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HALL OF FAME DINNER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

The AACHS 2015 Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 29 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street. We invite you to join your fellow alumni in honoring the extraordinary group of inductees which includes:

Joseph M. Field L.L.B., D.M. (192)

Leo Brady, Ph.D. (211)

Marvin Samson (211)

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Arthur Shapiro, Ph.D. (220)

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Neil Powe, M.D., M.P.H. (231)

The evening begins with cocktails at 5:30 P.M. followed by dinner at 6:00 P.M. with the induction ceremony to follow. **Ryan Smith (247)**, an ABC News correspondent and legal analyst for ABC and ESPN, will be the master of ceremonies.

The cost of \$175 per person covers cocktails, dinner and dessert. Please consider sponsoring a student to attend the event at \$30. To register for the evening and to purchase an advertisement in the Commemorative Program Book, please visit the Alumni website, centralhighalumni.com.

THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST AND FOOTBALL GAME

Get your tickets to the annual AACHS Thanksgiving Day breakfast, Thursday, November 26. For the special price of \$25, you get a complete buffet breakfast at Jack's Deli, 8500 Bustleton Avenue, and a ticket to the Central-Northeast football game. Buffet breakfast begins at 9:00 A.M. and the game kicks off at 10:30. Please make your check payable to AACHS and mail it to Theodore G. Rothman, 57 Kanon Court, Newtown, PA 18940. Questions? Please contact Ted at (267) 269-7045. Proceeds benefit Central Athletics.

GO LANCERS!

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EDITORS' MESSAGE

Merrill Freedman, 208
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Editors, The Alumni Journal

This fall issue of the *Alumni Journal* was written and assembled during the heat of the summer. When you read it, although the heat will still be with us, this is the time of year when our school comes alive with students, and our alumni begin looking forward to important events, beginning with the Hall of Fame induction dinner.

For many, during the summer, little thought is given to school or work, and more on vacation. Aside from announcing upcoming events, the *Journal* fortunately relies less on news of the moment than on the fascinating stories you provide. In this edition, we are proud to include samples of art work by two of our alumni, poetry by two others and the work of three authors. Please visit the "Corners" devoted to each. We sought out some these works; others were submitted to us. In the future, we hope that you would consider submitting samples of your artistic endeavors that we might choose to include in the *Journal*.

We know that this one-time printed issue will reach many more of our readers than the on-line version. We've always found this difficult to understand, but so be it. If you choose to not provide your email address, you can always find us on the alumni website: centralhighalumni.com. Many past issues are also available on the site.

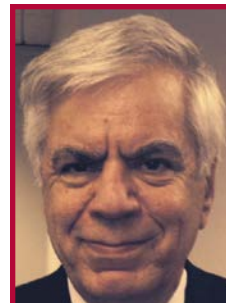
Clear communication is key to any organization, and our Alumni Association is no different. Those of us who have chosen, to one degree or another, to be active in the Alumni Association know that Central High School seems always to get better. Current students are as serious about success as we were, but you should see for yourselves. You have an open invitation to return—especially, but not restricted to, reunions.

With the *Journal*, the website and occasional emails, we will try to keep you up to date with events and happenings, both at school and with the lives of our fellow alumni. Your job is to communicate with us so we can communicate with the alumni at large. 🍎



ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeffrey Muldower, 225
President, AACHS



On behalf of AACHS, I am pleased to welcome formally the members of the 278th class to Central High School. According to a member of the 242 who has a daughter in the 278, the welcoming began in May when a program was held for incoming students. As the new students entered the building with their parents, current students gave them a rousing welcome, making them feel immediately at home. We expect great accomplishments from this incoming class, which was selected from four thousand applicants.

With school now open, there is plenty of work to keep AACHS occupied. The Alumni Association provides needed support to the students and staff at Central on a regular basis. Our help is even more crucial in these days of constant conflict between the School Reform Commission and the State Legislature.

Accordingly, we must make another appeal for contributions, financial and otherwise. This edition of the *Journal* is being published in a printed version as well as being available on-line. Please make use of the attached contribution envelope or donate via our website, centralhighalumni.com to help our cause.

In August, at the CHS football field, football alumni gathered to watch the CHS varsity scrimmage Lincoln High and to participate in a Flag Football game. Money raised at this event will be used for renovating the locker room (already in progress) and paving the path from the field to the locker room. The latter will enable players to clean their shoes, helping to keep the locker room clean. Football alumni would appreciate additional contributions. The contact person for donations is **David Mack**; you can reach him at dcmack1726@gmail.com.

The first major AACHS event of the fall will be the Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, October 29 at the Philadelphia Marriott, 1201 Market Street. Induction of eight illustrious alumni into our Hall of Fame will take place that evening. Please come out to support AACHS and to honor these individuals who have made CHS proud. Use the registration form in this *Journal*, or reserve your place by using the website. Note that you can sponsor a student's attendance at the dessert. This deadline is October 22.

Another way to give back to Central is to participate in Career Day on Tuesday, November 24. Since 1999, many alums have returned to Ogontz and Olney on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The range of occupations to describe and discuss with students has expanded over the years, and we are always looking for new presenters. If you are interested, please contact me at jeffmuld@comcast.net. 🍎

**WHEN SUBMITTING ALMA MATTERS, PLEASE
INCLUDE YOUR NAME, GRADUATING CLASS
AND EMAIL ADDRESS.**

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FROM THE CHS PRESIDENT

Timothy J. McKenna
President, Central High School



We enter the 2015–2016 school year with tremendous optimism. Our incoming class, the 278, arrived in mid-August to participate in our freshmen orientation program. They were welcomed and indoctrinated into the tradition of Central High School. Ms. Kristen Haskins, Freshmen Class Sponsor, and 95 current students led informational sessions. Members of the 278 learned school rules and policies, information about the many athletic and extra-curricular opportunities that our school offers, expectations of the academic program and, of course, they were taught our school song. It is always motivating for me to see our students lead these informational sessions. The energy and pride that our current students displayed during freshmen orientation was inspiring. We continue to develop young people who are difference makers in our world because our commitment to excellence is unwavering. I made it clear to our new students that our program is very difficult, but it is difficult for the right reasons. If they make the necessary commitment they will be prepared for college and become members of the finest alumni association in the country.

Even as the School District of Philadelphia struggles with the proper funding of our school, we continue to add athletic teams and specialized academic classes. This year we have added classes focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and a new Advanced Placement course in Microeconomics. The support of the Associated Alumni of Central High School has been critical to our school's continued success. The donation of resources and volunteer hours has had a positive impact on our program of study. I thank all the members of the AACHS for supporting our current student body.

Central High School is more than a school. It is a community of learners that is committed to the mission of developing 21st century leaders. I invite all members of the alumni association to get involved with upcoming events. We update the calendar on *centralhigh.net* on a daily basis. Your support and presence are greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing many of you at the CHS Alumni Hall of Fame dinner on October 29.

Go Lancers! 🍎

PLUS ÇA CHANGE ...?

The 1938–1940 Central handbook notes: "The average CHS. student needs no detailed lectures to behave himself. He is intelligent and observant; he can readily distinguish between good manners and bad. However, the younger boys sometimes need a suggestion or two in their progress from irresponsible childhood to self-respecting young manhood. The following hints are therefore set down mainly for the guidance of the young and the thoughtless:

- Be courteous to your fellow students.
- Respect school property as the property of the state.
- Be proud to be considered a gentleman.
- Lay more stress on duties than privileges.
- A school corridor is not a running track.
- Loud-mouthed persons soon become tiresome.
- A fist-fight is a poor way to settle differences.
- Vulgar speech never wins real admiration.
- Try to be a "good sport" at all times.
- The bully is sure to meet his Waterloo.
- Whistling is not considered a form of music.
- A practical joke rarely justifies itself.
- Inattention to a speaker is disrespectful.
- Waste paper looks its best in the waste container.
- Give attention to your personal appearance.
- Profanity usually connotes a poor vocabulary.
- Go out of your way to help the other fellow.
- Teasing is not a desirable accomplishment.
- Guard your tongue in times of stress.
- Apply the Golden Rule under all conditions. 🍎

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

by David R. Kahn, 220
Archivist/Historian, AACHS



As you know, the 18th Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Gala occurs on October 29. It's the place to be and I urge you all to attend.

There is, however, another Hall of Fame at Central. The Faculty Hall of Fame is on the third floor outside the Cafeteria. Next year, I expect that there will be a ceremony inducting some of the many worthy candidates. I invite you all to let me know whom you think should be chosen by the committee.

To help you with this, here is a list of possible nominees, from every era in the school's history. This list is far from complete; if you don't find the teacher who was important in your life, just let me know.

From Ancient Times:

Zephaniah Hopper (1)—Mathematics—twice appointed Acting President, CHS

Edwin J. Houston (43)—Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy

Elihu Thomson (55)—Chemistry, Physics—a founder of General Electric Company

Franklin Spencer Edmonds (96)—History, Political Science, AACHS Archivist

John Louis Haney (100)—English, Philology, History, 8th President, CHS

From the Modern Era:

Robert Barthelmeh (228)—Physical Education, Baseball Coach

Sylvain Boni (193)—Languages

Debra Cooperstein—Art

Douglas Dove (202)—Physics, Tennis Coach

Marian Geiger—English

Frank Greco (228)—Physical Education, Athletic Director, Basketball Coach

John J. Mulloy—History

Joseph Phillips—English, Joycean scholar

Fred Rosenfeld—Physical Education, Track and Field Coach

Benjamin Sherzer—History, Tennis Coach

Stephen Wilensky—Music

I look forward to your responses.

Email me at dkahn15@gmail.com.

Editors' Note: To see a current list of members of the Faculty Hall of Fame, please go to page 13 of this issue or visit the alumni website, centralhighalumni.com. ●

NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS?

Please correct your name and address as necessary on page 16, clip it out and mail it to: AACHS, P.O. Box 26580, Philadelphia, PA 19141-6580. *Be sure to include your email address.* ●

AND NOW, THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE

by Steve Chappell, 209
Co-editor, The Alumni Journal
Vice President, AACHS

Oscar night? No. The envelope I'm referring to is the one that is included in your copy of the *Journal*. The Alumni Association hopes you will enclose in it a donation so that AACHS can continue to support the students of Central High School. Supporting these kids is, after all, the major reason for the existence of the Association. All CHS alumni have been beneficiaries of a Central education; we ask that you now take on the mantle of benefactors.

In my "maiden" editorial column for the *Journal*, I wrote that I was asked some years ago to serve on the AACHS Development Committee and that I was told at the first meeting I attended: "Steve, you have to keep in mind—it's all about the kids." That was, and remains, a significant statement; most alumni associations are all about the alumni.

In the years since, I have had no reason to question that the Alumni Association is all about the kids, and will always be all about the kids, and I wholeheartedly believe that is the way it should be.

How committed is AACHS to the kids? As one example, the recently graduated 274th class received from the Alumni Association 225 scholarships, prizes or awards with a dollar value approaching \$200,000. A recent 5K run put on by the Association generated money for the "kids." Alumni volunteers have staffed the Barnwell Library in the absence of librarians, staffed the phones in the school office, have participated in Career Day, taught classes, and generally been available to help where needed. Do we need even more commitment from even more alumni? In a word, yes! In three more blatant words—we need money! We need money to continue to serve Central and its students.

Are these "kids" worth it? In a word, yes! A listing of colleges at which the 274 class members will matriculate is an excellent example of their achievements; many will attend highly regarded colleges or universities with stringent acceptance criteria. A chronicling of all of the outstanding student achievements would take many pages.

Back to the envelope. Please consider returning it with a donation. If snail mail is not your thing, we'd be happy to accommodate you with the ability to donate via our website—centralhighalumni.com. If you have some other preference, we'll find a way to comply. Stealing from a well known tag line, please JUST DO IT!

Thank you. ●

LANCER HELPS BUILD A BETTER PHILADELPHIA — AND A BETTER FOOTBALL TEAM

by Yvonne Davis, 246
Corresponding Secretary, AACHS

If most people make a mistake at work they can just shake it off and hope to do better the next day. With **Jameel Worthy's** job as a tower crane operator, "there's no such thing as a mistake in a tower crane. If I make a mistake I'll be in the newspaper." The June 2013 Salvation Army thrift store collapse at 22nd and Market Streets in Philadelphia shows that's no flippant remark.

Now working on his seventh assignment as a tower crane operator, just a few blocks away from that thrift store disaster that killed six people, Worthy (250) is both energetic and focused.

He has just come in to work on the second of three planned Comcast towers in downtown Philadelphia. Construction is already in progress, but acclimating to the team is no problem for the former Lancers football safety. As a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 542, he knows many of the contractors who have been doing the excavating, foundation-setting and other tasks performed before a tower crane is needed at a construction site.

Standing 6'1" and donning a white, stickered hardhat, Worthy is easily spotted and happily greeted by a few guys he knows as he's being interviewed in front of the site. He points to a 50-something, gravelly-voiced colleague and says, "We worked together on two high rises. One of the other gentlemen I've known since he was in the boxing gym. My step-dad trained him when we were kids. He's going to be iron-worker raising foreman and I'll be working directly with him. He's the person I'll be talking to on the radio." Worthy and that foreman worked together on projects on City Avenue, and at 60th and Market Streets.

Construction work from job to job is essentially the same, and Worthy has been practicing his craft for 15 years. "As far as what has to be done, we're pretty much familiar with the processes of the industry," he says. "It's just about getting to know the guys you're working with and I've been around now where I got a pretty good reputation."

It's an interesting transition from majoring in political science at Morgan State University. Worthy says he studied political science not with the intention of pursuing the subject as a career but more to understand how the world works. The study has benefited him when he has served as lead engineer on projects. He credits his step-father with exciting him about tower-building in particular.

"When I was young, we'd be driving around and he would say, 'You see that building over there? I built that.' And I used to be yawning, like 'yeah, whatever,'" he says smiling. "Now I do the same thing."

Worthy started out as an apprentice—"yard dog", as they are called—and learned it all. "I knew that it was something that I wanted to do because I knew that it was a challenge. I like challenges I figured 50 percent of the people would be afraid of the height so that eliminates competition." Also, a lot of people are afraid of the responsibility, he says.

Now a proud father himself, Worthy is happy to be an inspiration not only to his three children and two step-children but to the next generation of Lancers as well. He has generously purchased equipment for Central's football team, and is spearheading an effort to get the players cool new uniforms for the 2016 season. "As a player, I always wanted to look good because I felt like if you look good, you felt good, and, if you felt good, you played good."

He has deep respect for the extra work scholar-athletes take on and attributes they demonstrate—accountability, teamwork, perseverance and mental toughness. "I want the [Central] kids to feel special because they are special. Central is known country-wide, world-wide as an academic powerhouse. I think when we have our men and women out representing us on the battlefield, so to speak, I think they should have the best of everything." 🍌



191—**Richard A. Sparks, PhD**, has been elected an Honorary Life Member of the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society. The conferring of Honorary Life Membership recognizes and honors a deserving Society participant. Equally important are the continuity of purpose, intent and corporate memory encouraged by the HLM designation, helping to assure the continuation of the highest motives and objectives that have always been present in the Society.

198—**Dr. Howard Rosenfeld** recently celebrated his 80th birthday at a grand party at Normandy Farms. Among the celebrants were lawyer classmates **Jack Rounick** and **Bernie Gross**.

198—The Philadelphia Emergency Fund Coalition and the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging honored **Arthur E. Helfand, DPM**, with its Bright Star of Aging Award. Presented on June 4 in Philadelphia, the award recognizes his long and distinguished career assisting and advocating for older adults on issues of proper foot health. Dr. Helfand is currently Vice Chair of the PCA Board of Directors and former Board Chair and treasurer.

208—AccuWeather founder, president and chairman, **Dr. Joel N. Myers** recently attended The Nantucket Project in Nantucket, Massachusetts. He was one of an estimated 500 global leaders including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair; David Gregory, former moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press"; economist Lawrence H. Summers; and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak.

The goal of this exclusive, invitation-only event was "to exchange challenging ideas, build strong relationships and share groundbreaking insights that build a better tomorrow and unlock the power of human potential."

The Nantucket Project is renowned as a "think tank and academy of learners." Topics were presented across a variety of formats—short speeches, videos, performances, and demonstrations—to share uniquely visionary business and social change insights.

211—**Bill Aron's** third book of photographs, *New Beginnings: The Triumphs of 120 Cancer Survivors*, has been published by Skyhorse Publishing. The book is available wherever books are sold and in Internet bookstores. A review appears at jewishjournal.com/books/article/cancer_obscure.

215—**David I. Grunfeld** reports the receipt of a remarkable birthday present from his brother, **Carl Grunfeld (222)**. It is a book published in 1864 entitled *The Union and the High School*, a 32-page volume listing all Central graduates who served in the Union Army. The list is by class number (including a few from the 1st Class), name, rank and mortality. The publisher was Crissy & Markey, Goldsmiths Hall, Library Street, Philadelphia. An ending statement notes that inquiries or additional contributions could be addressed to Nicholas H. Maguire, Principal, Southeast Corner, Broad and Green Streets, Philadelphia.

David has given a photocopy to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at their request, and he will also give one to the CHS Archives. Indeed a remarkable find!

216—**Alan N. Frankel** is a recipient of The Senior Corps of Pennsylvania Legacy Award and The RSVP Board of Directors President's Award. The Legacy Award reads, "Your actions reflect the strong foundation of values by which you live and demonstrate a commitment toward enhancing the lives of others, our community and our Commonwealth." The RSVP award is a special award presented periodically to individuals whose dedication to the RSVP principles of volunteerism over a significant period of time reflect a passion that goes beyond the call of duty. Alan has also recently been named to the Board of Directors of Wilmington College, his alma mater.

223—The Advanced Placement contingent of the **223** held a 50th anniversary reunion in April. The event concluded with a toast, of sorts, framed around a reading of *The Centralbury Tales*.

Editors' Note: See Poets' Corner, page 11.

225—**Albert Monillas, EdD**, invites any Central alum in the Scottsdale-Phoenix-Mesa, Arizona, area who would like get together for lunch or dinner to contact him at capemay@gmail.com. The invitation is in effect from late November to Mother's Day.

227—**Robert C. Master, MD, FACC**, announces his retirement from the Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group where he was an interventional cardiologist for over 30 years. In his honor, the cardiology department, located in Mountain View, California, has been named The Robert C. Master MD, FACC, Cardiovascular Center.

229—**Alan Budman**, former AACHS President, has been elected Vice President for Programs of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the organization of Conservative Jewish Clubs. Alan is an attorney in Abington, Pennsylvania.

230—The American College of Prosthodontists has given its Private Practice Award to **Joseph B. Breitman, DMD, MS, FACP**, for his "outstanding and substantial contributions to his specialty." The Award recognizes his offering advanced levels of dental care and his dedication to teaching dental students in local schools.

232—AACHS Board Member **Hon. John M. Younge** has been nominated by President Obama to fill a seat on the Federal District Court, Eastern District. John has served on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas since 1996.

237—**David Oh, Esq.**, Philadelphia Councilman at Large, was one of a number of Centralites running for elective office in primary elections in Philadelphia. **W. Wilson Goode, Jr. (241)** was also a contestant in the Democratic councilmanic primary. **Scott DiClaudio (241)** and **Leon Goodman (247)** ran in the Court of Common Pleas primary. Oh and DiClaudio were successful candidates as was **James Lander (246)** who was re-elected to the Arlington County, Virginia, school board.

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BOARD MEMBER CYNTHIA LEE (263) ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT TO CLASSMATE GREG LECH

by Merrill Freedman, 208
Co-editor, The Alumni Journal

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Cynthia for the *Journal* after she announced her engagement:

MF: You and I just met for the first time a few days ago, July 22nd, at our Board meeting. By my calculations, you became engaged just four days later. Was it a surprise?

CL: Greg proposed on July 26th. It was a surprise! He led me on a 19-game scavenger hunt and we were only on our fourth game when he proposed.

MF: You mentioned that your fiancé is a fellow 263 classmate. Do you remember the first time you met? Was it in class? Is so, which one?

CL: We met on the first day of school in advisory. Our last names are Lech and Lee — we sat next to each other at graduation. I recalled there was this cute guy in advisory that I sat next to on the first day. However, we were given assigned seats the following day and he ended up sitting at the end of the row and I was at the beginning of the row. Greg remembers me in high school more than I remember him. He said I was too busy socializing, but not with him.

MF: Did you know each other before meeting at Central?

CL: No, we did not know each other before Central.

MF: Since we just met, I know very little about you. Your career? Your fiancé's career? We normally run something we

call Meet Your Board Members. This is an excellent time to tell our readers something about yourself.

CL: Greg is a Fisheries Biologist for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. He graduated from Mansfield University with a Fisheries degree and attended Louisiana State University for his masters, where he received a degree in Aquaculture.



I am currently the Director of Catering for Sodexo Campus and Education on their National Bench. The "National Bench" is a program where Managers are asked to assist with the opening of new accounts. I was asked to assist with the opening of our largest campus account located in Stony Brook, New York! I am considering opening a catering and special events consulting firm, but I am still in the early phases of planning and research. Any advice from fellow alums is always welcomed!

MF: Cynthia, I've always thought of myself as lucky, and once again, having you on my committee and sitting next to you at the Board of Managers meeting, makes me, again, feel very lucky.

CL: I truly appreciate this statement, Merrill. I share that sentiment. The responses to my announcement have been nothing short of the Central spirit we all still hold for our fellow alums and "family" members! I love my CHS family, especially my AACHS family! 🍷

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF

to become a member of the Associated Alumni of Central High School of Philadelphia

Read about the exploits of former classmates in the *Alumni Journal*. Keep in touch with old friends. Support the efforts of the Alumni in improving the technology available to students and faculty, maintaining the appearance of the school, creating scholarships and prizes for graduates, and more!

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by Bruce Yasgur, 216



When the 216 matriculated in 1957, Central's all-male student population was, gender aside, about as diverse as you could find around Philly. Thanks to both women and recent immigrants, we've become a lot more diverse over time. But for all our differences, we've always made common cause: to achieve academic excellence in high school and beyond, and, ultimately, to pursue worthwhile careers and lives. Some of us have even gone on to make significant contributions to society, but that's a topic for Class Notes or, maybe, a future column.

For now, I'm thinking about how my student years with guys from so many different backgrounds, and my 20+ years back at Central teaching young men and women from even more varied orientations and backgrounds, prepared me for life in the larger world. By my 21st birthday, I'd spent a year at each of three different colleges, traveled on my own through the United States, Mexico, Europe and the Middle East; lived or spent significant periods of time in London, Florence, Istanbul and Israel; and worked as a dishwasher, a factory hand, a truck driver, a salesman, a performer and a sun-baked kibbutznik. In my mid-30s, I spent two more years abroad: first as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher in the UK; then on sabbatical, humping backpack and guitar through Europe, the Middle East, Northeast Africa and South and Southeast Asia, making memories, music and friends along the way. Between these events, I'd shared an aging mountaintop mansion with 12 other academics, a Vermont rental house with a fellow grad student from Kenya, and my West Philly Victorian with a gay couple.

Don't know whether I'd have been around so many fascinating blocks if I'd gone elsewhere, but it's always been clear to me that Central made a difference in my life. We were there to learn instead of goof off, to play as a team rather than fight each other, and, when the mood struck, to sing killer harmonies. I was motivated toward many of my own small achievements by the more impressive ones of my classmates. Some examples

were **Eddie Anderson's** athletic and all-around leadership in the face of his asthma, **Paul Williams'** grit as he negotiated his way to O&O through the ganglands of North Philly, **Laurence Salzmänn's** personal mission to Castro's new Cuba and artist **Phil Simkin's** daring nude on our senior class pin. I rediscovered my own Central identity the day I joined my football teammates to support our hoopsters, who were playing Olney at the east end of our common avenue. To us it was a friendly rivalry. To the unfortunately-named Trojans, however, our victory seemed an excuse for their troops to ambush us at the final buzzer. Though in the minority, we held our own, and returned to our Hilltop Haven the next day knowing that no matter where we came from or how we got there, our Central experience wrapped us in an invisible cloak of confidence as we ventured into the world.

Speaking of venturing into the world, check out some great shots of eagles and grizzlies and whales (Oh, my!) in **Don Mankin's** (213) July 24 *Adventure Geezer* blog posting (adventuretransformations.com/wordpress). Don is one of those guys who not only does what many of us would love to do, especially at our age, but has turned it into a way of life, if not an amazing way to make a living.

While you're at it, you can read my story of a hair-raising adventure in Wild Blueberry Land in the August issue of *Down East* magazine.

Chris Fried (255) ventures into the vagaries of world markets and does a great job every week of explaining how the whole thing works through his posting—S&P Weekly (linkedin.com/in/chrisfried)—to those who've expressed an interest. Chris' classmate, **Cheri De Vries Harrison**, ventured into the world of business some 12 years ago, when she founded her own personal/corporate service enterprise—Party.Paper. Personalities—while holding down a variety of full-time positions. Congrats and good luck growing your business, Cheri.

Have a venture or an adventure of your own to share? E me at byasgur216@gmail.com.

Beat Northeast! 🍷

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240—**Richard McIlhenny**, a REMAX Services realtor, has been named to the 2015 "Best of Trulia" list. The award recognizes agents based on 2014 sales and client reviews. Only the top 1% of agents receive this award. Also a 5-Star Award Winner by *Philadelphia Magazine* for the past five years, McIlhenny specializes in real estate sales in Chestnut Hill, Mt. Airy, Wyndmoor, East Falls and the surrounding areas. Contact Rich at (215) 275-6303 or mac88@aol.com.

243—Three of the "243 six," the first female CHS students, got together for a mini-reunion recently. Pictured

below are, left to right, **Jessica Bonn**, **Michele Hangley** and **Karen Seif**.



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ALMA MATTERS (CONTINUED)

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246—Yvonne Dennis shares this story from her classmate who is district manager of a large national company. The manager, interviewing a job applicant, asked her where she went to high school. The applicant said “Central.” Interest piqued, the manager, of course, said “Central?” pointed to himself and said, “246.” The applicant responded, “260.” Said the manager, “Well, this interview is over. I just need to see if we can find something that works for you.”

249—AACHS board member **Karima I.A. Bouchenafa** will be honored by the Association of Black Women in Higher Education as an outstanding chapter member at the association’s national conference in Chicago, October 14–16.

An English professor for more than 15 years, she is being celebrated for her “amazing contributions to the field of higher education” and to her fellow chapter members.

262—Thomas Dixon has designed the application ME.mory, a tool to be used as an artificial memory that can be accessed at any time and searched through instantly to recall an event in the user’s life that has been noted in the application. The application is being developed by Jumpbutton Studio. Beta testing is taking place currently; to become involved in the test, visit me.mory.jumpbuttonstudio.com/. Thomas’s blog is at esl101.com/blogs/memory-and-what-busy-summer.

263—Michael Birnbaum, PhD, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

265—Classmates **Marisa Block** and **Zachary Powers** were featured in the Old Academy Players recent production of Shakespeare’s comedy, *Twelfth Night*. Marisa portrayed Maria, a countess’s daring gentlewoman, while Zachary played Sebastian, the lost “twin” brother of protagonist Viola. Visit oldacademyplayers.org or call (215) 843-1109 for information about future productions.

271—Leyth Swidan, a senior at Pomona College, has been named a recipient of a 2015 Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship. Administered by the United States Department of State and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the Pickering Fellowships develop a source of men and women whose academic backgrounds fulfill the skill needs of the State Department and who are dedicated to representing America’s interests abroad. Selected in their junior year, Pickering Undergraduate Fellows receive financial support towards tuition and other expenses during the senior year at college and the first year of graduate study. Additionally, Fellows participate in one domestic and one overseas internship. Upon completion of their master’s degree, they commit to five years of service as a Foreign Service Officer. 🍀

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WRITERS’ CORNER

Carl David (225), a third generation Fine Art Dealer in his family-owned and operated gallery business—David David Gallery in Philadelphia—reports the launch of his latest book, *Waking Dreams; The Subtle Reality* (Motivational Press, July 2015). Carl notes that for many years he has been given the gift of experiencing waking dreams, and felt it important to share them. He posits that they come to those who are open to receiving them, often as a result of requesting a sign from a loved one who has passed. He shares many experiences he has had giving reassurances that we are not alone, and that we get messages and signs from the Universe and guidance through forces far greater than we understand.

Waking Dreams joins Carl’s *Bader Field; How My Family Survived Suicide* (Nightengale Press, 2008–2015) in dealing with the issue of coping with the suicide of a loved one. In *Bader Field*, he showed the devastation the act of suicide has on a family, and how his family survived it.

In addition to authoring his books, Carl has become a suicide prevention advocate. His goal is to enlighten people to things they may not be aware of and to let those on the edge of desperation know that they are not alone, that they are loved, and that there is hope for them. He wants to help those who have walked in his path, to let them know that we do survive.

Arthur S. Keyser, Esq. (185) is off on a new career. His play, *Before Steepletop*, which focuses on the career of poet Edna St. Vincent Millay, is a finalist in the Players Theatre New Play Festival in Sarasota, Florida.

Arthur has been in love with writing and the theater his whole life. Both his parents were born deaf, and they made reading and writing a key part of his upbringing. He put both skills to work in his corporate law practice in Philadelphia, but he always felt something was lacking. Getting involved in the Players Theatre with his wife when they retired to Sarasota in 2004 prompted him to become a playwright. He has now written 40 short plays and six full-length plays after initial encouragement from the theater troupe. The Players Theatre New Play Festival is invaluable to him and his playwrighting peers because it gets their work shown and, more importantly, gives them inspiration and tips to improve their writing.

Dr. Sheppard B. Kominars (192) reports he has just celebrated his 83rd birthday and that two of his books are now on Kindle—*Write For Life: Healing Body, Mind and Spirit Through Journal Writing* and *Portal Poems: Perspectives on Aging*. The latter has received many five-star reviews. Sheppard invites you to visit his antiquarian bookstore at goodsheppardbooks.com. 🍀

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198—The 7th Annual Florida Class Reunion will be held on February 14, 2016.

206—Class rep **Robert J. Stern** advises that the 60th reunion of the **206** is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2016. The class website, *206thclass.net*, includes photo albums, previous reunion programs, and a message board.

210—The **210** eschews reunion years in favor of birthday (of its members) celebrations. The 75th birthday celebration will be held on Saturday, November 29 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Further information, when available, will be published on the class website—*chs210.org*. Address pressing questions to **Paul Hirschman** at (856) 625-2167 or *phirschman@hotmail.com*.

212—The **212** is holding its 56th Reunion, a brunch, on Sunday, October 18 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Bala Golf Club, 2200 Belmont Avenue. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please make your check payable to 212 Class Alumni Committee and send it, as soon as possible, to **David Axelrod**, 451 Copper Beech Circle, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19027. David's phone is (609) 412-1214.

214—The Sheraton Society Hill at One Dock Street, will serve as the site of the 55th reunion of the **214** on October 9. A tour of Central will take place that afternoon. Contact **Stephen H. Green** at (215) 790-0100 or (215) 751-1290 for further information or go to *214chs.zoomshare.com*.

215—The 55th reunion of the **215** will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street. Contact class rep **Gerald Keane** at *gerrykean215@aol.com*.

225—The 50th reunion of the **225** will take place at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street (the former PSFS building), on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29, 2016. Dinner on Friday evening will be followed by a brunch on Saturday morning; there are plans for a golf outing. Details will follow.

Organizers would like to hear from you whether or not you plan to attend. Please send a note to **Paul Roseman** at *proseman225@comcast.net* or call **Jerry Rosenfeld** at (610) 306-2500. Hope to see you in 2016 and, to those who remember the Five's unique catchphrase: "Yamo!"

229—Please save October 16 for a 45th reunion at Maggiano's Little Italy, 1201 Filbert Street. More details will be provided when available.

230—The 45th reunion will be held on March 5, 2016 at the Swan Waterfall Room, 2015 South Water Street. Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M. Cost details will follow.

234—Class rep **Kevin Stepanuk** announces that the class will mark its 40 years since graduation with a weekend of activities, October 16 and 17.

On Friday, the 16th, a tour of Central and lunch will be offered. The following day, members will have cocktails and dinner at the Double Tree Hotel, 4509 Island Avenue. The cocktail hour begins at 5:00 P.M. with dinner to follow. Payment information will be provided in updates. Contact Kevin at *kevin.stepanuk@exeloncorp.com*.

239—The 35th reunion of the **239** will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17. Friday's program will take place at CHS from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and will include a full tour of the school, lunch in the Spain Conference Center and a stop in the school store. Price is \$22.50 per person.

On Saturday, a dinner will be held at Popi's Italian Restaurant, 3120 South 20th Street, from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. (\$50 per person), followed by an after party at the New Wave Café, 3rd and Catherine Streets, *newwavecafe.com*. The New Wave is owned and operated by 239ers **Sam Lynagh** and **Nate Ross**.

Please make your check payable to CHS 239 and include your phone number and email address. Mail your payment by October 1 to: 239 Reunion, % **Rudy Cvetkovic**, 121 East Maple Avenue, Apartment B6, Langhorne, PA 19047-2164. For more information, contact Rudy at *rudychs@gmail.com* or at (267) 407-6572 or (267) 502-8610. More information appears on the 239's Facebook page at *facebook.com/groups/chs239*.

254—Save Friday, November 27 for the **254's** 20th reunion, which will be held from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. at Distrito Philadelphia, 3945 Chestnut Street.

Follow us on Instagram: @CHS254. Visit our website: *chs254.com* to update your contact information. Email **Debbie (Neff) Politano** at *reunion@chs254.com* with any questions.

259—The 15th reunion will be held on Saturday, November 28. Please contact **Jeff Goldberg** at *jeffgoldberg259@gmail.com* for further details.

264—The 10-year reunion of the **264** will be held at Reading Terminal Market on Saturday, November 28, 7:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. For information on purchasing tickets, please visit *facebook.com/Central264* or contact **Michael Segal** at *michaelsegal72@gmail.com*. 🍷

AACHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Career Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast and Game

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Winter Concert

TBA

Midwinter Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Annual Meeting

POETS' CORNER

Editors' Note: It seems reunions bring out the poet laureates of the reuniting class. Fiftieth reunions of the 224 and the Advanced Placement contingent of the 223 resulted in the following exquisite expressions of exquisite impressions.



The Colossus on the Hill

*When I first saw the colossus straddling the hill,
It seemed so frightening it gave me a chill.
With invincible concrete of public building style,
A solid white mass with red doors seen for a mile.*

*Behind the monolith were three wings of red brick,
Four marble-lined corridors of a tone that looked slick.
The edifice shaped like an 'E' I could discern.
Its shape was significant — I would soon learn.*

*Gone for two score and ten years, if I haven't erred,
It looks like the upkeep has been deferred.
The concrete looks dirty and the brick as well,
But superficial problems belie a still solid shell.*

*For inside the red doors some magic took place,
A transformation of mind and of grace.
I learned organization of time and space,
And ability to think clearly away from the human race.*

*Today's students are different from the 224;
Increased diversity helped the school more.
But there is only one standard that really counts:
Brilliance is the one and only standard that can't be trounced.*

*It does not matter your religion or race,
For brilliance is blind to your outer face.
It does not matter if you are rich or poor;
To the best and the brightest, Central has an open door.*

*They come from Mt. Airy, Fishtown and Oak Lane.
They come by bus, subway and train.
From Northeast, Wynnefield, Frankford and more,
And public transport takes them to the school's door.
'Tis not just the classics or sciences that call,
Nor the language or formulas put on the wall.
Nay, these can also be taught at any high school,
And can be memorized by any young fool.*

*It is the approach to knowledge that is unique:
A multi-dimensional mental process that is so sleek.
To reason and cross-reason, that is the question,
And to glean new angles without mental indigestion.
Awaiting their arrival are the doctors of knowledges,
With PhDs and masters from the best colleges,
They await the students to challenge their mettle,
For, except for the absolute best, they will not settle.*

*For what sets this building apart from all others,
Is what is taught here to all of us brothers (and now sisters):
The ability to think, reason, adapt and thrive;
To grow and be strong — not just survive.*

*Now, I know why the edifice was designed like an 'E':
It is to multiply the magic for all of us to see;
To imprint each student with that mystical force,
For the 'E' stands for Excellence — Excellence of course!*

Stanley Fogel, 224



223-A: Front (left to right): Ken Barmach, Bob Thomas, Danny Safer (with Alan Goldberg on Skype), Lester Adler; Middle: Fred Kochman, David P. Rose, Steve Berger, Alan Freedman, Phil Arkow; Rear: Dave Freiman, Ed Kopf, Ed Hoffman, Russ Vernon-Jones, Jeff Harris, Mark Cohen

The Centralbury Tales (Redux)

*When that April, with its showers sweet,
Doth cause fine gentlemen to meet,
From Central's shelt'ring portals wide,
They come to share alumni pride.*

*They come from here, they come from there,
And meet off Rittenhouse's Square,
To share their lives since cast away
From Central's Two Twenty-three A.*

*They come to see how life's made sense
With twists and turns five decades hence,
And what adventures forth did spill
From that proud fortress on the hill?
Where are they now, these fair-hair'd lads?
Loners and losers? Scoundrels and cads?
No! They hath justly made their mark,
And brought light into worlds of dark.
Content not just to take up space,
They hath made the world a better place.*

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IN MEMORIAM

Editor's note: *The Journal* simply reports the death of alumni without further comment on their passing or their achievements in life.

Some alumni have achieved great fame and recognition, others less so. Many have been memorialized in a highly public manner, others more privately. We choose to note and honor the passing of all by the common tie that binds here—they were graduates of Central High School. We need only their name and class number to tell us so.

165—Bernard J. Archer
 165—Tobian Edwin Silverstein, MD
 168—Samuel Cosby
 169—Bernard Uhr
 170—Alfred Ralph Guaraldo
 174—Isadore Hoffman
 177—Dr. Irving Arno
 177—George H. Love, Sr., PhD
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Faculty—Debra S. Cooperstein

ESTABLISHMENT OF GRADUATION AWARD IN MEMORY OF FACULTY MEMBER DEBRA COOPERSTEIN

Several CHS faculty members are interested in establishing a graduation award in memory of art teacher Debra Cooperstein, who passed away this spring. Please make your check payable to Central High School, and note "Cooperstein Art Award" in the memo. Mail your check to the school at 1700 West Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141. 📧

TAKE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE!

The restoration of the fire-damaged school auditorium is complete, and many alumni have availed themselves of the opportunity to dedicate the new, upholstered seats. Opportunities remain to dedicate a seat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" family or individuals you wish to honor. Classes can organize and purchase entire rows. A brass plate will memorialize each dedication. Seats are available for a \$300 tax-deductible donation per seat. Please use the form on this page, or donate at centralhighalumni.com. 📧

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FACULTY HALL OF FAME

Teachers make a life long impact upon their students, especially at Central, where some unique individuals throughout time have served on the faculty. Central alumni throughout their lives recall the erudition, idiosyncrasies, and lessons of those who taught them so many years ago. It is even possible to realize, years later, that a certain teacher, once taken for granted, was really an important shaping force in one's personal and intellectual development.

Accordingly, in 1989, through the generosity of the 199th class, the Associated Alumni created a Faculty Hall of Fame, located on the 3rd floor outside the cafeteria. Each plaque contains a portrait and discussion of its subject. The number of plaques has grown from an original five to twenty-two as of the present writing, with more to be added in the future. The Hall of Fame Committee meets periodically to consider new inductions. Some of the committee are themselves past or present Central faculty members. In the years between meetings, recommendations are sought from graduates everywhere for consideration, and a thoughtful selection process takes place.

All who pass through the school should go to view the plaques, for they reveal a significant part of Central's heritage.

Thaddeus Gorecki	French	Harry Boris	Science
Joseph W. Pennypacker	English	Benjamin Lacy	Science
Elliott Lester	English	James Gilmore	English
William M. Disharoon, 133	English	E. Rowland Hill	Mathematics
Adolph Caplan	History	Francois T. Raska	French
Gerald C. Hamm	English	Milton Brooks	Mathematics
Berton Barsky	English	William Brooks	Science
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GO LANCERS!

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The Alumni Association's Class Representatives Committee strives to maintain contact with every class through its designated representative. In order to ease our administrative burden, we ask each class to designate just one person to serve as the official liaison between the class and the Association.

The Association has launched an effort to confirm the suitability and dedication of every rep, new and existing. As a result, several changes and vacancies have occurred. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, or if you would like to apply for or recommend someone for a vacant rep position, please email the Alumni Association at alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com. If email is not an option, please call (215) 927-9550. If you would like to contact your class rep, please email the Alumni office in care of her or his name. (Email addresses are not shown here in order to avoid their being harvested by spammers.) Note that the current class reps list begins with the 181st Class; for reps for prior classes, please contact us. 

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ARTISTS' CORNER

Philip F. Kaufman (208) has been metal sculpting as his avocation since 1972, and since his retirement as an aerospace engineer, it has become his full time profession.

Phil's sculptures range from small, whimsical pieces such as cats and animals, to contemporary interpretations and commissioned work for organizations and private collectors.

"Steel is my typical medium," Phil says, "because I enjoy forging and shaping the cold, rigid material while creating new forms and bringing them to life. The creation of sculptures with a natural basis, inviting to touch and life-related is my goal."



Above: *The Gathering*
Right: *Reflections*
Below: *Joy*



Gene Samuelson (208) lives in Amagansett, New York, where his carefully observed renderings of beaches, city scenes, homes and gardens capture the essence of his subjects, and makes them special to artists and viewers alike.



Urban



Montauk, New York



Floral

In addition to making art for his own pleasure and for exhibition, Gene creates garden and house portraits by commission under the name "HomeScapes," preserving locations that are meaningful to his clients. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Artists Alliance of East Hampton.

Now retired, Gene has been an art director, director, executive producer and creative director at ad agencies and production companies. Following Central, Gene graduated from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. 🍷

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POETS' CORNER (CONTINUED)

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*For four long years, we gathered there
(All dumber than the average chair),
And raised our hands with youthful answers,
And cared not for the team called Lancers!
For we were busy making grades,
And reading novels long for Cades,
And writing papers long for Cades,
And cringing at the fear of Cades.
So scared by the Merciless,
We dorks and dtweebies were oft redress'd.*

*Our books we'd read, our notes we'd hoard,
And study for the College Boards,
And jump through hoops, for better or worser,
For Lucash, Soslow, Mulloy and Sherzer,
And Warshaw's algebraic inspirations
(and the Marquis of Queensbury and Associated Railroad
Stations).
We danced to the elite college tune
Of SATs and Disharoon.*

*We lived the era well sung by
Don McLean's American Pie.
For in there we were all in one place,
A generation Lost in Space.
In lives that Dylan soon foretold,
We never much thought we would get very old.
Nor could we imagine in those days of yore,
That people would still need us when we were 64.
But here we are, not quite ready for the rockers,
But still — just a bunch of alter kakers.*

*Who would have guessed, back then in school,
That this motley crew — class clowns, cool,
Jocks and jokers, smiths of words,
Science wizards, nebbishes and nerds —
Would reach renown, fortune and fame,
And make of their fair selves a name,
As doctors, lawyers, company chiefs,
Architects, publishers, espousers of beliefs,
In many brave trajectories
(With a goodly host of Ph.D.'s)?*

*Fair bless'd were we with faculty
Of wisdom and idiosyncrasy,
Who shaped our intellectual drive,
Made arcane subjects come alive.
They drilled us deep, we fledgling men.
With things we never, ever thought we'd need to know again.
As we upheld school legacy,
(And crammed some more for the SAT),
In science, language, arts and math,
They sent us on our forward path.*

*And so to them we raise a toast,
And honor those who influenced us most.
They mentored us to find our way
To be the leaders here today.
To mold young boys into fine young men,
And so, to them we say again:
We may be fatter, old and grey,
But we'll always be 223-A!*

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