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**Huskies High on Talent at High Notes 2019 Gala**

*John G. Hughes, Jr. '61*

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The theme of the High Notes 2019 Gala was "Allentown Has Talent". Proudly, the contingent of Dieruff High School representatives showcased their talents in a most convincing fashion.

Sponsored each year by the Allentown School District Foundation, the event was held on March 30th at Miller Symphony Hall in Allentown and featured over 100 students from the middle schools and high schools of Allentown. Fittingly, Kay Kurtz (pictured here, Dieruff Class of '74 and Alumni Association Vice President and Webmaster), served as Co-Chair for the program. Kay "did us proud"!

You can gain an apprecia-

tion of the contributions made by the Huskies by clicking on the YouTube links below.

Prior to the opening of the performance, the Dieruff Jazz Band provided entertainment. The Instrumental Spring Concert at Dieruff is scheduled for May 11th at 7:00pm. Click on this link to see a sampling of their talent:

[https://youtu.be/eZ\\_5hcsWSEk](https://youtu.be/eZ_5hcsWSEk)

ROTC units from Dieruff and William Allen High Schools served as Color Guard, as choirs from both schools presented a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. The Dieruff Spring Choral Concert will be on May 8th at 7:00pm. Click on this link to hear

the anthem:

<https://youtu.be/TAH3ktdWFIk>

Three members of the Husky Poetry Group, entitled "The Spittin' Truth", captured the audience with a dramatic presentation that paid tribute to the ASD Foundation. Click on this link:

<https://youtu.be/dfK5sQ83Dok>

Musical selections from the four middle schools and Allen High School served as previews of their upcoming productions. It is with obvious bias that I say that the Gala Program "saved the best for last". The Dieruff High School Drama Department brought down the house with two selections from this year's production of "Once on This Island". Click on this link:

<https://youtu.be/i3xAoD2Of48>

I sincerely believe that if you view this video, you will not miss the Dieruff Theatre Department performance scheduled for April 25, 26, and 27 at 7:00pm and April 27th at 2:00pm. It will be the best \$10 you have ever spent.





## President's Message

*John G. Hughes, Jr. '61*

### Husky Pride Intensity... in "Tent City"

If you have attended any of our previous Fandangle events, you know what I am talking about. There is a refreshing positive vibe, an exciting spirit that permeates that "mega-reunion for all classes". We refer to that spirit as Husky Pride.

Now in its seventh year, Fandangle is held at the East Side Youth Center in Allentown. Traditionally, over three hundred happy Huskies and their guests gather under a city of colorful party tents, assembled on the grass playing fields at the facility. For those who prefer an air-conditioned environment, the adjacent banquet hall is available.

Typically, a number of graduating classes reserve a single tent for their group. For a nominal charge of \$150, any class can reserve their own space, which includes the tent rental, tables and chairs. So far this year, the classes that are planning to reserve a designated tent are: 1969 (as part of their 50th reunion celebration), 1974 (celebrating their 45th reunion at the Fandangle), and 1977 (recognizing the 60th birthday for most of their classmates).

The price for a Fandangle ticket is \$20. As Bob Barker used to say, "the price is right!". That price includes a catered picnic lunch by Giovanni's on the Go, beer, soda,

water, music by DJ Dave and five hours of reuniting, reconnecting, reminiscing and celebrating.

Fandangle 2019 is scheduled for July 28th. Even though that is several months away, there is a "Call to Action" right now. Put the Save the Date announcement on your refrigerator door and on your social calendar. Also, contact your friends and classmates, and rally those troops to share the intensity of Husky Pride at Fandangle.

With warm Husky regards,

John



## Alumni Spot Light: Viola Hertzog '70

Kay Kurtz '74

This month's Alumni Spotlight is Viola "Vi" Hertzog, class of 1970. Vi has recently been appointed to the Lehigh Valley Athletes & Friends Board of Directors.

LVAF President Gene Legath stated "Viola is the first female athlete selected to serve on the board of our 40-year old sports organization. She will be an asset to the Board and will allow us to be more inclusive of all athletes that played in the Lehigh Valley". While at DHS, Viola played Lacrosse.

In her post DHS years, Viola worked as a dispatcher at AT&T/Lucent then worked in the Executive Office of the Lehigh County Government Center. Viola transferred to their Communications Center where she was instrumental in the development of their 911 system.

Viola has worked in law enforcement for 20 years where she was a Corporal for the Allentown Police Reserves. Viola now works as a Lieutenant with the Lehigh Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Vi is quite active with local military organizations. She's an Accredited National Veterans Service Officer for PA and holds the title of Assistant Director for Lehigh County Veterans Affairs.

Viola serves on the Executive Council of the Honorary First Defenders, Allentown Chapter, Secretary for the Korea/Vietnam Memorial located on the campus of LCCC.

She's also a member of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Honorary member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Lehigh Valley and the 213<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group. You can see why Viola has received certificates of appreciation and recognition for her work and support of the military.

Viola has one son Shawn, and four grandchildren which include a set of 6 ½ year old triplets!



Congratulations go out to Vi on her latest appointment to the Board of Lehigh Valley Athletes & Friends and best of luck on their upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion.

## LEHIGH VALLEY OLD TIME ATHLETES & FRIENDS

40TH ANNUAL REUNION

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\*\*Pay by May 1st for names in the program



**Nominations End On April 30, 2019**

Date Nomination Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Consideration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Louis E. Dieruff High School  
Alumni Wall of Distinction

**NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nomination (attach additional pages if preferred):	
Education	
Professional/Work accomplishments:	
Philanthropy	
Local, State, National awards/recognition	
Publications	
Community Involvement	
Other	

*Note: Nominees stay on the consideration list for a three-year period. Deadline for entry is April 30, 2019.*



Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed nomination forms and picture of nominee, if available to:  
DHS Alumni Association  
815 N. Irving Street  
Allentown, PA 18109

## Kiska's Korner

*Kiska V w/Karen Coleman*

Spent the end of March and most of April at Elsa and Misska's. Mom had her second knee replaced. I am a bit much to handle so off to camp I went. Aunt Linda and Poppa Ed opened their home and hearts to me again. It is a great vacation. Gourmet biscuits, exercise with friends, nap time, bedtime, peanut butter ice cream, deer watching, anything a husky could want. Did miss Mom and chasing the cats, but this was a lot of fun. Just wished we lived closer so we could have more frequent play dates. While I was out here, Aunt Cindy and Aunt Ruth were on the Homefront taking care of Mom. Things went better this time. Heard some strange stuff about Mom wanting to kick a football.

Days were so much fun. We run, we slop water. We nap and then play some more. The Girls were wonderful in sharing their house, beds and toys with me. At home, I just chase the cats. I have not have a nyl-

abone in years, because I never chew them. The Girls and I play. We share toys and they have some really neat bones. And dig. Have not dug for years, but they have a tree stump which needs removal. Just call Husky Demolition!!!! Aunt Linda made all these gourmet doggie treats. Blueberry/applesauce was my favorite.

Mom loves listening to Oldies. These lyrics are the best summary... "For good times and bad times, I'll be on your side forevermore.....That's what friends are for." So, for everyone who helped us again, Mom and I are very grateful. In a few weeks, things will be back to normal and looking forward to graduation.

*Kiska V* from her personal and private husky spa



## ...A Letter From Camp

*From Kiska V*



Mom, mom, mom. Guess what? Aunt Linda made a roasted chicken for dinner tonight. When Papa and her were done, Papa cleared the table, then they fed us. THEN Aunt Linda was taking the chicken apart and she had all these little pieces left. She called

Elsa, Misska and me over. I didn't go right away so Papa got me. I got between them AND Aunt L gave each of us pieces one at a time. She said Elsa and gave her a piece. Then me and then Misska. Each time she said a name we took turns getting pieces of chicken. Papa said how often do you see 3 huskies' nose to nose waiting to bogey a piece and not fighting?

Mama, I did good - it was so cool.

Love ya!

Your # 1 girl,

*Kiska V*

## Stitched Together With Husky Pride

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61



With this rifle sleeve project, the club members had the opportunity to make the delivery "face-to-face", making the project so very rewarding. The cadets receiving the gifts expressed their sincere appreciation.

The Alumni Association presented framed photo collages commemorating the event to Major Page and Senior Master Sergeant Yoh, representing the AFJROTC unit, and also to Ruth O'Connell and Jinny Bankhard Hughes, advisors and mentors for the "Sew What?" Club. In addition, a special photo presentation was made to Karen Coleman.

How gratifying it was to participate in this bonding experience at Husky High.

You could read it on the kids' faces. This was a significant moment for all of them. Members of the after-school sewing club and the select group of cadets from the AFJROTC unit had gathered in a designated room in the high school for a special presentation on March 20, 2019.

The "Sew What?" Club had designed and crafted 16 denim sleeves to accommodate the rifles used by the cadets in their drill competitions. Each quality sleeve had been carefully constructed to carry a 6-pound rifle. A nylon draw cord at the top of the sleeve secured the weapon inside, and a heavy-duty strap allowed for over-the-shoulder transport.

A handsome fabric patch identifying the AFJROTC unit was affixed to each denim sleeve. As a matter of interest, the patch had been designed years ago by Master Sergeant Ronald Coleman, deceased husband of Karen Coleman (Kiska's Mom).

The rifle sleeves were a most-welcomed gift for the cadets. In the past, their rifles were carried uncovered, without protection. When transported on buses or vans to the drill competitions, the rifles were subject to scratches or more serious damage. The denim sleeves have eliminated that problem.

Most of the projects undertaken by the "Sew What?" Club are chosen for their community service value. The members seldom experience the "final delivery". For example, when they complete a sizable quantity of mastectomy pillows, the club members are not involved in the donation process to the recipient hospital.

**Dieruff High School Alumni Association**  
*Husky Pride... Unleashed*



# Dieruff Fandangle

## A Mega-Reunion For All Classes

Join fellow Dieruff Alumni (All Classes) and Friends  
for an afternoon of great fun, music, drinks (beer,  
soda, water), and all-you-can-eat catered food.

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

**2:00 - 7:00 PM**

**East Side Youth Center**  
**1140 East Clair St., Allentown, PA**

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\$20 Per Person

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# Attention Dieruff High School Class Reunion Committees:

Kay Kurtz '74



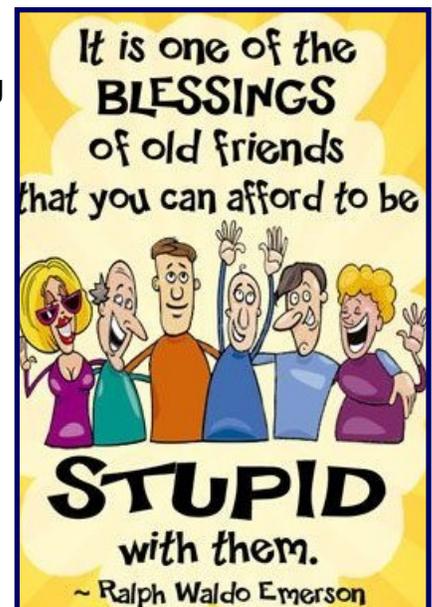
Whether your Class has an established reunion committee, or you're starting from square one, the Dieruff Alumni Association is here to assist you with your reunion plans.

Since 2012, we've assisted individual classes plan their reunion, and in some cases, help plan a milestone birthday party for their class. We can help in the following ways:

1. **Reunion Surveys** - We've contracted with Survey Monkey to send out reunion questionnaires to your fellow classmates regarding ticket pricing, type of meal, music, location, etc. Information is compiled to help reunion planners to not second guess what their fellow classmates want in a reunion.
2. **Create a Reunion Link specific to your event** - reflects tickets prices, promote additional events related to your reunion weekend (tour of school, next day breakfast, golf tournament, etc.)
3. **Train a Class representative to serve as administrator of your class information on our all-year alumni website** – no need to have multiple databases. Our 22,000 plus database is backed up every evening by our service provider.
4. **Ability to accept online registration and credit/debit card payments** – no need to establish an organizational checking account at a financial institution that only has activity every 5 years. We can maintain separate registers for individual classes.
5. **Ability to purchase DHS alumni lanyards** with badge holders for name tags.
6. **Assistance the night of your event** at your registration table – allows your committee to mingle with your classmates during your happy hour versus manning the table!

If you partner with us, our gift to you is an "In Memory" book listing deceased classmates and their obituaries.

We're here to help. Send us an email via our website and we will answer any questions you may have.





## Class of 1964

55th Reunion

Saturday June 1, 2019 4-10 pm

Brass Rail 3015 Lehigh Street Allentown, PA

\$25.00 per person, Family Style Dinner, Open bar 4 - 5 pm, Cash bar after dinner, DJ Dave

Make check payable to Dieruff High Class 1964 - due by May 20, 2019

Mail to: Kathy Dolgos 4297 Elm Drive Allentown, PA 18103

Questions: [KathleenDolgos@aol.com](mailto:KathleenDolgos@aol.com) or [neiepnortheast@aol.com](mailto:neiepnortheast@aol.com)

1964

## Classes of 1966-1967

5th Annual Mini-Reunion

Saturday June 8, 2019

Hosted by : Bobby "Bulldog" & Marylou Hontz

Email: [hontzm@aol.com](mailto:hontzm@aol.com) for more information

1966-1967

## Class of 1969

50th Reunion Year Long Events

June 15 - Graduation Walk PPL Center

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

September 21 - 50th Year Reunion 4PM-10PM Coplay Saengerbund

1969

## Class of 1974

45th Reunion

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

[1974]

## Class of 1977

60th Birthday Celebration

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

1977



Send your Class Reunion/Birthday Party Announcements to:  
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**3:00PM  
TO  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- April 25,26,27:** DHS Theatre Company - "Once On This Island"  
Peter Carpenter Auditorium (SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS)
- May 1:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM  
Meilinger Center
- May 3:** HUSKY FEST (SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS)
- June 1:** Class of 1964 - 55th Reunion 4PM-10PM  
Brass Rail (SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS)
- June 8:** Combined Reunion Classes of '66 & '67  
(SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS)
- July 27:** **7th Annual Fandangle 2PM-7PM \$20.00**  
East Side Youth Center (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)  
(Classes of '69, '74 & '77 Hosting Reunions/Celebrations)
- September 21:** Class of 1969 - 50th Year Reunion 4PM to 10PM  
Coplay Saengerbund

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