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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME DINNER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 • 5:30 P.M.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

R. SETH WILLIAMS (244)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

The 17th Associated Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will occur at 7:30 P.M. on October 27 at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia Hotel, 201 South Columbus Boulevard, in Center City. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be **R. Seth Williams, Esq. (244)**, District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia. Cocktails and dinner will precede the ceremony at 5:30 P.M. Tickets are \$125 for dinner and \$25 for the dessert buffet only. See page 8 for more information.

Nine extremely distinguished alumni will enter the Hall of Fame, which currently has 92 members inducted from 1973 through March 2011, when six alumni were inducted posthumously.

Among the new inductees, there are several Pulitzer Prize nominations, over 100 patents, and national or international recognition. Such recognition is just one of the criteria used by the Hall of Fame committee in selecting the honorees. Here are the new inductees, in class order:

Walter P. Lomax, MD (192)

A pioneer in the field of managed health care systems. Dr. Lomax established Lomax Health Systems in 1982, concentrating exclusively in health care for underserved areas. In 1990, he created Correctional Healthcare Solutions, Inc., specializing in delivering health care to correctional facilities. When sold in 1990, the company was providing health care in 60 facilities in 16 states. Another business he built was Healthcare Management Alternatives. In 1995, he created AmeriChoice as a holding company for three state HMOs.

Phillip Frost, MD (200)

Inventor of a disposable biopsy device in 1971 and founder of IVAX Corporation, a maker of generic pharmaceuticals. In January 2006, Dr. Frost sold IVAX to Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries and became Chairman of Teva. He made the largest donation ever given to the University of Miami to fund the Philip and Patricia Frost School of Music.

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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harvey Steinberg, 209
President, AACHS



At this time of year, students, alumni, faculty and our administration are all contemplating time off, vacations, “kick-back” time and just slowing down. I see it a bit differently. It is time to rev up the engines, look through the windshield, head on down the highway and still be sure to gaze into the rear view mirror to see where we’ve recently been.

Plans for the school year and alumni year 2011–2012 are moving along. We are going to have a summer that is full and dramatic. The renovation of the Auditorium has begun. Repainting and gilding the “art deco” venue, highlighting the architectural features, removing the 72-year-old wooden seats, refurbishing the hardwood flooring, replacing drapes and curtains, and installing new, upholstered theater seats will be completed in just three and a half months. Thanks to **Bernie Spain (198)** and his wife, Joan, who are providing the “seed” financing for the seats, and the cooperation of the School District, we are on target for a mid-October re-opening of what will be a sensational new look and feel to this 1,357-seat space. There is further information on page 12 of this *Journal* on how to dedicate a seat with a brass plaque and help to underwrite this transformation.

Also, as an alumni project, we are repainting more than 2,500 lockers so that they will be a bright, clean, uniform crimson by the fall opening of School. Again, thank you, Bernie and Joan.

Speaking of the fall and October, our Hall of Fame Induction, scheduled for October 27, is also featured in the *Journal*. This esteemed “Class” of nine new members will all have the opportunity to visit Central, meet our students, speak to them and see these improvements to the facility. Please join us for this wonderful event. I especially entreat those who are classmates of the honorees to make this event a mini-reunion to honor one of your own who has brought honor to himself or herself, to Central High School and to your class.

Each Hall of Fame dinner attendee will receive a Tribute Program book. In addition to describing the evening’s program, the book will feature full biographies of each of the inductees and include a brief history of Central and of the Hall of Fame. The Program book is an opportunity for family, friends, associates, classmates and admirers to pay tribute to each Honoree. Please use the form on page 16 to submit ads including tributes to individuals for their lifetime of achievement and for the honor of being selected to the Hall of Fame.

Shortly, every alumnus will receive information from Harris Connect, LLC, about updating our Alumni Directory. The more correct information Harris Connect receives, the better and more complete the book will be. This edition will be available in hard and soft cover and

will give each of us the opportunity to submit more expansive biographies than before, including color photographs. Please respond to their inquiry.

Checking the rear view mirror, I am delighted to report great things that our Association and our students accomplished this year. We built a marvelous robotics room for the Robolancers, who went to regional, national and international tournaments in Auburn, Alabama; Orlando, Florida; and Houston, Texas. At each tournament, they earned trophies and certificates that acknowledged their excellence. Our teams won five Public League championships this year and our new bleachers now display a 70-yard-long sign, “Home of the Central Lancers,” underwritten by a gift from the 190th Class.

We added four new prizes to our Scholarships, Awards and Prizes Fund in memory of **Steve Laver (211)**; in honor of the 181st Class; and, by bequest from the Estate of Pearl Dorman, in memory of **Paul Dorman (208)** and **Robert Dorman (218)**, her sons. Including other additions to existing gifts, this added over \$700,000 to our Scholarship Fund.

Substantial gifts from **Michael Nissman (213)** and **Bob Lepofsky (218)** gave us discretionary funding to help individual students and make some additions to technology in the building.

This year, over 156,000 students visited the William M. King Communications, Media and Research Center at The Barnwell Library. On average, every enrolled student visited the Library every other day.

Central was nominated for, and in the fall will receive, the coveted Blue Ribbon School designation by the United States Department of Education; more on that later, when it is officially awarded.

Members of the 270th Class that graduated in June were awarded almost \$23,000,000 in scholarships, including three Questbridge Scholars, a Gates Millennium Scholar, over twenty Liberty Scholarships to Drexel University and Annenberg and Mayor’s Scholarships to the University of Pennsylvania, and many National Merit recognitions.

Stan Ginsburg (190) also funded a number of awards to our graduates through his family Foundation.

Each year, the Alumni Association interviews students who qualify by doing well in a special current events test and gives them week-long paid trips to Washington, DC, to participate in a Presidential Classroom program. This year, as in many past years, four students attended and returned enthused, encouraged and enlightened about their experience, and even more impressed with their Central educations after participating with peers from all over the United States and territories.

We, as Alumni, do wonderful things, and our students understand that and appreciate it. Please visit us. Allow me and some of our students to take you on a tour and see what is happening at “Dear Old High.” If you want to feel good about the future of our society, engage the future: talk to Central students and you will come away feeling optimistic about what lies ahead. 🌟

Barry R. Bloom, PhD (202)

Dean of the Faculty, Harvard School of Public Health and Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson Professor of Public Health. Dr. Bloom is extensively involved with the World Health Organization (WHO) and is president of the American Association of Immunologists. He served as consultant to the White House ('77-'78) on International Health Policy. (Note: He was selected in 2009 for the Central Hall of Fame, but a commitment in Africa kept him from the ceremony, and induction was delayed until this current class of inductees.)

Edwin M. Epstein (202)

Professor Emeritus, Haas School of Business and International and Area Studies, University of California at Berkeley, where he has been a faculty member since 1964. His book, *The Corporation in American Politics*, won the Howard Chase Book Award from the Social Issues in Management Division of the Academy of Management for making "a significant and lasting contribution to the study of business and society."

Alan Wolfe, PhD (213)

Professor of Political Science and Director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College. Author and editor of more than ten books, Dr. Wolfe chairs a task force of the American Political Science Association on Religion and Democracy in the U.S. He is currently the John Gilbert Winant Professor of American Government at the University of Oxford.

Richard Silverman, PhD (221)

John Evans Professor of Chemistry, Northwestern University. Dr. Silverman is the inventor of Lyrica, a drug marketed by Pfizer for fibromyalgia, neuropathic pain and epilepsy. He was awarded The Perkin Medal, an award given annually by the Society of Chemical Industry for "innovation in applied chemistry," considered the highest honor given in the industrial chemical industry in the United States.


Charles R. Bridges, MD, ScD (232)

Professor of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bridges was the first African American to attain the rank of Full Professor of Surgery in the 260-year history of the University. He has been awarded two patents and four pending patents for inventions in the fields of cardiovascular devices and cardiac and systemic gene and cell delivery.

Betty Liu (250)

Morning anchor (8-10 A.M.) on Bloomberg Television. Ms. Liu has conducted some of the biggest interviews on the network, including Warren Buffet and Bill Gates. Formerly an anchor for CNBC Asia, Ms. Liu covered the China market meltdown in February 2007. She was anchor of CNBC's newest show, *Capital Connection*, and was the Atlanta bureau chief for *The Financial Times*, where she received several awards including being nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for her series on immigrant labor in the South.

Quiara Alegria Hudes (254)

Author of the book, *In The Heights*, the basis for the 2008 Tony Award-winning musical with the same title. Ms. Hudes was nominated for a Tony Award herself for the book. Currently, she is writing the screen version of *In The Heights*. She has won a number of literary awards for her plays *Yemaya's Belly*; *Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue*; and *26 Miles*. She is a two-time Pulitzer finalist. 

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Merrill Freedman, 208
Editor, The Alumni Journal



For many, *The Alumni Journal* serves simply as a quarterly bulletin board. We turn first to Class Notes to see if a member of our own class has accomplished something of note. Then we squint our eyes, hoping not to find a friend listed among those who've passed on. I assume that to be true because, until I became editor of the *Journal*, I did much the same.

In gathering information for the *Journal*, I finally read not only items of interest having to do with my class, but now my eyes were opened to the goings on of members of other classes and of the school itself. What a marvelous institution we alumni were fortunate enough to have attended! The more I discover about our school, the more pride I feel just to be numbered among its graduates.

We will always be devoted to our classmates. In those crucial years, we grew from adolescence to young adulthood, so it's no wonder we care so much for those with whom we shared those four years. When we graduated, almost all of us went on to college and then on to the rest of our lives, leaving most of our old Central friends behind. It's understandable that the *Journal* would be a way to check up on each other, but there's so much more to our connection.

Clearly, the *Journal* is about us, the alumni, but it's also about our school. The *Journal* would be a huge success if the school news and columns encourage you to pay a return visit to Central. For older graduates who've not been back for many years, you would see that much has changed. Thanks in large part to the Alumni Association, there have been significant and ongoing capital improvements made to the facility. You could not help but be impressed by observing the students taking advantage of those improvements, many of whom will benefit from college scholarship aid awarded by our Alumni Association.

Look for the notice to register for Career Day, which will be held this year on November 22. That's an opportunity not only to share your experience with the students, but to observe their enthusiasm for learning everything you are willing to offer. If you can't make it back then, come back when you are in the area. Just come back. 🍎

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

by Steve Chappell, 209, and
Dick Prinz, 212, Chairman, AACHS Development Committee

The Alumni Association has been conducting a capital campaign to renovate the Barnwell Library at the Dr. William M. King Communications, Media and Research Center; the Spain Conference Center and the Faculty Lounge. These were completed in May 2005. The current focus of the campaign is to retire debt and move on to the development of a new Music Conservatory and an Information Technology Center. The Association is also engaged in a number of other fund-raising activities that provide opportunities for you to donate.

Capital Campaign Matching Gift Program

An anonymous donor has offered a \$1,500,000 matching grant challenge; the donor will match all donations in excess of \$1,000. Cumulative donations in the name of your class are welcomed.

Auditorium Seat Dedication Opportunity

As mentioned elsewhere in the *Journal*, restoration of the fire-damaged school auditorium requires removing and reinstalling the wooden seats. **Bernie Spain (198)** and his wife, Joan, suggested replacing the old wooden seats with new upholstered seats and have underwritten the effort with seed money. Alumni can dedicate a seat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone for \$300. Classes can organize and purchase entire rows. A brass plate will memorialize each dedication.

Methods of Donating

You can support AACHS and Central in numerous ways, each of which provides financial support while enabling you to realize immediate tax savings. Recent tax legislation may make one gift vehicle more or less advantageous to you than another. Please call Dick Prinz at (609) 605-2943, or e-mail him at reprinz@aol.com if you would like to discuss any of these options as they relate to AACHS.

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FROM THE CHS PRESIDENT

Dr. Sheldon S. Pavel
President, Central High School



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The school year beginning in September will be filled with changes. The most obvious ones include the start of school by over 600 students who will be members of the 274th Class and the 271 starting its senior year as the leaders of the school. The auditorium is undergoing construction as the School District repairs the damage caused by arson last October. Since Bernie and Joan Spain have endowed new theater style seating, the auditorium will emerge as an inviting place for students to congregate. The Spain family has also made the entire building more attractive by funding the electrostatic repainting of all student lockers.

Change was also necessitated by the retirement of twenty-eight staff members including an assistant principal, three non-teaching assistants, a noon-time aide, a secretary, our School Operations Officer and twenty-one teachers. Although we will miss the experience of those retiring and value the contributions that each has made to the education of our students, we look forward to the infusion of energy and expertise that will occur as we welcome the new staff. Included among these new people are at least five Central graduates!

In November, I will be honored and privileged to be in Washington, DC, when Central is named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. We will be the only school in Philadelphia accorded this honor. This unique recognition is an affirmation of our teachers' very hard work, our parents' support, the Alumni Association's magnificent contributions, and our students' diligence. Congratulations and thanks go to everyone.

As this year of change begins, the School District's financial situation is uncertain. A large deficit exists; how everything will eventually be resolved has yet to be fully determined. I mention this because Central is not exempt from the impact of reduced funding. It will be necessary for Alumni to continue their vigilance and concern for what goes on at Central. It is crucial for Alumni to understand that Central's "health" is directly linked to the School District of Philadelphia's financial capability to make the funding available for all students to have the educational program that is required.

Please continue to visit, care, and access our web site so that you are aware of what is going on at the school. I look forward to seeing many of you in the building conveying your love and history to our current young people. 🍎



Photos of Note

From top:

CHS President Sheldon Pavel and Senator Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman (206) with CHS students at the June 6 Alumni Dinner Meeting.

Senator Kaufman.

Harvey Steinberg (209) and Chuck Steinberg (221) presenting the posthumous Hall of Fame awards at the March 26 Mid-year Alumni Luncheon.



COLUMN C

by Bruce Yasgur, 216

My class is about to hold its 50th in September, so I'll save the juiciest stories for the upcoming *Column A*, except to mention that **Marty Recchuite** can't make it due to a conflict with a business meeting in Beijing. Need help, Marty?



Elliot Silverman (204), **Leonard Cooper (204)** and **Allan Marmon (204)** visited Prague and Israel in May. Among the many sites they visited was a kibbutz at the Israel-Lebanon border where they shook hands with each other to indicate their hope for peace between the two nations.

As a "young" lawyer, I'm always looking for ways to grow my practice. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with "old" lawyers **Alan Feldman (228)** and **Don Krain (234)** to discuss the ins and outs of handling personal injury cases. Thanks for the tips, guys.

Lawyer **Kevin Stepanuk (234)**, associate general counsel of Exelon Corporation/PECO in Philadelphia, received the prestigious Exelon "Energy for the Community" Volunteer Award for 2011. He presented a \$10,000 donation made in his honor to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation to provide civil legal services to people who can't afford them.

Apropos our recent *Column B*, we whacked a pimple ball clear across the country and reminded Southern California's **Darren "The Voice" Polish (242)** of the games that guys like his dad (alas, an Olney Trojan) and I used to play, like halfball, deadbox, and others that we won't mention. Yo, D, can you get a good cheesesteak in California yet?

SPRING 2011 ATHLETICS

by Pete Forjohn, 235

Our athletic teams enjoyed another a very successful season. The girls' soccer team claimed its 9th consecutive Public League championship, extending its streak of consecutive Public League victories to 106.

The badminton team advanced to this year's championship finals, where it eventually lost to a tough Girls' High team.

Our boys' baseball, girls' softball and boys' volleyball teams all qualified for this year's playoffs, and made it as far as the semifinals in their respective sports.

Coed track and field had another successful season, sending several athletes to the Public League championships.

Congratulations to all of the coaches and athletes. 🍌

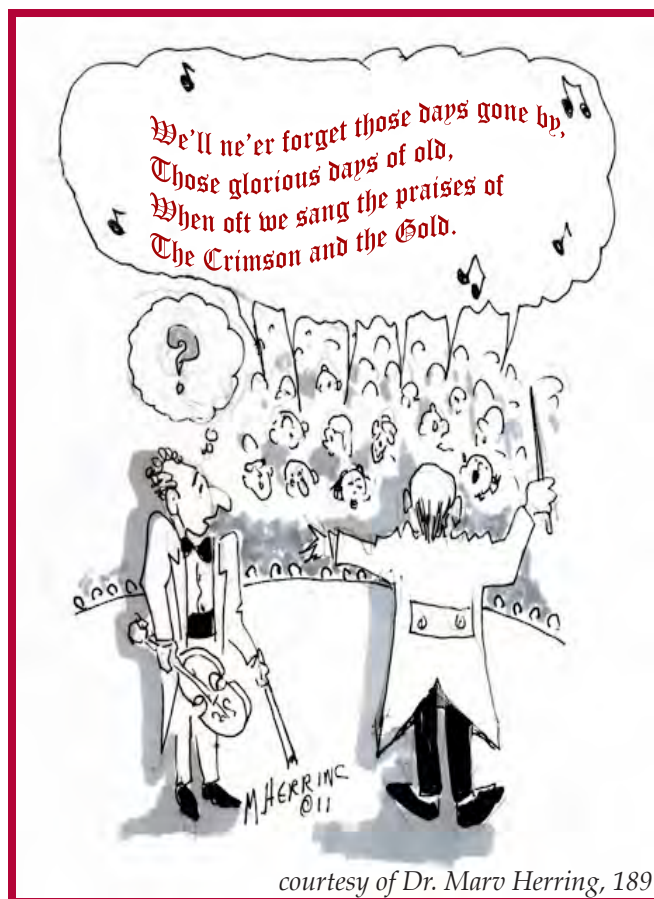
Former Lancer lineman **Gary Blocker (245)**, once opened gridiron lanes to convey his runners downfield. What's in a name? Now Gary negotiates traffic lanes at the helm of his SEPTA bus as he conveys riders downtown and home again. I recognized Gary instantly when we met at the Ardmore bus terminus, but noticed that he'd gained a few silver highlights at the temples. Wonder if we take our hair to the same jeweler!

My fellow Wagnerian **Wardell Holt (251, Wagner JHS '88)** checked in to comment on the value of his CHS education, in particular his introduction to the real world of economics and finance through a daily dose of *The New York Times*, especially the stock market page. And he learned it in just 10 minutes! Maybe we did something right.

251 classmate **Mironda Laws** has been busy. She works as a Mental Health/Drug and Alcohol counselor at St. Joseph's Hospital, competes along with son Jordan in Tae Kwon Do, and has her own websites on energy, shopping, home design and travel. Interested? Contact Mironda at mirondal@comcast.net.

Two more alumnae of note are 255ers. Thanks to paralegal and news snoop **Michele Jackson** for providing this column with the true scoop on **Stacey Carey (née Malachoski)**, the mother of the area's newest sextuplets. We're happy to report that mom and kids, including older sis, are doing well. BTW, bachelors and "emp-lawyers," Michele's available.

Got something to share? Wanna contact Michele? E me at byasgur216@gmail.com. 🍌



courtesy of Dr. Marv Herring, 189

REUNION UPDATE

177—Class rep **Milt Dienes** reports that his class has had multiple reunions. The first of two this year was hosted by “Obe” **Obermeyer** in Key Biscayne, Florida, where eight classmates and their wives enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and their usual good fellowship. The second, the 70th, will be held on October 3 at the City Line Hilton. Classmates should contact Milt at MDienes@aol.com, or call (610) 783-0456.

187—**Hy Lovitz** and **Arnie Zazlow** announce that the time for the 65th reunion is drawing near, and they will shortly be meeting with classmates to develop plans for the event. They would like to hear from you if you’ve changed your address, or if you’ve been in touch with a classmate whose contact information must be updated. If your contact information remains unchanged, Hy would still like to hear from you just to catch up at hlovitz@comcast.net.

189—**Saul Carroll** reports that the Reunion Committee continues to meet quarterly for lunch. Thirteen members attended the most recent luncheon on May 4. Planning has begun for the 65th reunion, slated for an as yet unspecified date in October 2012. Saul requests that any classmate who has not received information, or has recently moved, contact him at (215) 885-5778.

193—**Stan Fischman** reports that the 60th reunion was a great success, and resulted in the suggestion that the time between reunions be shortened. A meeting of the Reunion Committee will occur in late summer, and Stan asks that classmates interested in attending contact him at (609) 876-7450.

197—**Bob Cohan** is directing the effort to bring the class together for the 60th reunion, to be held on May 24, 2012, at a location yet to be determined. You can reach Bob at robertmcohan@gmail.com, or at (215) 445-6951.

204—**Art Magilner** reports that the 23rd annual mini-reunion was again a success. Twenty-five classmates met at Chili’s Restaurant in Bala Cynwyd.

206—**Robert Stern** announced that the 55th reunion will be held at the Marriott Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown at 3 P.M. on Saturday, October 29. For more details and reservations go to www.206thclassreunion.net.

208—**Mickey Greenblatt**, class rep, announced that the 55th reunion will take place May 18–20, 2012. He anticipates that the Omni Hotel will again serve as headquarters.

209—**Steve Chappell** reports that the class is already in the planning stage for the 55th reunion in 2013.

212—**Fred Goldstein** shared his class’s wonderful newsletter, which noted that plans are about to begin for the 55th reunion in 2014.

220—**David Kahn** reports that the 220 Reunion Committee held its initial meeting to begin planning the 50th reunion for 2013. Send much needed e-mail address updates to chs220reunion@gmail.com. 📧

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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ATTENTION FLORIDIANS!

A South Florida Alumni Event will be held at the end of February. If you live or winter there, please let us know your address. More information to follow! 📧

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In the Spring issue of *The Alumni Journal*, Harvey Steinberg asked if anyone could recall the “urban legend” that World War II German POWs were housed in the armory located on Ogontz Avenue next to Central. We are so grateful for the tremendous response we received. Now the “legend” can be a part of history.

Saul Wollman (184) wrote a brief, but chilling, account of an incident involving taunts by students on the South Lawn. In response to the taunts, a German POW shouted, “Du bist ein Jude?” The students responded, “Ja.” The POW swept his hand across his throat, and the students then began throwing rocks at the prisoner, which resulted in students no longer being allowed to spend their free time on the South Lawn. **Dr. Elmer Friedman (181)** and **Matt London (188)** reported a very similar incident.

Karl Borish (180), **Edgar Davis (184)**, **Julius Lister (184)**, **Dr. Stan Abrams (185)**, **Murray Fleck (186)**, **Elwood B. Jacoby (186)**, **Arnie Zazlow (187)**, **Dr. Gerald F. Clair (190)**, **Murray Rosenbluth (190)**, **Rabbi Robert Layman (191)**, **Paul Shalita (191)**, **Richard M. Wright (191)** and **Don Weiner (193)** also reported observing prisoners from the South Lawn. **George**

Nofer (181) was busy working in the office during his free time, but his friend and classmate **Jules Silk** recalls the South Lawn incidents vividly. **Alan Gold (202)** and **Max Reif (203)**, though they were not yet Central students, were among those who lived nearby and recalled seeing the POWs.

Stan Greenbaum (185) remembers seeing the prisoners being given cases of Coca-Cola, which wasn’t otherwise available during the war years. **Sol Schwartz (187)** had a similar comment. **Milt Jacobson (190)** joined in with his account, and **Donald Souder (190)** added his own South Lawn recollections.

Everyone told similar stories about the German POWs, but these two struck very emotional chords:

Jerry E. Polis (192) contrasted the treatment he observed on Ogontz Avenue with that of his older brother, **Sam (180)**. Sam was 18 when he was captured in Sessenheim, Alsace, on January 18, 1945. His story is told in a letter included in a book titled, *Hold At All Cost, 42nd Rainbow Division Prisoners Of War*. The Americans had been told that they could not retreat; they

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BARNWELL AND THE 16TH CLASS; HIS LEGACY CONTINUES

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by David R. Kahn, 220, AACHS Archivist

February 13, 1833, was a most auspicious date in Central's history. Three years before the school was chartered, James Grant Barnwell was born at Newtownstewart, County Tyrone, in what is now Northern Ireland.

Much of the historical information I offer here is taken from the introduction to the first volume of Barnwell Addresses, written by **Dr. John Louis Haney (100)**, the eighth President of Central High School.

Haney writes, "On July 11, 1846, just two months after the outbreak of the Mexican War, a group of 176 Philadelphia lads reported at the Central High School to be examined for admission to that institution. Whether they were still in a state of elation over General Taylor's recent victories ... is not a matter of record. On that fateful July morning they had an engagement of their own on hand with an alert Faculty presided over by Dr. John Seely Hart, second President of the School. At the conclusion of the affair 108 boys were admitted to the school as the Sixteenth Class; the remaining 68 had gone down to defeat under the withering ordeal of the entrance examination.

"Among the successful youngsters was one James Grant Barnwell Young Barnwell had spent most of his boyhood in Philadelphia His career at Central was in no way notable, apart from his interest in journalism as editor of a paper called *The Minute Book*. Barnwell graduated in July 1850, together with 23 other members of the Sixteenth Class who had survived the vicissitudes of the four-year course. In 1855 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Central. Other students who were his contemporaries at Central include **George Inman Riché (17)**, fourth President of Central High School, the **Hon. James T. Mitchell (19)**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and **Peter A. B. Widener (20)**, financier.

"He worked as a teacher and later principal in the elementary schools, was a member of City Council, developed an interest in library work and was elected a Director of the Mercantile Library Company in 1863 He later served as the Librarian of the University of Pennsylvania, and starting in 1887, served as Librarian of the Library Company of Philadelphia, the oldest subscription library in America, founded by Benjamin Franklin."

Barnwell led a remarkable life, dying on February 23, 1919, at the age of 86. In his Will, dated July 15, 1905, he wrote, "Whatever reputation and success I have attained, however moderate, being the result, under Providence of two causes. First, the training of a good mother who always inculcated and practiced the highest principles of honor and especially of moral courage regardless of immediate or apparent results, and secondly, to the education which I received in the Public Schools of Philadelphia and especially in the Central High School. I wish to honor the memory of that mother by practically encouraging and rewarding the practice of the same high principles by the Students and Graduates of the School."

Barnwell, as every alum knows, left his entire residuary estate, valued at \$320,000, in trust for the benefit of the students and graduates of Central High School. The famed Barnwell Trust, officially known as the Mary Gaston Barnwell Foundation, is named in honor of his mother. His personal gift became the nucleus of the Barnwell Library.

The Foundation became operative in 1922, and its initial projects included the establishment of a Lecturer in Ethics, the publication of the *Handbook of Central High School*, now in its twenty-third edition and still given to every freshman, the erection of the War Memorial, the creation of the Barnwell Honor Roll, and the creation of the Barnwell Course of Addresses, given by notable leaders in education, letters, science and other allied fields. These Addresses were published in a series of volumes, the first covering 1922-1930, containing 32 Addresses and Dr. Haney's introduction referenced above. Many of you will remember Dr. David Newmark, a long-time teacher of English at the school. Those of you who had him, as I did, will remember his many references to the Addresses, and his giving of various volumes to students in recognition of their work. Even I received two of these books!

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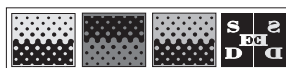
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172—Hal Diamond received a plaque from the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of 65 years as a member of the Philadelphia Bar. Hal is still practicing law at the age of 89.

177—Frank Latorre's heroism during the Normandy invasion and in the drive towards Berlin was featured 67 years later on the front page of the June 6 edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. It was reported that he has been recommended for recognition by the New Jersey State Senate.

180—William H. Helfand began collecting medical prints in the 1950s, and added posters in 1969, when he was living in Paris as president of the French subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc. Over 50 such vintage posters that promote medical products and health issues were on exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art's show, "Health for Sale." Since 1967, he has given the museum more than 1,600 Arts Medica objects, including nearly 200 posters. Mr. Helfand has become the eminent authority on medical art, and has been actively involved in six Arts Medica shows at the Art Museum.

182—Dr. Hyman Kanoff, a Philadelphia family physician, was recently elected to serve a 20th term as speaker of the House of Delegates during the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association's (POMA) 103rd Annual Clinical Assembly, held in May at the Valley Forge Convention Center in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

185—For all his accomplishments in his legal career, **William H. Brown III** has been recognized with a variety of awards through the years. His latest plaudit came in March—the Pennsylvania Bar Association's A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated dedication to the legal profession and the minority community through civil, community or legal service. Brown has been with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis since 1973, and is now senior counsel.

188—Joe Ball, founder of American Advertising Services, has been named chairman of the U.S. International Film and Video Festival judges committee in the Business-to-Business category. The subject materials are videos submitted by businesses, production firms and advertising agencies throughout the world.

189—Dave Long has written a book, scheduled to be published in the Fall, about the legendary Broadway publicist, Sol Jacobson.

189—Dr. Ben Kendall, retired OB/GYN, had a featured role in the Narberth Community Theater production of "Noises Off."

191—Neil M. Davis authored the 15th edition of the book, *Medical Abbreviations: 32,000 Conveniences at the Expense of Communication and Safety*, and its web version, available at www.medabbrev.com.

191—Alan Miles Ruben is Emeritus Professor at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Advisory Pro-

fessor of Law at Fu Dan University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China. He presented papers on "Principles of Contract Interpretation in the Private Sector" at the Labor Arbitration Institute Conference in Miami Beach, Florida in February; on "Layoffs, Workweek Reductions and Outsourcing in a Down Economy" at the National Academy of Arbitrators Region 9 Annual Meeting in April in Columbus, Ohio; and on "Why Common Law Contract Jurisprudence Does Not Matter In Labor Arbitration" at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and State Employment Relations Board Symposium in May, also in Columbus.

194—Herb Snitzer's new book, *Glorious Days and Nights: A Jazz Memoir*, published by University Press of Mississippi, has been reviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *The Independent* (England) and more.

194—Joe Sokoloff has recently published a book, *Old School Selling: The truth about sales, selling, getting the right job, and the skills you need to be a #1 salesperson*. It is available at www.amazon.com in both printed and electronic versions. Joe would love to hear from classmates at jsokoloff@gmail.com.

198—Bernard Packer's four critically acclaimed novels have been donated to the Barnwell Library by **Steven M. Gross (214)**.

198—Stanley H. Cohen was selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in Pennsylvania and one of the top 100 lawyers in Philadelphia in the 2011 edition of *Super Lawyers*.

202—Jimmy (Maestro James) DePriest's most recent award is an honorary degree he received from Dickenson College in May. He reports to classmate **Bob Brasler** that he's feeling well, spending lots of time at his home in Scottsdale, Arizona, and teaching at Julliard, along with occasional guest conducting. Brasler, an emeritus trustee of Dickenson College, assisted in conferring the honorary degree upon his Central classmate.

204—Fred Mench retired as Professor of Classics from Stockton College in New Jersey and now lives with his wife, Mary, in Smyrna, Tennessee, teaching Latin at Middle Tennessee State University and helping (a bit) with their bed and breakfast, Grandma's House.

204—Dr. Andrew Newman is an MD, SJD (Health Law), LLM (Health Law), MA (Humanities), and MA (Education-History). He has now received his doctorate in Health Law at Widener University School of Law in May. He is Assistant Professor of Humanities at Drexel Medical School, teaching Bioethics and Health Law. He is also a super adjunct in Health Law at Widener Law.

213—Sidney Raphael, who was known in his Central days as **Sidney Weinheimer**, is a member of the Friars Club of New York. He is the former president of the New York Society of Clinical Psychologists, and reports that he lives in New York with a descendant of Ikuko Fujiwara, mother of the shortest-lived Emperor of Japan.

229—Steve Klein, owner of Anthony Home Improvements, was featured in a July 25 article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, reprinted on page 13. *continued on page 11*

233—Andrew A. Zeller-Frederick has joined the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as its new Director of the Historic Jamestowne Fund. In this position, he is responsible for all aspects of fundraising and associated activities for Historic Jamestowne, the 1607 site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

241—Jeff Katz received the Associated Press award for Best Talk Show in Boston. "The Jeff Katz Show" airs Monday to Friday from 5 A.M. to 9 A.M. on WXKS-AM 1200 and WXKS-FM 107.9 HD2. In addition, Jeff hosts a national show, "The Weekend," for Premier Radio Networks, which airs on more than 200 radio stations across the country.

246—Scott Ciliberti was recently appointed chief information officer of Golden Gate University in San Francisco. GGU is a graduate school offering degrees in business, accounting, taxation and law.

247—Michael Jennings was recently appointed as an associate dean in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio. As part of this responsibility, he oversees a new entity called the Consortium for Social Transformation. It consists of various university programs that support interdisciplinary research in and teaching of Women's, Mexican-American and African-American studies. The consortium hopes to foster collaborative research and train a new generation of teachers, educational leaders and citizens who understand the importance of diversity and excellence.

249—David Guinn is a well-known Philadelphia muralist whose five murals are included in the Center City Mural Mile Tour. "Garden of Delight" is on Locust Street between 11th and 12th Streets; "Spring" is at 13th and Pine; "Gimme Shelter" is on Lombard between 12th and 13th; "Autumn" is at 9th and Bainbridge; and "Crystal Snowscape" is at 10th and Bainbridge. David's latest installation is inside the new La Colombe coffee shop at 15th Street and South Penn Square in Center City.

250—Rachael Woldoff is an associate professor of sociology at West Virginia University. Her 2011 book, *White Flight/Black Flight: The Dynamics of Racial Change in an American Neighborhood*, presents a portrait of a working class neighborhood in the aftermath of white flight. Dr. Woldoff illustrates the cultural clashes that accompany racial change and common values that transcend race, from the perspectives of three groups: white stayers, black pioneers and "second wave" blacks.

253—Julie Guinn has left her position at Microsoft after five years and has taken a job at Intuit in Palo Alto, California.

254—Paul Johnson, David McMillan, James Williams and Aquil Bayyan have formed a sports marketing and communications company, War Room Sports. They also host "The War Room," an internet sports talk radio show that airs Thursdays from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Eastern time on www.WarRoomSports.com.

255—Stacey L. Malachoski Carey has given birth to sextuplets. Congratulations to Stacey and her family, which includes an older sibling. This is the first delivery of sextuplets in the history of Abington Hospital, and a good start to the 288th Class.

258—David Hildebrand has published his debut novel, *Walking Marina*. The book is a first-hand look at the world of male modeling in New York City. David began writing and modeling concurrently six years ago after leaving Chicago for New York. To catch up with David's fascinating career, go to www.drhildebrand.com.

259—Dave Rosenblum just completed production of his first feature film, for which he served as director of photography. The film is titled "Welcoming Departure" and was filmed in the Pacific Northwest. Dave also helped produce "Enter The Beard," which took him to Alaska in 2009. That documentary short about the World Beard and Moustache Championship continues to have a healthy festival run throughout the United States, and in London and Berlin. Dave and his brother, **Daniel (262)**, are third generation Central alumni. They followed their father, **Jeffrey (227)**, and their grandfather **Stuart (171)** through the halls of Dear Old High. 🍌



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Staff Writer, The Philadelphia Inquirer



Steve Klein (229)

As business challenges go, Stephen Klein has known his share.

There was the gun shoved in his ribs by a union agent unhappy with his family's non-union company, long named Anthony, the Family Plumber. And the brick thrown through the living room window of Klein's former home in Philadelphia's Mayfair section. And the beatings and tire slashings endured by his employees.

"A nasty time" is how Klein, 58, of Rydal, recently summed up that period in the mid-1970s when the economy was rough, and the region's plumbers even more so.

It would be a primer for the business trials ahead—including the loss of a nearly 20-year service contract with Sears that constituted most of Anthony's revenue.

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GERMAN POWs

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were ordered to stay and fight until their ammunition ran out. Sam was finally captured along with twenty other soldiers. Of those, ten were separated from the others and shot. Sam was among the remaining ten who became captives. Jerry reports that Sam is still alive, but, because of his treatment in prison camp, he has suffered two strokes, has macular degeneration, has no feeling in his feet and has trouble with balance. Sam received two Bronze Stars for service to our country. By contrast to Sam Polis' horrific experience, the German POWs next to Central spent the war in the safety of an armory on Ogontz Avenue, suffering only from the taunts of Central students.

Finally, **Richard Gross (198)** wrote a short story that personalizes the "legend":

The scene before us seemed an apparition. Maybe twenty men, dressed in fatigues, some in undershirts, or without shirts, kicking a soccer ball back and forth in the late summer heat. Enclosed by a high, chain link fence, on a dirt lot abutting a grim, low-slung, brick building, they yelled to one another in a harsh foreign tongue.

"My God! They're speaking in German," Carl said. Carl should know. He had spent half of his nine years in that foreboding land east of the Rhine.

"I wonder who they are?" he said, as we pushed our bikes close to the fence.

"I don't know," I said, "but look at those other guys, the ones with the helmets. They have rifles and everything. It looks like a movie." There were four American soldiers standing guard around the perimeter within the enclosure. Hard-faced and obviously hot under the sweltering August sun, they seemed none too happy at having to be there.

Carl walked his bike up to the fence. Then he yelled out some words in German. A few of the soccer players stopped in their tracks. Two of them ran over to the fence, and within seconds the three of them were involved in an animated conversation. Two more players joined the group, and all of them seemed excited and happy to have found Carl.

"Hey you!" a voice called out from across the enclosure. "Get the hell away from that fence!" It was one of the soldiers, and he was moving quickly toward us. Carl stepped back from the fence, and the soccer players, without further comment, returned to the game.

"What was that all about?" I asked as we peddled our bikes up the hill past Central High School. "They're German prisoners," Carl said. "Officers. They wanted to know where I came from in Germany, and whether I liked America."

"What did you say?"

"I told them I hardly remember Germany. I was five years old when we left."

"They looked like regular guys," I said. "Not like Gestapo."

"Yeah," Carl said. "Regular guys."

Carl's father was sitting in the living room reading the afternoon paper when we came in the door. He was a quiet man in his late thirties who rarely smiled. "Hey poppa!" Carl said excitedly. "Guess what we did?"

"What is that?" Carl's poppa said in his thick German accent. Carl replied, "We rode our bikes down by the armory, you know, back of the high school."

"Yes?"

"They have a bunch of German prisoners there."

"German prisoners?"


"Yeah, I got a chance to talk to some of them."

Carl's father put down his newspaper and stood up. He was right in front of Carl. "You talked to German soldiers?"

"Yeah."

Carl's father smacked Carl hard across the mouth. Then he turned and left the room. Carl stood in the middle of the living room trying to hold back tears. There was a handprint starting to grow red along the side of his mouth.

"I guess we'd better not go down there again," I said. Carl didn't say anything. He was trying not to cry. 🍌

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That and other tests would convince Klein of the survival value of diversification and embracing trends in the contracting business.

"It's no longer, 'Hey, I'm a good plumber,'" he said. "You have to be a businessperson if you're going to survive today."

At the very least, it requires far more than the attention-grabbing gimmicks employed by Klein's late father, Irving, when he formed the family business in 1954. The elder Klein picked the name Anthony in part to give the company placement advantage in the Yellow Pages, where listings are alphabetical.

A happy-go-lucky advertising jingle that played on radio and television had young and old singing Anthony's phone number—PI4-2200—when the company's white service trucks with eye-catching red and brown lettering rolled through neighborhoods.

Today, no one jingle could adequately summarize the Elkins Park company of 35 employees Stephen Klein runs. His name is on five different business cards representing separate ventures that collectively raised \$9 million in revenue in 2010.

The primary business has been renamed Anthony Home Improvements. The name reflects an evolution triggered by a plumbing-service contract with Sears in 1984 that grew into similar agreements that had Anthony handling electrical contracting, kitchen work, and sunroom and awning installations for the Chicago retailing behemoth. Revenue from that work would blossom to more than \$6 million a year, or 80 percent of Anthony's total income.

But a near-crisis would hit in 2001, when Sears decided to exit the home-services business—and its relationship with Anthony ended.

A lifeline would come two years later from an entity that could have just as easily delivered a knockout punch to Anthony—Home Depot. In 2003, Klein convinced the Atlanta home-improvement chain to give his company a chance to do its kitchen-installation work.

An initial agreement to make Anthony an authorized service provider for three Home Depot stores has expanded to include 59 stores in four states, for which Anthony does bathroom and kitchen jobs under the name Housecrafters.

The Home Depot work accounts for 75 percent of Anthony's remodeling income, Klein said. Not eager to relive the Sears experience, however, he has been on a diversification mission.

The most recent manifestation of that: 1 Call Bath Solutions, a division he recently formed after becoming a certified aging-in-place specialist. Through the sale and installation of walk-in bathtubs and showers, hip- and knee-friendly toilet seats, and safety bathroom accesso-

ries, Klein hopes to capitalize on a promising market: aging baby boomers.

Another initiative, Kachina Lead Paint Solutions, is a response to federal legislation that took effect last year that requires contractors working in homes built before 1978 to test for lead and follow protective practices if it is found.

Kachina offers contractors \$250 training approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well as certification forms, pamphlets, insurance, and safety supplies.

With his National Association of Professionally Accredited Contractors, Klein said, he is trying to "elevate" an industry long plagued with a fly-by-night reputation. The fee-based agency offers training, legal guidance, and contract-drafting help to its members.

It represents a commitment to professionalism that Orien Reid, longtime local television personality, consumer advocate, and critic of the home-improvement industry, said she recognized in Klein years ago.

Reid served with Klein on the Consumer Council of Greater Philadelphia in the 1970s, where she could "depend on him" to right home-improvement wrongs Klein had nothing to do with—sometimes for free.

Decades later, Reid would agree to be a spokeswoman for Klein's company for a year or so—a request she got from many businesses, but rarely honored.

"I just could not lend my name to a company that I really did not believe in," Reid said. "Customer service is a top priority for them, and quality work. When you combine the two, then you will have a successful company."

In April, Klein helped found the Lead Safe America Foundation, a nonprofit group to educate the public on new certification requirements for contractors handling lead-based paint and to help children sickened by lead poisoning.

He said he was moved by an Internet posting by Tamara Rubin, a Portland, Oregon mother of two children with developmental disabilities she said were related to a contractor's improper use of an open-flame torch to remove lead paint in their home.

"I'm just thrilled he reached out to a total stranger and offered to help," said Rubin, cofounder of Lead Safe America, who has yet to meet Klein in person. "He's just an incredible, selfless, generous man."

Klein said his business and charitable strategies are the same:

"Fill a need." ●

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