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THE END OF AN ERA

A Message from Retiring CHS President Sheldon S. Pavel

During the twenty-eight plus years it has been my privilege to be the President of Central High School, I have had many opportunities to share my thoughts in different venues with different sets of people. One of my recurring themes is "What makes Central unique?" There are many schools with quality young people, great teachers, and supportive parents; however, only Central combines these three elements with a fourth pillar, our alumni. Alumni make the difference. Your care, concern, presence, and willingness to share with current students are what truly make Central different from other excellent schools. You are the "keepers of the flame, the guardians of the traditions," and the continuing support system that has made my tenure as fulfilling as it has been.

The role of the alumni has evolved over the years that I have been honored to be at Central High School. One manifestation of that role was the creation of the new Barnwell Library, one totally planned by alumni and totally built with alumni dollars. The creation of the library transformed the school. A true intellectual hub came into existence and hundreds of thousands of visits have taken place. Yes, financial support, particularly in a time of need has been most welcome, but even more crucial for me has been your thoughtfulness, involvement, availability to listen and, most importantly, your constant presence in the school.

Each of you is aware that there is no other school quite as special as Central. I learned that and have done my best to help young people fully understand that. The school has changed over these decades, becoming incredibly more diverse. I believe that is now the most significant strength of the school. We are what society should be. People care for each other because of what they do and how they conduct themselves, not because of what they look like. We have tried to create an ethos that is inclusive rather than exclusive, and, to the credit of alumni, you have shared and fostered that vision. Understand the power that you possess as role models, and continue to influence and lead this school and this city.

Every time I have written an article for this publication, I have asked you to come to the building and see for yourself who we are now. I have suggested that the Central of (pick a year) is wonderful. I will end this message in the same way. Please come. Walk around. Look at the students. Listen to the teachers. See the parents. Understand that your past gave birth to this present and together the entire Central community will continue to create a magnificent future.

Thank you for helping me serve Central High School. It has been my absolute pleasure. 🍷



Now ...



... and Then

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

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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 4 at 6:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, 1 Dock Street, Philadelphia.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY 2012

Central celebrated its 15th annual International Day on February 23. Initiated by students, the day honors the diversity of the student body and celebrates world cultures.

Students transformed the school into an international extravaganza featuring the unique dance and music presentations of the various cultures, faculty and students in their native garb, and hallways decorated with international flavors. Throughout the day, students spoke of their international background and heritage.

Older alumni knew the Central student body as a fairly homogenous group of young men, with few African Americans and virtually no Asians or Hispanics. Most of us went home to similar families, and sat down to dinner eating similar foods. For International Day, students provided foods indigenous to their cultures; some 700 different dishes created what was labeled "the biggest buffet in town."

For alumni who attended (many more than in previous years), International Day was delightfully entertaining and inspirational. Be sure to watch for the announcement of International Day 2013. 



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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Steve Chappell, 209
Co-Editor, The Alumni Journal



I am flattered to have been asked by **Merrill Freedman** to serve as a co-editor of the *Journal*. He and I often have differing views on many of the issues that we deal with in putting the *Journal* together, and I think the *Journal* is a better publication for that. In addition, he's fun to argue with.

What to write about in a "maiden" column? The question is easily answered—"the kids."

A few years ago, I was asked to serve on the AACHS Development Committee. At the first meeting I attended, a committee member, in explaining the objectives of the Committee, said, "Steve, you have to keep in mind—it's all about the kids." That was, to me, a significant statement; most alumni associations are all about the alumni. I continue to remember that statement, and I see it reinforced in much of what I have noted or dealt with since becoming more active in the Alumni Association. I have also noted that Dr. Pavel rarely missed the opportunity to remind the alumni of our most important function.

Yes, the Association is asking for your donations to help it accomplish a number of objectives—redeveloping the music conservatory, building a new information technology center, restoring the athletic field, providing scholarships, and maintaining the appearance of the school—all objectives that shrinking school district budgets cannot easily address. We also ask for your time to help with programs such as Career Day and a speaker's bureau of alumni talking to students about their careers. In each case, it's for the kids, not for the alumni.

Are the kids worth your donations of money and time? The answer is an unqualified "yes." Supported by a dedicated faculty, current students at Central are students to be proud of. Among them are:

- an international award-winning Poetry Slam performer
- a prize winner at the National Shakespeare Competition
- members of the championship-winning Robolancers competitive robotics team
- members of the much-heralded Central High Orchestra and Choir
- members of many championship athletic teams

These students have been integral to Central's earning the U.S. Department of Education's coveted designation as a Blue Ribbon School. These are kids who give substance to the alumni motto of "honoring our tradition—ensuring our future."

Along with Merrill, I urge you to come back to visit, to see these kids, meet them and talk with them. See for yourself just how terrific they are and how deserving they are of your contributions of time, money and effort. 🍎

HELP THE CHS FACULTY

Can you share your expertise to help out the CHS faculty? They have asked the Alumni Association for our assistance in compiling a list of alumni who would be willing to communicate their experience to students, as a component of a Parent/Alumni database of potential speakers.

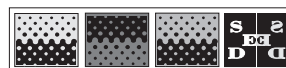
While many alumni do participate in Career Day, the faculty would like, as well, to be able to call on speakers on an ad hoc basis to interact with students in a particular subject area. As an example, the teacher of the Anatomy and Physiology course would welcome alumni in a health-related field to speak to his students, many of whom have expressed an interest in pursuing a vocation in healthcare.

Your participation will not require a great deal of your time. If you would like to help, please contact Thomas Quinn, CHS Social Studies Department, at taquinn@philasd.org or (215) 276-5262. You are guaranteed to derive as much from the experience as the students will. 🍎



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COLUMN B

by Bruce Yasgur, 216

Some of those featured in this issue make a good living, some a good life, and some, both. All are alumni who've contacted me. Wut-taya think? Anyone you'd like to see featured here? How 'bout yourself? Lemme know at byasgur216@gmail.com.



As always, 216 first. If you haven't yet witnessed **Laurence Salzmänn's** photographic and literary artistry, here's another opportunity: *Échele Ganas: A Life Left Behind* (Philadelphia, Blue Flower Press, 2012), a sympathetic look at Mexican immigration. Laurence has ventured to many parts of the world to document conditions among those who live, and lived, there. He was the first really hip guy most of us knew in high school. While some of us displayed our individuality by growing an adolescent beard or wearing black clothes or a beret, Laurence went off to Castro's Cuba to become one of the original Venceremos. Viva!

Speaking of world travelers, while he was in India tracking down Bengal tigers a few months ago, **Don Mankin (214)** learned that he'd won the Gold Medal (first place) in the annual travel writing competition sponsored by the North American Travel Journalists' Association, in the "50+ Travel and Travelers" category. Don's Rogue River rafting story that appeared in *The Huffington Post* a few months ago was published, with pix, in a recent issue of *Vibrant Living*. Check it out at bit.ly/DonMankin.

Sometimes you don't have to go far to have a good time. To wit: Ob/Gyn **Fred Cohen (229)** had a great time at the 229 leap-year "impromptu" get-together on February 29 at Maggiano's, organized, as usual, by **Frank Piliero**. **Harvey Steinberg (209)** showed up for an alumni update and pitch, and the school store seized the opportunity to hawk Lancers paraphernalia. A chorus of "Dear High" (in several keys, no doubt) punctuated the event! Next reunion? 2015, of course. Fred is the eldest of the three Cohen brothers: Fred, surgeon **Murray (231)** and lawyer **Len (235)**—sometimes a family could use a plumber, huh?

What a treat to spend an hour a coupla months ago with **Paul Curci (237)**, my former student, a long-time fine artist and *Philadelphia City Paper* publisher for 16 years. Paul has transitioned to yet another career, in management coaching and facilitation. He consults with universities, cultural non-profits, attorneys, entrepreneurs, commercial organizations and media. Interested? You can reach him at www.paulcurci.com.

I just got a LinkedIn double tag from a couple of my 248 kids. **DeShawn Jones** was a kibbitzer with an infectious humor back in that ninth-grade World Cultures class I enjoyed teaching so much. Now DeShawn has an MBA and serves as a senior business analyst for the City of Philadelphia. Senior? Classmate **Danielle Taylor**, whom I remember as a serious and well-spoken upper

class woman, works for ETS as a senior organizational development consultant. Another senior somebody! DeShawn says, and I bet Danielle agrees, that "we must learn to leverage today's technology without being married to yesterday's solutions in order to solve tomorrow's problems." Out of the mouths of babes...! Babes? Seniors? It's like it was yesterday.

Talk about the kids growing up. **Damon Ridley (252)** also linked me in. He recalls that, although he wasn't my student, I always greeted him pleasantly, as if he were. I'd like to think that most students saw me that way, but I know it isn't true. We don't get the chance to do it over, so the best I can hope for is to remember to do it from now on. Damon works with businesses to help them cut energy costs. You can e him at damonridley2010@gmail.com.

I never know what's gonna come out when I sit down to write this column. This one's been a terrific, nostalgic, not to mention cathartic, learning experience for me. Please feel free to share your experiences, insights, memories and relevant aspirations right here. ●

FYI

In June, we will celebrate the 271st Class Commencement. One hundred classes earlier, the 171st Class graduated on January 30, 1939, with commencement exercises in the auditorium of our historic third home at Broad and Green Streets, the last class to graduate from that building. Two days later, on February 1, 1939, Central began a new era with the opening of our fourth and current building. ●

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WE GET LETTERS (AND E-MAILS)

On asking for e-mail addresses

Dear Editor:

Brace yourself for a shock. Some alumni would have absolutely no reluctance to share their e-mail address except for one thing: they have no e-mail address and don't even have a computer. Now, noting that you are some four years older than I am, you may object to my stating that I am too old to learn the computer, but that's the difference among people.

By the way, Jed Rakoff (215) and I were co-winners of the John Seely Hart English Prize in June 1959.

Richard Rofman (215)
Van Nuys, California

To: Editor

Greetings and Happy New Year from the frozen north.

I am responding to the request in the Fall 2011 Alumni Journal Editor's Message. Yes, please keep me on your e-mailing list for the Journal.

Kudos to the good folks who create this wonderful resource for those of us scattered far and wide. Although I am too far away to take an active part in alumni affairs, I do appreciate being kept "in the loop" as to the happenings at CHS. Thank you for all your time and effort on the Journal.

Gilbert Cymbalist (220)
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

On "A Classic Battle for the Wooden Horse"

To: Steve Chappell

I enjoyed reading your account of the 1955 game, and hearing the names of some of the players. Unfortunately, Alan Kaufman and Harold (Biggie) Cohen are no longer with us. Great guys. Rudy Maurizio is well. I just spent my 50th Christmas with him and his family.

By the way, it was not Rudy who would not come out of the game. It was Alan Kaufman. I'm sure because I was the "would be sub" (second from left in front row in picture), and I literally threw Alan off the field.

I miss those guys and those days. It was nice of you to write about it. Thanks for the memories.

Chuck Leiber (207)
Ventnor City, New Jersey

To: Steve Chappell

What nostalgia! It was the first Northeast-Central game that I attended. It was cold, but losing always makes it feel colder. To make the sting worse, my godmother's son (a lifelong friend), was an All-Public lineman on Northeast's team. For a while I was not allowed to forget the defeat. Great article!

Warner Johnson (209)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On "A WWII POW Postscript" and "Do You Know the School Song?"

To: Harvey Steinberg:

A couple of articles in the Fall 2011 issue of the Alumni Journal stirred long forgotten memories. A WWII POW Postscript brought back recollections of relaxing on the south lawn with classmates Stan Hyman, Max Prizant, Morty Wapner and Hal Robinson.

At the bottom of the hill where we sat was a small National Guard armory, which housed German prisoners of war. They were in and out of the building, sometimes relaxed and smoking, sometimes joking, and frequently hard at work. Some of the students hollered down at them, sometimes with curses or epithets meant to provoke. The Germans didn't seem to mind; this was probably the best duty they ever had, the war was over, and they had made it through. For us, they were an interesting distraction.

I graduated in 1950 and didn't think much about those people until several years later when, upon graduation from college, the Army nabbed me, trained me, and then sent me to Germany. While there, my wife and I befriended a German national who had a friend who had a relative who had been a prisoner of war in Philadelphia years earlier. Through our friend, we found that the relative had been one of the prisoners I presumably had seen there at the armory. It was then I realized how small is the world, with so many of us tied together by common experiences.

There was another article in the same issue that brought back different memories. Art McNally, then an assistant football coach, is pictured in a photo in the article entitled A Classic Battle for the Wooden Horse. As a member of a New York consulting firm, almost every day I'd ride the train from Philly to New York City. Every so often, I'd run into Art McNally on the train and, having Central as our common thread, we'd occasionally sit together and chat — sometimes about Central, most times about football. In those years, Art had been a respected NFL official and later supervisor of the league officials, headquartered in NYC. As such, he wasn't able to comment about the officiating in the past weekend's games, but he was an interesting guy, nice as can be, and I enjoyed his company. He was a man to be admired.

Central prepared me for life's adventures and for higher education. I came halfway across the city from the Oxford Circle section of Philly to attend this icon of excellence. I've never regretted the extra effort and, now in my retirement years, I cherish the experience.

Stuart D. Snyder (193)
Delray Beach, Florida

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Ensure the Future
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by David R. Kahn, 220, AACHS Archivist and Historian

January 23, 1984 began bitter and cold. The overnight temperature was minus six degrees. However, at Ogontz and Olney, it was bright, warm and rosy, for this day marked the start of a new chapter in Central High School's history—the first day of Dr. Sheldon S. Pavel's presidency.



The AACHS president at the time, **Horace A. Stern, Esq. (172)**, described Dr. Pavel in the Spring 1984 *Alumni Journal* as "imaginative" and went on to state that CHS was headed in "new and heretofore uncharted directions" under Dr. Pavel's leadership.

How true that was.

Looking back, my opinion is that Dr. Pavel's appointment as the 13th president of the school was the second most significant event at Central in the 20th century, close in impact to the most significant—the admission of young women to Central. Some thought suggests the two go hand in hand. In a few short years, Dr. Pavel brought the school's population back to full strength, both in numbers and quality of students. The increasing number of girls admitted each year contributed markedly to the turnaround.

I can't describe Dr. Pavel in one word. I need two—"students first." He has always been about the students, and all of his efforts in administering the school through so many tough times (especially the last few years) have been with the students in mind. We can be proud of all that Central has accomplished and become under his leadership. It is a school with an outstanding, committed faculty which is dedicated to its students, students who understand what Central is about. It is a school with an involved and participatory Home and School Association and, of course, us, the Associated Alumni of Central High School.

During my four years as your president, I found it a privilege to work with Dr. Pavel. He made it easy for us to do what we do in the school. He sought us out, offered his advice (always good), and allowed us to participate in school affairs in a way that satisfied our wishes and the needs of the school.

Under Dr. Pavel, and with his permission and support, many great things happened or were achieved or were put into place at Central, more than I have space to list here, but I must mention a few.

Central has won hundreds of Public League athletic championships, many Moot Court competition titles and robotic competition awards. The school's Grammy-winning orchestra has traveled overseas. Dr. Pavel's tenure has seen expansion and renovation of the building, including new science labs, new art studios, a new gymnasium, and continuing technology upgrades. It also encompasses the crowning achievement (so far) of

the AACHS—the new library, conference center, and teachers' lounge, with computers for all faculty members. With Dr. Pavel's blessing, the new Robotics lab was built, and new auditorium seating debuted this year. (Thank you, **Bernie (198)** and **Joan Spain**).

In 2011, Central was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, a most appropriate honor to finish the career of our "Blue Ribbon President."

After 28 years, Dr. Pavel moves on to join the other great past presidents in the Central pantheon; it is time to move on to another chapter at Central. Central has always been about going forward—"honoring our tradition, ensuring our future." Dr. Pavel has done this and more, and I am confident his successors will continue in the same way. ●

LETTERS

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On "Do You Know the School Song?"

To: Editor

I sincerely appreciated David Kahn's detail of the history of the school song in the Alumni Journal. His first paragraph read as if he were there to witness an experience I had last February.

I am a retired professor of biology from Florida State University in Tallahassee. The University has a yearly event called "Seven Days of Opening Nights," an effort to supply modern culture to the community. Bill Cosby was booked to appear; my wife and I had tickets for his performance.

Cosby's set included a single chair upon which, well before his appearance, I had placed a sign that said, in big letters, "CHS 216." I watched a stagehand remove it. So much for hometown connections.

The sign, however, was returned to the table without my notice. Dr. Cosby appeared in a CHS sweatshirt that had 204 emblazoned on it.

After some chit-chat with the audience, he picked up my sign and, feigning anger, asked, "Who did this?" I stood up, proudly telling him I did. He ordered a chair for me and asked me to join him on the stage, which I did, reluctantly. We bantered a bit about Central, after which he concluded by asking if I remembered the school song. I did not, but he asked me to sing it with him. I stood with him on stage while he sang "Dear High."

For the next several months, I could not go to a public place in Tallahassee without people recognizing me and asking for comments. The only thing I could tell them was that the corner of Ogontz and Olney was a very special place for me and my younger brother (220), who, in my senior year, was president of the student body.

Marc E. Freeman, PhD (216)
Tallahassee, Florida ●

CLASS NOTES

155—The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan's 100 years of life were recently celebrated by The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia. Father Logan, a "retired" but very active clergyman, has been a member of the clergy for 73 years.

170—Dr. Herbert Behrmann retired recently after 70 years in the practice of optometry. Having graduated from Central at age 16, he became the youngest member of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry Class of 1942. After the war, in which he served in England and Scotland treating fellow soldiers for combat eye injuries, he opened a practice near Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia. At age 75, he joined OmniVision at 11th and Chestnut Streets, where he worked until his retirement.

174—J. Henry Goldman has published his memoir, *Lucky Hank — A World War II Air Force Navigator*, which is available online at amazon.com. He flew a B-25 attack bomber on 25 combat missions in the South Pacific; he was shot down twice.

Hank's classmates might remember that, although only 5'10" tall, he was the starting center on the 1939–1940 CHS varsity basketball team.

177—Dr. Robert (Bob) Brodsky recently received a letter of congratulations from the president of the University of Southern California for the major part Bob played in making USC's Department of Astronautical Engineering one of the nation's finest.

187—Richard A. Fox, developer of the Chesterbrook community in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and chairman of Planalytics, a company that uses long-range weather data for economic forecasts, was the subject of an article in the February 12 edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

189—Allen Ballard's memoir, *Breaching Jericho's Walls*, has been published, as has David Long's biography, *Tales of a Broadway Flack*. Completing a trifecta of 189 authors, Mort Altshuler has had his novella, *The Missing Gold Leaf*, and a short story, *The Verbaculturist*, published.

191—Arnold Zeitlin, in recognition of his efforts in reporting and journalism, received an award in 2010 for distinguished service to journalism from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, his alma mater.

Zeitlin, a member of the first Peace Corps volunteer group, covered the 1971 civil war in Bangladesh as an Associated Press correspondent and, since 2002, has been a visiting professor at China's Guangzhou University of Foreign Studies, teaching in an English language journalism program.

It is important to note that Zeitlin's long and illustrious career in journalism began as a reporter and editor for *The Centralizer*.

194—Howie Landa, a CHS basketball legend, is to be honored by Mercer County Community College, New Jersey, where he formerly coached. Howie also coached at the University of Las Vegas.

197—Robert Cohan reports that the 197 held its 60th reunion on May 25, 2011. Sixty class members and 30 guests attended, some from as far away as California, Florida, Missouri, Switzerland and Thailand. Attendees shared a rich and rewarding retelling of their lives since January 1952.

198—Stanley Cohen, a partner in the intellectual property law firm of Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd., Philadelphia, has been named 2010 Philadelphia "Lawyer of the Year" in the field of trademark law by *Best Lawyers in America*.

204—Dennis (Denny) Elkins, now Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, has published a new book, *Simple Actions for Jews to Help Green the Planet: Jews, Judaism and the Environment*. Check it out at bit.ly/IhUJIn.

204—Ivan (Van) Jacobs reports that the original *Phantom of the Opera* musical, which he created (music, lyrics and book), is currently playing in Jakarta, Indonesia, the first musical to do so.

205—Matt Levine was featured in a recent story in the *Los Altos Town Crier*, passed along by Frank Weiss (204). The article recalled the role Matt played in the shaping of the National Hockey League's San Diego Sharks, developing the team's name, colors, uniforms and mascot—S.J. Sharkie. Levine now works as a marketing consultant, and lists more than 50 professional sports teams as past and present clients.

206—Robert J. Stern, an attorney with Stradley Ronon, has authored *Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law*—a 700-page, fully indexed treatise providing insight into the Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation sector, and the surrounding laws. The book, published by LocalLaw Publications, Inc., offers commentary, checklists, cases and forms covering the full scope of nonprofit corporation law in Pennsylvania.

211—*Forever Young, Forever Old*, Bill Aron's *Panoramas of Israel* with a focus on Jerusalem, will be on exhibit at the Pucker Gallery in Boston from May 5–28.

211—Marvin Samson has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

212—Dr. Fred Goldstein, professor of pharmacology at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine recently completed services on the United States Medical Licensing Exam Advisory Board and a task force of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), in both instances reviewing content of substance abuse questions.

Dr. Goldstein is newly appointed to the NBOME Level 1 Review Committee, which evaluates Osteopathic Medical Board Licensing exams.

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212—**Andrew Weil, MD**, the prolific writer and pioneer in the field of alternative medicine, advises in his latest book, *Spontaneous Happiness*, published by Little, Brown and Company, that we can be happier by getting in touch with nature—and putting limits on our e-mail and Internet use.

212—**Bob Wachter**, Class Rep, reminds that the 212 50th reunion DVD is available. For a free copy, e-mail *alan.verbit@gowebway.com* with a current mailing address.

218—**Joseph Badal's** fourth novel, *Evil Deeds*, has just been released by Suspense Publishing. *Evil Deeds* is a thriller that is part of the Bob Dansforth series, which includes *Terror Cell* and *The Nostradamus Secret*. His next novel, *Inside Job*, which takes place in Philadelphia, is a fictionalized account of the capital markets meltdown and its banking repercussions. It is scheduled to be released this spring.

The screenplay of Joe's first novel, *The Pythagorean Solution*, has been optioned by a Hollywood film producer. More information about Joe's work is available at *www.josephbadalbooks.com*.

218—**Rabbi Richard Address**, spiritual leader of Congregation M'Kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, has just published a book, *Seekers of Meaning*.

221—**Joel Zumoff**, after completing two four-year terms as an alderman on the City of Ithaca (New York) Common Council, retired from the office at the end of 2011.

227—**Joshua Greene, PhD** and his family have moved back to the United States after his retirement from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and completion of his tenure as Deputy Director of the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute. He is currently active as a consultant, conducting training programs for the Asian Development Bank and Bank Negara Malaysia.

He has, as well, had a textbook published—*Public Finance: An International Perspective*—which addresses leading issues in public sector economics, using examples from countries around the world.

229—**Stephen J. Klein's** company, Anthony Home Improvements, has been named Remodeler of the Year by *Professional Remodeler Magazine* in its December 2011 issue. The article may be found at *bit.ly/laEGiX*.

235—**Steve Kranz**, as well as celebrating 25 years as Senior Claim Counsel for Travelers Insurance, has earned credentials as a Recognized Beer Judge after passing the Beer Judge Certification Program exam. He reports that the exam was more difficult than any bar exam he has taken.

244—**Jonathan Q. Irvine** was sworn in as a judge on the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas on January 2 for a 10-year term. He will be presiding over cases in Family Court—Juvenile Division.

250—**Betty Liu**, CHS Alumni Hall of Fame Member and Bloomberg TV anchor, has added the quarterly Bloomberg TV program "Titans at the Table" to her anchoring duties.

254—**Lizbeth Little**, on behalf of the 254, wishes Dr. Pavel a very happy retirement. "You will be greatly missed, and every time a fellow 254 visits and walks by your office, it won't be the same. It is because of your leadership that we of the 254 remember our times at Central so fondly. We wish you all the best."

255—**Shayna Lear**, minister and financial adviser, has released a new book entitled *Money on Purpose, Finding a Faith-Filled Balance*. The book is an overview of the four ways we use money—spending, saving, giving and investing—and offers strategies to restore a healthy and faith-filled balance to financial life. For more information or to purchase, visit: *www.judsonpress.com*.

257—**Stephanie (Peteraf) Young** received her MBA with a concentration in Pharmaceutical Management from Drexel University.

258—**David Hildebrand** was interviewed about his recent novel, *Walking Marina*, by news anchor Chuck Scarborough on "New York Nightly News."

263—**Aniela Glinski** is serving in the Peace Corps in Zambia. She is an education volunteer working on a number of projects, one of which is the construction of a community-run pre-school, the first in her district. She is presently involved in fund-raising for the project.

266—**Sarah Bart**, a senior history major at Goucher College, was a contestant on the "Jeopardy College Championship" in February. She sailed through the first rounds and qualified for the finals in which she took the second-place prize of \$50,000.

269—**William Feldman**, First Honor Man of the 269 and recipient of an Alumni scholarship, is sub-matriculating as a math major at Penn, and will graduate with a bachelor's and master's degree in 2014

Editor's note: We might have missed it in previous Journals, but the following is the first wedding announcement we recall seeing. Please let us know if other such happy occasions involving Central grads have occurred.

Congratulations to **Nicole C. Dupree (256)** and **Andrew C. Levitt (257)** on their upcoming wedding!

We wish them all good things now and in the future. 🍷

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See page 16 for more information.

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REUNIONS

177—**Matt Deines**, Class Rep, reports that plans are already underway for the next reunion in 2015. Not wanting to push their luck, the class has moved their reunions to every three years instead of every five.

The class had two 70th reunions in 2011. The Southern group met at the Ritz-Carlton in Key Biscayne, Florida, while the Northern reunion was at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue.

181—This class owns the record for holding reunions every year since graduation in 1944! The next reunion of this remarkable class is to be held on May 4 at the Union League in Philadelphia. Contact **Jules Silk** at lafite45@hotmail.com.

184—**Ed Itzensohn**, Class President, reports that the 67th reunion will be celebrated with a brunch on June 10 at Meadowlands Country Club. The class meets for lunch the first Tuesday of every month at Marco Polo, York and Church Roads in Elkins Park.

188—The class will be celebrating at its 65th reunion on June 3 from noon to 4 P.M. at the Blair Mill Inn in Horsham. Contact **Matt London** at londonm@philau.edu.

189—Planning is underway for a 65th reunion in October. Contact **Saul Carroll**, 309 Florence Avenue, N324, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046; (215) 885-5778; saulemcarroll@verizon.net.

198—The 60th reunion is to be held on May 19. Contact **Stanley Cohen** at scohen@crbcp.com. **Bernie Gross** announced that the Fourth Annual Florida Class Reunion will be held on February 13, 2013, at a Florida location to be determined.

207—**Art Hausman** reports that the 207 will be holding its 55th reunion on September 29 at the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel, 220 South 17th Street, Philadelphia. Class members should contact **Burt Lazarow** at [burtcyn@verizon.net](mailto:cynburt@verizon.net).

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TAKE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE!

The restoration of the fire-damaged school auditorium is complete, and many alumni have availed themselves of the opportunity to dedicate the new, upholstered seats. You can still 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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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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 160 — John J. Macionis *
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 172 — Raymond A. Baker, MD
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 255 — Nicholas McCloskey
 260 — Daren Dieter (Haver)

Faculty — Robert G. Hoffman (181)
 Faculty — Donald Chalmers
 Faculty — Sheldon Neff
 Faculty — Dr. Herman L. Wohl

* Member, Alumni Hall of Fame

Correction: Dr. Milton Silver (186) reports he is very much alive. *The Journal* regrets the error.

REUNIONS

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208 — Class Rep **Mickey Greenblatt** announces that the 208's 55th reunion will take place May 18–20. Headquarters for the event is the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in Philadelphia. Contact Mickey at mg840@columbia.edu.

209 — **Steve Chappell** notes that the 55th reunion will take place on May 17 and 18, 2013.

226 — The class will be holding its 45th reunion on May 5 from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at City Tavern, 138 South Second Street, Philadelphia. For further information contact **Zachary Rubin** at (215) 321-6905 or zrubin2@verizon.net.

231 — The 40th reunion will take place on October 6 at Chickie's and Pete's, 1526 Packer Avenue, Philadelphia. Contacts are **Earl Harvey** at earlharvey@aol.com and **Fred H. Ratner** at fratner@aol.com.

237 — **Andy Heller** is beginning preparation for the 35th reunion in 2013. Follow the class website, www.centralalumni.com/class237.

251 — **Leigh Whitaker** reminds that the 20th reunion will be held on May 11 from 8:00 P.M. to midnight at Romano's Catering, 1523 East Wingohocking Street, Philadelphia. For more information, please visit www.251reunion.com. 🍷

Renowned photographer and educator Herb Snitzer (194) recounts a life in his chosen professions.

I am a child of the '30s, born during an era of difficult times reflecting the impact of the Great Depression and world-wide uncertainty, a son of poor and fearful refugee parents who got off the boat and settled in Philadelphia. Remembrances of Cossacks pillaging villages were never far away. We lived a lower middle class, insulated Jewish life. Art and music were considered frivolous.

The times changed dramatically with the end of the Second World War in 1945. America was victorious against a horrible enemy whose dreams of world conquest were not to be realized. The period from 1945 to 1950 was a time of returning service men and women, a time of great hope, a time of great art and music.

A personal high water mark, a feather in our caps—my brother and I got into Central High School. He was in the 191st class; I was in the 194. Going to and from school was an adventure. Anti-Semitism did not end with the end of the war. Being picked on by toughs looking for trouble, and the resultant fights, became an integral part of our daily back and forth.

I struggled initially at Central. Thankfully, I met Joe McCloskey, an English teacher who identified with his students (and with whom I stay in touch). He told us that he never flunked anyone; passing his course was our responsibility, not his. If I wanted to learn, it was up to me.

I never forgot McCloskey's comment, but I didn't give it its due. I joined the JV football team and played for three years, too often ignoring my classes. One of my most vivid high school memories involves racism on the football field, an African-American kid being viewed as not good enough to call signals because he was black. I was horrified to see this indication of the racism in which our country was steeped. Anti-Semitism was a given; racism joined it to form intellectual bookends against which to fight.

Central had very few black students then, only 19 out of 262 in my class. I regret that we never came together socially, the times then being so different from today. The football incident, however, did leave its mark, and caused me to pursue history and the events that shaped our country and its people. What I discovered saddened, angered, challenged and changed me forever. The NAACP would become a part of my life in later years.

After Central, I enrolled in the Philadelphia Museum School of Art (now the University of the Arts). I had taken art as a fifth major at Central, and had always liked to draw. At the Museum School I was introduced to painting and art history, and I was hooked. I felt at home in the Arts. I wanted to remain in this world. Uncle Sam interrupted my schooling for a few years but, after being discharged from the Army and taking my academic courses at Temple, I was awarded my B.F.A. degree in 1957.


A day after graduating I arrived in New York City, and rented a fifth floor walk-up apartment for \$70 a month. I was ready to take on the world. Needing a job, I called Arnold Newman, the environmental photographer and former Philadelphian who liked my work. Arnold taught me a great deal, but he was difficult. I left Arnold and began to photograph for national magazines and newspapers. My work was shown at the Museum of the City of New York, the exhibit entitled "Four Seasons in Central Park." It was a big deal (I bought a new suit for the opening), and I was very excited by the responses from critics and others. Many doors were opened, especially by Grace Mayer, the curator of the museum. She introduced me to the great Edward Steichen, of the Museum of Modern Art, who bought two of my prints for \$25.00 each, serious money in those days.

Seeking magazine work, I visited the jazz magazine *Metronome*, the visit resulting in *Metronome's* hiring me in October 1958 to photograph the saxophonist Lester Young, for many years the driving force in the Count Basie Orchestra. Young was open and generous with his time. Sadly, he died six months later at the age of 49. The photographs, though, have lasted.

I was hooked by the music and, over the next seven years, became completely involved with *Metronome* as photography editor, then associate editor, and with the people who made this wonderful music. Meeting all those wonderful artists allowed me to make images that have become iconic: Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Nina Simone, Thelonius Monk—the list goes on. Along with the jazz artists, I also met and photographed Bette Davis, Tennessee Williams, John Cage, Otto Klemperer, Dr. Casimir Funk, Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, Stuart Davis, Aaron Siskind, and Leonard Bernstein. Many "ordinary" folks allowed me to enter their worlds as well. Being a photographer back then was important and rewarding. Not everyone had a camera, there were very few paparazzi, and there was no Facebook.

This photographer, however, was about to add an entirely new dimension to his career—that of educator. A.S. Neill was the founder and headmaster at the Summerhill School in England who advocated participatory democracy and voluntary classes for children ages 6 through 16. I was intrigued by his philosophy and wanted a firsthand look at the process. I met Neill at Summerhill in 1961, and returned there in the fall of 1962 with a book contract to do an extended photographic study of Summerhill along with my text. My stay at the school had an impact. It led to my leaving the world of photo-journalism to become a co-founder of the American version of Summerhill, the Lewis-Wadham School, which opened in the Adirondacks in October 1963. It was a thrilling time. I was 30 years old and moving to the Adirondack Mountains.

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The Alumni Association's Class Representatives Committee strives to maintain contact with every class through its designated representative. In order to ease our administrative burden, we ask each class to designate just one person to serve as the official liaison between the class and the Association. 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 chsalmuniph1@aol.com. 

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

April 14 — CHS Party Central

The Central High School Home and School Association will hold its first Party Central fund raiser. The event will run from 7:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. at the Commodore Barry Club at 6815 Emlen Street in Philadelphia.

Central alumni are invited to enjoy a social evening with parents, teachers and staff. The evening will offer music, dancing, a buffet with complimentary wine and beer, and a chance to win fabulous auction and raffle prizes.

The Home and School Association is seeking tax deductible donations of gift certificates or items that can be used as auction or raffle prizes. Advertisements for the program can also be purchased

Tickets are \$35.00. All questions, donations and requests for tickets should be directed to **Anita Quain** at anitaquain@yahoo.com. Tickets can also be purchased on the CHS website, www.centralhigh.net. Find "Party Central" on the Home and School page.

April 22 — Second Annual 5k Run

Are you ready for some running? The Second Annual 5k Run (and 1½-Mile Fun Walk) will be held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Proceeds will benefit all student extracurricular activities.

The 5k race will start at 10:00 A.M., and the walk five minutes later. The course is flat, fast and closed to traffic. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each age group as well as top male and female overall, with special awards for top female and male alumni and current student.

The first 500 registrants will receive a Race Day tee shirt. Refreshments and fluids will be available after the race.

We need sponsors and advertisers as well as runners and volunteers. Please contact the Alumni office at chsalmuniphil@aol.com or (215) 927-9550, or the 5k Run chairman, **Pete Forjohn** at pforjohn@glenmillsschools.org.

April 30 — Central Night at the Phillies

The 271st and 272nd classes are sponsoring Central Night at the Phillies at 7:00 P.M. when the Phillies play the Chicago Cubs at Citizens Bank Park.

Tickets are \$25.00 until April 9 (the Phillies' home opener) and \$30.00 thereafter. Tickets can be obtained through **Michael Horwits (251)** at Central or by e-mail to mhorwits@philas.org. April 30 is also Dollar Dog Night and tickets are going fast.

May 4 — Holocaust Remembrance Day

For the fourth year, the 202nd class is sponsoring a Holocaust Remembrance Day. Alumni participants in the program will include:

Les Wurtle (202), **Charles L. Rojer, MD (199)**, **Emanuel Mandel (202)**, **George Marcus (204)**, and **Gordon Taplinger (178)**. Dr. Rojer and Mr. Mandel are survivors of concentration camps; Mr. Taplinger was a liberator

of the camps.

Also taking part in the program will be Mr. Marcus' uncle, Ernest Kaufman, a survivor and liberator, and Tema Merback, wife of **Joseph Merback (202)**. Ms. Merback is the author of *In the Face of Evil*, which tells of the experience of her mother, a concentration camp survivor.

June 13 — Commencement

Commencement ceremonies for the 271st Class will take place at the Kimmel Center. 

PHOTOGRAPHY AND PEDAGOGY

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My book on Summerhill was published in 1965. I stayed on at Lewis-Wadhams as director for the next 12 years, taught photography to a number of students who have left their mark on the medium, obtained a M.Ed., and finished another book, a memoir on the life of the school during a school year.

All good things come to an end—the school closed in June of 1976. It was out of the mountains and on to 13 satisfying years in the Boston/Cambridge area, working as an educator, writer and photographer. In 1992, I moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where I established a studio to exhibit and sell my photographs of the famous and not-so-famous.

Lastly, a question hangs out like laundry on a line when writing for the *Alumni Journal*. How did my time in Central High influence my thinking and my approach to life and living? Though I haven't returned, surely there has been a long term attachment. I do feel a pull when I drive down Broad Street on my rare visits to see my family. I know I feel proud of having gone to Central. I have always felt joy in being "in" (not "at") Central.

Bill Disharoon, our class sponsor, wrote in our yearbook, "For you boys, I can only wish no more [for you than] to be an influence for the good. May those with whom you associate be led to a better life and a finer concept of the better things in this life through their friendship with you."

"...to be an influence for the good." How right you were, Bill. I'll drink to that.

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CONGRESSWOMAN ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER MEETING

United States Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz will be the keynote speaker at the annual Alumni Dinner Meeting on June 4 at the Sheraton Society Hill.

Ms. Schwartz represents Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District which includes the neighborhoods of Northeast Philadelphia and the first-ring suburbs of Montgomery County.

Labeled a "rising star" by *Politico*, she is an increasingly influential figure in Congress, playing a central role in debates on health care, the federal budget and tax policy. *Congressional Quarterly* describes her as "one of the Democrats' leading healthcare experts."

Ms. Schwartz is a member of the House Budget Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. She is also vice chair of the New Democratic Coalition.

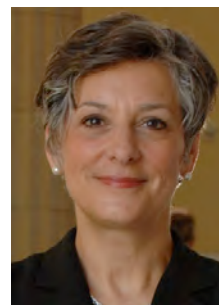
The Congresswoman has been honored with numerous awards for her role as a leading healthcare advocate. These include the Gateway to Innovation award by the Healthcare Leadership Council, the Leadership Award by the Delaware Valley Healthcare Council, the Public Service Award of the American College of Physicians, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Prior to her service in Congress, Ms. Schwartz was a leading healthcare executive in Philadelphia. From 1990 to 2004, she served as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, where she was considered one of the most accomplished legislators for her ability to forge bipartisanship relationships.

Ms. Schwartz cites the influences of her father, a Korean War veteran, and her mother, a Holocaust survivor, as the source of her commitment to public service. These personal family experiences compel her to be a strong advocate for veterans and their families and to fight for foreign and domestic policies that build democracy, security, and opportunity for all Americans.

She earned a B.A. from Simmons College in Sociology and a Masters of Social Work from Bryn Mawr College. A Jenkintown resident, she is married and has two grown sons.

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