

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



WINTER 2012-2013

Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE WINTER 2012-2013

Student activities are an integral part of our educational program. Co-curricular programs are not only a way for students to have fun, but also a valuable educational tool. Activities provide an opportunity for all students to participate and help build community recognition and identity. Co-curricular activities are designed to instill school pride and teach life-long lessons. They support the academic mission of the school district and promote citizenship and sportsmanship. The activities program is a testing ground for the physical and emotional development of our young people. **IT IS BETTER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TRY TO REPAIR ADULTS.**

For more information about Pottstown School District, visit our website at www.pottstownschoools.com or call 610-323-6274.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



Antonio Moore was named The Mercury "ATHLETE OF THE WEEK" for producing a timely double-double for the Trojans in their 48-44 victory over Spring-Ford. Antonio hit for 18 points — his eighth double-figure game — and cleared 15 rebounds.

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM

- Denzel Harvey

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA SECOND TEAM

- Denzel Harvey

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Destinee Astheimer
- Alicia Rosenberger
- Sidney Sanford

WRESTLING

Individual results of the Strath Haven Junior Varsity Tournament:

- Blaze Campbell – 132 lbs. – 1st place
- Mason Weber – 220 lbs. – 1st place
- Saddiq Ibn-Mustafah – 126 lbs. – 3rd place
- Jimmie Jordan – 132 lbs. – 4th place
- Alex Humma – 195 lbs. – 4th place

Avon Grove Devil Duals Results:

- Pottstown went 4 and 1 in dual meet competition and placed 2nd overall in the tournament with wins over Oxford (76 to 6); Avon Grove (59 to 13); Bensalem (48 to 22); Notre Dame Green Pond (44 to 24)
- Individual Results:
 - Patrick Bohn and Jasheel Brown earned 5 victories
 - Logan Pennypacker, Mason Pennypacker, Bryant Wise, Sebastian Shiffler, Darien Hain, Jordan Eckstrom, and Alex Humma earned 4 victories
 - Mason Weber and Robbie McCoy each had 3 victories
 - Josh Slody and Bubba Gephart each had 2 victories
 - Saddiq Ibn-Mustafah had 1 victory

Kennett Duals Tournament Results:

- Trojans placed 1st at the tournament with victories over Glen Mills (57-21), Ridley (38-28), Academy Park (52-24), Kennett (54-19), and Daniel Boone (48-14)



District I Dual Meet Tournament

- Pottstown Trojans made history by being selected to participate in the District I AAA Dual Meet Tournament competition.
- Trojans were seated 16th in the 24 team tournament. There are over 62 teams in District I and this marks the first time the Trojans have ever qualified for this tournament.

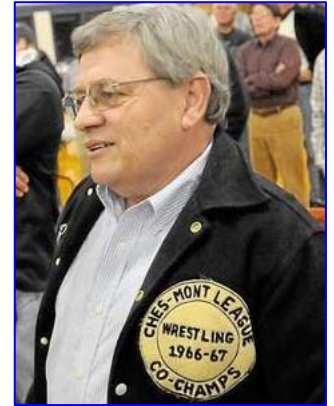
Pottstown's Wrestling program celebrated its 50th year of helping young men develop the traits that helped set the foundation for a successful adult life.



Bechtel Family



Sam Skean, Jerry Staverosky and Tom Staverosky



Rodney Lukens



PAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING TOURNAMENT - February 16, 2013

Team Results: Pottstown – 6th place – 100 points

Individual Results:

- Darien Hain – 160 lbs. – 1st place
- Jasheel Brown – 145 lbs. – 2nd place
- Logan Pennypacker – 106 lbs. – 4th place
- Bryant Wise – 126 lbs. – 4th place
- Josh Slody – 220 lbs. – 4th place
- Robbie McCoy – 113 lbs – 6th place
- Bubba Gephart – 120 lbs. – 6th place
- Sebastian Shiffler – 152 lbs. – 6th place

Josh Slody placed 4th in the District I West PIAA Wrestling Tournament in the 220 lbs weight class.

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

- Darien Hain

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM

- Jasheel Brown
- Bryant Wise

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Logan Pennypacker

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Logan Pennypacker
- Bryant Wise
- Patrick Bohn
- Jasheel Brown
- Darien Hain
- Josh Slody

SWIMMING



Anthony Gazzillo (third from the right) competed in the District I AA swimming meet at LaSalle University. He took a third place Bronze medal in both the 50 meter and 100 meter freestyle events.

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Anthony Gazzillo

WINTER TRACK AND FIELD

Quiana McIntosh captured the gold medal in the girls' 55 meter hurdles with a time of 8.95 seconds at the Chester County Indoor Track and Field Championships.

CHEERLEADING TEAM AWARDS

- Best Stunt Group: Brianna Torres, Sierra Lee, Aaliyah Ford, & Joann Auman
- Beat Team Player: Tatum Burmester, Ashli Sinclair, & Davajia Williams
- Most Likely to Cheer in College: Hannah Irvin
- Cheerleader for Life: Alexis Irizarry
- Best Tumbler: Brianna Torres
- Strongest Base: Jasmin Gonzalez
- Toughest Cheerleader: Sierra Lee
- Most Dedicated: Hannah Irvin
- Outstanding Leadership: Hannah Irvin & Alyssa Wanish
- Most Spirit: Alexis Irizarry & Sierra Lee
- Hardest Worker: Katrina Braunsberg
- Most Improved: Joann Auman & Tatum Burmester
- Cheerleaders of the Year: Alexis Irizarry & Hannah Irvin

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Cheerleading - Jessica Yednock
- Boys' Basketball - Steven Steinmetz
- Girls' Basketball - Sidney Sanford
- Wrestling - Jasheel Brown

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Sebastian Shiffler

STAFF

Eighty-seven members of the school district staff supported the United Way campaign and pledged a total donation of \$8,938.00

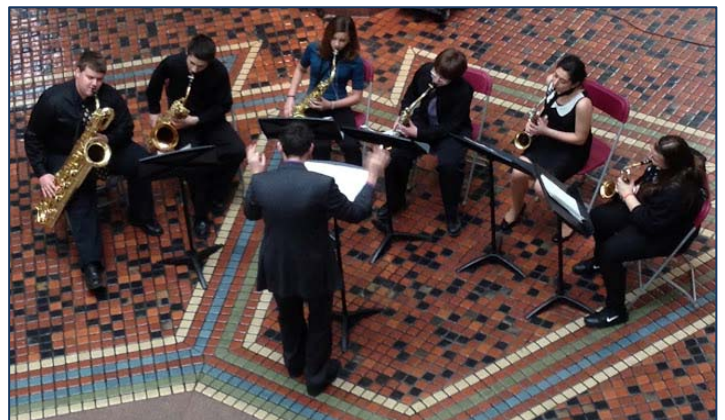
YWCA Black Heritage Celebration Awards

- Nasir Sweet was honored as the winner of the Poetry and Poster Contest.
- Anna Marie Williams and Viola Towson were recognized as co-recipients of the prestigious Joyce Reddick Award.
 - Ms. Williams is a 1944 graduate of Pottstown High School and has been active her entire life in supporting the efforts of our schools and churches in the Pottstown community.
 - Ms. Towson has been an active member of the Second Baptist Church and worked for over 25 years in the Western Montgomery County Mental Health Agency as a caseworker. She has provided compassion and care for many in need.

MUSIC

Representatives from the elementary, middle school, and high school band programs performed at our state capitol in Harrisburg. Students, under the direction of Brian Langdon, Ben Hayes, and Nancy Mest, performed in the Rotunda of the state capitol as part of the Music In Our Schools Month program. Students taking part included:

Elementary Brass Quintet:	Middle School Sax Ensemble:	High School Flute Ensemble:	High School Clarinet Ensemble:
Jacob Eagle Anthony Russo Veronica Gomez David Hicks Emily Weber	Soaad Elbahwati Emily Greiss Dylan Brandt London Aquino Cole Sellers Casey Mest	Jenna Endy Amira Mohamed Claudia La Maxine Bacon Ziarra Caballero	Kelsey Shumaker Kelsie Andrews Tatiana Robinson Katie Kolbmann Marlee DeBlase Nicolas Muriel



HIGH SCHOOL

Winners of the Culinary Arts 4th annual gingerbread house design and making competition:

- First place - Kimberly Swanson and Matthew Taylor
- Second place - Darrin Cooper
- Third Place - Alyssa Wanish and Hannah Irvin



Members of Student Government played the role of Santa's helpers as they answered letters sent to Santa from Lincoln first graders. They visited students with Santa's letters and a small gift for each first grader. Students taking part were: Becky McCloy, Jake Gery, Sage Reinhart, Kelsey Shumaker, Derek Beyer, and Nate Flickinger.

Cosmetology students visit the Manor Care Center and provide manicures for the residents of the center.





High school students showed support for Sandy Hook Elementary School

On December 19th, 2012, Pottstown High School demonstrated their support of the victims of the Sandy Hook elementary tragedy by wearing green and white instead of the normal student uniform. Students requested to wear these colors because they were the official colors of the Sandy Hook elementary school and as a way to honor all those we lost. "As principal, I was so happy to see almost 100% participation in the event. And students did not stop there. Several classes are sending sympathy cards and our art class is sending a large supply of student created 'snowflakes' to decorate the temporary space being set up for the students of Sandy Hook. I could not be prouder of the support they've shown." PHS will join the rest of the country in sharing a collective moment of silence on Friday, 12-21-12 at 9:30 a.m.

Career and Technical Education First Annual Senior Appreciation Dinner



Instructors paid for and served a delicious lasagna dinner and dessert to program seniors and their families. Awards to the top GPA earners in the program for the past 3 years were presented and 132 people were in attendance. Award winners for this year included:

<u>Career Area</u>	<u>Highest Program GPA</u>	<u>Highest Overall GPA</u>
Cosmetology	Aaron Walker	Tori Wade
Construction	Steven Schmitz	Chase Watters
Health Tech	Jana Brinkley	Megan Eppler
Auto	Corey Burns	Imani Graham
Business	Quiana McIntosh	Harley Reid
Marketing	Josh Swinehart	Lindsey Havyer
Childcare	Johnean Wheatley	Johnean Wheatley
AFJROTC	Christian Marcelli	Michael Magyar
Culinary Arts	Kim Swanson	Hannah Irvin

Members of the Interact Club, along with sponsor Marilyn Bainbridge, partnered with Mrs. Harner's life skills class to collect over 100 jackets and winter coats which were donated to the Cluster Outreach of Religious Communities and the Salvation Army.



ROTC students took part in the first round of the Air Force Junior ROTC Academic Bowl. Students completed an online 80 question quiz that covered the areas of math, science, reading, and writing.

High School Pep Rally – Pottstown Pride Week



Kaitlyn Lichtley was the winner of the Laurel House Director's Art Award



The Student Government and HOSA organizations sponsored the annual Winter Blood Drive and collected 63 pints of blood which helped save over 190 lives.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school wrestling team placed 8th out of 22 teams at the Hamburg Wrestling Tournament. Individual place winners were:

- Alex Caballero – 95 lbs. - 4th place
- Isaiah Mayes – 130 lbs. – 3rd place
- Ernest McCalvin – 165 lbs. – 2nd place
- Ed Butler – 185 lbs. - 4th place
- James Cain – 210 lbs. – 1st place
- Raymond Bumbarger – 250 lbs. - 4th place

Middle School National Junior Honor Society Induction

The following students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society:

Jamal Adams	Andraya Guy	Juliet Manley	Alexus Perez
Brooke Beyer	Kiersten Heverly	Peter Marcheskie	Abigail Richter
Hailey Christman	Alexandra Hickey	Rachel Martin	Cole Rulli
Ansela Corney	Aniya Jackson	Martin Metzger	Izabelle Shiffler
Alyssa Dlutz	Ceara Jackson	Taylor Mickletz	April Smith
Reilly Dugan	Tavia Jeffcoat	Trinity Miller	Justine Villamar
Tiana Dupiche	Emily Jerdon	Audrey Morton	Julian Weber
Gianna Epps	Gianna Kimmell	Tiffany Myers	Kimberely Wilkinson
Bryce Ferguson	Sean Lafferty	Angel Onate	Isaiah Williams
Claire Fetterman	Emilie Lineman	Emma Pargeon	Nicholas Wilson
Dale Groff	Alondra Magana	Courteney Parry	Nina Yost



Congratulations to eighth grader Ma.Sofia Sosa for being one of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Essay Award Winners. Her winning entry was a 1,000 word essay on the topic of an unsung hero from the American Revolution.



Middle school cheerleaders, under the direction of sponsor Tracy Oister, helped to bring holiday cheer to the residents of Manor Care by performing holiday carols and delivering gifts.



Middle School Spelling Bee Results:



- Twenty-two (22) students in grades 6, 7 and 8, accepted the challenge. These students included: London Aquino, Zachary Bright, Robbie Fleming, Skylar Long, Milani Roberson, Jordan White, Camren Williams, Harrison Wolf, Carlos Fuentes Brown, Shane Langevin, Abigail Richter, Giovanni Rivera, Xavier Campbell, Sooad Elbahwati, Khalif Jeter, Evan Keefer, Kyli McKee, Angel Onate, Kenil Patel, Marvin Pearson, Ma Sofia Sosa, and Gage Taylor.
- Runner-up was seventh grader Shane Langevin.
- Crowned Spelling Bee Champion was eighth grader Angel Onate.
- Angel represented Pottstown Middle School at the Times Herald Spelling Bee held in Norristown and placed 12th out of 26 competitors

On January 17th, several students from the Environmental Science Club went on a field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. They got to check out the animals and attended a short class on polar bears as part of a project they are working on. These students are involved in a partner task with the Zoo called the Unless Project. This mission is a service learning experience that focuses on a real-world issue — energy use and climate change. They have created a website, blogs, and a PowerPoint presentation to help educate others on the necessity to change the way we use electricity and water. Their day at the zoo brought home the implications and effects of their project. If you are interested in checking out their website, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/pottstownunlessproject/>



ELEMENTARY

Lincoln students and staff helped bring holiday cheer to needy children by donating over 100 new toys and gifts to the Salvation Army Giving Tree Project.



Rupert Elementary School D.A.R.E. Essay Award Winners:

- From Mrs. Wilson's classroom:
 - Tyler Bruton
 - Celicia Thorpe
 - Kito Thompson – First Place Winner
- From Mrs. Langdon's classroom:
 - Dayvia Beasley
 - Alexandria Olvera
 - Daiyana Wilson – First Place Winner



Edgewood students, under the direction of physical education teacher Jane Thompson, participated in the Jump Rope for the American Heart Association fundraising event. Their efforts raised \$665.00. The top fundraisers were:

- Third grader – Aaliyah Gourzong
- Second grader – Leilani Alberto

Edgewood fourth grade students in Mrs. Denise Schleicher's class were paid a visit by a therapy dog to help reinforce the story that students had read about how dogs can help humans.

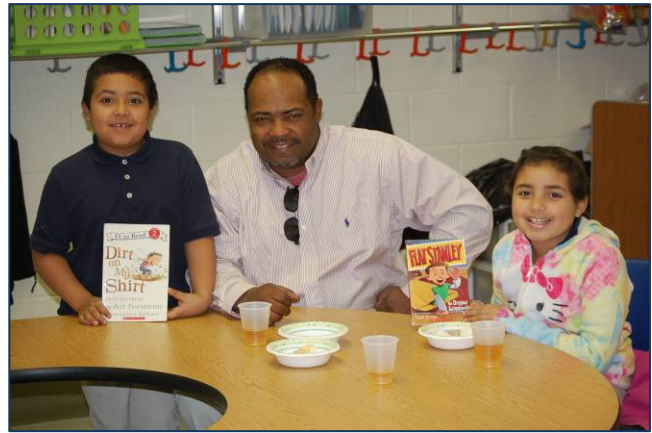


Cilicia Thorpe was the winner of the Farmers' Insurance Writing Contest and as an award received a gift card to Toys R Us.



Second grade students in Mrs. Jayne Burke's and Mrs. Tina Ludy's classes enjoyed a visit by the Eagles Book Mobile and were read stories by Storybook Man and Coach Ally.

Edgewood Elementary School hosted "Donuts for Dads" reading morning with over 120 dads participating in the event.



Barth Elementary and Rupert Elementary Bulldog Club members, along with sponsors Max Donnelly and Mike DiDonato, spent an afternoon at CrossFit/Pottstown Karate Club to learn about positive skills in preventing and dealing with bullying.



Edgewood Elementary 1st graders celebrated 100 days of school with a number of 100 Day activities



Pre-Kindergarten to fifth grade students, with the assistance of physical education teacher Jane Thompson, took part in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart event. The students raised over \$1,200.00 which was donated to the American Heart Association for research. Top fundraisers were fifth graders John Heydt and Britney Macomber



Results of the District Reading Olympics Competition

Lincoln Lightning Readers - GOLD	Rupert Reading Racers - GOLD	Franklin's Rockin' Readers - SILVER	Franklin's Ballistic Bookworms - SILVER
Kylie Boughter Kaile Butterfield Melissa Coleman Seth Jones William Maddox Cristine Martinez Dylan Murphy Megan Robie Alixander Stewart Somaiya Tate Donovan Towson MiKayla Viers Winni Weng Emme Wolfel	Zachary Beekley Tyler Bruton Kamrin Gatlin Kameryn Herpich David Hicks Isaiah Lamar Courtney Maulseed Alexandria Olvera Amana Douglas-Quill Destri Roye Emily Russo Arianna Rumley U'Kari Taylor Kito Thompson Julius Vargas Hannah Wilson	Dezmyre Aiken Tajime Brown Christina Butler Brooklyn Colegrove Devin Dolla Hannah Feist Erin Glass Avery Heverly Kaylin Lascik Julian Paskel Esteban Pineda Bryce Redd Tanner Scott Phillip Shiffler	Shelby Clayton Elijah Davis Jacob Eames Andrew Green Paige Jones Tahkeim Lowe Cayla McNair Riley Mead Jonae Oister Payton Reid Isabel Sharp Marisa Walker Emily Weber Harmony Wood

Edgewood Elites - SILVER	Edgewood Reading Stars - BRONZE	Barth Read Big or Go Home - BRONZE	Barth Reading Warriors - BRONZE
Beyonce' Brown Rasherra Jackson Kishan Patel Nathan Lang Alexis Taylor Isabelle Dupon Joseph McLoughlin Amari Folly	Nathalie Baten Jacob Stiefel Hannah Lewiski Marcos Maldonado Anthony Lowe Raquel Villegas Diego Magana-Jaime Cheyenne Dickinson	Topanga Brooks Heaven Charriez NiYell Clifford Sylvahna Craft Nancy Deschamps-Ocampo Kaelyn Draucker Zoe Earle Haley Haas Alexa Howard Justice Mayes Pearce Raegler Robbie Raegler Mason Saltzer Cheyenne Shirley Jaleinda Thompson Taina Virola	Haile Clayton Aiden Crowder Kristin DiPietro Jena Epright Anyae Germany Nathan Harper Sherese Marshall Jamair McCalpine-Thomas Wesley McCalpine Jada Oliver Briana Quarles Gabriela Reyes Faith Roach



THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to Exelon Limerick Generating Station employees and Coats For Kids Foundation for the donation of 250 winter coats.



Thank you to Mayer Pollock Steel Corporation for their financial support to help provide school supplies, coats, and clothing to our students.

Thank you to Diamond Credit Union for their continued support of the Pottstown School District's Reading Olympics Program. Our students and staff greatly appreciate the tee-shirts and books which have been provided by Diamond Credit Union. A special thank you to Diamond's Chief Executive Officer John Faust and his assistant Todd Rothenberger.

Thank you to Lisa Lightcap from National Penn Bank for the donation of gowns to be used by students attending the spring prom.

Thank you to ARKEMA, Inc. for their \$10,000 in scientific lab equipment to will help make laboratory experiments at Pottstown High School more interesting and educational. ARKEMA's senior chemist Anna Johnson was on hand to present students and staff with an assortment of laboratory equipment including compound microscopes, safety glasses, stirring hotplates, scales, and a metal desicator box



Thank you to former Barth Elementary School employee Diane Haws for donating books to Barth students. Because of her generosity, each student was able to receive three gently used books for their home reading.



Thank you to J.P. Mascaro and Sons for sponsoring the "Respect" assembly at Barth Elementary School. Students learned the importance of respect for self, others, and the environment.



FALLEN TROJANS



The Pottstown School District is proud of the members of its Trojan family and will honor its deceased alumni by recognizing them and their accomplishments in our "Fallen Trojan" section. Anyone wishing to have alumni recognized should provide appropriate information to:



John J. Armato, Director of Community Relations,
230 Beech Street, Pottstown PA 19464 or email jarmato@pottstownsd.org.

- **Jane M. Mack**, aka Giovanna Mack, Class of 1944. Jane was born in Palmer, PA, and moved to Philadelphia in her early years and finally settled in Pottstown, PA, where she was a long time resident. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She worked as a bookkeeper at Cole Candy and Tobacco in Pottstown. Jane dedicated her life to serving others. She was proud to be a long time member and volunteer at Meals on Wheels and Tender Loving Hands Knit Club. She spent countless hours crocheting and knitting shawls for cancer patients. Her strength, courage and faith were an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a devoted parishioner of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Pottstown. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, husband, Lewis Mack, and sister, Rae Artz.
- **Marjorie Grandy Nettles** - Class of 1941 - Marjorie was the loving wife of Harvey Montgomery Nettles, to whom she was married for almost 70 years, and a devoted mother to her five children. As a member of the Class of 41, she continued monthly gatherings with a group of dear girlfriends from high school, known as "The Club". After retirement, Marjorie traveled the country extensively with her husband in a motor home. In her later years she enjoyed playing tennis, and in her late 70s and early 80s took several trips with her children to Hawaii and Europe.
- **A. Jean (Rosenberry) Barto Hipp** - Class of 1959 - She was the wife of Mario H. Hipp, whom she married February 14, 2007. Born in Pottstown, PA on December 27, 1941, she was a daughter of the late Franklin M. Sr. and Helen E. (Mellinger) Rosenberry. She attended Bloomsburg University. Jean was a member of St. Catharine's R.C. Church, Exeter Township, where she had also served as a lector. She was employed in the human resources department with Bon-Ton, Wyomissing and later in the same capacity with Ronco's Pharmacy, Spring Township, last working in 2011. Jean was a talented seamstress and enjoyed playing cards and cooking.
- **June M. (Wien) Helfrich** Class of 1941 - Born in Stowe, PA, on June 1, 1923, she was a daughter of the late Daniel T.R. Wien and the late Anna J. (Neuman) Wien. June and her late husband Frank, who passed away in 1992, were married Sept. 20, 1947. After Frank's retirement from Dana in 1973, they spent each spring in Florida on the golf course and with friends. She was a graduate of the 1941 class of Pottstown High School, and she continued monthly gatherings with a group of dear girlfriends from high school, known as "The Club Girls". She previously worked for Max Weiss in sales and the former Stanley G. Flagg as a clerk-typist. June was a member of Shenkel United Church of Christ, Pottstown; AARP, and Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She was a recipient of numerous awards for her art work. Her paintings were on display at the Center for the Arts at the Hill School and the Pottstown Library and were featured in the Pottstown Mercury. June loved playing sports and played on a bowling league and golf team. She traveled many places including

England, Ireland, Italy, the Mediterranean, Australia, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal and the Galapagos Islands.

- **Job W. Price** - Class of 1989 - Commander Navy SEAL Team Four. Job lost his life while



in service to our country. As a student-athlete, Job was recognized by his peers and teachers as self motivated, focused, and discipline. We enjoyed his sense of humor and wiliness to always lend a helping hand. He refused to accept anything but his best effort but could always have the ability to laugh at himself and with others. Job understood the importance of placing the greater good above self and dedicated his career to helping to ensure our freedoms. His family lost a son, brother, husband and father. Our country has lost a leader, dedicated patriot, true American hero and protector of our freedoms. Because of Job and all of the other members of our military we can slept

save at night, enjoy our freedoms and pursue a life filled with happiness. Their courageous service and sacrifice should be honored by all of us every day. Job is gone but will not be forgotten his wit, wisdom and leadership will live on in the deeds of all of those that he came in contact with and has inspired and motivated.

- **Theodore Dallas Jr.** - Class of 1950 - Husband of Charlene A. (Schisler) Dallas, for 54 years. He was a son of the late Theodore (Anagnostellis) Dallas, Sr. and the late Anna (Trivizas) Dallas. He was born January 4, 1932, and was the first baby born in Pottstown for the New Year. Mr. Dallas was an avid diver with the Pottstown High School swim team. Like his brother George, he also worked at his father's restaurant "The Vienna" as a bus boy. He was employed with Metropolitan Insurance Co. for 17 years prior to going into the concession business as the owner and operator of Dallas' French Fries for 55 years. After his wife Charlene had their four children, she began helping Ted in their business part-time while raising their daughters. He was a United States Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. He was a member of Cedarville United Methodist Church, Pottstown; Stichter Masonic Lodge #254 F&AM, Pottstown; Bucktown Boosters; Rajah Temple, and a life member of the Pottstown Optimist Club.

- **Claude C. Deegan**, 87 - Claude was the widower of Gloria "Becky" (Endy) Deegan, also from Pottstown, with whom he shared 63 years of marriage. He attended Pottstown High School and joined the Marine Corp during World War II. While serving from 1943 to 1945 in the South Pacific he earned a Purple Heart. Claude later attended and graduated from Albright College, Reading, PA, where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry. His degree led him to a career in plastics which included employment with Firestone, Stauffer Hoechst and Borg Warner/GE Plastics. Claude's passions were sculpting, painting, ceramics and music. His endeavors led him into the community where he was frequently known in art circles along with his wife, who was a ceramicist. As an avid drummer, Claude played at Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown, during the Big Band era, where he met many famous jazz musicians; among them Frank Sinatra, a story he loved to tell. His musical passion kept him playing as a drummer up until his passing with a group of local musicians.

- **William A. Shaner, Jr.** - Class of 1940 - He was the husband of the late Anne K. (Ruyak) Shaner. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late William A. and A. Helen (Burden) Shaner. After graduating from Pottstown High School, Bill joined the Army. He received a Purple Heart for service during World War II. Bill then pursued his passion by earning a degree from The New York Institute of Photography. For many years he owned the Tiny Tot Studio and later Shaner's Studio where he photographed hundreds of children, weddings, and swim teams. When he retired from the photography business, Bill and Anne opened Shaner's Antiques and Collectibles. They enjoyed participating in antique shows in the area and the Jersey Shore. Bill closed the shop in 2005 and moved to Royersford to become the "Chief Irrigation Officer" at Renninger's Farm. He loved taking his extended family to the shore to fish, play shuffleboard and horse shoes, eat frozen custard and ride the Merry-Go-Round. He was an expert "drizzle" sandcastle builder and was happiest surrounded by his family on the beach.
- **George H. "Shef" Sheffey** - Class of 1953 - He was the husband of Mary Jane (McMullen) Sheffey. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late George A. and Verna (Cisick) Sheffey. Mr. Sheffey was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Geigertown. He was employed by LaSalle Steel, Spring City, in Quality Control for 26 years until his retirement. He was a Civil War and History aficionado and was an avid Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies fan.
- **Christine L. (Shaner) Golson** - Class of 1965 - She was born April 3, 1947 in Pottstown, PA, daughter of the late Elizabeth (Smith) and John A. Shaner, Sr. She was a graduate of Pottstown High School, Class of 1965, and worked for the Department of Public Welfare as a Case Worker for 25 years, retiring in 1996.
- **Barry R. Pollock** - Barry is survived by his wife Rosemary (Drabinski) Pollock; children, Tina, wife of James Mayberry; Timothy and wife, Deborah Pollock, and Tammy, wife of Jack Hinkle; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a sister, Sandy Yost. Born in Pottstown he was a son of the late Benjamin and Dorothy (Engle) Pollock. Barry and Rosemary met in 1959 and married in 1961 and were happily married for 52 years, just having celebrated their anniversary on the 21st of January. Barry attended Pottstown High School and went on to become a supervisor of LaSalle Steel Co. of Spring City for 25 years.
- **Cecilia T. Thees** - Class of 1944 – Cecilia was the widow of Philip P. Thees. Born in Pottstown, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Albert P. and Veronica M. (Kowalski) Gnoza. Cecilia was a bookkeeper for the former Burton's Ladies Shop of Pottstown and then for Smale's Plumbing. She was a member of St. John The Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church. She was a member of the ladies auxiliary of Father Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus in Stowe, Pa., for more than 50 years. Cecilia was described by her family as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.
- **Charles R. Lewiski** - Class of 1965 - He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Hutton) Lewiski. He worked at Dana Corporation in Pottstown for 36 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing with his sons and his friends.

- **Barry F. Gultanoff** - Class of 1970 - Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Charles and Miriam (Weinstock) Gultanoff. Barry was a 1974 graduate of Ursinus College and received his Juris Doctorate in 1977 from Delaware Law School. He was an attorney from 1977 until his retirement in 2012. He was a former member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, various legal fraternities and the Norristown F.O.P.

- **Charles T. Carter** - Class of 1953 - Carter was the former religion editor and Bachelor Chef columnist at The Mercury. Born in Pottstown, he was hired as a newsroom librarian at The Mercury in 1953, immediately after his graduation from Pottstown High School. In 1957, he joined the U.S. Army, serving for three years. He then returned to The Mercury in 1960, when he was assigned to the church news beat, a position he held for 32 years. He wrote features, frequently helped on the police beat, and often took to the streets of Pottstown as the newspaper's "Roving Reporter," a feature that gauged public opinion on local and national questions of interest. But he was best known for The Bachelor Chef, a weekly column drawing on his experience as a military cook and his three years of culinary arts training at Western Montgomery County Area Vocational-Technical School. He continued to write the column, sharing recipes with readers from its debut in 1985 past his retirement. An accomplished pianist, Charles was the former pianist for the young adult choir and gospel chorus of Second Baptist Church. He also played at various nursing homes in the area and was a regular pianist at Manatawny Manor in Pottstown, where he enjoyed entertaining the residents. He was known for his prowess in racket sports – tennis, squash, racquetball and table tennis. After retiring from The Mercury, Charles began a second career as a personal caregiver and private duty nursing aide, serving several families locally and in Norwalk, Conn.

- **Harry W. Anderson** - Class of 1945 – Harry was the husband of Janet E. (Christman) Anderson. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late Paul Anderson and the late Eva (Gonder) Anderson. Upon graduation from Pottstown High School he served fifteen months in the US Army overseas in Italy, following his discharge he attended and graduated from Pottstown Business School. He was a baseball enthusiast and Phillies fan having played with the Amvets in the City Industrial League and the Emmanuel Lutheran Nine in the church league. He also managed knee-hi league baseball championship teams. He worked as a Field Terminal Supervisor for Conrail for over thirty years retiring in 1988, and was the Justice of the Peace for North Coventry Twp. for over 20 years. Harry was a four-year graduate of Minor Judiciary School for the Justice of the Peace in Chester County. Mr. Anderson was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pottstown, Stitcher Lodge #254, Pottstown, Pottstown Senior Center, life member of Norco Fire Company, and was an avid bowler and hunter.

- **Paul K. Norton** - Class of 1938 - Born in Lower Pottsgrove Twp., PA, he was a son of the late Lloyd W. and Elsie (Herner) Norton. For 40 years, he worked for Dana Corporation in the shipping office. He also owned and operated a dairy and crop farm in Sanatoga with his family. He was a member of the New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville, PA, since 1947. Paul was a 30 year member of the Optomist Club. He was also a member of the Haycreek Historical Society, Lower Pottsgrove Historical Society, the Sanatoga and Ringing Hill Fire Companies and the Old Time Plow Boys. He had an extensive tractor collection and enjoyed showing them at Haycreek, the Bloomsburg State Fair and other venues. Most recently, he was recognized by the Sanatoga Grange #25 as a 75 year member.

- **Gerald E. Haring** – Class of 1959 - Gerald "Gerry" Edward Haring, 72, of Pottstown, was the husband of Sharon (Zimmerman) Haring. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Alvin Haring Jr. and Marguerite B. (Endy) Haring. Gerry was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Pottstown, the Norchester Optimist Club and the DANA Quarter Century Club. He coached the Norchester Red Knights football team for 30 years, as well as Norchester Red Knights Baseball and Basketball. Gerry enjoyed working with plants and flowers and was an avid Oakland Raiders, St. Louis Cardinals, and Dale Earnhardt fan. Most of all, he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.
- **Richard J. Eppehimer Jr.** - Class of 1964 - Born in Pottstown, he was a son of Richard J. Eppehimer Sr. and Arline (Hartman) Eppehimer. Richard was employed as a clerk by the Wine and Spirits Store, Pottstown, and was a member of the Susquehanna University Hall of Fame for Basketball and the Pottstown Hall of Fame. He also belonged to the Holy Trinity Club.
- **David R. Swinehart** - Class of 1948 - Dave was the husband of Joyce E. (Slonaker) Swinehart. Born in Pottstown, he was a son of the late Harvey C. and Alice M. (Oakes) Swinehart. Mr. Swinehart was employed as a draftsman with the former Sander & Thomas of Pottstown, Gilberts of Reading, and Universal Concrete of Stowe, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Saint James United Church of Christ, Limerick. Mr. Swinehart was a former member of the Pottstown Optimist Club. He was an avid bowler and fisherman.
- **David Dewey Detar Jr.** - Class of 1947 – David was the husband of Kitty Lou (Schmearer) Detar. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late David Dewey Detar, M.D. and the late Emma (Burdan) Detar. David was a 1951 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. David worked at the former Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Perkiomen School, Teleflex, and NW Controls. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown, Stitcher Lodge #254 F&AM, Pottstown, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk's Lodge #814, Pottstown. Mr. Detar served on the Pottstown School Board from 1966-1973 and was President of the School Board from 1969-1973, Pottstown Sports Hall of Fame where he was president, and President of the Pottstown Cemetery Association. He played sports all four years at Pottstown High School, four year varsity athlete in Football, playing Quarterback, Halfback, and Punter, member of the famous 1946 Trojan football team. He also played Basketball, Baseball, and Track. Was recruited by the United States Military Academy to play football, played for coaches Vince Lombardi & Colonel Red Blake. He was the #1 fan for all his grandchildren, never missed a grandchild's sporting event. He was a very faithful member of the Ellis Drug Store Reunion Group and the 40's group, and will be remembered for his hearty laugh.



FALLEN TROJAN STAFF



- **Mr. Bill Rogers** was a loved and respected educator and coach. He spent his entire adult



life helping to prepare young people to become successful adults. He taught health and physical education in our district for 35 years and coached football, wrestling, and track. Football was his first coaching love and this season he completed his 55th year of coaching football. Those of us who taught and coached with him are honored. Those who were coached by him are fortunate. His legacy will live on in the thousands of lives he touched. He truly made a difference and helped many on their road to a successful and happy life. He will be remembered for his dedication,



commitment, and caring for the young people of our community. Born in Royersford, PA, he was a son of the late Blaine Rogers and Ethel (Isett) Rogers. Bill was a 1954 graduate of Royersford High School, a 1958 graduate of Ursinus College and received his Master of Education degree from Temple University. A long time health and physical education teacher and multi-sport coach, he started his career in Fairfax County, VA, where he taught for four years. He then returned to Pennsylvania, teaching at Daniel Boone for two years and then at Pottstown High School for 29 years. Coaching was an extremely important part of his life. He just completed his 55th year of football coaching. He has coached various sports for several school systems, including Fairfax County, VA, Daniel Boone, Pottstown, St. Pius X, Valley Forge Military Academy and Exeter Twp. School District. He was inducted into the Pottstown Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. In addition to coaching, he enjoyed woodworking, spending time at his Pocono cabin, traveling to football games and drawing caricatures of his family and players. Most recently, he was honored by the PAC 10 football coaches by having the Lineman of the Year award named after him.



- **Gladys E. (Crofton) Griffiths**, 94, widow of George A. Griffiths. Born in Pottsville, PA, she was a daughter of the late Horace R. Crofton and the late Clara B. (Woll) Crofton. She was one of the original crossing guard's for the Pottstown School District working at the Jefferson School. Mrs. Griffiths was employed as a telephone operator with the former Ellis Answering Service for 20 years. Gladys was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and was active with the Women's Altar Guild for 35 years. She was an avid swimmer and member of the YMCA. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

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Todd Butler, Class of 1985, is a graduate of Towson University with a bachelor's degree in trumpet performance and a master's degree in jazz performance. He is considered one of the top commercial trumpet players in the Baltimore Washington D.C. area. He has performed at the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, Grammy Showcases, and the International Association of Jazz Educators Convention.



Jeff Krick, Class of 1985, is described by CBS Philly News as the #1 Elvis Presley Tribute Artist in the country. He has performed many benefit concerts to support fundraising efforts of the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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