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Charles W. Schmidt 1'57

Editor's Note

We had a white Holiday Season in 2020 with snow on Christmas. This year, 2021, we had rain through most of the Holidays until January 6th gave us our first SNOW (1-2 inches!). Winter is not the same without snow.

Just before Christmas we learned that Marion Nelson Johnson (1944) fell and broke her hip. Marion is a SHHSAA Class Champion recognized for holding their 1944 class reunions until 2019, the longest on record. We are told that her surgery was successful, and she is recovering very well! The family has asked that our alumni members send her a card. She is at Concordia of the South Hills. Her address is 2150 Greentree Road, Apartment 200-W, Pittsburgh PA 15220.

Before we know it, it will be time for the Annual SHHSAA dinner award banquets in late April. The committees are working hard to make this another successful year. This newsletter has more details.

The next newsletter will be in March, and we hope to have your notes and comments by mid-February so we have time to put it all together. We always think it is great to hear from you!

Don McCormick (6/58)
Editor, THE SESAME NEWS

WWW.SHHSAA.COM

All SHHSAA forms (membership, scholarship applications, Hall of Fame nominations, etc.) are available on our website.

Send a free Sesame News to a friend!

It's our turn to continue this 69 year tradition! Help spread the word. Give us some names and addresses and we'll mail a complimentary newsletter.

Send to: SHHSAA, PO Box 67, Bridgeville PA 15017.

Or refer them to our website, WWW.SHHSAA.COM, that has all the information including a sample newsletter.

Let's talk \$\$\$ again!

Effective January 1, 2022, yearly dues have increased from \$10 per year to \$15 per year.

Fortunately for most of us, this \$5 increase is not an issue. However for some, and especially our older alumni who are on very fixed incomes, it can be significant. Times are rough and we don't want to lose any members, especially those who are experiencing financial difficulties. We don't want to have to drop anyone from the mailing list if we can avoid it!

Individuals can request the assistance of a free gift membership for a year for themselves, and it is renewable. Or, if you know of someone less fortunate, you may submit a request on their behalf. All confidential. All you need to do is ask.

Many of you responded and sent in extra \$\$ for the fund we use to keep them on the Sesame News mailing list!!! THANK YOU!

Keep in mind a gift of membership can be an appreciated gift that shows up six times a year! Our biggest expense is printing and mailing the Sesame News. We know that it not only keeps everyone up-to-date but also stirs up many good memories of old friends from our youth.

During difficult times, happy memories are more important than ever. For many, the Sesame News is a warm greeting from their old school who acknowledge they still belong to SHHS. It lets them know other alumni still care.

NOTICE: Please check your expiration date above your name. For those who do not renew their membership in a timely manner, they will be dropped as a member and therefore will no longer receive the Sesame News, without further notice.

Make sure that's what you want to happen!



School Seal - Leadership & Service, School & Community

Scholarship Award \$1,000.00



South Hills High School Alumni Association

Leadership and Service • In School and Community

The SHHSAA is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Contributions to the SHHSAA are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

The SHHSAA's tax identification number is 25-1702113.

Scholarship Donation

Any amount of \$\$\$\$ – Large or Small

100% of Scholarship Donations Go To Scholarships

Other tax deductible donations are accepted for misc. projects.

Full Value Scholarship

From Carl Burtner 6'60

Full Value Scholarship

In Loving Memory of

Georgia Dale Cardamone Hernandez 1962

By her husband Robert Hernandez 1962

In Memory of Tom Ryan 6'51

By his friend and classmate Angelo Cardamone 6'51

In Honor of Margaret Nellis Rea 6'57

By her loving son Steven Rea 1977

Scholarship and Misc. Donations

Patricia Ebeling Faloon 1'47	James Schmitt 6'60
Angelo Cardamone 6'51	Robert Frollini 1'61
Bert Lindstrom 6'53	Donald Kopfstein Kent 6'61
Guy Mattola 6'55	David Perpelka 6'61
Carl Prince 6'55	Jeanne Cheberenchick Stefano 6'62
Sally Green O'Matz 6'56	Robert Hernandez 6'62
William Redman 2'56	Donna Kastrol Budday 6'63
Thomas Beck 6'57	Sandra Esposito Demas 6'63
Patricia Tinder Beckman 1'57	John Kazlauskas 6'63
Tom Birch 6'57	Jackie Williams Shuler 6'63
Gloria DeLuca Capozzi 6'57	Richard Ebert 6'65
Richard Swartling 6'57	Donna Burns Stamoolis 1966
Sandra Beechman Krause 6'58	Kerry Muehlbauer Riley 6'67
John LaRosa 1'58	Michael Davis 6'68
Donald McCormick 6'58	Mary Grace Wallace Munoz 6'69
Richard Spanovich 6'58	Diane Fema Wimer 6'69
Joyce Miller Ward 6'58	William Dugan 1972
Judith Lenigan Renk 6'59	Mark Frederick 1976
Carl Burtner 6'60	Steven Rea 1977
Jerry Opperman 6'60	
Howard Russell 6'60	Vincent Carr, Principal 1981-86

Donations processed after **December 15** will be listed in the
March 2021 Sesame News

Welcome New Members

Membership eligibility: Attended at least one semester. Associate Member: Spouse of alumni, SHHS faculty, and administration. Associate Member: Open to those with close ties to school or alumni, approved on Individual case basis.

Also, individuals can request the assistance of a free gift membership for a year for themselves, and it is renewable. Or, if you know of someone less fortunate who could benefit from a free gift membership, you may submit a request on their behalf. All confidential. All you need to do is ask.

Donald Kim 6'53
Richard Ebert 6'65
MaryAnn Senay Redlinger 1970
Diane Buzon

Scholarships Will Be Awarded April 2022

It's already time to talk with that senior high school student in your family. Regardless of where you or they live, your relative can apply for a merit-based scholarship from the SHHSAA. However, it takes a proud parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin to get the ball rolling and encourage that youngster to invest time now to meet the criteria to win one of those scholarships. Share the following with that youngster. How they invest their time now can pay off in April!

The absolute deadline for applying for a SHHSAA scholarship is April 1, 2022. **All applicable records and material must be received prior to April 1, 2022.**

Eligibility: Have applied to attend a college, university, trade or technical school or delayed enrollment due to military enlistment. See application form for more details.

Download the application from the website: www.shhsaa.com

Or, request paper application: PO Box 67, Bridgeville PA 15017

Leadership and Service – In School and Community is still evident among SHHS Alumni.

Since 1961 over **\$406,000** has been raised and awarded as scholarships to deserving college-bound students - initially to SHHS seniors, now since the 1986 closing, awarded to relatives of SHHSAA members. In April 2022 a limited number of scholarships will be awarded to deserving 2022 high school graduates.

Wanted: Artists, artisans, photographers, writers & volunteers for various committees

Step up and add your talents to the mix! Kick your creative thinking into gear and add in your 2 cents worth. With the internet, sharing is easy and fast!

Send something to jansparker9@gmail.com, 270-970-2475.

Hall of Fame Banquet(s)

Whether in person or not, we're going ahead with the plans for the Hall of Fame inductions in April 2022. Two nights!

Plan ahead to join friends at one or both of the banquets at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, 164 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park PA 15241.**

The following will be recognized at the Sports Hall of Fame inductions on Friday, April 29, 2022

Charles Atwater '65

Michael J. Bogden '70

Raymond Brace 1962

Jerry L. Minsinger '71

Roy W. Schaney '61

Nate Snyder '65

Arthur Walker 2'54

Henry Zentgraf 6'52

Harvey Adams 6'46, Posthumous

Walter Craig 2'29, Posthumous

Steven Faloon '75, Posthumous

James Trent 1968, Posthumous

Ken Wade '62, Posthumous

Coach George Riley

1959, 60, 61 Swim Team

1960, 61, 62 Drill Team

1959, 60, 61 Swim Team

Coaches Davis, Mazeski, Schmitt

Mgr. John Frobe, Asst Mgr Chronis Ron Barneshan 6'59,

Raymond Brace 2'62, Paul Bracken '61,

Howard Bradley '61, Carl Brutico 2'61, Bill Buckley '59,

Nathaniel Clark 2'61 (broke city record),

Bill Dattisman '61, William Davis 2'61, Paul Doss '62,

Bob Foster '62, Bob Kassouf '62, David Kier '61,

Tom Ladner '59, Dave Loadman '62, Tom Luffey '59, Grant

Mackannin '59, Frank Mechura 2'61,

Richard Miller '62, Gerald (Mike) Monahan '60,

Herb Obenaur '60, Jim O'Donnell '59, John O'Donnell '60 ,

Richard O'Donnell '63, Dennis O'Malley '62,

Tom O'Mara, David Prepelka '61, Dennis Reynolds 2'60,

Robert Reynolds '62, Howard Russell 2'61,

Ronald Saunders, Roy Schaney '61, Russell Skalyo '60,

Ron Tomasetti '63, Tom Tulenko 2'61

1960, 61, 62 Drill Team

Coach: Marcella Strutzel DeMarco, Ph.D 6 '41

Captains: '60-Joan Timmons Battista '60,

Mary Ellen Hirsch '61, Donna McIntosh Sprandle '62-

Antoinette Aiose Walsh '62, Pauline Barilla Iorilla,
Bonnie Bertollini Miller '60, Helen Briggs Jackson '62,

Patricia Brooks '62, Carol Buckley Sweitzer '60,

Irene Burnett, Carole Calabria Shannon '60,

Diane Cappy Stahoviak '62, Gwen Carpenter Stowell '60,

Mary Ann Chervanek Callahan '61,

Linda Craig Stocker '62, Sheila Cralle Osborne '60,

RoAnne Dansevich Skalyo '61, Corinne DeConcilius '61,

Jane Dunlap Gehringer '61, Carol Edwards Gerstacker '61,

Kristine Forsberg Struba '62, Virginia Frazier Douds '60,

Sue Freund Giglio '62, Edith Gasior Woods '62,

Lorraine Goggin Baker '62, Bertha Hall,

Rita Healy Linder '62, Marsha Hillgrove Cumer '60,

Lois Hrabar Lieberman '60, Charmette Jones '60,

Mary Jones, Janet Kaminski DeMore '61, Rita Kopleman '62,

Nancy Larsen Schaney, Joyce Leach '62, Alberta Lewis,

Laura Lyan, Roslyn Lyle, Jo Ann Lyle Broadus '62,

Donna Martin Beckert '62, Judy Martin Blackman,

Margaret McShane Schmidt '62, Jean Meiser Chipps '62,

Betty Miller Smith '62, Bonnie Miller, Karen Minsinger,

Carol Oliver Verpalto '61, Cathy Oliverio Torchia '62,

JoAnn Palombia Zantolli '60, Judy Pascasio,

Roberta Patterson, Letricia Plummer Duncan '60,

Kitty Price Van Horn '60, Barbara Reeves Christenson '61,

Patricia Reeves, Dorothy Ring Obenour '61,

Peggy Rollins Condon '61, Alberta Schessler Phillips,

Judy Schmidt Volpert '62, Janice Smith Stein '62,

Betsy Sphar Wood '62, Joan Wallace,

Marlene Weber Valicenti '62, Gail Winkler,

Claire Young Martin '61, Sharon Ziefel Green '62

Friday reservation Form
Fifth Annual All Sports Hall of Fame

FRIDAY April 29, 2022 5:00pm to 10:00pm

5:00 Registration — 6:00 Opening Induction
6:30 Buffet Dinner — 7:30 Induction

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 164 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park PA 15241
(off Rt 19 near South Hills Village)

Book overnight room reservations direct with:
Crowne Plaza 412-833-5300. Request SHHSAA rate.
Block of rooms will be held until April 6.

Alumni Name: _____ Class Yr _____

Alumni Name: _____ Class Yr _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

email _____

Guest Name(s) _____

I/We would like to sit at the table with: _____

Alumni & guests at \$50 per person	\$ _____
Tax Deductible Donation Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Tax Deductible Donation—Misc. Projects	\$ _____
Total Payable to SHHSAA	\$ _____

Mail to: SHHSAA, Jan Necessary, 128 Heather Dr, Bethel Park PA 15102 **Deadline: Received by April 6, 2022**

Later reservations? Text, email or call to make arrangements

Questions:

Larry Anderson 412-390-4129 deanmarshall99@gmail.com

Jan Parker 270-970-2475, jansparker9@gmail.com

Lifetime Achievements Hall of Fame

The Lifetime Achievements Hall of Fame voting committee is pleased to announce the following alumni who will be recognized at the 59th annual banquet on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bethel Park PA 15241.

5:00 Registration, 6:00 Opening Induction Ceremony,
6:30 Buffet Dinner, 7:30 Induction Ceremony,
8:30 Music & Dancing

Linda DeMarco Miller, Ph.D '69
Robert Frederich Schmalz, Ph.D '59
William Thomas Smith Jr '74
John S. Trent, Ph.D '69
Henry Zentgraf '52

Posthumous Awards

Harvey Adams 6'46
Mark Chamberlain, Ph.D '49
Victor Cianca '36
Marcella Strutzel DeMarco, Ph.D 6'41
Bob Purkey '47

Class Champions

Kim Barron '83
Jack Frank '46

Administration/Faculty

Boyd Kimberling, Posthumous

Saturday Reservation Form
59th ANNUAL SHHSAA SCHOLARSHIP
AND HALL OF FAME DINNER DANCE

Saturday, April 30, 2022 – 5:00pm to 10:00pm

5:00 Registration – 6:00 Welcome Induction
6:30 Buffet Dinner – 7:30 Induction – 8:30 Music & Dancing

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 164 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park PA 15241
(off Rt 19 near South Hills Village)

Book overnight room reservations direct with:
Crowne Plaza 412-833-5300. Request SHHSAA rate.
Block of rooms will be held until April 6

Alumni Name: _____ Grad _____

Alumni Name: _____ Grad _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

email _____

Guest Name(s) _____

I/We would like to sit at the table with: _____

Alumni & guests at \$50 per person \$ _____

Tax Deductible Donation–Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Tax Deductible Donation–Misc. Projects \$ _____

Total Payable to SHHSAA \$ _____

Mail to: SHHSAA, Jan Necessary, 128 Heather Dr, Bethel Park PA 15102 **Deadline: Received by April 6, 2022**

Later reservations? Text, email or call to make arrangements

Questions:

Jan Necessary 412-833-4955 crazjohns@verizon.net

Sandy Preuhs 412-271-6319 snsibl1@yahoo.com

THE BEAST and Mayfield, Kentucky

Historic. Unprecedented. Catastrophic.

You've seen my church in Mayfield, KY on TV. It's was a focal point for TV camera crews reporting on the devastation caused by the tornado I refer to as, "The Beast." It hit Mayfield at 9:25pm, central time, Friday, December 10, 2021. The tornado made news around the world for weeks. The TV crew probably told you it was a church, otherwise you would not have known what that pile of rubble was. I certainly didn't and I was looking for it on the news coverage. The huge open arch that appears to be an entrance was actually an irreplaceable, beautiful stained glass window.



First Presbyterian Church

I lived in Mayfield for almost 20 years and I learned the drill in dealing with tornadoes. Over the years Western Kentucky had become part of Tornado Alley and I had become used to tornadoes dropping in. Many did come too close for comfort, several times touching ground within a mile of "my old Kentucky home." One year one hovered over an elementary school while below my grandchildren sheltered in an interior school hallway. Several years ago one touched down only football fields away from a middle school and the lined-up school buses. Enough close calls to know they were real and dangerous.

This one was different. Tornadoes are usually about 250 feet across, blowing around 110 miles/hour. They drop, maybe touch down for about 30 seconds, skip around another 30 seconds and then dissipate in a few minutes. They do their damage and the worst of the storm moves on east.

This one was really different. Unprecedented. Instead of being 250 feet across and travelling a few miles, this beast was ½ mile to a mile wide and stayed on the ground for a journey of 250 miles start to finish, 165 miles just in KY alone. Even a dozen miles is considered extreme. The EF4 winds blew at 190 miles/hour. Six states in the United States' heartland were impacted. It stayed along that 250 mile path of countryside farms and small towns already barely holding on, struggling with unemployment and poverty. Birthed in Arkansas, it lived for 24 hours and 11 minutes and hit Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and finally died in central Kentucky. It spawned a family of 69 tornadoes. It lifted debris up to 30,000 feet in the air, the cruising altitude of airplanes. The beast destroyed an estimated 15,000 structures. The sheer magnitude is breathtaking.

One miracle is that, with no one missing, in all those states, only a total of 91 dead, with 77 of those in Kentucky. It was feared that number alone would be under the collapsed Candle Factory in Mayfield. Only 21 dead in Graves County in which Mayfield is located. Only.

Ninety-six years ago, on March 18, 1925, a similar Tri-State cluster resulted in an estimated 700 dead and over 2,000 injured. That storm started in Missouri and traveled east as storms normally do in the Mississippi Valley. They called it a tornado. During the years since, builders, storm chasers, weather fore-

casters and governments would get better and better at identifying tornadoes and notifying their populace to get out of harm's way, go to a safe place.

Safer places were being built. Warnings now are routine with sirens, radio, TV, and group emergency telephone calls with standard instructions of going to a safe place, like basements. With its water table, however, basements in Western Kentucky are rare. When I experienced my first siren tornado warning, I was told I should have gone to the south-westernmost corner of my house or to an internal bathroom with no windows with its "plumbing reinforced" walls. Get in the bathtub. Cover with a mattress and blankets to shield from flying debris. And stay there until the sirens indicated the danger had passed. A bathtub? Really?

On that Friday, in an rural area in Kentucky, a hillside park of trailer homes was destroyed. There was no strong building around, like a church, so they had nowhere to go other than stay in their bathrooms. A grandmother babysitting a 3 month old and a toddler put them in the bathtub, covered them and hung on. The tub was ripped out of the trailer, tossed and dropped "up-ended" in the nearby field. Searching neighbors heard the babies crying and found them, now shielded by the same tub, with only scratches and bruises. No deaths on that hillside that night.

Another family in a Missouri town was not so lucky. Their 9 year old daughter was one of 3 children in a bathtub. A picture of them in the tub with the 9 year old smiling and holding her doll, taken minutes before the Beast blew their home apart, is heart-breaking. Within minutes of that smiling picture, she was dead.

In Illinois, a family and friends scrambled into a below ground storm shelter buried years ago. They jammed themselves tightly into the small space. The men helped hold the rattling door closed by hanging onto it while their homes, just feet away, were being blown away to the foundation. They lived.

Meanwhile Mayfield's entire town center did sustain the most damage. Businesses, neighborhood after neighborhood were leveled. Their immediate concern was the 110 night shift workers at the Candle Factory, the area's third largest employer. The entire factory was flattened to the ground. About 40 were accounted for pretty quickly but fears were high for another 70,

assumed buried under tons of rubble. Removing cars that had been tossed on top as well as the heavy steel beams without crushing those underneath was now the danger. And underneath, crying and screaming victims waited hours, cold, wet, injured, scared, using cell phones to direct rescuers, most of whom were husbands, brothers and fellow workers who had come to be as close as family. Victims held hands to encourage each other to hold on. Literally, one rescued in time, one not. A total of eight were found dead.



It took some time but eventually they found that among the unaccounted for, some left around 9:00pm when they heard “Mayfield. It’s coming for you.” The rest had gotten themselves out and scattered to find what was left of their own homes and families. With no electric, no phones and no internet for days, information was slow in coming back. The 70 feared dead were alive.

You know how it is, TV weather forecasts come on and it’s rarely that bad and certainly not everywhere. Tornado Watches are common and storms come and go. The most serious from Paducah Weather was at 6:00pm, 3 hours before the Beast struck. The one at 9:00pm was the most alarming. “Life threatening!

Buildings, homes and businesses will be destroyed. Mayfield, It's coming for you." This was not a Tornado Watch. This was a Tornado Warning. That was a big difference. This was a monster tornado.

At 9:25pm central time, it was too late for anyone not sheltered in a safe place. Fortunately, most had heeded the warnings. One family with a strong house and a basement is still sheltering 26 in her home, cooking outdoors using several grills, heating with a wood fire place.

Meanwhile, in Pittsburgh, PA, my daughter Julie and I were following the alerts. Julie and her Mayfield friend were texting back and forth as they normally did. Her friend wasn't paying much attention and was already getting ready for bed. Julie texted, "Get in the basement now. An F4 is on the ground." We waited. Ten minutes later, her friend, Paula, texted back. "We're alive but our house is gone." By this time they had probably also heard the described "10 freight trains" coming. They didn't have time to get to the basement. Paula, her husband and their dogs hid in the first floor bathroom. Paula acknowledged that it was 30 seconds after she read my daughter's text that they made the decision to take action. 30 seconds. A text.

My daughter's ex-husband's main medical building was damaged beyond repair. The second floor was gone. The separate buildings were gone. Leveled. Shredded. I looked for them in pictures. They had disappeared. You saw that on TV too because it was directly across the street from another big church, destroyed.

The town's Emergency Communications Center was knocked out of commission. The town's courthouse, city hall, post office, police station, jail, one fire station, ambulances – the town's entire infrastructure damaged, most likely beyond repair. Well-constructed banks, businesses, churches. Rubble.

No electric, no gas, no water, for an unknown period of time, in the winter - an entire town.

What has Mayfield done?

For a small, very diverse, close knit town of about 10,000 residents, an amazing job. Spontaneously. This was catastrophic and they knew it.

Safety first with electric and gas shut off due to hissing gas lines and electric lines down everywhere. The water tower had already toppled and spilled its water washing away a nearby resident, amazingly to a safer place. Roads were cleared to make way for emergency vehicles from surrounding areas already showing up. First responders and neighbors immediately looked for those trapped under rubble and behind walls. The injured, cold, wet and in pain, waited hours for ambulances that had to come from other communities. But they did come.

Fortunately, the region's Jackson Purchase Hospital and walk-in clinic located on the edge of town survived intact, well equipped with generators. Those with cars still drivable got there on their own. The old original hospital in the town's center, destroyed.

Social media, Facebook and texting kept people connected and informed.

TV crews showed up and over weeks spread the message.

First responders showed up. The National Guard showed up for search and rescue, clearing homes for survivors or deceased. President Biden showed up. Samaritans Purse showed up. Since they estimate at least 1,000 damaged or destroyed homes and buildings, insurance companies set up shop to process claims. FEMA showed up and will be there a very long time.

Kentucky state parks accepted the displaced into their lodges, without charge. Volunteer organizations went to them with donated clothes and supplies. Surrounding hotels are full, many bills paid by donations. Those with damaged but drivable cars left to stay with friends and relatives. Less than a quarter mile made the difference between destruction and minor wind damage. My previous home was on the "other side" of that thin dividing line. No damage.

Construction workers and farmers, cooks and crooks showed up
Volunteers from the surrounding farms and countryside showed up quickly with their equipment, knowing what was needed and without being asked. Any equipment that could push, pull, cut, dig, pick up or carry. Big construction and farm equipment was needed along with trucks to remove the heavy roof, steel beams, cars, and walls from the flattened building at the Candle

Factory as well as the overwhelming number of roofs and walls that trapped people inside their homes, if they even had part of a home left. Blue plastic tarps everywhere now serving as protection against future normal storms and winter cold.



Volunteers worked at every task, including moving and separating debris for curbside pickup. Professional crews with professional equipment donated their time and expertise as their part in helping the community. Volunteers made the difference. It's getting the town through the immediate crisis. But volunteers do leave and go home. This is just the beginning of years of work to rebuild a whole town. Their dedication and resilience are inspiring.

As for the crooks, fortunately, the good guys way outnumber the bad guys. But crooks, scammers and looters showed up as well, with some arrested. Damaged vehicles being towed became suspicious for a good reason, also resulting in arrests. Looters are the most hurtful, taking what little of value remained from traumatized people who lost everything. Facebook groups posted warnings. The most effective were curfews and limiting vehicles in the affected area to locals as well as personally going door to door delivering food and water, checking for needs

and passing out information about getting help. Looky Loos were limited to avoid gridlock on the roads.

Cooked food, free, even delivered to homes, became the norm. With so many damaged cars, many survivors were left completely dependent upon others bringing food and supplies, as well as meals to them. Not only local churches and groups sprang into action but also volunteers from other states. They showed up, completely self-contained, needing only a convenient spot to cook and hand out fresh food and water to all comers. Groups that cooked at fairs and festivals packed up their tents, cookers and showed up. Food trucks were gassed up and driven to town ready to cook their specialty. One disaster relief organization provided over 70,000 meals before their truck caravan returned to home base. All free.

Southerners are known for good cooking and the hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, barbeque, beans and cornbread on those grills and cookers looked mighty good. Served by cooks proud of their cooking skills, along with a dash of love and a sincere “bless your heart.” The commission to “Feed the Hungry” was being fulfilled by multiple thousands of a good heart. No one had to go hungry, at least for now.

Churches and the Graves County/Mayfield Fairground buildings on the outskirts of town became distribution centers for receiving and distributing everything free, food, water, clothing, diapers, tarps. All the daily needs that were blown away or destroyed. Other small towns experienced the same destruction, but because they didn’t make the news, it took longer to receive needed donations. Mayfield redirected large truck loads from other states to those who could distribute the donations. Many set up community rooms with items organized like a store, with no cash registers!

Christmas was coming and donated toys were plentiful for the traumatized children. Wow! One person spent well over \$100,000 in Walmart, for toys.

Facebook pages were dedicated to finding and returning pets and property, including pictures blown hundreds of miles away.

My church, seen around the world on TV, was the oldest church of Mayfield, established in 1832. Its huge two story community Ministry Center building in the back was itself often used as an

emergency center and would have been a “go to safe place” during recovery operations. Destroyed.

Not a large congregation but a warm, friendly church that was a pillar in the community. Open for daily AA and NA meetings. Boy Scouts. A kind church where they, along with other churches, cooperated with each other to meet the needs of the community. There was always a local church open on a Saturday to get a free, home cooked meal. My church was one of them for one Saturday a month.

What is their plan?

Like the rest of Mayfield, they are still in shock, taking care of the tasks at hand because this is who they are. This was a well-cared for church. Generations had taken care of every nook and cranny. How do you stop taking care, not only of the church buildings and church family, but also of the community which they have done for their entire existence of almost 200 years?

First they, along with the entire community, will continue to grieve. Even those of us who moved away, grieve with them. We sat in the pews, walked the steps and ate many meals in fellowship there. We feel the pain but they have the burden, so they still have the job. They’ll say goodbye to the buildings that have served them so well. As of this writing the steel, the walls, the bricks, the stained glass windows, now rubble, has been leveled and the lot cleared for a new beginning. The buildings were destroyed. They and their ministries were not.

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Recommended Facebook and Web Site Pages

For those following all things Pittsburgh, there are lots of Facebook pages added by individuals all the time. Using the Facebook search box works to locate what's available for Pittsburgh itself as well as for your neighborhood e.g Beechview, Brookline, Duquesne Heights/Mt. Washington/Allentown.

Kim Barron '83 is an Admin for the Facebook page **South Hills High School Alumni (facebook.com/groups/46405688742)**, a private page for SHHS alums. Kim, along with other admins including her mother Mary Lou Grieves Barron '63, started the page in 2009. Currently has approximately 2,200 alum members!

Frank Zouloufos is from the South Side and is not a SHHS alum; however we recommended his Facebook page several years ago and still do. He walks all around the Pittsburgh area with his camera, giving us not only the view of streets, buildings and neighborhoods but also includes some interesting history. Walk along with him! You'll continue to be proud of your hometown. If any of you run into him, tell him SHHS alums appreciate his gift to the 'burgh.

Frank started his page in September 2014. His followers now number over 25,000. **Frank Zouloufos - Pittsburgh Neighborhoods Photos** (www.facebook.com/groups/359830130859339) is well worth marking as a favorite.

Clint Burton is from Brookline, also not a SHHS alum either (our loss). He has both his **BrooklineConnection** facebook page and also his website **www.brooklineconnection.com**. His website is a goldmine of historical information along with great pictures, not just limited to Brookline!

Digitizing SHHS Yearbooks

We Still Need 1982

Your Trash, Our Treasure – Yearbooks Wanted by Alums

Wanted: 1968 by JoeTurba '68

Wanted:1964 by Jean Aziz Holzer '64, 412-833-8275

Thanks to donations over the years, our archival library now has every year except 1982! It's an amazing collection – 1917 to 1986!! We also have the majority of Sesame News for the same period.

Norm Voigt '60 is still researching the possibilities of digitizing our extensive collection. We're also looking to fill in the gaps to make our library as complete as possible as well as more accessible to our members, e.g for pictures of parents, genealogy projects, etc.

Any alumni have any of those missing years they would like to donate to the SHHSAA? Or let us borrow it so that we can make a copy? Good clean copies of other years are also appreciated. Any donations will be appreciated!

Contact:

Norm Voigt '60, 412-366-4053 nrv256te@verizon.net

Jan Parker 270-970-2475 jansparker9@gmail.com

Class Reunion “Heros”

All successful Class Reunions have at least one “Hero” that makes it happen. No one person pulls off a reunion but there is usually at least one who rises to the task of keeping old friends together over the long haul. SHHSAA board of directors have instituted a new category of recognition. Class reunions is a subject dear to the heart of many of us. It's a place where we express our respect for that time in our lives by sharing it with those who experienced it with us. No one person pulls off a reunion but there is usually at least one who rises to the task of keeping old friends together over the long haul.

Upcoming Events 2022

Mid Jan	Sesame News mailed.
Mid March	Sesame News mailed.
April 1	Scholarship Applications due prior to Apr 1, 2022
April 29	Friday, 5th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
April 30	Saturday, 59th Annual Scholarship/HOF Banquet
May 4	SHHSAA board meeting
Mid May	Sesame News mailed
June 18	1961 60+1 Reunion
July 13	SHHSAA board meeting
Mid July	Sesame News mailed
Aug 20	1972 50th Reunion
Mid Sept	Sesame News mailed
Sept 16	1953 69th Reunion
Sept 16	1957 65th Reunion
Oct 19	Annual open SHHSAA board meeting
Mid Nov	Sesame News mailed Happy Holidays!

Reunions, Picnics and Birthday Parties

Send updates to: jansparker9@gmail.com

More and more classes are adding birthday parties, picnics and annual get-togethers. Successful reunion committees, also known as old friends, deserve many thanks for making it possible for classmates to not only walk down memory lane together but also discover they like each other even more now.

Establishing a class Facebook page makes that easier than ever. Sesame News will now keep reunion information for a longer time.

Web site www.shhsaa.com is an information source. It has a Planning Check List for download.

Contact webmaster Pat Murphy Coulter Kelley'69 at patcoulter@gmail.com.

Other resources : Administrator Kim Barron's ('83)

Facebook page "South Hills High School Alumni"

(facebook.com/groups/46405688742) has over 2,700 followers.

1944 – 75th annual reunion luncheon was held September 14, 2019 at the South Hills Country Club. Marion Nelson Johnson was recognized as a SHHSAA Hall of Fame Champion at the April 2019 Hall of Fame banquet for setting the record for reunions over the longest period of time.

1946 – Yearly reunion was held Wednesday, September 15 at the South Hills Country Club. Contact Jack Frank, 1724 Hallowell St, Pittsburgh 15210 412-881-7359 jfrank1724@verizon.net.



Standing l-r: Phyllis Rizzo Haduch, Ella Rent Fisher, Bill Sommerfield, Jack Frank, Seated Jim Metzmaier, Charlotte Ford Obert, Nancy Amigh Galbraith, Alberta Stock Sherman

1949 – Canceled reunion plans. We have donated \$240 from our account to the SHHSAA Scholarship Fund. To stay in touch contact: Contact Shirley Smith Schmunk, 4920 Young St, Pittsburgh 15227 412-884-1846 jim.schmunk@verizon.net

1953 – January and June - Our 69th reunion will be a dinner luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Friday September 16th 2022. Choice of fish, chicken, beef or vegetarian. Also includes salad, potato, vegetable, rolls, butter, drinks and dessert. Cost of luncheon will be \$10.00 per person.

Check our website for updates - www.shhsppittsburghpa.webs.com or Contacts: Bill Hengstler 412-303-1327 bill.hengstler@gmail.com
Bert Lindstrom 412-276-5763 BRL43@mail.com

1955 – 65+1 reunion was held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Gaetano's Banquet Restaurant. 15216 Contact: Joe Gerlach, 412-892-9131, 100 White Hampton Lane, Apt 103, Pittsburgh PA 15236

1957 – 65th Reunion, will be held Friday, September 16, 2022, at Crowne Plaza, Bethel Park PA 15241. 11:00 to 3:00, Dinner Luncheon. Contacts: Janice Parker, 508 Shepherd Lane, Oakdale PA 15071. 270-970-2475 jansparker9@gmail.com or Jack Ashworth 412-350-9240 jaashworth@comcast.net, Ed Heinsius 602-803-1854 ejheinsius@aol.com

1958 – Our 63rd reunion for both February and June classes was held, Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We had lots of good comments that they had a good time, “We can’t wait every five years!” We plan on doing this next year as well (2022) Contact: Barbara Sparks Eiben 412-882-9398 eiben2994@gmail.com.



1960 – 60th Class reunion cancelled until 2022. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ft Couch Rd., 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Contact: Norm Voigt, 345 Chickasaw Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15237 412.366.4053 nrv256te@verizon.net

1961 – 60+1 Year reunion will be held at the Yugo Slav Club, 5225 North Pennsylvania Ave, Bethel Park, Pa 15102 on Saturday, June 18, 2022 - 4-9 pm. Please pass this information onto those classmates you are still in contact with. The more the merrier! Additional Information will be forthcoming or Contact: Betty Donohue Ahearn, at 924 Lindenwood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa 15234 412-370-9936 bettyahearn@hotmail.com.

1962 – Plans are progressing for a luncheon in early September 2022 Contact: Linda Craig Stocker 740-602-3194 lindas1944@twc.com

1964 – 55th Reunion was held October 4 & 5, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza. Contact: Lucille Hunter Smith, 813-503-2718 or lou.smith844@gmail.com. and their SHHS Alumni Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SHHS-Class-of-1964-55th-Reunion-282420975982909/posts/>.

1965 – A good time was had by all who attended the picnic at Scott Township Park on September 11, 2021. A special thank you to SHHSAA for the flashlight giveaways and the door prizes they provided. The Reunion Committee has decided to plan a picnic for September, 2022. More information will be coming as it is available. We also are planning a 60th Reunion Dinner/Dance, etc. to be held in 2025. Any updates in classmates contact information may be sent to any of the below listed emails. We know many of you are moving and we want to stay in touch.

For updates, please follow our Facebook site: 50th Reunion SHHS Class of '65 Pittsburgh, PA
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/477129272419731/> Questions may be directed to: Tom Prex, pal247@aol.com
Audrey Bigelow Snyder, audreysnyder33@hotmail.com
Elaine Schneider Johnston, elainesjohnston@hotmail.com

1967 – Planning for the 55th reunion in 2022 has started. For updates please follow the Facebook pages “55th Reunion of SHHS Class of 1967” and “South Hills High School Alumni”, Classmates.com, and The Sesame News. Emails can be sent to shhs.classof1967.55th.reunion@gmail.com. Please update your contact information via the email address or to the members of the planning committee. Their addresses are as follows: Bonnie Luppe (Lenandbon@verizon.net) Jim Cawley (jcawley@hky.com) or George Thompson (gwthompsjr@aol.com).

1968 – The Class of 1968 has set the Month of September in 2023 for their 55th Reunion. Details will follow. Everyone stay healthy. Keep in contact by email at shhs1968reunion@gmail.com.”
Contacts: Nancy Beseny Christian, Dale Schweinsburg, Mary Sherbocker

1969 – Our 50th Reunion was August 24, 2019 at North Shore Casino. Looking for volunteers and fresh faces to pick up the 55th. Meet up on Facebook. To find our group, do a Search at the top of your FB page and look for “South Hills High School Class of 1969”.
Email contact southhills6@gmail.com

Take advantage of the SHHSAA Dinner Dance at the Crowne Plaza!
A full scholarship was donated to the Alumni Association by the 50th Reunion!

1970 – 50th Reunion was held September 11, 2021 at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport Hotel. What a weekend!!!! The highlight of the Friday meet & greet was dressing in those clothes from the '60's! Everyone was ready to have a good time on Saturday's dinner and dancing in the ballroom and into the wee hours of Sunday morning. With just hours to spare they met again for the Sunday morning farewell brunch. This class still knows how to party!



I-r Sharon Barnett Ricketts, Marcella McIntyre Komaromi,
Linda Grant McAteer; Top Row I-r Patti Urban Oslacky,
Georganne Volkwein Yandura, Reed Powell

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Facebook Name and Link: South Hills High School Class of 1970
(50th reunion) [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2004416992974205/
permalink/2008949785854259](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2004416992974205/permalink/2008949785854259)

1971 – Casual reunion was held July 3 on Gateway Clipper. Con-
tacts: Cindi Conte Uncles, Denny Morton, Neil Frank

1972 – 50th Reunion Saturday, August 20, 2022 A planning commit-
tee is forming and looking for volunteers. Currently planning on having a
picnic at South Park. Classes 71-72-73 invited. Look for follow-up posts

on facebook. Contact: Matt Filipiak mattfilipiak@yahoo.com

1973 - 50th Reunion in 2023! A committee is forming. Let's get it started! Contact: Joseph Altieri Facebook page SHHS class of 73 50th. www.facebook.com/groups/207440068111778.

1974 - Contacts: Bonnie (724-986-0874), Jim (412-928-3825), Greg (412-773-0134), Sherry (412-932-7291).
For updates go to "SHHS Class of 1974 Facebook Page"
1973 and 1975 Classmates are Welcome!

1975 – Next reunion will be their 50th in 2025 Contact: Susan Milcarek 412-403-9206 suemilcarek@gmail.com

1976 – The 45th Reunion Picnic was held on September 4, 2021 at South Park Silent Brook Building/Grove. Please contact Cathy Schwartzmiller (mrsox1@comcast.net) or Leslie Ninness (usherette58@yahoo.com) or check the 1976 SHHS Facebook page for more information.

1979 to 1986 - The invitation was extended to include all years from 1979 to 1986, the last SHHS graduating class. Those who attended were ready to have a really good time at the combined 1979/1980/1981 40ish Reunion on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the Station Square Sheraton. Food stations were wonderful. Everyone was ready for the night of the DJ led dancing. They renewed old friendships as well as made new ones. Well done Frank Sullivan ('80) and team!

1979/1980/1981 Combined – 40th Reunion was held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Sheraton Station Square. Contact Brian C. Graham Sr. Follow Facebook for updates: (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/118087751100/>)“South Hills High School Classes of '79, '80 '81 Alumni.

1980 – 40th Reunion was held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Sheraton Station Square. Contacts: Frank Sullivan, Amy Krywancz Thomas, Denise Ranelli

1984 – Contact: Lisa Szalla Cratty

1985 – 35th Contact: Marlene Balkovec-Angelo

In Sympathy

We feel it is our obligation and privilege to share the loss of fellow classmates with our alumni members. While this is a difficult time for the family, we would like to give our members the opportunity to express condolences. Therefore, we urge survivors and friends to notify us with as much information as possible (year graduated, family member names, etc., especially if any of the family are also SHHS alumni). If a newspaper notice is available, please send it to us. You can email this information directly to Don McCormick at SHHSAA@hotmail.com or 5005 Washington Lane, Sewickley PA 15143.

Richard D. Fallon (1945) passed away July 20, 2021 and is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helen. He was preceded in death by his son Mark and his sister Eileen Coulter. Other predeceased siblings are Mary Catherine Pardini, Alice McClain, John Fallon, Agnes Kratovil, Patrick Fallon, Regis Fallon, and Robert Fallon.

Genie (Lardas 1947) Lukes passed away June 14, 2021 and is survived by her husband of 64 years, Nick as well as their children, George Lukas, Mary Lukes, Suzanne Erwin, Cynthia Hall, and Valarie Cockrell.

Wilma G. Boehm (1948) passed away December 21, 2021. Mother of Pam Hoffmeyer, Alan Boehm, and Jeff Boehm. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Raymond.

Robert H. Paras (1/48) passed away November 16, 2021, was the husband of Catherine for 61 years. Father of Henry Paras, Robert Paras, James Paras, and Daniel Paras. Brother of Oresters Paras, and the late George Paras.

Joan (Colwes 1949) Graner passed away December 4, 2021 and was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, John. She has 5 surviving children.

Janet (Buckley 2/54) Palmer and is survived by her husband of 66 years, Grey, daughter Cindy Palmer, and son, Mark Palmer: sister Carol Sweltzer, and brother Daniel Buckley,

John Hirsch (1955) passed away October 22, 2021 and is survived by his wife of 30 years, Carol, twin sister Barbara Engleka, sister Peggy McBee. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Ellen Hirsch- Champion.

Robert P. Abraham (6/58) passed away November 28, 2020 and is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia. Four children Scott Abraham, Karen Justice, Linda Phillips, Lori Hausladen, and three step children Laurie Brown, Cathie Wieser, Larry Weaver. Also survived by his sister, Susan Burgtof.

Barbara Ann (Brown 6/58) King passed away October 21, 2021 and was preceded in death by her husband , Joe King and eight siblings. She is survived by three children.

Gerald Doyle (6/58) passed away March 9, 2021 and is survived by his wife Karen (Blocker); his children, Jackie, Jennifer, and Joe and his sister, Cassie.

Carolyn (Harris 1967) Bigley passed away November 11, 2021. Mother of Steven Gimigliano and Sheri Gimigliano. She was preceded in death by Robert and Bette.

Robert Holtz (1982) passed away December 31, 2021 and was preceded in death by his brother, David. He is survived by his sons, Robert, John and Zach.

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SHHSAA was incorporated November 12, 1965 and is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Archived Sesame Yearbooks and Sesame Newspapers indicate SHHSAA was originally organized in 1920 by the first graduates of 1919. For over 100 years, SHHS alumni have actively upheld a long tradition of:

**Leadership – Service
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