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## Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

*June 14, 2017 @ Bensalem Twp. Country Club* 

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*The 2017All-Year Reunion Slated for September 9, 2017* 

See more information on page 10!

# **BAA Needs YOU!**

The Bensalem Alumni Association is truly an organization by and for anyone — graduates and others — who attended BHS. We need volunteers to help our association provide valuable services to our alum. If you have some time, even a few hours a month, and would like to be part of the BAA, we'd appreciate hearing from you. Contact Ray Guim at ray@rayguim.com.

~ ~ BAA MEETINGS ~ ~

Bensalem Alumni Association meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, Sept. thru June, at 6 PM, and are held in the high school library (enter building at flag pole entrance).

"All alumni are encouraged to attend."

The President's Desk by Ray Guim, \*74



#### HELLO ALUMNI!

We're a little late in getting this version of our newsletter out. I guess most people reading this will know how despite of our best intentions, life sometimes gets in the way. This past year was a great one for the

Bensalem Alumni Association. Not only did

we have our annual golf outing (which was great success!), we also had our first annual all-year picnic at the Bensalem Township Country Club on September 10. It was just awesome! For the first time, over 300 people from so many years stopped in to say hello. If you were there, you know that it was impossible to walk across the field without seeing someone that you knew. Even if you didn't know someone, you'd find that if you talked to them a little, you'd realized that you knew their neighbors, their cousins, their uncles... turns out we Owls are all connected!

As usual at the all-year reunions, all I do is talk to everyone. The people of Bensalem never cease to amaze me. We have such a great history of good people; it's incredible. Of course, the person who did *not* get to talk to everyone was Linda Panuccio '72. We were a little short on volunteers, so Linda took on all the responsibility of checking everyone in and accounting for all the money. Thank you, Linda! You really went above and beyond. We hope that next year some people will be willing to help their community out and volunteer to help our association. Don't forget that we meet on second Tuesday of the month (most recently at the E House), and we'd love to have you there! If you can help, just send us an e-mail or give us a call. You are needed.

As for the golf outing, this past year was also one of the best years ever as far as fundraising was concerned. And, really, that is what we're all about since those funds can go to students in need. In June, we reviewed all of the essays that graduating seniors submitted for our scholarships and then used a range of criteria to determine need and achievement to select our award winners. Ultimately, we were able to give out \$12,500 to nine graduating seniors to help them jumpstart their higher education. I personally find it difficult to read these essays every year because I want to help each and every student! Their stories are so compelling. Maybe someday, with your fundraising help, we will get to do just that.

Another item we worked on in the last year was the "In Memory" section of our website. For those of you who never go online or who are only on Facebook, I encourage you to find our site, click on your name, and create a profile. You will be amazed *Continued on page 3* 

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# 30th Annual Alumni Annual Alumni Annual Alumni

### Wednesday, June 14, 2017 Bensalem Twp. Country Club

Our annual golf outing is open to all Bensalem HS alumni and their guests. The \$120/golfer registration fee includes: golf w/ cart, coffee & doughnuts in the morning, soft pretzels, soft drinks, water and beer on the course. Swing shot prints of all golfers are also included, with swing shot video's online at www.SwingMan.Smugmug.com. Prizes for every golfer are awarded at the buffet lunch immediately after the tournament.

Proceeds support our scholarship fund, which awards scholarships to seven deserving Bensalem High School seniors each year. To register as a golfer and/ or a sponsor, please visit www. BensalemAlumni.org.

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at the quality of our website! Not only will you be able to see your name, you will also be able to see the names of all of your classmates-and all graduates in the classes before and after yours. The "In Memory" section, for our Owls who have passed away, currently has 2,432 names. Of those, most have either an obituary or community-submitted comment, shown with a rose next to their name. I've spent a lot of time searching online using both the Social Security Index and an online newspaper archive to find lots of missing obituaries for this section. Sometimes I'm not sure why having this information is so important to me, but I think it's because I find it to be a matter of respect for our Owls. We all go through life and get to know so many people. Often, the people we grew up with are more important than all of the others we meet over the years. If you read the comments, I think you'll agree that hearing about old friends can stir up some powerful and meaningful emotions. If you know someone who has passed away and is not in our "In Memory" section, I encourage you to let us know so we can honor their lives there. Additionally, if you know someone in this section who does not have a rose next to their name, please add a comment to their page to share your memories.

All of our yearbooks since 1925 are now scanned and ready to be posted online! If you're a techie or just interested in this project, maybe you have some ideas of how we can do this most efficiently (and cheaply). Let us know if so.

Another function of our

association is to help people connect with others. If someone wants to find an alumni member but is having trouble, we will help by sending a letter to the missing party with the name and phone number of the person looking for them. Please note that we never give out address or phone numbers without alumni permission. This year we have a request from a Ron Christian and a Vietnam Veterans group looking for Ben Hughes who graduated in 1963. The want to find him to verify a battle where Lural Lee Blevins III was heroically killed in a battle while saving many men. They are not sure of the name or year. One of our members told us it may be Ben Herb '63 because this person was

known to wrestle for BHS. If this sounds familiar, please help us track down this witness so he can help a hero be honored.

Looking ahead to our new year together, remember: the next golf outing is June 14, 2017 at Bensalem Township Country Club. Be sure to get us your name and number if you want more information. Our picnic will be in September, but right now we are not sure of the exact date. You'll have a great time if you go, so get us your name soon so we can put you on our invite list!

I look forward to all of the great things we'll get to do together soon.

### Bensalem Township Country Club is hiring grounds crew members!

If you love working outdoors, this could be the job for you. Crew members are responsible for the daily maintenance of the golf course. No experience is necessary, we will train. These are seasonal positions, some run March-October and some are summer only (great for high school or college students). You must be willing to work alternating weekends. Background check and physical required. I would like to personally thank the following incredible people for not only providing our committee with a gift certificate to the E-House but also presenting me with an awesome BHS letterman jacket (left). I never lettered in athletics when I was in school, so when it was presented to me, it really felt like a special, personal thank you. I love it!

Now, when I go to watch games, the kids might think I'm a student. Well, okay, maybe not but at the very least, they'll want a jacket just like mine.

See you at the next reunion! Gene Samero '65, Bob Carp '70, William Severns '64, Ron Cianni '67, Rick Cianni '73. Rav Cianni '76. Joseph Romello '69, Ronald W. Decker '65, William O. Schreiber '61. John D'Andrea '67 Lou D'Andrea '69 Steve D'Andrea '72 James Brighter '55 Betty Marion Klebe '64 Jack Klebe '65 Shirley Neitzel Lefferts '64 Louis Day '70 Lois Day '71 Diane Vogel Leighton '69 Beverly Vogal Wagner '74 Mike Rignev '74 Judy Dost Austin '65 Jim Nitterour '67 Frank Dominiani '65 Doreen Lynn Maisano '68 Jill Sharon Freeman '64 John Tyciak '61 Susan Lee Hopkins '75 Linda Eichorn Burke '69 Pat Leer Johnson '61 Eleanor Kuhns Scheidegg '55 Jay Stokes '73 Bob Gower '73 Gordon Larson '65 Eileen Lipsack Oposnow '66 Helen Harner Shaup '57 Bob Shaup Teacher/Coach Joan Gallagher Gottsabend '65 Marianne Turner Sullivan '65 Peggy Sue Vansant Thullen '65 Don Thullen Teacher Jeanne Blakey Katz '65





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1974 Charles E. Hicks Lifetiime 1962 Robert Milner Lifetime / Scholarship 1961 Diane L Sills (Muller) Lifetime / Scholarship

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Ed Allahand, '73 Reunion ~ \$600 Class of '59 Reunion ~ \$135 Class of '04 Reunion ~ \$105 Anonymous (Scholarship) ~ \$2,000 Mat Slakoper (Mat's Pharmacy) (Scholarship) ~ \$1,500 Al's Auto (Donation) ~ \$100 Exelon Foundation (Donation) ~ \$50 Al Bader Foundation (Donation) ~ \$5,000 1953 June Hartman In Memory Linda Silk (Non-Alumni Donation) Barter SAS (Non-Alumni Donation)



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1971 Keith E Crawford 1972 Dylan Lynn 1972 Doris Lynn (Ridge) 1973 Walter J McGee 1973 Edward Allahand 1974 Patricia Mervine (Bleiler) 1974 Meredith A Calien (Wheeler) 1974 Joy Black 1976 Cathy L Monroe (Rhoads) 1977 John (Rick) Arabinick, Jr 1977 Glenn Sykes 1980 Gerald (Jerry) Smith 1983 David Segal 1985 Dr Jeffrey Rosen 2003 Kelly Quann 9176 John Jordan

1947 Otto Grupp
1950 Howard Bates
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1957 Gerald J Weikel
1957 Eileen Harner (Hughes)
1960 Virginia Mingle (Adams)
1960 Mary Newcomer (Gruver)
1960 Patricia Allahand
1960 Majorie H Hodgson (Hughes)
1961 Richard F Patton

1961 George Stockman
1963 Arlene Yaffe (Wilfong)
1963 Harold Tither III
1965 Gordon Larson
1965 James A (Jim) Hartz
1967 Linda M Kubiak (Field)
1970 Karen Lilik (Shastay)
1971 Dennis G Moessner
1971 Mary Anne Battaglia (Nolan)
1971 Anne Marie Sneeringer (Shastay)

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1972 Brian Spang
1972 Deborah J DeRosa (Bingaman)
1972 Stephen D'Andrea
1974 Ray Guim
1974 Sandra P Hyland (Sandberg)
1974 Michael F Rigney
1977 Carl (Polakowski)
1982 Michele M Orner (Bythrow)
1984 Bob Frattone





In Memory . . .



Violet Flynn (Schneides) '38





Madelyn F. Thomas (Hicks) '70



Martin Lewis '72



William Clampffer '64



Scott D. Pfrommer '70



Bernard F. Brzoza '51



Lindsey Piccone '14



Lisa J. Haffner '92



June Rymond (Snyder) '56



Terri Freitag (Thierjung) '76



Kym Cohen '88



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Charles R. Mudie '63



Theodore N. Luz '42



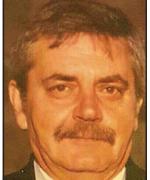
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Charles W. Dinda '80



Allan D. Coyle '70





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John A. Ziesel '71



Carol Pelowitz (Torrance) '64

In Memory . . .



William G. (Bill) Joseph '77





Michael Mieczkowski '68



Mary Rose Book (Sullivan) '38



Ronald (Smokey) Woodring '56



Robert Ettinger '64



Edward M. Pfender '68



Evelyn Chubb (teacher)



John E. Zimmer '69





John B. Twining '47



Robert J. Ballisty '52



Edward T. Pachucki '73



Joyce Padovani '60



Joseph A. Okaily '91



Joe Renda '76



Robert Gregors '61



Fury J. Riccardi '63



Percy K. Crawford '46



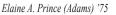
Donald Edwards '51

In Memory . . .



Ernest A. Sammler '47







Helene Hollenczer (Adams) '70



Doris M. Verdon (Weber) '60



Debra A. Pollastrelli (Werler) '78



Brett Moss '07



Robert Balog '68



Carmen Slivinski (Panaccio) '67



Hollyanne Wilson '11



Bernard F. Mullen '46



Herman K. (Ted) Encke '56



Tina Pavlak (Kraus) '94



Stanley Barlow '91



Judith Taylor (Morton) '63



Eugene H. (Gene) Walsh '71



In Memory . .



Pamela J. Deputy (Rossbauer) '78

Robert H. Lange '37 Ruth E. Blahut (Foster) '38 Zola M. McGee (Laster) '41 John L. Kleber '46 James Kingsmill '47 Genevieve Lee (Jenny) Koby (Tilley) '49 Myrna J. Gleason (Van Sant) '51 Phyllis Cannon '52 Joseph F. Christensen '53 Henry J. Eisenmann '54 Thomas R. Vickers '54



Mark Farrell '84

Arlene Kurowski (Brady) '56 Joan D. Adaire (Goodwin) '56 Margaret G. Camburn '57 Mary F. Bradley (Collins) '60 Lenora Stack (Baker) '61 William J. Alpuche '62 Ronald S. Barker '65 John W. Floyd '66 Diane Hughes (Baez) '66 Linda Schafle (Waterfield) '67 Howard S. James '67



Jennifer Post (Barats) '92

Thomas (Tom) Earley '69 June Wharton (Williams) '69 Lucy Bossard (Balog) '70 Jamie B. Lynn '70 Gregory R. Ruggie '72 June Vickrey (Wikberg) '72 Susannne Biachhe (Balog) '75 Ross Russell '75 Terrence M. Hanson '76 Charles R. Krok '77 Lynn McNamara (Davis) '78

James Allahand '69



Barry N. Schubert '62

Edward Cassidy '80 James Wagner '81 Valerie McGee '81 Mark Ashton '81 Carlos Vazquez '83 Vincent Sireci '84 Janese Kishbaugh '86 Lawrence N. Cohen '88 Jason Shaw '93 Dominic A. Ciallella '04

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Signup TODAY! @BensalemAlumni.streampowerup.biz Needs YOUL We need volunteers for projects and events benefitg our alum. If you have some time and would like to give a little back to Bensalem High School and its alumni, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Ray Guim at ray@rayguim.com.

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Pictured from left to right. Susan Michelfelder Sommers (1981-Hockey), Kevin Stokes (2004-Basketball), Matt Kantor (2002-Baseball), Cynthia Farmer Streeter (1980-Hockey), Robert "Tommy" Tomlinson (Distinguished Long Service), Omar Ammouni (2009-Tennis), Fred Ellzy (1990-Baseball), Dennis Birch (1983-Baseball), Eric Masington (2010-Track), Nick Christian (2010-Basketball), Thomas Porreca (Distinguished Long Service), and Donald Bogan (Distinguished Long Service). Missing from the picture. Brittany Couper (2008-Soccer).

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS!

### Classes '69 – '72 Annual Picnic Reunion

Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:00 to 6:00PM ~ *All are welcome!* Core Creek Park ~ Pavillion 11 More information to follow on website, or contact:

Diane Jones Pittam '69 – twopitts@comcast.net ; John Helgesen '70 – livkory@hotmail.com; Lois Day Jones '71 – daysbe4@comcast.net; Linda Prindle Panuccio '72 – lpanuccio54@hotmail.com.

For more Reunion News, visit us on the web @ www.BensalemAlumni.org



### **SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

### *The 2017 All-Year Reunion Slated for 09/09/17*

Saturday, September 9, 2017 12:00 to 5:00PM ~ *All Are Welcome!* Bensalem Township Country Club

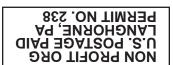
Ray Guim '74 – ray@rayguim.com; Wayne Lewis '62 – waymarlew@verizon.net; Linda Prindle Panuccio '72 – lpanuccio54@hotmail.com.

We're looking for volunteers for our picnic. Interested? Contact Ray, Wayne or Linda and let us know!

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