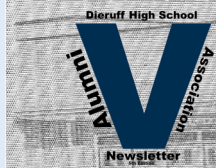


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It is time for a "**RAP** Session". As we say farewell to one year (and decade) and begin a new one, it is appropriate that we Reflect on the past, Assess where we are now, and then Plan the future. That exercise can apply to each of us individually, as well as to our Alumni Association.

The reflection sequence can best be accomplished by analyzing activities and results as measured against goals and objectives. The expressed purpose or mission of the Dieruff High School Alumni Association is to promote Husky Pride among alumni, current students, faculty and staff, and the community. Candidly, I believe our efforts during 2019 were extremely successful in achieving that mission.

Click on the following link to view a YouTube video that highlights some of our events:

<https://youtu.be/s3ETInh0nzY>

Now in our 9th year, the faithful members of our alumni association have developed and refined a challenging mix of activities that have contributed to accomplishing our mission. An active calendar of social activities has brought alumni together in celebration of Husky Pride. Our annual Mardi Gras Party, the July Fandangle, and the Holiday Sing-Along with Mr. "C" are just a few of our exciting social events.

Notwithstanding our popular social events, we truly understand the primary focus of our efforts must be promoting Husky Pride among the students. An array of student-oriented activities combine to address that objective. A sampling of those activities include the "Sew What?" Club, School Spirit Scholarships, participation in the pep rallies and Husky Fest, football team dinner, and the luncheon for the cheerleaders, AFJROTC Cadets, and Marching Band at the "Gauntlet" event before the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game.

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President's Message

Kay Kurtz '74

A Vision For 2020

2020 – As this new decade begins, your alumni association looks forward to a year of membership growth, well attended events, increased participation and recommendations from our “Husky Pack”. We have some great events coming up this calendar year and some new ones on the horizon...watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Don't forget the February 29th deadline to recommend a fellow alumna for inclusion in this year's Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction. Applications can be found on our website.

I would be remiss if I would not mention the passing of 81 classmates during the calendar year of 2019. Included in this newsletter is a complete listing of classmate names and graduation years. If you have not done so, please visit our alumni website and click on the “In Memory” tab found on the masthead of our home page.

When you enter this section, click on the decedent's name and their obituary information can be found. Consider posting a memory to honor your fellow classmate. If we've missed a classmate's passing please forward their name, date of death and any relevant information for future inclusion.

Warm Husky Regards,

Kay

Seeking Nominations Alumni Wall of Distinction 2020

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

As our newsletter wrapped up 2019, we featured the names of six Huskies who were inducted into our inaugural class of distinguished alumni. Areas of Music, Law Enforcement, Religion/Literature, Science, Education/Research, and Medicine were well represented by outstanding LED graduates who have undeniably set the bar high for our recognition of alumni who have excelled in their respective fields.

As we look forward to celebrating another year of Husky Pride, we welcome nominations for our second group of notable Dieruff graduates. From the thousands of students who have walked the halls of Husky High, we know that there are untold stories of those who went on to achieve levels of prominence and distinction in their chosen careers and life paths. We want to hear about them!

Anyone may submit a nomination form which can be downloaded from our website www.dieruff-alumni.org, printed out from our on-line monthly newsletter, or picked up in the Dieruff Main Office. All submissions (with any attachments) must be done in writing and must be received no later than February 29, 2020.

Any inquiries and/or comments concerning the LED Alumni Wall of Distinction can be messaged to me, Joanne Ogrydziak '76, via our alumni website www.dieruff-alumni.org.

We want to hear from you!

(Application Form on NEXT PAGE)

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
AccomplishmentsLocal, State, National
Awards/recognition

Publications

Community
Involvement

Other

Note: Nominees stay on the consideration list for a three-year period. Deadline for entry is February 29, 2020

Nominator's Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Return completed Nomination Form and photograph of nominee, if available to:

Dieruff High School Alumni Association
815 N. Irving Street
Allentown, PA 18109

Gifts That Keep On Giving

John Hughes '61

Familiar quotations generously spice up the Holiday Season. One of my personal favorites is "It is more blessed to give than receive."

We certainly applaud those who practice a tradition of generosity. We know that their benevolence is often contagious, encouraging others to join in on the goodwill.

Anita Lakis Dickert, Dieruff Class of 1969, and her husband John are most deserving of our applause, perhaps even a standing ovation. Several months ago, the couple donated a flute, a saxophone, and a clarinet to the Dieruff High School Band. These three instruments had been played by their daughters Lauren and Stephanie, both of whom had served as band president at Parkland High School. Confident that their donations were desperately needed and would be warmly received at Husky High, the Dickerts presented their valuable gifts to Band Director Mr. Larry Flynn. Now in active use, these gifts keep on giving, touching the lives of appreciative Dieruff students.

The story of the Dickert's donation was featured in the September 2019 edition of our Newsletter. Poetically, that article was read by Larry Kistler, a 1968 Dieruff alum, and

next-door neighbor of Anita and John. He contacted them and expressed his desire to donate two of his own musical instruments to his alma mater. He arranged to transfer a trombone and a saxophone to his neighbor and asked them to deliver those gifts.

Fittingly, a few days before the Christmas break, Anita and John visited the Dieruff Band Room, and presented those cherished instruments to a pair of Husky Band members. How satisfying it was for the Dickerts, knowing that their generosity months ago was instrumental in prompting additional gift giving.

We all hope that anyone else who reads this article will be similarly inspired to donate any musical instruments currently languishing in a hall closet or the attic. Obviously, such generosity would translate into those gifts continuing to give, bringing joy and inspiration to a young musician at Dieruff High School.



Kiska's Korner

By Kiska V w/Karen Coleman

Hope everyone had a nice holiday. Nadia and I did our canine candy cane and kisses at Husky High. We had a great time with the kids and staff. We toured the entire building with Uncle John along to record our visit. We then went to the staff lunch. Nadia liked the chicken and I love cookies. Nadia wore her Santa scarf and I wore my green sequins. I love bling. When the kids heard I had an ultrasound, they thought I was having puppies!!!! Aunt Cindy explained my medical condition and NO PUPPIES.

We wanted to thank Dr. Ron at Valley Central for taking good care of me. He is now my Uncle Ron as well as my doctor. Mom is much relieved to have such a skilled doctor on our team. Aunt Cindy, Uncle John, Mom and me headed to Valley Central. We had his gift. What else, a picture of me!!! Most of you have seen this one FB, it is the pic of me with the football player, really shows the



love between a boy and his dog. We had a worked in appointment because they are referral and emergency, but when we got there, I was treated like a Rock Star. Uncle/Dr. Ron loved the picture. Everyone in the waiting room did, too. It was a nice time. Uncle/Dr. Ron is now an Honorary Husky. He is so into education and helping kids, that I know we will have a great working relationship and friendship. Always spreading Husky Pride.

This is a quiet time of the year for mascot work. Our next event will be the Winter Sports Awards Assembly. So, for now, going for long walks. Also enjoyed that one spring like weekend. Stretched out on the porch sunbathing and the wind blowing through my fur. My coat is coming back in rapidly. That is a good sign. But have another ultrasound in March, so will have the Look for quite a while.

Plan on networking with a new Husky Rescue group. They are called Three Husketeers and are in Emmaus. They actually get some of their huskies from Saudi Arabia. In fact, one is coming in from there the end of January. Anxious to meet up with them and see if we can help out in any way.

Think warm thoughts and mud. I so love to mess in the mud.....

Love,

Kiska V, Diva Dog with muddy paws

2019 In Review (Continued From Front Page)

Our support of the Teacher Appreciation Week promotes pride among faculty and staff. The community is appreciative of our Carol Sing at the Senior Citizen Center during the year-end Holidays.

During 2019, we launched a new tradition that promises to deliver widespread pride, and that is the Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction. The inaugural class inducted in June included 6 outstanding Dieruff Alumni, selected from over 25,000 Huskies who have passed through the portals of our high school. Prominently posi-

tioned near the main lobby, the Alumni Wall of Distinction features plaques bearing the images and brief profiles of those impressive alumni. Each year, we intend to add five new alumni to the wall, promoting pride among all who represent Husky Nation.

And now, as we embark on a new year and a new decade, we are confident that our recently elected Alumni Association President can continue to guide us toward a very exciting future.



Nine years ago, the dream began with a simple idea: the newly formed Dieruff Alumni Association would hold some kind of an event: maybe a dance to reunite old friends once more. Nine years later, that dream continues.

On Saturday, February 22, the most fun you'll have all winter is at the 9th Annual Mardi Gras Party, starting at 7PM. For only \$15 you get beer, soda, snacks and

dancing to 6 decades of music...plus the best part: seeing all your old friends again! Get your tickets today at Stahley's, the Dieruff main office or online at www.Dieruff-Alumni.org.

Get your classmates together and we will see you at the 9th Annual Mardi Gras on February 22.



Dieruff Huskies
Join in the fun 9th Annual
Mardi Gras Party
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020
7:00 - 11:00 PM
East Side Youth Center
1140 East Clair Street
Allentown, PA
Sponsored by:
Dieruff Alumni Association
Ticket Price: \$15 in advance
\$20 at the door
Includes beer, soda, mixers,
and snacks Dancing to live DJ
Tickets Available at Stahley's
DHS Main Office or Online

***In Memoriam 2019 -
Louis E. Dieruff HS
Alumni***

1960

Eugene L Frassetto
George C Passaro Sr
Robert A Remer
Richard D Schultz

1961

Ulysses F Conner, Jr.
Linda Dauscher Wimmer
Larry C. Gilbert
William E. Lagler
Dorothy McDonald Schlegel
Robert W Newhard Sr
Richard Pietrafesa
Janet J Wieder Royer

1962

William J. Diehl
Glen R. Dilcher
Donald K. Heck

1963

Frank G. Granitz
Judith F. Hanna Grim
Deborah J. C. Schuler Bainbridge
Thomas F. Traud

1964

John M Chorney
Louis M Gergar
Randall R Haney
Robert C. Schlicher
Robert A. Whitehead

1965

Patricia R Annoni
David H. Bailey
Rosalie J. Cebenken Parkinson
Richard R. Yost

1966

Barbara A. Bowers Fidler
Helen L. Kercher Marcisin
Rowland J. 'Rollie' Kratzer
Richard J. Kruk
Lorraine B Olesh Hajducko
Kenneth W. Young

1967

John C. Howard
Richard F. Lentz
Robert D. Repp
James L. Rizzotto Jr
Ronald C. Trinkle

1968

Vaselly Alimov
Victor V Burton Sr
Karl L. Harvey
William F. "Willie" Herzog

1969

Edward T. Barrett
Alan F. Blanks
Linda Packard Lube

1970

Constance J. Erwine Knerr
Ruth A. Martrich McNeal
James Sawruk
Wanda E. Sochanski

1971

Louise A. Gillette Wissner
Peggy Ann Moyer Herring
Edward Richards Jr

1972

Paula J. Beitler
Mark A. Lawrence
Alice A. Unger Bailey

1973

Michael H Pummer

1974

Robert J Chorney
George P Galgocy
Steven J Plarr
Frederick K Schmidt

1975

Thomas Kaczmar

1976

Joan M Semmel Harper

1978

Leslie J. Boodhansingh Smith

1979

Michael G. Hebelka
Wayne R. Milkovitz
Sandra L. Reichl Matoushek

1980

Terrie L. Morgan
Allison N. Proctor

1981

Kim D. Rickey
Robert L Trump Jr

1982

Glenn W. Zullick

1983

Lorri A. Kemmerer Czipoth
Brenda L. McIlhaney Bruder
Lorraine K. Valek Moyer

1984

Paula R. Heckman Pavlick Swika
Mark Leonard Snell

1988

Mark J. Sterner

2002

Gregory P Wippel

2005

Michael A. Moreno

2016

Adnan Hazim

In Memoriam



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- January 31:** Winter Pep Rally 1:30PM
Richard Schmidt Gym—**All Alumni Invited!**
- February 5** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- February 22:** 9th Annual Mardi Gras 7PM
East Side Youth Center
(SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS)
- February 29:** Nominations for 2020 WALL OF DISTINCTION due
(SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)
- March 4:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center

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

2020 Reunion Dates

Feb 22nd – Class of 1990 – 30th Reunion – East Side Youth Center

Oct 2nd – Class of 1960 – 60th Reunion – TBA - combined reunion with William Allen HS Class of 1960

Oct 10th – Class of 1965 – 55th Reunion – Northampton Banquet & Events Center

Oct 17th – Class of 1970 – 50th Reunion – Fullerton Fire Company



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