top Round London Broil w/ mushroom demi glace

Chef's Choice Vegetarian Option

available—please specify in your reply.

Roasted Red Potatoes

Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetable

Chef's Choice of Dessert

Ice Tea & Lemonade Station

### Happy Hour 5pm

Pretzels and Beer Cheese Dip

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Assorted Cheese, Fruit

and Vegetables

**Cash Bar**

Dieruff v. Allen Football Game at 2 pm  
Tailgate across from Stadium at 12 noon

### CLASS OF 1968 50th Reunion Weekend Festivities

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 6:00 PM

Pre-celebratory "Husky Pride Night" gathering at Stahley's

1826 Hanover Ave, Allentown. Wear your BLUE & GRAY! Self pay—order from the menu and the bar.  
Meet on the lower level, one flight down (not handicapped accessible). The main level is handicapped accessible.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 5:30-10:00 PM

"The Main Event"

Class of 1968 50th Reunion at The Palace Center (formerly Alhambra Ice Skating Rink)  
623 Hanover Ave., Allentown, PA (610) 776-2888

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30 PM / BUFFET DINNER & DESSERT 7:00 PM  
MUSIC, DANCING & REMINISCING / DJ & CASH BAR

\$60/person with RSVP by August 31st • \$68/person with RSVP by October 16th

Those who are unable to attend are welcome to send greetings which will be posted at the reunion.  
E-mail any correspondence to [bill.shannon@verizon.net](mailto:bill.shannon@verizon.net) or [jonial@comcast.net](mailto:jonial@comcast.net)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 11:00 AM

Brunch at Top Diner, 1019 Union Blvd., Allentown. Tables will be reserved in the event room  
at the back of the diner. Self pay—order from the menu.

NEW! Dieruff H.S. tour (TBD—Saturday or Sunday) Come see what has changed in 50 years!

#### TWO METHODS OF PAYMENT

- 1) Reserve with a check payable to Dieruff H.S. Class of '68 (preferred)
- 2) Reserve via the website: [dieruff-alumni.org](http://dieruff-alumni.org) using a credit card

The reunion planning team has arranged for a limited number of reduced price tickets for the  
main event dinner on Saturday, November 3rd, for classmates who may not otherwise be able  
to attend. Contact either Bill Shannon or Janice Besecker Onical for a confidential inquiry.

Please complete and mail this RSVP if you are attending or not.  
This helps us keep the class list current.

Send RSVP form with payment to Janice Besecker Onical, 140 White Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7067 Phone: (717) 338-0447

Cat on dotted line

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for the reunion event at The Palace.  
My class gift donation amount (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP below with number of attendees for each event

Stahley's \_\_\_\_\_ 50th Reunion \_\_\_\_\_ Brunch \_\_\_\_\_ DHS Tour \_\_\_\_\_

I'm unable to attend but want to contribute. Enclosed is my class gift donation amount (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

If unable to attend: ☐ on vacation ☐ not interested ☐ too expensive ☐ unsubscribe from future class communications



# Holiday Recipe Edition

## November 2018

The Holidays are fast approaching...they'll be here before you know it.

The Newsletter is having "Holiday Recipe Edition" in November.

Please submit your family's favorite Holiday dish (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's)...whether it be an  
entree, appetizer, soup, salad, side dish, dessert or alcoholic.

We want you to share the food that reminds you of home.

Please submit your recipes by **November 4th** (send as many as you want) to:

**DHSAumniNews@ptd.net**

Thank you for your participation!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

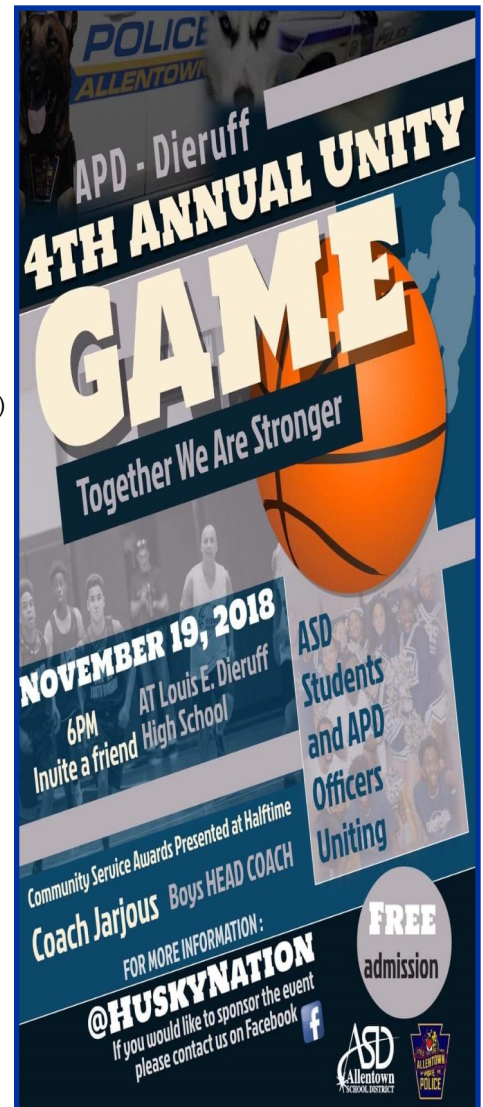
- September 26:** DHS Open House 6PM-8PM  
Dieruff High School
- October 3:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM  
Meilinger Center
- October 26:** Pep Rally Time: TBD  
Richard Schmidt Gym
- October 27:** Tailgate 10AM 10PP Donation  
Cedar Beach Park - Linden St side (across from Gate #2) (See PG 8)
- October 27:** Varsity Football v. William Allen High School 1PM
- October 27:** 2014 NFL HOF Football Raffle \$5 per ticket (See PG 8 for details)
- October 27:** LED Class of 1978 40th Year Reunion 5PM-10PM \$35PP  
Shepherd Hills Golf Club 1160 Krocks Road Wescosville (See PG 10)
- November 2-4:** Class of 1968 50th Reunion Weekend (SEE PG 10)  
11/2 Gathering @ Shaleys 6PM  
11/3 Reunion @ the Palace Center 623 Hanover Ave \$68PP  
11/4 Brunch @ Top Diner 11AM
- November 4:** Recipes for November Newsletter Due  
Email recipes to: [DHSAlumniNews@ptd.net](mailto:DHSAlumniNews@ptd.net)
- November 7:** Alumni Association Meeting 6:30PM  
Meilinger Center
- November 19:** 4th Unity Basketball Game APD v LED 6PM  
Richard Schmidt Gym FREE

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