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Annual Alumni Dinner Meeting

Monday, June 3 • 5:30 p.m.

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel
1 Dock Street

Guest Speaker

Joshua D. Shapiro

Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

See page 15 for ticket information.

Joshua D. Shapiro, Chair of the Montgomery County (PA) Commissioners, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Alumni Dinner Meeting on June 3 at the Sheraton Society Hill.

Shapiro, whose father is **Dr. Steven Shapiro (225)**, is a 39-year-old public servant who has served in various capacities at three levels of government and has earned a reputation as a reformer, a visionary, an effective legislator and a can-do executive.

He was elected Montgomery County Commissioner in 2011 and was sworn in and elected to chair the three-member Board on January 3, 2012. He was the highest vote-getter for the office of County Commissioner in the history of Montgomery County, the third largest county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a population of 800,000 residents. His efforts to review and reconstruct county government from top to bottom have won him praise from Democrats and Republicans alike, as well as from outside organizations and media outlets.

Prior to his election as commissioner, he represented the 153rd Legislative District in the State House for seven years. Shapiro got his start in public service as a Congressional staffer in Washington, DC, and, by age 25, he had become a Congressional Chief of Staff, at the time the youngest person on Capitol Hill serving in that role.

A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Rochester with a law degree from Georgetown University, Shapiro is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and is of counsel to Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young. He resides in Abington Township with his wife, Lori, and their four young children.

Notice of Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections, **Hon. Denis Cohen (228)**, chairman, presents the following nominations for positions on the Alumni Board of Managers. The election will be held at the annual meeting on June 3 at 6:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, 1 Dock Street, Philadelphia.

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Meet Your Board Members

The Alumni Board of Managers is the governing body of the Associated Alumni of Central High School. In this issue, we profile:

The Honorable Denis P. Cohen, 228

A Board member since 2006 and Chair of the Board's Nominating Committee, Judge Cohen received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his JD from Boston College Law School. He became a Common Pleas Court Judge for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania following his nomination by Governor Tom Ridge in October 2000. He was elected to a 10-year term in November 2001, and was retained for another 10-year term in 2011.

One of his avocations is a long-standing involvement in community affairs. Currently, he is the co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Professional Responsibility Committee and a board member, vice presidential nominee and parliamentarian of Main Line Reform Temple. Because he must love the thrill of alumni board meetings, the Judge is also a board member of the Boston College Law School Alumni Association, having served as its president in 2010.

Judge Cohen is the proud 2011 recipient of the Stanford Shmukler Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section (of which he was a co-chair in 2010). The award is given for service in the spirit of the "Dean of the Criminal Bar," **Stanford Shmukler (188)**. Many Central alumni will remember Stan as the dedicated editor of this *Alumni Journal* and a member of Central's Board of Managers for many years.

Judge Cohen is a widower with an 11-year-old son who loves all sports and drama. A non-gifted athlete himself, Denis achieved such great athletic triumphs as making the freshman table tennis team (every applicant made the team). Understanding that he was not the next Willie Mays, Johnny Callison or even Joe Koppe, he decided that if he couldn't play it he would write about it and, as a senior, took on the lofty post of Assistant Sports Editor of *The Centralizer*. Showing prescience, his first article was entitled "Why Not Girl Cheerleaders?"

Judge Cohen feels that his academic and collegial experience at Central was extraordinary and paved the way for college and law school. He joined the Board to work towards maintaining and enhancing Central's excellence, enriching the students' academic and collegial experience and bringing together its fabulous alumni. In his words, "It has been a wonderful journey."

David R. Kahn, 220

David Kahn is a very familiar name (and face) to large numbers of alumni for a number of reasons. He is the immediate past president of the AACHS (actually, he has served four one-year terms), the current AACHS Historian and Archivist, a regular contributor to *The Alumni Journal* and a member of the Board of Managers since 1998. David also sits on numerous Board committees.

David is a West Oak Lane/Mt. Airy product who was president of Central's radio station, WRCI—the Radio Workshop (predecessor to today's Central Broadcast News, the school's television station). He attended Penn State and moved ultimately to the position of vice-president of Smith-Edwards-Dunlap Company, a more than 100-year-old commercial printer in Philadelphia.

David returned to Central in 1991 to do research in the archives for a second yearbook for his class reunion and to heed the call of Dr. Pavel (which he did then and does now heartily endorse) to come back and give back to the school. He became involved with advising the editors and staff of *The Mirror* and *The Centralizer* on

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Association President's Message

Harvey Steinberg, 209
President, AACHS

ART, ART, ART. I must talk about what has happened in the years during my presidency, and a few years before, with regard to art. We have been gifted by alumni with works of art that have helped to decorate Central and the gifts keep coming.

Hanging in the Spain Conference Center is a series of prints and lithographs received from an alumnus. The pieces are from Works Projects Administration (WPA) projects. They are contemporaneous with the construction of our current (fourth) building which was completed in 1939, toward the end of The Great Depression. **Bernie Spain (198)** and I had them framed and hung to help finish the room.

Sigmund Balka (198) has been exceptionally generous with gifts of art. He has placed wonderful oils, watercolors and prints in the Spain Center, the Faculty Lounge and other areas of the school. More recently, after we helped to refinish the auditorium, Sig donated more than 35 lithographs, tempera and drawings that are beautifully hung toward the front of both sides of the auditorium near the stage. This is a marvelous contribution that truly beautifies Central.

My uncle, Ed Bernstein, and my brother, **Chuck Steinberg (221)**, donated five very large oils by a Mexican artist. These are hanging outside the Spain Center and in the faculty lounge. A very large oil/construction is placed in the cafeteria. I wonder if the students who are devouring their lunches see and appreciate this piece by Joseph Amarotico.

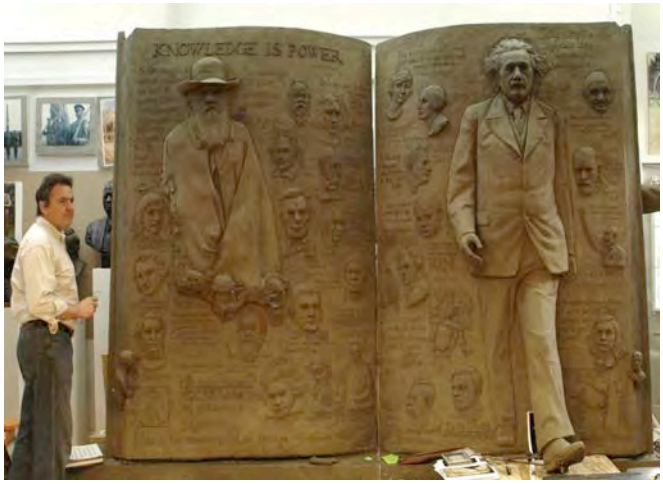
Stephen M. Talasnik, BFA, MFA (231), a renowned artist/sculptor in New York, donated two of his fabulous large charcoal pieces of flowers and designs. These are mounted on the outside of the Spain Center.

Magnificent examples of African and Oceanic art, some going back to the 5th century, can be seen in and around the Spain Center and the library and at other sites around the school. This outstanding collection of over 450 pieces has been presented to Central by **David C. Rilling, MD (209)** and his wife Karina.

Of course, we have the collection of "Presidents," highlighted by the **Thomas Eakins** oil of John Seely Hart, second president of our school. The portrait was commissioned by John Story Jenks.

You must visit and see all of these works.

Now, the *piece de resistance*. This spring we will take possession of a very large sculpture entitled "Knowledge is Power," created by the world-renowned artist and sculptor Zenos Frudakis. The bronze piece, depicting great historic figures ascending from the pages of an open book, measures 15 by 12 feet and weighs almost 2 tons. It was gifted to us by Dr. Francesca Cottone Shaughnessy, who commissioned the sculptor to create a work that would inspire the enjoyment of learning. We will place the sculpture just outside the north entrance to the school where it will greet all visitors.



Left: Sculptor Zenos Frudakis in his workshop in 2011 preparing "Knowledge is Power." Right: Observing the bronzing process in February 2013 at the Laran Bronze Foundry in Chester, Pennsylvania, are Jason Austin, landscape architect; Brook Gardner, construction; Ben Walsh, CHS Art Department; Zenos Frudakis, sculptor; Dick Prinz (212), Past President, AACHS; Harvey Steinberg (209), President, AACHS; and Tim McKenna, President, CHS. Not shown is the benefactor, Francesca Cottone Shaughnessy.

Does Our Mailing List Need Updating?

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Editors' Message

Merrill Freedman, 208
Steve Chappell, 209
Editors, The Alumni Journal

One of the privileges of assembling *The Journal* is that we get to preview the many accomplishments of our fellow alumni as their stories are passed along to us. But there is also the sadness and, indeed, the frustration we confront as we compile the too long list of alumni who have passed away. It can be said that all of those named In Memoriam led productive lives and some will be the subject of multiple biographies. In our *Journal* their names and class numbers will appear like all others. How can we not write about these very special people? How can we not dedicate an entire issue to one individual? Such is our frustration. You will recognize some names and, if you were to type them into your computer, you would see long lists of accomplishments and, finally, the obituary.

So why do we acknowledge these people only by a name and class number? Because we view them equally with every other graduate of Central High School—no more, no less—regardless of what they did or did not do.

As our numbers continue to grow, future editors of *The Journal* will be faced with the same frustrations. *The Alumni Journal* stays true to its name; it is about the alumni. But while our association is about us, we are about the kids of this and future generations. **Chuck Steinberg (221)** once referred to them as "the magnificence that walks the halls of our school." Older alumni should take some time to come back, come back other than when it's reunion time, and walk the halls with the students of today. Hear them speak and laugh and worry. Look at them and wonder which of them will become alumni about whom much will be written, about whom future *Journal* editors will feel frustration. Which of them will someday be in our Hall of Fame? All of them will make you proud to be an alum of Central High School.

From the CHS President

Timothy J. McKenna
President, Central High School

There have been many "firsts" for me this year. The school spirit that I experienced from our students and alumni at my first Thanksgiving Day football game made me proud to be affiliated with our school. My first honors convocation, where we celebrated the academic achievements of the 272nd graduating class, demonstrated to me the commitment our students have made to their academic careers. My first public league championship in wrestling inspired me. I witnessed our team defeat Northeast in a thrilling match, 31–28. Our athletes won the final seven matches to capture our first championship in wrestling since 1996. My first "International Day," coordinated by staff, student leaders, parents and members of our alumni association, demonstrated the cohesiveness of our school's stakeholders. I am excited that the "firsts" will continue over the next few months as I come closer to the end of my first year as the new president of Central High School.

Central is truly unique. There are few places in the world where all members of a community strive for greatness. The students are motivated to become productive members of society and expand their horizons academically by enrolling in rigorous Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate core and elective courses. They work together to create special events that reflect their passion for Central. Students grow socially by joining cultural clubs and learn to celebrate differences. Our athletic programs are flourishing. Students participate and enhance the lives of others through community service. Their level of commitment moves me.

My days are filled with wonderful interactions with members of the Central High School community. You should know that the current members of our staff and our student body are committed to continuing the great legacy of Central High School. The traditions that have been put in place are guarded and will continue to be honored. I invite all members of the alumni association to visit Central. On *centralhigh.net* you can explore our current events calendar. The doors are always open to members of the alumni to participate in special events or to just visit and tour our school. Go Lancers!

International Day 2013 — Around the World in One Day

Our school has evolved into a wonder of diversity that is on display each year on International Day. Alumni who have participated in the event as students or those who have come back to see and experience the excitement cannot help but feel pride in this student-run event.

International Day each year shows that Central is less a melting pot than a wonderful stew, where the pieces are identifiable yet blend together to make the whole better than it would otherwise be. Feel the cheers in the auditorium as each culture puts its pride of heritage on display. Choose carefully when sampling some of the 700 different ethnic foods brought to school by students. For this part of International Day, leave your own favorites aside, and sample dishes you might never otherwise experience. This entire event is something you would, most likely, never experience elsewhere. Consider attending next year's event. Photos of this year's event appear on page 6.

Column B

by Bruce Yasgur, 216

An alliterative "Aloha" to a local literary landmark and last location of a longtime liberal legend.

Our lead story features intrepid word monger **Larry Robin (214)** of Philly's famous—at times infamous—Robin's Books. (Thanks to Larry's classmate **Ray Tumarkin** for drawing our attention to this story and to *"Inky"* writer Stephan Salisbury for the historical details.)

Larry's grandfather founded the store at 11 North 11th Street in 1936. It moved to 6 North 13th Street in 1960 and to 108 South 13th Street in 1981. A second store opened at 1837 Chestnut Street in the 1970s. In the wonderful world of shrinking books, the final store closed last December.

Robin's was a haven for readers of all persuasions, but was best known for its progressive stance in the literary world as a defender of free speech, defying book bans and right-wing critics, and for daring to compete with the behemoths, many now fallen, like Encore and Borders.

If it was in print, Robin's had it or would get it for you. As a Spring Garden resident, I frequented the Chestnut Street store and often found Larry there, always friendly and helpful. Recently, Janice and I stopped at Larry's last location and found him chatty, friendly and as impassioned as ever. At 70, Larry has redirected his attentions from jousting with giants to pursuing his other passions of poetry and history with the Moonstone Arts Center. Visit *www.moonstoneartscenter.org* to find out more.

On the subject of worthwhile reading, my classmate **Laurence Salzmann's** latest work, *Turkey's Sephardim: Another Look*, will be on exhibit at the Gershman Y until April 14th. Good reason to get your tax return done early. Another incentive to catch the show or the book for those of us who struggle with small print is that the focus of Laurence's work is the photographs. On a related, but sad, note, our classmate **Brian Zahn** lost his battle with cancer in October. When I visited Brian at HUP last summer, he gave me copies of some of the books that he had written, published, and/or inspired, and asked me to look them over and get back to him. He always had a few projects in mind and enjoyed collaborating with others. I feared the worst when my e-mail bounced back. You may know of Brian's arty Woodstock-era rag-mag *Yarrowstalks*, Philadelphia's original underground oracle—I bet you could find it at Robin's—as well as his many contributions to art, literature and thought over the years.

While we're in the world of aesthetics, thanks to **Rick Snyderman (202)** for updating us on son **Evan's (247)** R 20th Century Gallery, recently named one of the world's top 100 design galleries by *Art and Auction Magazine*. BTW, Snyderman Works and Snyderman Gallery, which Rick and wife Ruth moved from South Street to Old City a few years ago, ain't too shabby either.

On Thanksgiving weekend, Janice and I were delighted to join my former students, along with colleagues **Bill Brooks** and **Herb Zimmerman**, at the 30th reunion of the **241**. Thanks to **Scott DiClaudio** and crew for organizing the event and extending the invitation. Talk about Boyz 2 Men! These guys (last class before the girls arrived) morphed from the "Bargain Basement (two for one!) Mob" to what might be described as a gentleman's club, in the best sense. The years passed, but the caring and respect for one another, and between students and teachers, never faded. Too many of you to name, but it's evident that our bonds are as strong and steadfast as Mt. Fuji. As I reflect on those heady days and the relationships that gave them substance, I have to say that teaching at Central aroused the greatest professional passion in my life. Thanks to all of my students for that, not least the men of the 241.

After a 10-year hiatus from formal education, **Nick Staich (255)** graduated Magna cum Laude from Temple University with double major honors in International Business and Legal Studies. Even though it took him a while to get going, Nick believes that Central was the catalyst behind his success, that his high school courses ignited his passions, and that his teachers helped him foster accountability to himself to develop his talents. Here's to learners like Nick and to teachers who give a damn! Keep paying it forward. Sometimes it comes back.

Got something to share? Did someone or something at Central inspire you? What's your passion? Drop me a line at *byasgur216@gmail.com*.

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Meet Your Board Members

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how to create and prepare electronic files for the printing process. He then became the printer for *The Mirror* and, later, *Mosaic*, a multi-cultural offering.

David can claim another presidency. For 25 years (1973–1997), he was active in the East Abington Little League as Chief Umpire and President.

Married to Jessica Lobel Kahn for over 42 years, David is blessed with two wonderful sons and two marvelous grandchildren.

David finds it very special and extremely rewarding to be a representative for all the alumni in the school, to be able to speak to students in large assemblies, in the classroom setting, small groups in halls, and one on one. He is "constantly amazed at how sharp and 'quick on the uptake' the young men and women of Central are."

Sophia Lee, Esq., 249

Sophia is Chief Counsel in Litigation at Sunoco, Inc., where she manages a portfolio of nationwide litigation including commercial, environmental, insurance, personal injury, product liability, property damage and toxic tort matters. She is also involved in developing litigation, e-discovery and information governance policies and best practices. In addition, she holds an adjunct faculty position at Temple University's School of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

A recipient of a B.A. in English from Cornell University, she received her J.D. and L.L.M. from Temple University's Beasley School of Law, where she was a member of the Temple Law Review and the Moot Court Honor Society.

Sophia is active in her profession and in the community. She serves as Secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association, as an executive committee member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania and as co-president of the Philadelphia Diversity Law Group. A vice chair of the Mayor's Commission on Asian American Affairs and a board chair for the Asian Arts Initiative, she also serves on the boards of the Philadelphia Education Fund, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program and the Women's Law Project.

As if her legal activities weren't enough, she co-owns, with chef-husband Michael O'Halloran, Bistro 7, a modern French bistro located in Philadelphia's Old City.

Sophia views service on the Board of Managers as her small way of giving back to a community that welcomed her (not that long ago) and that has helped to shape who she is today. "I am so grateful for the experience I had at Central, where excellence, academic achievement, diversity and inclusion, civic engagement and community service were all principles embraced and celebrated by the administration and the student body. In fact, Central was the first school I attended where I could proudly be who I was and not be bullied for being Asian-American, as I was in the schools I had previously attended."

By serving on the AACHS Board of Managers, Sophia hopes to have a positive influence on the student experience at Central. She desires to engage a more diverse group of Central alumni to participate in the Alumni Association and to "pay it forward" to the Central community that we were all a part of and that remains a part of us.

Hyman Lovitz, Esq., 187

Hy has been a member of the Board of Managers since 1965 and was President of the Associated Alumni from 1972 to 1976. He is an attorney, a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the Beasley School of Law of Temple University. During his over-50-year career as a Philadelphia lawyer, he has been engaged in private practice and is one of the pioneers in the development of the specialized field of employment law. He is currently of counsel to The Lovitz Law Firm.

During his term as president of the Alumni Association, Hy initiated the Central High School Hall of Fame for distinguished graduates. The first initiation, chaired by our current president, **Harvey Steinberg (209)**, was held in 1973 at the Franklin Institute. Harvey, as a young man, was placed in that position because of Hy's policy of encouraging younger graduates to participate in alumni affairs.

As chair of the Student Affairs Committee, he reorganized the Alumni Prizes and Endowments Funds and established the Alumni Scholarship, which has been awarded annually since its inception. He also created the Career Guidance program, still in existence and now greatly enhanced. Under his leadership, during a difficult economic period, the Alumni Association was successful in preventing the relegation of Central to a neighborhood school, a result of which would have been the abolition of the awarding of the B.S. degree and Central's right to have a President as head of the school. Need evidence of more dedication? Hy is the Class Rep for the 187th class, which recently held its 65th reunion at the Union League in Philadelphia.

In addition to his work with the Alumni Association, Hy has authored numerous articles in the field of employment law and also authored *The Beasley Scholar: Reviewing a Remarkable Gift* (Philadelphia Law Journal, Fall 2001). In it, he reviewed the gift given to Temple Law School by Philadelphia lawyer James E. Beasley, a gift of such magnitude that Temple honored Beasley by renaming the law school after him. Hy has been a trustee of the Glaucoma Service Foundation at the Wills Eye Institute for the past 10 years and is an avid photographer who has won numerous awards for his work.

"We Get Letters" (and E-mails)

To: The Editor

I. Re the Central-Southern game, won without scoring any extra points: Central had the best team in the league for three years, but because of three failed PATs, and the league being split into divisions one year, we won nothing.

II. ***Harry Gelman's*** *name in the In Memoriam listing reminded me of the 1951 City Champion CHS track team (of which I was the manager) and on which Harry ran high hurdles. He fell during the championship race, but picked himself up and finished fourth, giving us enough points to win the league.*

Ellis Lesack (196)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

To: Steve Chappell

Great job on The Journal*! Your article on* ***Wesbury*** *was of interest as "Uncle Joe" was also our advisor on the 194th's yearbook. Of those kneeling in the photo, I am second from the left. I do not remember Wesbury on the team, but he was in 195th. I wanted you to know that you and Merrill are doing a superb job.*

Frank Johnson (194)

To: All CHS brothers and sisters

Greetings. I was in the 190th class, as my license plate (190CHS) advertises. My father, ***Jacob Jacobson****, was in the 136, but did not graduate. My brother* ***Stan*** *was in the 181, my son* ***Eric*** *in the 230. The best friends I have ever had were classmates — **Art Kramer** and **Larry Jacobson** (both deceased), and **Allen Steinberg, MD** (whom I still try to beat on the golf course).*

Central was the best and most interesting four years of my life. One memory is of practicing German with German prisoners of war stationed at the armory next door. I was an average student, but an above average ballplayer. In 1949, the Washington Senators signed me up and sent me to San Angelo, Texas to play for the San Angelo Colts. The owner of the team used to call me "the Jew." To say the least, they didn't give me much of a chance, but I went on to do what I should have done; I went to Temple, then Temple graduate school (sociology) and then, in my 30s, to Hahnemann Medical School for five years. I became a clinical psychologist.

Now I am a retired widower. After teaching at Penn State for 20 years, I opened up an antique/collectibles store nine years ago. I invite all to share memories at my store at 251 Keswick Avenue in Glenside or to phone me at (215) 680-4193. I am now 82 and Central is still a part of me. My yearbook picture is posted in my store. Love to all.

Dr. Milton Jacobson (190)
Glenside, Pennsylvania

To: Editor (copy of my e-mail to a classmate)

As I read through the recent edition of our Alumni Journal, I could not help but reflect on what Central High meant to me and its significance in my life.

I started with the 188th class, but scarlet fever set me back whereby I graduated with the 189th. I was told not to participate in competitive athletics, but did go on to play at West Nottingham Academy in West Chester, PA, and in the service.

A gym teacher, I was able to transfer to Central in 1962, and what a thrill to be standing in front of a class where I sat as a student. Further, I was asked to sponsor the 224th class which truly was a memorable, delightful experience. What great young people!

In 1966, I was appointed department head/athletic director at Gratz High School, and held that position there, at Washington and at Bok until I retired in 1988. During that time, ***Marv Domsky*** *and I developed two nationally recognized children's summer day camps — Willow Grove and Tall Pines. I offer this (career note) because I truly believe I owe it all to my tenure at Central.*

Harold (Howie) Zeitz (189)
Boynton Beach, Florida

To: The Editors

Thanks for including my letter in the fall Alumni Journal*. Aside from the fact that the 197 got some play, this was an excellent edition. I read it from cover to cover. Congratulations on helping to produce an outstanding piece of work.*

Robert M. Cohan (197)
Highland Beach, Florida

To: The Editor

The sense of pride and good fortune that I felt upon graduating from Central with the 184th was, I'm certain, shared by us all.

From our earliest reunions to this day, my "claim to fame" was being the first in our class to marry. My bride, Zelda, was just 29 days my junior, and we were just 19 years old when we wed in November 1947. They tried to tell us we were too young, but we've been blessed with wonderful children, grandchildren and, thus far, one great-grandchild. In November 2012, our good fortune enabled us to celebrate our 65th wedding anniversary, surrounded by many of the people who have been a meaningful part of our lives.

I guess we were not "too young" at all.

Jack Kanoff (184)
Audubon, Pennsylvania

To: Alumni Association of Central High School

While I was at my dentist's office, I picked up a copy of Philadelphia Magazine *and noted the ratings of high schools in the Philadelphia area. I wrote a letter about it to* ***Ed Benoff****, our class representative, but it came back.*

Stuart Wesbury*, who had an article about him in* The Journal*, was one of my classmates in the 195.*

After my graduation, I worked as an office boy, an accounting clerk, an accounts payable employee of three firms, five years in a CPA's office and, finally, as a revenue officer for IRS. I attended at night the Evening School of Accounts and Finances at the U of P, graduating with a certificate of proficiency with honors in 1956.

Today I live at Spring Mill Presbyterian Village, an assisted living facility, but I'm in the independent living unit at this time.

J. Ronald Klenk (195)
Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania

Class Notes

177—**Dr. Robert F. Brodsky**, the self-proclaimed "World's Oldest, Most Unsuccessful Author," has finished his fifth book, *Catch a Rocket Plane: More Tales from the Cutting Edge, and Beyond*. Brodsky was a major player in the air and space industry. The book provides vignettes of actions taken by and in the aerospace sector from 1944 to the present via a series of related stories, and introduces some of the "movers and shakers" of the era. Interestingly, the final story covers the 70th reunion of Brodsky's CHS class. The book is available from *amazon.com* or *bn.com*.

Additionally, Dr. Brodsky has been selected as an Honored Member of the *Covington Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry*. The selection recognizes his commitment to excellence in writing, entertainment, education and engineering science.

189—**Alan J. Vogenberg** has fulfilled the requirements for qualification as a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). ASCP Fellowship is an honor bestowed upon pharmacists who meet the highest standards in senior care pharmacy and have demonstrated an extraordinary level of service and dedication in professional practice activities.

191—**Allen Miles Ruben**, Emeritus Professor, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and Advisory Professor of Law, Fu Dan University, Shanghai, PRC, moderated a panel on new decisions and regulations affecting labor arbitration practice at the National Academy of Arbitrators' Fall Education Conference in Charleston, South Carolina in October.

The busy professor also lectured on advocacy in labor arbitration at the Labor Law seminar sponsored by Teamsters Joint Council 41 and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council in October, and on "Resolving Ambiguities in Collective Bargaining Agreements" at the Labor Arbitration Institute in November.

191—**Edwin Scholl, Colonel USAR (Ret.)**, participated in a three year reenactment of the 1803–1806 Lewis and Clark expedition throughout the upper portions of the Louisiana Purchase. The re-creation of the journey covered 8,000 miles. Colonel Scholl's participation has been commended by a resolution of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

A one-hour PowerPoint presentation covering the expedition, given in period uniform, is available from Colonel Scholl who may be reached at (215) 855-6447.

192—**Sheppard B. Kominars, PhD**, recently presented a program of poetry from his collection, *Eighth Decade Poems: Perspectives on Aging*" and journal writing techniques from his book, *Write for Life: Healing Body, Mind and Spirit through Journal Writing* at two library events in San Francisco, California.

198—**Sigmund Balka** has gifted the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion with an encyclopedic survey of the major European and American Jewish artists and Jewish themes in art during the 19th and 20th centuries. Balka sought out paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and books by renowned and emerging artists that offer a panoramic impression of Jewish life and Jewish cultural production.

198—**Bernard M. Gross, Esq.**, was presented with the Benjamin F. Levy Community Service Award by the Louis D. Brandeis Law Society at the Society's annual meeting in November. The award provides recognition to an individual who is a member of the bench or bar and has demonstrated a sustained commitment to serving the legal and broader community.

198 – Les J. Weinstein, Esq., has been named a Fellow of the London-based Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Les serves on several U.S. and foreign alternative dispute resolution (ADR) panels and is a panel mediator for the U.S. Federal District Court for the Central District of California and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, he is the Director of ADR services for Decision Quest, Inc., a firm which offers consulting services to litigants and counsel.

Les and his wife, Dr. Karen Weinstein, live in Los Angeles, where Dr. Weinstein teaches at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

202—**Gerald Gornish** was honored by the Philadelphia Bar Association for 50 years of distinguished service to the community and the profession.

202—**Les Wurtele**, in conjunction with the CHS history department, arranged for the presentation by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sadoff of the film *Standing on My Sister's Shoulders* to George Bizanis' senior honors African American history class. The Sadoffs produced the documentary which deals with the contributions of Mississippi women during the Civil Rights movement.

203—**Gene Locks**, founder and managing partner of Locks Law Firm was interviewed for an article in the February 4–10 issue of *Bloomberg Business Week*, which discussed Locks' and other plaintiff attorneys' suing of the National Football League for covering up brain injuries.

204—**Stephen H. Davidoff, EdD**, has been selected to receive the Ma'asim Tovim (Doer of Good Deeds) Award by the Middle Atlantic Region (MAR), Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. He was honored at the annual MAR Man of the Year Dinner at Adath Jeshurun synagogue in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, in December and will be honored at the FJMC international convention in July.

Dr. Davidoff is the founder and CEO of Davidoff Associates, a consulting firm specializing in educational program evaluation.

204—**Arthur D. Magilner, MD**, has been named the Honoree at the 2013 Annual Oration of the Philadelphia Roentgen Ray Society. The honor is in appreciation of his support of local and state radiology societies, his service as a Councilor to the American College of Radiology and his teaching activity.

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Class Notes

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205—**Arnold H. Shiffrin**, Honorary Life Member of AACHS, marks his 35th year of coaching track and field. He has been coaching at Central in various capacities since 1978, taking off three years when he coached at Pennwood High, Temple University and Lincoln University.

Since 1954, Arnie has attended the Penn Relays, many years as an official.

206—**Andrew W. Schultz Sr.**, recently sold Sharn, Inc., a company he started in 1983, and has now launched TheOneFile, an on-line personal document organizing and storage service: *www.TheOneFile.com*.

209—**Neal H. Keitz, CPA**, has merged his accounting practice with Abo & Company-PA, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, located in Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

209—**Jerome R. Verlin** and **Lee Bender** have co-authored *Pressing Israel: Media Bias Exposed from A–Z* (2012), Philadelphia, Pavilion Press. The authors deconstruct the media's use of terms—with a focus on the *Philadelphia Inquirer*—and use an encyclopedic format to document media bias against Israel.

212—**Andrew Weil, MD**, was the featured speaker at Forever Young, a health and wellness fair held in Philadelphia in October.

219—**Niles S. Benn, Esq.**, of the Benn Law Firm in York, Pennsylvania, was a featured speaker at the Pennsylvania Newsmedia Association winter management seminar. He presented a defamation case study and an update on media law in Pennsylvania with an emphasis on right-to-know litigation.

219—**Hon. James R. Roebuck** made his acting debut in the Curio Theatre Company's production of *The Real Inspector Hound*. His role seemed less than taxing. He played a dead man.

223—**Richard B. Teitelman, Esq.**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, has been elected second vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices.

225—**Dr. Steven A. Shapiro**, a pediatrician, has been elected to the board of the Pennsylvania Medical Society as primary care trustee.

234—**John Elfrey** was presented with the Richardson Dilworth Award for Distinguished Public Service by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. Elfrey has been involved in city government for three decades; he is presently director of operations for the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities.

243—**Michele D. Hangley**, a shareholder in Hangley, Aronchik, Segal, Pudlin & Schiller, has been named a Hearing Committee member serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

247—**Eric Owens** was presented the 34th Distinguished Achievement Award of the Opera Index at the organization's winter gala in New York. Eric was a winner of the Opera Index Vocal Competition in 1993. He is the second Opera Index Competition winner to receive the Distinguished Achievement Award.

249—**Sophia Lee, Esq.**, chief counsel in litigation at Sunoco, Inc., has been elected secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

252—**William E. Buchanan** was an Emmy nominee for his work on the television show *American Dad*.

252—**Christopher Thomas** was one of the subjects of a February *Philadelphia Inquirer* article discussing the trend toward acceptance by top four-year colleges of transfers from two-year colleges.

253—**Branden Smith's** new apparel company, MAX PROTECT, provided the terrific new white football jerseys to the Lancer team. The company has designed and produced the new track and field uniforms as well as the women's away black uniforms and shooting shirts.

Look for the new home football uniforms in the fall. All of these initial orders were donated by Branden and his company. The company is producing quality products for high school athletic teams and alumni at affordable prices. Branden may be reached at (215) 416-2653.

254—**Aquil Bayan**, **Paul Johnson**, **Devin McMillan** and **James Williams** have founded War Room Sports, a sports marketing and communications company. The company produces *The War Room*, an internet sports talk radio show in roundtable format: *www.warroomsports.com*.

254—**Christopher Chandler** has launched Chandler Editing Services, a firm that focuses on providing professional editing, proofing and copy writing services. He may be contacted at *chandlerediting@gmail.com*.

254—**Tiffany N. Jones** has been appointed a District Manager of Arbonne International, *www.arbonne.com*, a vegan-certified, plant-based health, beauty and skin care product line.

She also offers independent consulting services and can be reached at (267) 304-6084 or *tiffanynjonesbiz@gmail.com* for 254 referral rates.

254—**Quincy Morris** and **Christina DeHaven** are associated with the production of the highly successful web television series *In Between Men*. Quincy is the creator, executive producer and show runner; Christina is a supervising producer.

262—**Kishwer Vikaas Barrica**, a co-host of the *Talkadelphia* podcast, was named in *The Philly Post* as one of Philadelphia's most influential people on Twitter.

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From the Archives

by David R. Kahn, 220
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In the last issue of the *Alumni Journal*, I asked for some help with the mysteries of Central's history. Unfortunately, the e-mail address I supplied turned out to be a terminated account. Should any of you out there wish to correspond with me, try this address: *dkahn15@verizon.net*. I am especially interested in why Ivy Day was discontinued.

The 170th class graduated in June 1938. It was the next-to-last class to finish at Broad and Green Streets. War was on the horizon, but there was as yet no cloud over Central. The boys clearly were in high spirits; they celebrated the 100th anniversary of the opening of the school. Two members of this class, **Sheldon Gross** and **Leon Guber**, were president and treasurer. They went on to fame and fortune as the founders of Music Fair Enterprises, bringing wonderful musical theater and other forms of entertainment to the masses in their theaters in the round. Both are in the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Of interest to me is the fact that **Professor William M. Disharoon (133)** was the class sponsor. Many of us remember him with great fondness. He was, I believe, the most beloved teacher at Central during the 20th century. He came back to school after graduating from Penn and stayed until his death in 1985. "Mr. D" wrote the following to the 170th in their yearbook:

"One hundred years of Central High have passed and many students have left to become distinguished alumni. The men of this school who have made the world a better place in which to live will not be confined to the past, however, for today there are boys in our classrooms who are destined to become world figures, perhaps greater than some in the past.

"The spirit of Central is something not expressed in the student body, faculty or building. It is an untangible [sic] thing that becomes real as time passes, when something crystallizes of which we were before unaware. Someday each of you will realize what the four years here have meant; and some will regret that they did not take better advantage of the opportunities offered. Don't regret—Act—Act with the mind we trained and confirm our faith."

As usual, the words of "Dishie" continue to be as relevant today for the students, faculty and graduates of Central as they were when he spoke or wrote them to us.

Come to the Annual Meeting and Dinner on June 3rd this year. One of the highlights will be the presentation of the Disharoon Award, given in his memory by the Associated Alumni to one of eight students nominated by the faculty and interviewed by an Alumni committee convened expressly for this purpose. Consisting of both a certificate and a financial grant, the annual award is given to the student who best embodies Bill Disharoon's zest for life, education and the spirit of Central High School. If you come to the dinner, you will see why Central is as fine an institution as it ever was.

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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.

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269—**Kevin Chen**
270—**Gage G. Kay**

*** Member, Alumni Hall of Fame**

2013 Mid-winter Luncheon

AACHS President **Harvey Steinberg (209)** and Program Committee Chair **Jeffrey Muldawer (225)** welcomed alumni, students and staff to the AACHS Mid-winter Luncheon.

The CHS student cast of *Hairspray*, singing the opening number of the lively musical, entertained the gathering, held on March 13. The show will be performed April 11th to 14th at the school.

Rob Del Famine (235), left, interviews Mike Quick

Mike Quick, the well-known former Eagles great and current Eagles broadcast partner of Merrill Reese, was the guest speaker. Many alumni remember him as one of the most exciting players ever to play for the Birds. **Rob Del Femine (235)** conducted a Q and A with the speaker and covered most of the current issues with the team.

Timothy J. McKenna, the first-year President of our school, gave the State of the School address. Clearly, our new president understands our history and our students' goals for the future. With Mr. McKenna at the helm, Central's future is, indeed, bright.

Other Alma Matters

Kevin Stepanuk (234) gives a shout-out to the dozen or so members of the 231 whose rendition of "Dear High" rocked the house at Tre Scalini restaurant in South Philly and brought a whole new dimension to Christmas caroling.

D. Robert H. Gillon, D.O., F.A.O.C.Pr. (183) has announced his retirement from medical practice after 56 years. He is saddened to say that he will miss seeing and treating patients after so many years of doing so.

While concerned about excess "spare time," he reports he and wife Vesta are living in The Villages in central Florida, the largest "active adult retirement community" in the world. Three sons—one gastroenterologist and two lawyers—round out the family.

He sends his best regards to his 183 classmates from whom he would be very happy to hear. Contact him at 17491 SE 74th Raes Hall Avenue, The Villages, Florida 32162, (352) 753-3612.

Les Wurtele (202) reports that, after playing tennis one day, he had a conversation with a gentleman who said he was visiting from Las Vegas. The gentleman mentioned that he was interested in basketball. Les asked whether or not he knew Howie Landa. His response: "I *am* Howie Landa." Some of you will remember **Howie Landa (194)** as a stellar basketball player at CHS who went on to star at Lebanon Valley and to a legendary coaching career.

Chantay Thompson (261) has let us know that the 261 reunion was a huge success. About 35 of the 261ers shared laughs and good times at the Thanksgiving game and then topped that off with an event at Mad River Manayunk where over 150 classmates attended. They were joined by Dr. Pavel and six other faculty members. According to Chantay, it was "a blast," "huge success," "probably one of the best reunions CHS has ever heard of," "truly a night to remember."

Proceeds from the night are to be donated as a Class Gift from the 261 to CHS for the all around improvement of the school. Chantay acknowledges the help of Board Secretary Rudy Cvetkovic for help in planning the event.

Art Magilner (204) reports that the annual center city lunch of the 204 was held on December 5th at Square 1682 in the Hotel Palomar in Philadelphia. In attendance with Art were Dick Atkins, Len Cooper, Joel Fishbein, Mort Hoffman, Richy Josephs, Dick Polis, Alan Sanders and Mel Seligsohn.

Bernard M. Gross, Esq. (198) notes that a successful fourth annual Florida Class Reunion was held in February at Benvenuto Restaurant in Boynton Beach, Florida.

In attendance were Howard and Rhoda Rosenfeld, Yale and Marilyn Bobrin, Jules and Connie Kay, Melvin and Marlene Dion, Gary and Marion Cohen, Gerry and Linda Schatz, Jerry and Gerry Cooke, Mike and Ruth Rosenfeld, Mort and Connie Mazer, Carl and Helene Segal, Jerry and Helene Feldman, Bill Smith and spouse, and Bernard and wife Harriet. The fifth annual Florida Class Reunion will be held on February 19, 2014 at the same location.

Liz Lopez-Little (254) noted in a post on the CHS alumni Facebook group that she had found posted on another site a picture of the banquet program for the 190th class. The picture seemed perfect for inclusion in the *Alumni Journal*, but it was much too small to use. Liz was contacted to see if she could provide a larger version; she volunteered to contact the owner of the photograph to see if he could help.

It turns out that it is indeed a small world. The owner of the photos is John Briley who runs the Facebook page called Old Images of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It was he who found the pictures at the All Things Shoppe in Hatboro. His dad, John Briley III, is a CHS alumnus (229). An old high school friend of the younger Briley is George Bezanis, now a CHS faculty member.

John noted that his intention was to donate the photos to the Alumni Association and was kind enough to provide usable pictures not only of the 190 banquet program, but also of a 190 prom invitation to one **Edward Whittle (190)**. Many thanks to Liz and to John for their helping us to share these nostalgic pieces with our alumni. The pictures appear on page 19. (Editor's note: Do you remember three-cent stamps?)

Gerald S. Kates (194) informs us that he has been a member of the New Horizons Glee Club based in Narberth, Pennsylvania, for several years. They perform 35 gigs a year for churches, synagogues, schools and retirement communities and have performed at the Kimmel Center many times. Jerry is a bass baritone and also plays the Congo drum; the group has seven other musicians. Overall, there are 39 volunteers in the Glee Club. To use Bruce Yasgur's (216) phrase, "of course there is a Central connection." Alum members are Burt Bardo (191), Irv Matusow (192), Ruth Cohen [Stan Cohen (198)], Dr. Sam Krain (201) and Shari Steinberg [Dr. Dick Steinberg (212)].

Always a small world with Centralites everywhere.

Reunion Update

209—The 55th reunion of the 209th class will be held on May 17 and 18. A visit to Central is scheduled for the 17th; a reception and dinner at the Palomar Hotel in Philadelphia will be held on the 18th.

218—The 51st reunion of the 218 is scheduled for the 26th and 27th of April. The class will meet on April 26 in the Spain Conference Center for hoagies from Lee's, tours of the school and entertainment by one of the school's cultural dance troupes. That evening, a "Meet and Greet" will occur at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Philadelphia, adjacent to City Hall. On April 27, cocktails and dinner will be served from 7:00 P.M. The Central High Chamber Music Quartet will provide entertainment. If you haven't received an e-vite to the affair, please e-mail Rich Davis at *richdavis204@gmail.com*.

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. If no one is listed for your class and you are willing to serve, please contact **Pete Forjohn (235)** at (610) 558-1559 or **Rudy Cvetkovic (239)** at *rudyc69@msn.com*. If you cannot reach your class representative, call the Alumni Association office at (215) 927-9550 or e-mail the Association at *chsalumniphl@aol.com*.

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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 *www.centralhighalumni.com*.

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"The Greatest Job in the World That I Wouldn't Recommend to Anybody"

By Steve Chappell, 209

Photo by Jenny deHuff, The Times Herald

When compiling the Class Notes section of the previous *Journal*, I came across a notice that **Thomas Nolan (240)** had been appointed chief of police of Upper Merion Township near Philadelphia. This struck a note—I wondered how many CHS alumni would fall into the category of chief of police?

The Alumni Association can count among its members a district attorney, a first deputy commissioner, probably more than a dozen judges and scores of attorneys, but I can find only one chief of police. There is a story here, I thought, and I got in touch with Tom to ask if we could meet and talk about his job. Tom agreed and we met in his office at the Upper Merion Police Department. I had no trouble recognizing him—he looks every inch the Chief of Police. He was gracious with his time, and we talked about his life at Central and after Central. As it turns out, it is a story out of the ordinary for a Central grad.

As he sat in CHS classrooms in the late '70s and early '80s, Tom Nolan was unsure about his future. Interacting with his peers, he felt embarrassed to admit that he had no desire to go directly to college. Unlike the norm for most Central graduates, he wanted to enter the labor pool and learn a trade.

For the first five years after high school he learned a trade—installing window treatments at many schools in the tri-state area. While spending long hours installing thousands of window shades, he had plenty of time to think about what he wanted to do with his life. For a brief period, he toyed with the idea of joining the Philadelphia Fire Department, but budget cuts at that time made that goal unachievable. In the end, after hearing his brother's stories of life in the Philadelphia Police Department, he decided that a career in law enforcement might be the right career choice. Apparently it was, since he has enjoyed a 28-year career so far, topped off by being named Chief of Police for Upper Merion Township.

Just as he had no desire to become a college student after high school, Tom did not have a great desire to advance through the ranks of the police department when he was in the police academy learning his craft. One academy classmate, in fact, chastised him for not having enough ambition, as he was not concerned with someday making sergeant, but instead made "learning how to be a good cop" his main focus and goal.

But good people and good cops are recognized, and over the years things began to change and Tom started to advance through the ranks. In order to continue with this advancement, Tom knew he would be required to go back to school and obtain his degree. What started out as one night class at Montgomery County Community College continued on for years until he had received his B.Sc. from Albright College and his Masters in Public Safety Management from St. Joseph's University.

While he didn't transition directly from high school to college, Tom feels certain that his time at Central served him well as he progressed through his college life. He found, as most CHS alumni do, that the foundation laid by Central was a great benefit in future academic life. But more than academic foundation, he found that Central life served him well in his personal life and his career. His time at Central broadened his awareness of the many ethnicities and cultures that he has seen throughout his law enforcement career. Instead of attending a comfortable and convenient neighborhood school, Central students step out of their comfort zone and achieve many things not thought possible. In Tom's case, it meant taking two SEPTA buses each way instead of a brief walk to Olney High School.

Tom continued to broaden his horizons through his collateral duties in his law enforcement career. He became a member of the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team, and eventually rose to team leader of the Central Montgomery County SWAT team. He has taught classes around the country on forming SWAT teams and has helped write standards for law enforcement officers. He also now teaches criminal investigation classes at Albright College.

Tom has touched all the bases in the Upper Merion Police Department: patrolman, detective, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, auxiliary services lieutenant and patrol commander. In June 2012, he was appointed to the position of Chief of Police, overseeing the 64-member force.

As for the future, while he doesn't know what it holds, he won't lock himself into a set plan. For now he enjoys doing what he set out to do 28 years ago—be a good cop. Although he is the Chief, he never forgets that he is always a cop first. It's the aspect of the job that he has loved from the start. Tom refers to being a police officer as the "greatest job in the world that I wouldn't recommend to anyone." He wouldn't recommend it because he sees it as a calling rather than just a job, a calling with great rewards, but also bearing many negative aspects. Tom feels that no one should enter police work for job security and a steady paycheck. What is needed is a dedication to serving people in all walks of life and a passion to step up to get involved in times of crisis.

Tom credits two former CHS teachers with helping to shape his career. His freshman algebra teacher, Dr. Ezekiel, showed him that you can be strict, but still show compassion and assist those in need. Dr. Ezekiel would spend his lunch breaks eating cold chicken while tutoring students who were in need of extra help. Tom was

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ALUMNI CELEBRATES 100th YEAR

DEVOTION TO THE CROWN

By Hyman Lovitz, Esq.
President, Associated Alumni

"From the graduation of the First Class to the present, the Alumni of the Central High School have been noted for the strength of their devotion to Alma Mater and of their fraternal feeling for one another." Franklin Spencer Edmonds, History of the Central High School of Philadelphia (1902). And, indeed, for years thereafter to the present, the Alumni have been noted for continued devotion to the Central High School of Philadelphia. "Without doubt the greatest source of strength to the school and the foundation of its prestige has been the loyalty and the eminence of its graduates." William H. Cornog, School of the Republic (1952).

Immediately after the graduation of the first class in 1842, the first President of the School, Dr. Alexander O. Bache, helped to organize an Alumni Association. They met annually and honorary addresses were delivered by prominent speakers. In 1867 a collateral organization was formed, called "The Alumni Institute of the Central High School." It was primarily organized to aid in the social life of the main association.

The boys who graduated during these early years were the successful products of a noble experiment in the education for the citizens of Philadelphia. The theory of Central High was revolutionary for its time and was born, not unlike many great events, during turmoil and controversy and delivered by men of moral courage and vision. The battle for a free public high school for the "full education of such pupils . . . as may possess the requisite qualifications" was won with the Act of Assembly of June 13, 1836. To these men, the education for only a few meant the road to despotism. Education for all was their key to survival. The Board of Controllers immediately set to the task of establishing a public high school with the determination to form an institution which would be the crown of the system. This superior school would scatter the stigma of pauperism then unavoidably attached to the words "public school", and it would furnish the required incentive to any diligent pupil in elementary school irrespective of background or birth.

The first graduates presented clear evidence of its success. Dr. Bache, who apparently had a keen sense for public relations, scheduled examinations of the pupils. The public was invited to attend the review of that term's studies. The United States Gazette of July 14, 1843, concluded:

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Homecoming Day Events

10:30 A.M.—Bridge and Chess Tournaments
11:00 A.M.—Football Scrimmage and Varsity-Alumni Track Meet
12:00 noon—Reunion Rooms
1:00 P.M.—Rocketry Demonstration
2:00 P.M.—Dramatic Society Play
Throughout—Orchestra, Band, Planetarium, Tours, Art, Photography and Archive Exhibits
8:00 P.M.—"Hall of Fame" Ceremonies, Franklin Institute

CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 15

The 100th anniversary of the Associated Alumni of Central High School will be celebrated on Saturday September 15, 1973, in two parts.

First will be a Centennial Homecoming Day at the school, followed by the honoring of illustrious alumni in an evening ceremony at the Franklin Institute.

Chairman Harvey Steinberg, Vice-President of the Associated Alumni, has planned an impressive schedule of events for the entire family, beginning at 10:30 A.M. at the present campus, Ogontz and Olney Avenues.

Bridge and Chess Tournaments will start at 10:30 A.M. and continue throughout the day. Reunion rooms for every decade of graduating classes will be set up to give former students as well as their wives and children the opportunity to socialize and renew acquaintances. A film festival and guided tours will also be available.

Special events include a football scrimmage by the current Lancers' team at 11:00 A.M. and an alumni-varsity track meet concurrently. The school orchestra and jazz bands will present programs and the planetarium will have a special showing. In the afternoon, there will be a rocketry demonstration at 1:00 P.M. and the Dramatic Club will perform a play at 2:00 P.M.

The school hallways will abound with art, photography and archive exhibits.

In the evening, at 8:00 P.M., in the Grand Rotunda of the Franklin Institute, at 20th Street and The Parkway, alumni will be honoring nine distinguished men among their own.

Following the ceremonies will be a gathering with refreshments to meet these men, all of whom will be present.

To those of you who have never had the opportunity to see this campus, or to return since you attended, this is your opportunity to see the facilities, greet old friends and teachers, and enjoy a day's outing. No reservations are necessary—just come!

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Join the Alumni Association!

Devotion

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"Nobly has the school passed through the ordeal which it invited; and we do not see how anyone after this can doubt that it is an institution admirably organized, admirably conducted, and admirably suited to the wants of the community."

But in 1845 there was agitation to abolish the school—in the interest of economy. A committee on appropriation of the County Board felt that too much money was being spent on public education and suggested that a grammar school education was sufficient for the sons of Philadelphia. Their voices were soon stifled by vigilant forces.

It may be assumed that the graduates soon became aware that the preservation of this school would be a continuous and apparently unendless struggle. And, therefore, by charter granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1873, pursuant to the Corporation Act of 1791, the Associated Alumni of the Central High School of Philadelphia was formed.

The Association has indeed been an integral part of the school. Its contributions during the past one hundred years would be too lengthy for this publication. However, it has ranged from active participation in the preservation of the highest ideals of the school to the highest of standards in education. It has participated actively and strenuously when the need arose, either for additional physical plant or for relocation of a new building. It maintains a trust fund for scholarships, prizes, and awards at commencement, and is an advisor to the trustee of the Barnwell Fund.

The current Board of Managers of the Association list some of the more prominent names in the Philadelphia Community. They are men who are devoted to their assignment and dedicated to the preservation of the school. The Board is supported by active committees, from which are chosen prospective nominees to the Board of Managers. At the age of one hundred, the Association is viable and structurally sound.

It must be so, because its task for the future is formidable. The special mission of the school must continuously be made clear to those who regard an academic school with selective admission standards with suspicion and distaste. It must be made clarion clear that talent is probably the most important national resource this country has. The development of each person to the highest level he can achieve is a true concept of democracy.

We must maintain the crown of the Philadelphia Public School System as prescribed in 1836. This is the mandate for the Associated Alumni as we enter into the second hundred years of service.

Alumni Membership

Join or renew your membership in our active organization. Here's how:

Life Membership—$15.00 for graduates within the last five (5) years; $25.00 if longer.

Annual Membership—$1.00 for graduates within the last five (5) years; $3.00 if longer.

Support your Alma Mater!

Class Reunion

Need help with your reunion? Contacting members of your class? Scheduling and planning the event?

Call or write Len Senker, Vice-President of the Associated Alumni, 11 Grove Place, Havertown, Pennsylvania, HI-6-2097, and have a member of the Alumni Reunion Committee assist you.

SEPTEMBER 15 HONOREES:

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192—*Jerome Lowenthal,* Piano Virtuoso

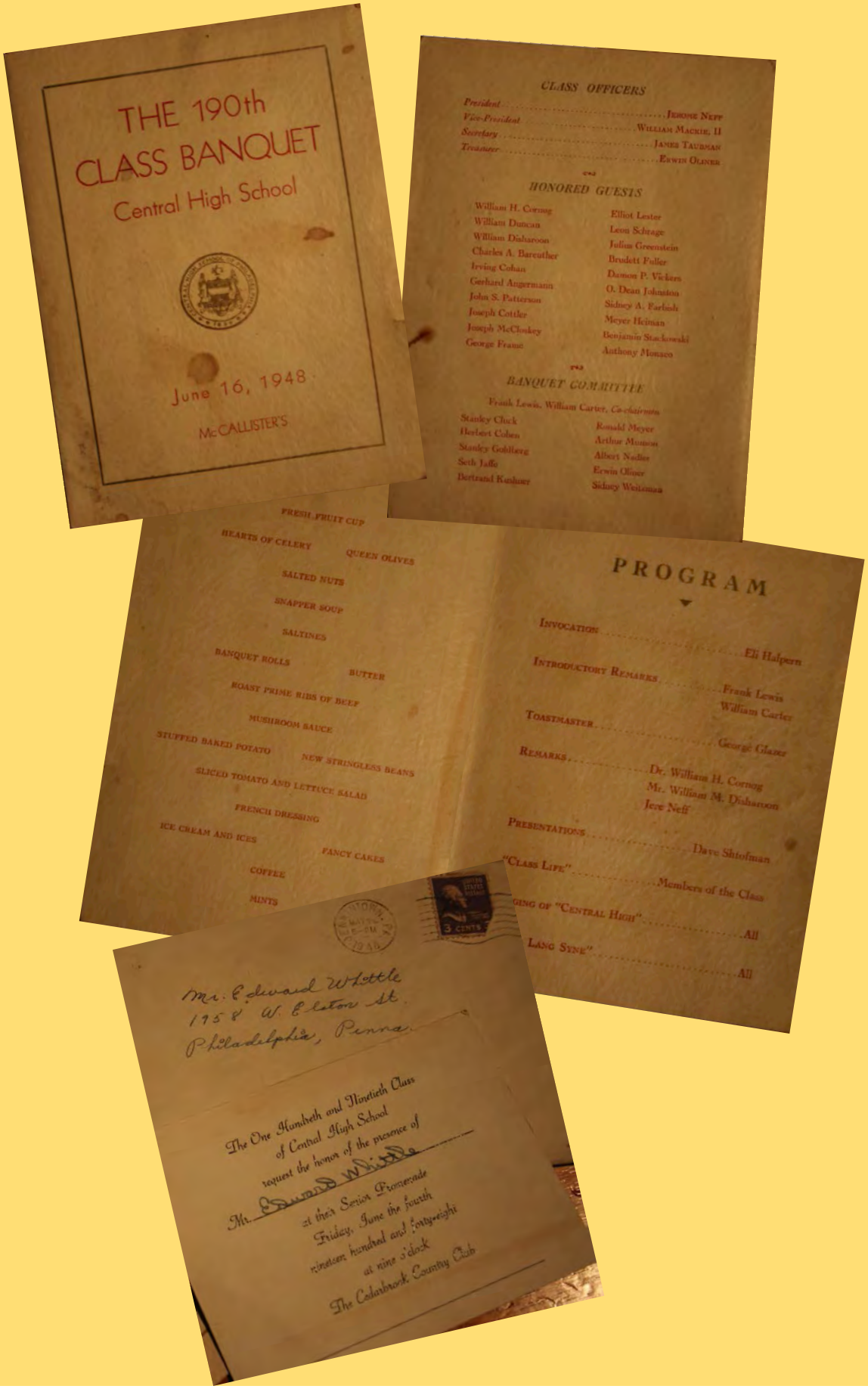
BE OUR GUEST!

There is no admission charge for any event during the entire day and evening.

Join with us for this memorable centennial celebration!

SEE YOU ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!

"When oft we sang the praises of The Crimson and the Gold."



From Ogontz and Olney

Central Student to Trek to Haiti to Build a School

Photo by Ho Chuen Kahn (272)

Fofo Mahmoud (273), the president of Central's chapter of Global Youth United, a club founded by Central alumnus **Dr. Leonard Finkelstein (185)**, has also been actively involved in the service club BuildOn. BuildOn has as its mission the breaking of the poverty/illiteracy cycle and the bettering of the community and the world.

Fofo has been accepted into BuildOn's Trek for Knowledge program. For two weeks in the spring, she will be in Haiti with other students from the BuildOn program which sends students to countries such as Mali and Haiti to take part in building a school with funds and materials donated to the organization. Students will work with villagers to construct a much needed school, staying with host families, and absorbing the village culture and life.

Two More Central Teachers Earn National Board Recognition

Nicole Gaughan, left, and Rachel Toliver
Photo by Ho Chuen Kahn (272)

Nicole Gaughan (257) and **Rachel Toliver (256)**, respectively, English and English/Mentally Gifted teachers, have become National Board Certified Teachers. They join Central faculty members Karen Schromsky and Ken Hung, who had previously earned this certification, the highest credential available to American educators.

RoboLancers Receive Grant from NASA and Donation from Comcast

Central's robotics team—RoboLancers Team 321—was named by NASA as a $5,000 Sustaining Grant recipient. The award will be applied to the entrance fee at the Springside-Chestnut Hill FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics District Competition. The team has more recently received a $3,000 donation from Comcast Corporation which had been presented on behalf of certain Comcast engineers. In addition to its donation, Comcast is providing a Comcast staff member as a mentor to the team.

RoboLancers is a student-operated, adult-mentored robotics program at Central which has grown from its founding with five students in 1999 to a multi-faceted organization of some 125 students and ten adult mentors.

Ensure the Future
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A Tradition of Excellence

As alumni, we have been beneficiaries of the Tradition. Continuing the Tradition requires us to take on the mantle of benefactors.

The Philadelphia Public School System is struggling to maintain basic services with little, if any, funding available for other than the basics. As a result, more than ever, Central and its students need the help of Central's alumni, and it is needed **NOW**.

The Associated Alumni of Central High School is committed to helping to endow the future for generations of CHS students who, as you did, simply ask for the tools to engage the world. Central is the first public school in Philadelphia to have an alumni association initiate and be dedicated to the successful completion of campaigns to raise private funds for the enhancement of the school and its programs.

The Association has conducted campaigns to renovate the Barnwell Library and create the Bernard Spain Conference Center and a Faculty Lounge. These projects were completed in 2005. The current focus of the capital campaign is on the development of a new music conservatory and an information technology center.

The AACHS is engaged in a number of other fundraising, support and cooperative activities which offer opportunities for alumni to become engaged with the school. Please help to support the school that launched you to your success!

Central High: No Girls Allowed to Benefit Young Filmmakers Fund

Darlene Craviotto's *Central High: No Girls Allowed*, a film which documents the experiences of the first young women to enter Central, is available for purchase. Ms. Craviotto notes that all net proceeds from sales of the film will be donated to the Nathaniel Kirkland Young Filmmakers Fund at Central.

Nate Kirkland (266) was a producer of Central Cable News, president of the audio/visual club and Junior Prom King. While attending Dickinson College as a second-year English major, Nate drowned in 2009 on a school trip to Guatemala to help repair hurricane-ravaged adobe classrooms.

Ms. Craviotto says she was privileged to meet Nate and to interview him in 2007 for *No Girls Allowed*, recalling that he wanted to become a professional writer and director. She is making her donation in Nate's memory for the encouragement and development of Central High filmmakers.

The film was shown to the **274th** class in a special assembly to mark Women's Day, with additional screenings to other students throughout the day.

Go to *nogirlsallowedfilm.com* to purchase the DVD of *No Girls Allowed*.

Upcoming Events Calendar

April 11–14: Broadway Comes to Central

Hairspray will be presented by the student cast and orchestra as the latest production of Central's musical theatre program, following on the successes of the two previous CHS Broadway productions *Annie Get Your Gun* and *West Side Story*.

Hairspray is a fast-paced musical with 1960s-style dance music and rhythm and blues numbers. In 1962 Baltimore, plump teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream is to dance on *The Corny Collins Show*, a local TV dance program. When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes an overnight celebrity, finds love, changes the face of media and establishes a new normal that teaches tolerance and acceptance.

Show times:
Thursday, April 11, 3:00 P.M.
Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 7:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 14, 2:00 P.M.

Ticket prices:
Patron (premium seating): $20.00
Adult general admission: $10.00
Students, senior citizens, military: $5.00

April 20: CHS Party Central

The Central High School Home and School Association will hold its second annual Party Central from 7:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. at the Commodore Barry Club, 6815 Emlen Street in Philadelphia.

Central alumni are invited to enjoy a social evening with parents, teachers and staff and the chance to win fabulous auction and raffle prizes. Last year's event raised more than $14,000 for the school and its programs, and the Home and School Association hopes to top that number this year.

Tax deductible donations of items for auction or raffle (including "getaways") are being sought. To make a donation contact Al Bixler at *alandleslie@verizon.net* or (215) 260-2822.

Tickets at $45.00 and program ads are available for purchase through the Home and School website, accessible at *www.centralhigh.net*.

May 3: Holocaust Commemoration

The **202nd** class is again sponsoring a Holocaust Commemorative Event at 8:35 A.M. on May 3 in the Spain Conference Center. Alumni participants in the program will include **Les Wurtele (202)**, **Emanuel Mandel (202)**, **Charles L. Rojer, MD (199)**, **George Marcus (204)** and **Gordon Taplinger (178)**.

Dr. Rojer was one of the "Hidden Children"; Mr. Mandel is a concentration camp survivor. Mr. Taplinger was a liberator who served with the 14th Armored Division. Mr. Marcus' uncle, Ernest Kaufman, will speak as both a survivor and a liberator.

May 17: Central Night at the Phillies

Join CHS students and alumni at 7:05 p.m. to cheer on the Phillies as they battle the National League Central champion Cincinnati Reds at Citizens Bank Park.

Tickets are $25.00 until May 1, after which the price will be $30.00. Checks should be made payable to Central High School. Act quickly as tickets are limited and sell out fast.

Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for the Phillies and the Central High community. For ticket sales information, contact **Michael Horwits (251)** at *mhorwits@philasd.org*.

June 3: AACHS Annual Meeting

The annual dinner meeting of the Alumni Association will begin at 5:30 P.M. at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, 1 Dock Street, Philadelphia.

June 20: Commencement

Commencement ceremonies for the **272nd** class will take place at 10:00 A.M. at the Kimmel Center.

November 26: Career Day

Career Day, organized by the AACHS Program Committee, is an annual event at Central which takes place on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Alumni return to discuss their chosen careers with juniors and seniors. The enormous success of the program is due to the contributions of alumni who are willing to give a day to Central.

In past years, more than 50 presenters from classes ranging from the **174** to the **267** have shared their career experiences with current students. Most presenters return every year. Please plan to attend and share your experiences with the juniors and seniors.

Greatest Job

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one of those students, and he has never forgotten how important it is to give of yourself to help someone in need. The other teacher, Mr. Daniel, showed Tom that you can't be afraid to try something new to help people learn. Mr. Daniel's subject was elementary function concepts. Rather than strictly following the textbook, he would throw a random problem on the board and have students work as a group to come to the answer. Tom remembers that he also showed a true love for his job, something that has also stuck with Tom.

When talking to his own children (one daughter and three sons), Tom gives them one piece of advice about their career: "Choose a career that you truly love. Every job comes with ups and downs, but if you love going to work in the morning you will achieve fulfillment, regardless of what salary you earn." It seems to have worked for Tom as, even after 28 years, he can still say that he "loves being a cop."