

ALUMNI NEWS

FALL 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Fall through late Spring is one of my favorite times of the year, because of the nice memories from when we were in our high school years.
- We can reminisce about prior girlfriends and boyfriends, "Legion", where we perfected our dance moves, and had a great time.
- Those were the days where families would get in their cars and drive somewhere just to get away for a few hours, or maybe for the scenery. We'd never think about locking the doors at home.
Yep. That's true. Really. If we ever went away for a week or two, we "might" think of locking up, but not always. Those were different times.
- Well, things change, and for the better.
- The H.A.S. (Haddonfield Alumni Society) is redesigning the alumni website, with collaboration with the Haddonfield Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Richard Perry.
- The Haddonfield Alumni Society represents an alliance of over 7,000 Haddonfield alumni across the United States and worldwide.
- So with an every-growing base of graduates, the Alumni Society wanted to cultivate strong bonds with and among alumni, which would lay the foundation for support of critical programs, such as scholarships.
- Therefore, the HAS needed a technology solution, that would modernize our current website, while providing access to young and old alike. We're achieving that now.
- So in addition to our Alumni Newsletter, this new site will enable The Society to provide an interactive, customized experience for each visitor, including opportunities for alumni to connect with each other, view alumni events; and their own 'Class' events, such as reunions. The site will also make it easier to make online donations.
- Expect this new website to come online before November 1, 2016, and will be available to all Haddonfield Public Schools alumni.
- Our next events are on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and also the Wednesday before Memorial Day in May at Tavistock Country Club. They are our H.A.S. Alumni Happy Hours. The fall event is on Wednesday, November 23rd from 5:30PM to 8:00PM. Great finger food, good conversations, photos of previous events, and more. Cash bar. Dress/casual is fine. \$10 donation at the door.

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HAS ACTIVITIES

FALL ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR

- Wednesday, November 23rd, at the Tavistock Country Club from 6pm to 8pm.
- All alumni are invited to stop by to raise a glass or two with old friends and make some new acquaintances. Free hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- We've seen this affair grow increasingly more popular and are going all-out to spread the word through our website and newsletter as well as local newspapers. However, we need YOU to help by contacting your classmates and bringing them out with you.
- RSVP - We need to provide Tavistock with a projected head count in advance. Please RSVP to Tom Mervine at tommervinejr@comcast.net no later than Monday, November 21st.

Please Note: We are asking for a \$10.00 donation at the door to defray costs.

ANNUAL MEETING AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- The HAS Annual Meeting and Lifetime Achievement Awards ceremony will be conducted in the HMHS Library commencing at 11:00am, Saturday, November 26th. The alumni and the public are invited.
- The 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) recipients are:
 - Raymond H. Holloway, '43.
 - Gail Lanier Phillips Houlihan, '54.
 - Franklin P. Jackson, '56.
 - Bill Rauch, '80.
 - Frank Delano, Teacher.

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Our H.A.S. Website Has Moved

The new H.A.S. website link is www.hmhsalumni.org
Tom Baird met with Dr. Perry, the Haddonfield School District Superintendent, to improve the website for our Alumni. Indeed, Dr. Perry & our new webmaster, Chris Gehringer, have ameliorated our website with professionalism.

In the words of Tom Baird, "Click on the website and revel in this great improvement, not only in quality but in including our schools & our leadership."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continue)

- Then on Saturday, November 26th from 10 AM to noon, we have our annual Lifetime Achievement Awards. Come join us at the Haddonfield Memorial High School new(er) Library to support the former students, and also teachers, who have greatly influenced our lives.
- Each June, we are pleased to present a scholarship to a worthy student, who has met our criteria. It's your donations, which help make this and other goals possible, such as Boys and Girls State, which gives those winners the tools to become great leaders.
- We will be having a new website address, and also a new email address for the President of the HAS, so we'll advise you later.
In the meantime, here's my business email address: whunter@oakmortgageusa.com
- We will stay in touch, if you stay in touch. And, remember: "The Haddonfield Alumni Society is dedicated to fostering a sense of pride, community, and continuity among former students of Haddonfield Public Schools."

Sincerely,

Wayne Hunter (Class of 1959)

President, Haddonfield Alumni Society

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2016 Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) Recipients

- **Raymond H. Holloway (HMHS Class of 1943)**
Raymond H. Holloway, better known as "Lefty" is truly one of Haddonfield's "Greatest Sons". After high school, he joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, served in England as a waist gunner and flew on raids on Germany. After the war, Lefty served as a Haddonfield Police Officer for over 37 years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. Throughout the years, he served the community in numerous organizations such as the little league, American Legion Post 38, the Lions Club and the Haddonfield Fire Co. No. 1 for 57 years. Lefty worked hard his entire life and gave his all to the Haddonfield Community.
- **Gail Lanier Phillips Houlihan (HMHS Class of 1954)**
Gail Houlihan has devoted her adult life to advocacy for children in foster care. After graduation from Douglas College in 1958, Gail embarked on a career of lifetime service to New Jersey and her town. She was Mayor of Bordentown, NJ; PTA President; League of Women's Voters and very active with Rutgers Alumni. Gail helped establish New Jersey's Child Placement Review (CPR) system and was selected earlier this year to receive the Prestigious New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award for her service to youth.
- **Franklin P. Jackson IV (HMHS Class of 1956)**
Franklin P. Jackson IV is recognized for his accomplishments as a very successful businessman; as a leader of his community; for his service and leadership in Westmont Fire Company No. 1; for his service and leadership in the Westmont Lions Club; and for his service and leadership in the Masonic Lodge. In addition, Frank has been a great supporter and participant in youth programs to include the Cub Scout and Explorer Scout Programs. Frank Jackson has indeed truly been one of Westmont's "Favorite Sons" and benefactors. In his 50 + years as a member and leader of the Westmont Lions Club, Frank exemplifies the Lions motto "We Serve !".
- **Bill Rauch (HMHS Class of 1980)**
Bill Rauch is recognized as a remarkable advocate for social justice and his brilliance in the theater. During his years at HMHS, his involvement in the school's Drama Club fueled his passion for theater. Subsequently, Bill attended Harvard University where he directed 26 plays and received the Louis Sudler Prize as the "outstanding graduating artist". After graduation, he cofounded the Cornerstone Theater Company and directed over 40 productions receiving great acclaim. In 2007, he became the artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and directed a number of their plays. In 2012, Bill directed "All the Way", a play focusing on President Johnson's pivotal first year in office which later journeyed to Broadway and won the Tony Award for best play.
- **Frank DeLano (Teacher and Coach)**
Frank DeLano has taught in the Haddonfield School System for over 15 years and been the Football Coach for 15 seasons. As Haddonfield Middle School Science and Math teacher, Mr. DeLano has stressed hard work, ethics, dedication, being the best you can be and respecting your parents. Coach DeLano employs those same traits on the football field. He leads by example and his enthusiasm is infectious. He instills a strong work ethic, self respect and respect for others, self-confidence and a drive to be your best. During his tenure as football coach, he has amassed 109 victories (as of 10-24-16) and led the Bulldawgs to nine state playoff appearances. In their five trips to the South Jersey Group II Finals, they were champions in 2010, 2013 and 2014. He was named NJ State Coach of the Year in 2010 and inducted into the SJ Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2015. Coach DeLano makes Haddonfield proud by preaching " Team First" and the mantras of "Together We Will" and "Haddonfield Football Family".

REUNIONS

2016 Class Reunions Which Have Occurred Are:

Class of	1956	Oct. <u>14</u> th thru to Oct. <u>16</u> nd .
Class of	1966	Saturday, April <u>16</u> th
Class of	1976	Saturday, October <u>29</u> th .

2016 Class Reunions For Which We Have No Info:

Class of	1951	Class of	1991
Class of	1961	Class of	1996
Class of	1971	Class of	2001
Class of	1981	Class of	2006
Class of	1986	Class of	2011

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Class of '57 (60th)

Date: Fri., Jun. 2nd to Sun., Jun. 4th

Schedule: **Fri.** - An informal gathering.

Sat. - Banquet (Cherry Hill Holiday Inn)
+ tours of the Indian King Tavern & the
Haddonfield Memorial High School.

Sun. - Breakfast or brunch / departure.

Contact: **Warren "Ed" Frayer** (edf@mtu.edu).

***Notice** Reserve your banquet and/or hotel spot.
Banquet-only tickets are also welcomed.
Members of other classes from the 50's are
also invited to join us.

2016 HAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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'87, Drew Hansen

HAS TRUSTEES NEEDED

Alumni Society has several openings on its Board of Trustees. Retirements of members of our "old guard", relocations due to career demands, and other factors have thinned our ranks. We welcome inquiries from any and all individuals who have an interest in "giving back" and serving their fellow alumni, the Haddonfield community. Interested individuals should contact Wayne Hunter at whunter@oakmortgageusa.com.



Haddonfield School District News



by **Dr. Richard Perry, Superintendent**

Dear Alumnus,

The opening of the 2016-17 school year is off to a great start throughout Haddonfield School District. At HMHS there have been many accomplishments, including having Six National Merit Commended Scholars, One National Merit Semi-Finalist, Thirty-One AP Scholars with Eighteen Honors, Twenty-Six Distinction, and Two National Nation-wide AP Scholars. In addition, HMHS won the distinguished ShopRite Cup for the 2015-16 SY, the 13th year in a row. HMHS is the only high school in the state that won this award every year since its inception. HMHS also won the Colonial Conference Sportsmanship Award. Along with these accomplishments, this school-year STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs have been enhanced by further developing AP Computer Science Curricula. There have also been other student driven projects such as The Power of One Walk with HMHS Cheerleaders and the Interact Club, RYLA Rotary Club Honors for Eight HMHS Students, the 50/50 Club and Haddon Fortnightly Art Show Partnership, the Haddonfield Library and HMHS Student Volunteers Partnership with NAHS, Community Collaboration for Wellness Day, the development of a Social Media Task Force, and the implementation of a Community Based Learning Program.

At HMS, twenty-four students, representing the views, opinions, hopes and dreams of the students in their CPR groups, met to create Haddonfield Middle School's Constitution. Each student presented ideas from the students who they represented in sixth through eighth grades. The Constitutional Convention focused on specific guidelines that the school community will follow in order for students to ultimately succeed in the Middle School. The consensus was the following-Think, then Act, Be Respectful, Be Open and Inclusive, and Persevere to Achieve.

In regard to the elementary schools, the One School, One Book program was implemented districtwide. At our schools' community meetings on September 27th we unveiled our book, *Kenny and The Dragon*. As part of these unveilings Haddon Principal Gerry Bissinger, Central Principal Shannon Simkus, and HMHS Dean of Students Tracy Matozzo, special guest reader at Tatem School, read the preface to the story as kids excitedly listened to the start of the book. Our hallways are already buzzing with talk of Kenny! All Haddonfield public elementary schools are participating in this project. Elementary families are being asked to make time so that their family can participate in this special activity by reading the book at home. We know that it can sometimes be a challenge to read each night with children so we have set up a video channel where students can listen to the story being read to them by special teacher and principal guest readers. Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares children to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the *One School, One Book*[™] program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our schools. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even principals will all be following along together. In school, students will be invited to answer daily discussion questions at morning meeting and learn a word of the day from the story. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. In addition to activities at school and at home we're planning three One School, One Book Celebration Nights at the Haddon Fortnightly on 11/15, 11/16, and 11/17.

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One School, One Book™ is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will all be listening to their parents read the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We also believe that you can and should continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, while being motivational and exciting.

To all the alumni, thank you for your support and everything that you have done to make Haddonfield School District one of the best in the state and the nation, carrying on the traditions of Educational Excellence and family driven communitywide respect, achievement, and unity.

As always, thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

Dr. Richard Perry

2016 HMHS Athletic Hall of Fame

The Haddonfield Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce its 2016 Class of Inductees:

Jeff Cusack (Class of 1979)

Rob Kirk (Class of 1980)

Tonia Kemps Conover (Class of 1992)

Abby George Carey (Class of 1995)

Brie Cokos (Class of 1997)

Susie Cook (Class of 1998)

Katherine Conroy Nicastro (Class of 1998)

Michael Miller (Class of 1998)

Sean Kemps (Class of 1998)

Jessica Nixon (posthumously, Class of 1999)

Erin Donohue (Class of 2001)

The Induction Dinner and Ceremony will take place on **Saturday, November 19, 2016, 6:00PM**, at Tavistock Country Club.

Please go to <https://goo.gl/L72wGG> for RSVP and Program ad forms.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Matthew Schmitt
2016 Scholarship Recipient

Matthew Schmitt was a wonderful student at HMHS; in fact, he was in the top 15 with a 100+ average. Matt distinguished himself as a key contributor in every activity in which he participated. Simply put, people respected Matt because of the way he carries himself, leading by example every day. Whether rowing for the crew team, singing in the choir, volunteering in various service activities as a member of Interact or serving as a peer leader assisting ninth graders; Matt did not miss a meeting or practice. As a member of Interact, Matt served on the steering committee and provided exceptional leadership and input. In addition, he was selected by the faculty to represent HMHS at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program during the summer. Matt was a member in the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Steering Committee Member, Interact Club, a Peer Leader and a member in the Men's JV8+. Matthew participated in Crew and his team's boat came in first at Garden State Championships, the Steve Neczpor Regatta and the Cooper Cup. He was also active in the Volleyball Marathon and Martin Luther King Day and was a "Bulldawg Buddy".

Matthew is presently a Mechanical Engineer major at Rowan University and is involved in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and playing intramural sports. On the weekends, Matt is a waiter at the Tre Famiglia restaurant in Haddonfield, NJ.



2016 SPORTS UPDATE

By Lefteris Banos, Athletic Director

- Haddonfield Memorial High School had another tremendous 2015-2016 school year. Our teams compiled a record of 267 wins and 87 losses which gives us a winning percentage of 75%! Such record led to winning 8 out of 19 Colonial or Olympic Conference titles, 9 South Jersey Sectional titles, and 3 New Jersey State Group Championships! 20 State Championships in the last four years!
- Furthermore, for the 38th year in a row Haddonfield Memorial High School was the recipient of the Colonial Conference All-Sports Award (given to the school with the best conference win-loss record) and for the 13th straight year Haddonfield Memorial High School was declared winner of the NJSIAA Shop Rite Cup for Group II. An award given to the school with the most sectional and state championships for each of the 6 groups in the entire State. Haddonfield Memorial High School is the only school in the State that has won this award every year since its inception!
- Lastly, HMHS was the recipient of the 2015-2016 Colonial Conference Sportsmanship Award!



We Need Your Financial Support!

While the Haddonfield Alumni Society trustees volunteer their time and energies without compensation in efforts to serve the interests of former HMHS students, costs are incurred in providing some of these services. These services include:

Annual Scholarship
Spring & Fall Newsletters
Spring & Fall Happy Hours
Lifetime Achievement Awards
Misc.- Postage, fees, etc.

Participating in Fall Festival
Participating in the Homecoming Game
Maintaining Databases
Providing e-mail contacts
Responding to inquiries

In recent years, costs have exceeded donations that the Alumni Society has received. We firmly believe that these activities are worthwhile endeavors and would like to continue to offer all of them. However, we will not be able to do so without adequate funding.

We ask that you donate generously to help us to continue to serve you and the friends that you went to school with. We also welcome your input on ways to provide higher and broader levels of service.



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