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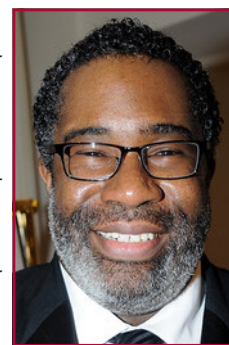
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"IT ALL STARTED RIGHT HERE!"

by Burt Spielman, 218

Managing Editor, The Alumni Journal

The newest member of the Alumni Hall of Fame, **Eric Owens (247)**, was inducted at a ceremony held in the CHS auditorium on April 28. Owens, a world-renowned operatic bass-baritone appearing as the King of Spain, Philip II, in Opera Philadelphia's production of Verdi's *Don Carlo*, returned to Central for the first time since he graduated in 1988. He was greeted enthusiastically by AACHS members and by the current graduating class, the 274. The students' screams of astonishment when they first heard Owens's deep, sonorous voice weren't exactly what he might expect from the audience at The Metropolitan Opera, but they were no less appreciative.




Unfortunately, Owens was vocally indisposed, suffering from a bad cold. To save his voice for his three remaining opera performances at the Academy of Music, he did not perform his previously scheduled recital. Nonetheless, the Madrigal Singers, a small a cappella group of students led by **Anna Shafer (274)**, and the CHS Orchestra, led by Music Department chairman Benjamin Blazer, admirably took up the slack. The Singers led off the program with *The Star Spangled Banner*, and finished things up with a rendition of the *Alma Mater*, joined, of course, by the assembled visitors. During the ceremony, the Orchestra offered a musical interlude, Béla Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances for Orchestra*, Sz.68, featuring concertmistress **Zhanar Irgebayeva (274)**.



Hall of Fame committee chairman **Stephen Burnstein (222)** presented Owens with a commemorative plaque displaying a reproduction of the earliest surviving American daguerreotype, an 1839 depiction of the first Central High School (see the Fall 2014 edition of the *Alumni Journal* for a more complete description).

AACHS archivist **David Kahn (220)** also invited Owens to sign the venerable Visitors' Book dating back to 1840, noting that his signature was joining those of, among many others "common and famous," Presidents James K. Polk and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.



Owens professed that he thought the idea of just an opera singer joining the ranks of the distinguished alumni in the Hall of Fame was "amazing." Perhaps unlike some fellow opera stars—divas or divos, if you like—his demeanor of good-natured humility shone through his remarks. He acknowledged his debt to Central to everyone: "It all started right here!" Surely, Owens's ascent from high school oboe player to internationally sought-after opera star has met the AACHS criteria for induction. 

Annual Alumni Dinner Meeting • Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 P.M.

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Central High School Alumni Hall of Fame Posthumous Induction Ceremony

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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeffrey Muldawer, 225
President, AACHS



Having the opportunity to go back to Central on a regular basis and interact with the current students, it does not seem possible that my classmates and I will be holding a milestone reunion during the last weekend of October 2016. The committee is anticipating a big turnout for the 50th reunion of the 225. For those of you who are not receiving emails about the event, please provide me with your email address as soon as possible at jeffmuld@comcast.net. You can find additional information in the "Reunion Update" on page 5 of this *Journal*.

The recent school production of the musical *Oklahoma!* was the first show supported by The **Ellis A. Gimbel Trust**. **Mr. Gimbel (79)** is one of several alumni being inducted posthumously into the Alumni Hall of Fame on June 10 at the Union League. This ceremony will occur during our Annual Meeting and Dinner. Please make an effort to attend what will be an enjoyable evening.

Another event you should not miss will occur at Citizens Bank Park on May 15. Highlighting Central Night at the Phillies will be a formerly promising right-handed pitcher throwing out the first pitch. As an added incentive to attend, the Phillies have also scheduled Irish Heritage Night for the same evening. Please contact **Mike Horwits (251)** at mhorwits@philasd.org to obtain tickets.

For those of you who have not been back to school since graduation, many improvements have been made to the building and AACHS is proud to have been instrumental in initiating some of these projects. Two big changes on the first floor are in the library at the south end of the main hallway, and in the auditorium in the middle of the hallway. The library renovation was the first major project undertaken by the Alumni Association and also includes the Spain Conference Center directly above the library. The conference center receives substantial use by students, faculty, parents and alumni.

The auditorium recently was upgraded with new upholstered seats. Joan and **Bernie Spain (198)** underwrote this project. Please use the order form on page 7 to make a meaningful contribution by dedicating one or more seats.

I hope to see many of you at the events mentioned in this edition of the *Journal*. 🍷

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COLUMN C

by Bruce Yasgur, 216



Hotel life is a whole other slice. We've been living in a small suite in Conshohocken since August, when our own private flood wiped out our Philly house while we were enjoying the woods in and about our Maine cabin. We've since been introduced to many new experiences, like competing with our fellow guests for overnight parking and stuffing our previously undamaged clothing into two small dressers and a closet and a half. At least they serve snacks three nights a week and breakfast every day, with eggs any way you like, as long as you like them scrambled and don't mind the crush of your ever-new neighbors as you all scoop them out of the communal trough. They even change our linens and vacuum both rooms. Happily, we've befriended people with varied personalities and backgrounds. Janice has become a regular in the lounge. She and Lady, the bartender/chef/cleaner-upper, are BFFs. Janice has become the self-appointed social director and capitalized on her newfound status to meet dozens of residents and short-termers alike. A huge cast of characters, like those of *Dr. Zhivago* or *Game of Thrones*, has entered and exited our little stage as weeks and months have passed into history.

The regulars include a couple with whom we were friendly some 30 years ago and haven't seen in as long. It's been great catching up. The stars of the show, though, are the members of a crew of itinerant heavy equipment operators who travel around the country burying underground pipelines. Some of them barely finished high school, but they sure know their job, coaxing huge conduits into place while avoiding subterranean obstacles like infrastructure, boulders and old foundations. Monikers like Sponge Bob, Crack Baby, Gunny and Wizard hint at true-life tales, most of which are the subjects of absorbing conversations over a beer or two. Their blue-collar, often rough-and-tumble lifestyle was virtually unknown to us white-collar types. The ignorance was mutual. After endless story swaps and Q&A sessions about our respective lives and jobs, we grew to like and admire one another as much for our differences as for our similarities. We found that we shared a lot of traits, not the least of which were pride in our work and curiosity about each other's lives.

This interaction left me wondering if I missed out by donning the collar and tie when I was still in school. I never learned to build or repair anything major or to run the big machines like my new friends did. I fantasized driving when I read *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* as a kid, and even when my own kid and I read about big machines and played with his Tonka trucks. Is it possible to major in both academics and real-world (read "Marlboro Man") vocations? Maybe it's just me, or maybe that's the point. Maybe, no matter what we

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MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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

STEPHEN KLEIN, 229

Board member Stephen J. Klein suffered real culture shock when he arrived at Central. As his elementary school went only from K to 8, he had never changed classes before. He was one of just four students from that school selected to attend Central, and the only one who ultimately graduated. "I was always an 'A and B' student but, when I got to Central, I realized that there were smarter people, and multiple ways to look at any situation. For me, this was life-altering; it made me a better listener and a more humble person. I sometimes compare my first two years at Central to the experiences of a Marine friend who struggled through boot camp but later realized the huge positive impact it had on him."



Stephen is the president of a group of companies based in Elkins Park. Among these is Anthony Home Improvements, Inc., a third-generation family business his late father founded in Philadelphia in 1954. Over the years, under Stephen's leadership, the focus of the business has evolved as market conditions have changed. His business has grown from residential plumbing to become the exclusive sales and installation company for retailers like Sears, Home Depot and First Street (Jacuzzi® Walk-In Tubs).

He is currently focusing on Kachina Lead Paint Solutions, a national EPA-approved company that provides training to ensure that contractors and landlords are in compliance with laws in place to protect against the dangers of lead paint; and Slip Savers, a regional company serving property managers, restaurants, hotels and other commercial properties where slips and falls are a potential issue. Slip Savers' exclusive process makes floors, tubs and showers "not slippery when wet!"

Providing his unique perspective on how to blend business success with one's personal goals in life, he is also involved in the areas of coaching and consulting, working in an advisory capacity with a select group of business leaders and companies.

National recognition of his entrepreneurial leadership has earned him the coveted Professional Remodeler of the Year honor in 2011. He has served on the City of Philadelphia Mayor's Consumer Advisory Boards under four mayors, and is a past president of the Delaware Valley National Remodelers Association.

At Central, Stephen was a diver and gymnast. Today he enjoys boating, fishing, golf and travel. Married to Randy for 40 years, he is the father of three sons and the grandfather of two girls.

He serves on the board of Hillel at Drexel University, his alma mater, where he earned a degree in marketing. Also active in a number of professional and civic organizations, he supports a variety of causes associated with children and seniors. A particular focus of support is Autism Spectrum Disorder with which his first granddaughter was diagnosed. An accomplished pianist, Stephen enjoys playing for seniors, especially those with Alzheimer's disease. "When I see people almost in a vegetative state begin to tap their fingers or toes to the music, I literally get goose bumps. Music is a wonderful way to relate, at all levels."

Stephen has served on the AACHS Board of Managers for a number of years and is now a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, an assignment that has, he says, "further reinforced my high opinion of the school's alumni."

KRISTINA CHANG, 254

Kristina is a Director of Procurement at Comcast, managing the billing support systems and operating support systems spend category. Previously, Kristina

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Editors, The Alumni Journal

Re-reading Milt Dienes's (177) article in the Winter *Journal*, "Photographing History," and recalling the jaw-dropping conversation that precipitated our request that he write of his experiences, we could not help but wonder how many other stories must be tucked away in the minds of other proud Central alumni.

"The Greatest Generation," defined by the author, Tom Brokaw, lived through the harrowing years of World War II, and there is no doubt that many Central grads have stories to tell. And those of us whose generational identification is less than the "Greatest" have our own stories to tell. Sadly, this makes us think in terms of wars fought: Korea followed the Second World War, followed by Viet Nam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Undoubtedly, Central men and women played a part in each. While we pray that Central men of "The Greatest Generation" continue to live long and healthy lives, the reality is that your stories might be lost forever if they are not soon told.

Ensuing wars involved less of the total population, but bravery is the common denominator in each. In some instances, primarily the Viet Nam conflict, bravery sometimes took the form of protest. In any event, there are lots of stories waiting to be told, and we'd like to read them.

For younger generations, such stories represent history coming to life, while those who lived through these awful events will just shake our heads and think about how it was. We invite your recollections, be they sad, exciting, or humorous. Your *Alumni Journal* co-editors stand ready to help get your story told. 🍷



FROM THE CHS PRESIDENT

Timothy J. McKenna
President, Central High School



As we begin to look forward to next year, I am pleased to report that the 278th graduating class will be made up of 655 students from all corners of Philadelphia. We accepted students from more than 170 schools in our region; Central High School is Philadelphia. We are excited to welcome the new class as they begin their journey at "Dear High."

Our incredibly talented student body has accumulated many accolades this year. The Robolancers team recently qualified for the FIRST Robotics World Championships in St. Louis. The team earned their spot by winning the prestigious Chairman's Award at the Mid-Atlantic Robotics Competition. The Robolancers, led by Mr. Michael Johnson and Ms. Darcel Bonner, have worked tirelessly to prepare for multiple robotics competitions and events. Their dedication to our school's mission is admirable.

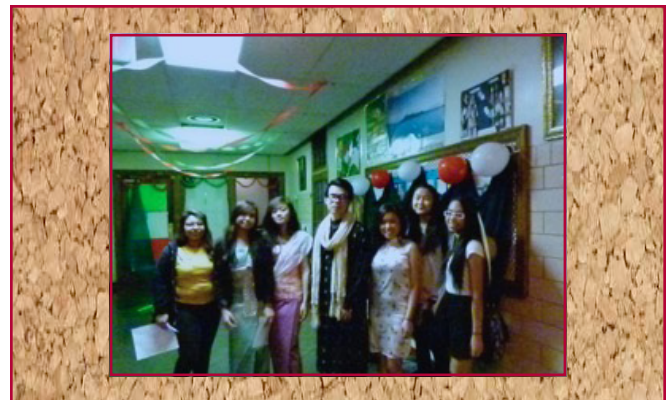
On our playing fields, our athletic teams have competed well and won championships. This year, the tennis, wrestling, bowling and golf teams won the Public League title. Over 30 students earned All-Public honors. Our athletic director, **Rich Drayton (246)**, has done a great job leading our program. Next year promises to be another great year in athletics.

Our music and art programs continue to grow. We presently have over 100 students in our choir, 80 in our orchestra and over 300 studying music in a variety of courses. We have expanded opportunities in art and support over 400 students in daily classes. Students are studying architecture, film, art history and sculpture.

I am reminded on a daily basis why my job is the best in the City of Philadelphia. I come to work knowing that, at some point each day, I will be amazed by the accomplishments of the students I am proud to serve. The faculty is passionate about the art of teaching, our parents donate time and resources to improve the educational experience for our students, and our alumni association works with me to continue to uphold our tradition of excellence. It has been a wonderful year. 🍷

INTERNATIONAL DAY 2015

International Day occurred on February 5. As promised in the last issue of the *Journal*, a group of pictures from the event appears elsewhere in this issue. For those of us who shared our youthful experience at Central exclusively with young men whose backgrounds were similar in many (most) ways to our own, International Day must be experienced to be fully understood. It's a day that makes us all proud of what Central has become. 🍷



REUNION UPDATE

184—Meadowlands Country Club, 711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell, will be the site of the 70th reunion of the **184** on June 7. A brunch beginning at 11:30 A.M. is planned. The cost is \$35 per attendee; spouses are invited.

Members of the 184 continue to lunch together on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Marco Polo, York and Church Roads, Elkins Park. Class representative **Edward Itzen-son** reports that the regular lunch attendees indicated that the 70th should be their last reunion. "They do not want to know who the last man standing will be."

For the reunion, class members are asked to bring baby photos and, for those who served, service photos. A printing will be distributed to attendees.

Ed can be reached at (215) 635-4230.

186—The class will reunite on May 11 from 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Central High. As **Norm Salvat** sagely observes: "Considering that we are all 85 or 86, waiting five years for each reunion seems far too long."

A full tour of the school is planned, followed immediately by lunch in the Spain Conference Center.

187—The **187th Class** will celebrate its 68th reunion with a brunch at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street, at 11:00 A.M. on June 7. If you require additional information, please contact **Hy Lovitz** at (215) 821-6405.

192—A 66th year reunion of the **192** is scheduled for Sunday, June 7 at Philmont Country Club, 301 Tomlinson Road, Huntingdon Valley. Brunch will begin at 11:00 A.M. Those wishing to attend should mail a check for \$30 to **Sam Hoffman**, 1919 Chestnut Street, Apt. 702, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Our ladies are invited to attend.

Classmate **Joe Field** will speak briefly on his career, one which has been recognized by his election to the CHS Alumni Hall of Fame (the fifth member of our class to be so honored).

193—The **193rd** will hold its 65th reunion at Central on Tuesday, June 2, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Tours of the school and lunch are on the program. Please contact **Gene Silver** at genesilver@msn.com for more information.

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

199—The 62nd reunion of the **199th Class** will occur on May 7 at Smith and Wollensky at the Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 West Rittenhouse Square. Though not yet set, the likely times will be 6:00 P.M. for cocktails and 7:30 P.M. for dinner.

Costs have not yet been set either as, according to class member **Bob Rosenstein**, "we rely on contributions to lower the cost to our attendees. We have already received generous contributions from a number of our class members and expect to continue receiving them."

Attendees and donors are requested to make their checks payable to The 199th Class, and sent to 199th Class, 958 Warfield Lane, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

Please direct any questions to **Bob Rosenstein** at 199thclass@comcast.net.

203—A reunion dinner is planned for Saturday, May 16. Wives are invited to the event, to be held at 6:00 P.M. at the Blue Bell Inn, 601 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell. Also planned is a tour of Central on Friday, May 15. For further information, please contact **Philip Remstein** at chs203reunion@aol.com.

204—The 60th reunion of the **204** will be held at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street, on May 1 and 2.

206—The William Penn House, 1919 Chestnut Street, will be the site of the 59th "mini" reunion of the **206**. The gathering will run from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19.

More information is available on the class website, www.206thclass.net. The website also includes photo albums, previous reunion programs, and a message board. Class rep **Robert J. Stern** advises that the 60th reunion of the 206 is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2016.

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

215—The 55th reunion of the **215** will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street.

224—The **224th Class** will hold its 50th reunion on Saturday, June 13 at Philmont Country Club, 301 Tomlinson Road, Huntingdon Valley. Classmates can visit Central on Friday afternoon, June 12, for a tour and opportunities to interact with students. A Sunday brunch is planned on June 14 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Brookside Manor in Feasterville.

A block of rooms has been reserved at SpringHill Suites Willow Grove. The anticipated cost per person for the three events is \$200. Central shirts and hats and a video of the event will be available for an additional charge.

For more information, please contact **Saul Langsam** at (215) 635-0444, or at lawmaster9@aol.com. Classmates are also urged to visit the class website, www.central224.com.

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

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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Elections, **Hon. Denis Cohen (228)**, chairman, presents the following nominations for positions on the Alumni Board of Managers. The election will be held at the annual meeting on June 10 at 6:00 P.M. at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street.

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do or how we do it, our real goal in life is to build the bridge or place the infrastructure, actual or symbolic, that brings us closer together. Maybe there's hope after all for all the eggheads and roughriders to get along and even appreciate one another. After all, there aren't many Teddy Roosevelts around.

Speaking of those who make a difference, one night Janice, in her social-director role, informed me that a former student wanted to say, "hi." I remembered **Peter Zajec (243)** as a student, but he looked so different all grown up. He was serving as a faculty member at the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, located right in the neighborhood. The rest of the time, Peter practices and teaches at the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he serves as Director of Clinical Skills Training and Evaluation. Like so many of us, Peter is grateful to Central for "making all of us the best that we could be in both our personal and professional lives." You're doing OK yourself, Dr. Pete!

Apropos the above, I just spoke to psychiatrist **Jerrold (Jerry) Bonn, MD (202)**, whose daughter, and Peter's classmate, psychotherapist **Jessica Bonn**,

MSW (243)—one of Central's original gender equity pioneers—has been laboring to increase Israel's census count while keeping its growing populace sane. Jerry also shared some ideas to help me help my bar prep students overcome obstacles that have kept them from passing the licensing exam to practice law. Thanks, Doc! Good work, Jessie!

Last, but by no means least, I thank my wife Janice and son David for critiquing and helping me with my seemingly endless edits and rewrites.

Got a story or comment? Please drop me a line at byasgur216@gmail.com. ●

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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. Opportunities remain to dedicate a seat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" family or individuals you wish to honor. Classes can organize and purchase entire rows. A brass plate will memorialize each dedication. Seats are available for a \$300 tax-deductible donation per seat. Please use the form on this page, or donate at www.centralhighalumni.com. ●

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ALMA MATTERS

192—Vice Admiral Bernard M. (Bud) Kauderer, USN (Ret.), was recently honored by the National Naval Submarine League as Distinguished Submariner—2014. Bud described his naval experience in an article in the Fall 2014 *Journal*.

198—The 198's 6th annual Florida Class Reunion was held on February 15 at Bocaire Country Club in Boca Raton, Florida. In attendance, accompanied by their wives, were the following class members: **Gary Cohen, Jerry A. Cooke, Mitch Corson, Mel Dion, Gerry Feldman, Bill Greenfield, Bernie Gross, Jules Kay, Howard Rosenfeld, Myron Rosenfeld, Gerry Schatz** and **Carl Segal**. "A good time was had by all" who agreed to do it again in 2016 on February 14.

218—Visit the 218 website at www.218centralhighschool.wordpress.com/.

221—**Richard C. Smukler, Esq.**, will have a solo exhibition of his photographs at La Rodine Gallery in the Tuscan village of Ponte a Serraglio, Italy, June 6 to 14.

Rich is an attorney and mediator based in Boca Raton, Florida. He also has a thriving career as a fine arts photographer. He studied for seven summers at Tuscano Photographic Workshop in San Quirico d'Orcia and considers Tuscany a second home, making the exhibition at La Rodine particularly special to him.

He has exhibited nationally and internationally, and was a nominee for the Ninth Annual Black and White Spider Awards, an international awards program that honors black and white photography.

His interest in photography dates back to childhood. "My folks gave me a Brownie Hawkeye camera when I was a little boy, and I never looked back. The digital world provided a new set of challenges that seemed to fit into my creative wheelhouse. It has been a wondrous journey."

For more information on Rich and examples of his work, visit www.richsmuklerphoto.com.

222—**Dr. Ronald R. Cohen** reports that he is a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado. He has been appointed Professor Extraordinaire of Environmental Science and Management at North-West University of Potchefstroom, South Africa.

For at least a month a year since 1999, he has worked on mine waste remediation and treatment of uranium contamination in South Africa and he has also concentrated on issues of mining and environment in Brazil, Nepal, India and China. For his efforts on the cleanup of U.S. nuclear weapons plants, he received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

"Central High School played a very important role in my intellectual and educational development. I was not a very good student at the time, but the teachers at CHS were able to aid me to become receptive to education and to develop healthier study habits. They even en-

couraged me to THINK! I am very grateful for my CHS experience. Thank you."

229—**Art Bronstein** lives and works in Syracuse, New York, as an independent fire investigator, specializing in causation of electrical fires. He also performs forensic engineering for insurance companies, law firms and electronics manufacturers.

Art is still an avid sailor, keeping a 35-foot sailboat on Lake Ontario. He also plays in the rock band "The Baby Boomers Band" and communicates with amateur radio operators near and far.

One of Art's sons runs a fishing guide business and woodworking shop in Oregon; another owns Barnstormer Winery in Seneca Lake, New York.

229—**Ronald A. Krisch, MD**, has been named a Distinguished Life Fellow by the American Psychiatric Association, the highest honor bestowed in the profession of psychiatry. Dr. Krisch is an adult, child and adolescent psychiatrist in private practice in Allentown.

229—**Barry W. Rosenberg, Esq.**, is still practicing law in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He will serve a third term as Vice President of the Board of Managers of the Associated Alumni of Central High School. Barry recently met with **Frank Piliero** and other members of the 229 reunion committee to plan the 45th reunion, scheduled for October 16 at Maggiano's Restaurant in Philadelphia.

Barry's son married a State Department colleague last September; his daughter is marrying a Fairfax, Virginia, school district colleague this July.

229—**Richard Orodener**, currently an assistant professor at Temple University, is heading the "Intellectual Heritage Program," which introduces students to significant literary works dating from ancient Greece. The program, which builds reading and critical thinking skills, is a required two-semester course.

Rich has also written four books, including *The Phillies Reader* and *The Writer's Game: Baseball Writing in America*. His *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Twentieth-Century American Sportswriters* won the 1997 Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award.

He enjoys foreign travel (he'll be going to Germany and Amsterdam this summer), and still plays tennis three to four times per week.

257—**Brooke Molino** has been sworn in as an officer in the Upper Dublin, Pennsylvania, Police Department. She was previously an officer in St. Petersburg, Florida; held various investigator positions for the state of Florida; and worked her way up from sheriff's deputy to detective in the Hillsborough County, Florida, Sheriff's Office.

257—**Catzie Vilayphonh** was the subject of a recent article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* describing her show, *Voices From Four Decades of the Lao Diaspora*, which has been on display at Asian Arts Initiative in Philadelphia. 🍎

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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was an Engagement Principal of Comcast's Assurance and Advisory Team and led audit assignments focused on financial and operational controls and process improvement opportunities.

Before joining Comcast in 2004, Kristina worked at the public accounting firms Arthur Andersen and KPMG performing financial statement audits of clients in the Philadelphia region.



Kristina is an active member of Women in Cable Telecommunications (WICT) and has held various leadership roles in the group. She currently serves as a Programming Director. She is a board member of SEAMAAC (Southeast Asia Mutual Assistance Association Coalition), a non-profit focused on immigrants and refugees, and also served as the Founding Lead of the Comcast Asian Pacific American (APA) Employee Resource Group from 2012 to 2013.

Kristina graduated from Drexel University in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting. She resides in the Philadelphia region with her husband and two young children.

MARISA BLOCK, 265

Marisa, one of the more recently elected members of the Board of Managers, serves on the Young Alumni, School Standards, and Student Activities committees of the Board. A longtime Philadelphian, she attended independent and public schools in the City, Temple University for her B.A. degree and the University of Pennsylvania for her M.S. Ed.

Presently, Marisa is the Assistant Kindergarten Teacher at the Philadelphia School. She also teaches a cooking and gardening curriculum.



During the summer, Marisa is an Assistant Manager at the Lombard Swim Club, teaching lifeguarding courses, dealing with safety protocol and helping the young staff communicate with the membership. She leads a swim class for ages three to six, working with a group of teenagers to lead, organize, and demonstrate best practices.

Marisa is an active member of Old Academy Players, a community theater in the East Falls section of Philadelphia, where she works both on-stage and behind it. She lives in the Graduate Hospital neighborhood with her fiancé and two cats. 🐾



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PROFESSION SEEKING CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

by Susanna Schmitt Williams, 252

Editor's note: Ms. Williams holds a BS in Education from Temple University and a Masters in Public Administration from Anna Maria College. She is currently Division Chief of Training for Jacksonville, North Carolina, Fire and Emergency Services. A published author in multiple fire service trade magazines and a presenter and instructor at local and national seminars on the fire service, she and her husband (a former law enforcement officer) and their two sons reside on the coast in North Carolina.

During my time at Central, I was preparing to enter the field of education, committed and ready to embark on a lifelong career of educating the future movers and shakers of the world. Three years into teaching, I realized I was in the wrong profession and transitioned to another career—the fire service. I didn't grow up wanting to work in this field. It was not something my parents encouraged, not something friends brought to my attention as a career choice that matched me and, truthfully, not something I realized I could do.



But I did it, and found a career that requires superb physical fitness; the ability to think on your feet, work well under extreme stress, function always as a member of a team; and a desire to provide one of Maslow's basic needs for humanity—to aid fellow citizens to feel safe in their communities.

I also found that advancement to executive officer positions in the profession requires, in addition, a broad range of qualities and talents—leadership ability, analytical and strategic thinking, skill in communication, management capability and political acumen. Outside-the-box thinking and a willingness to engage in lifelong learning are other desired attributes.

The profession is evolving. It was once perceived and sometimes, unfortunately, is still viewed as a job where physical strength is the prime requisite. Nothing could be farther from the truth in today's fire service profession.

Positions such as the one I hold require bachelor degrees with masters preferred, 15 to 20-plus years of experience in the service, and multiple industry-specific certifications. There is also a requirement to complete extensive and exhaustive assessment centers as part of the selection process for Chief Officer positions.

The profession needs to find more people who have what Central graduates can offer. It requires people with the ability to see why diversity is critical to success, why pursuing archaic organizational methods translates to pursuing organizational extinction, and why data-backed arguments trump those based on emotion. In my view, Central graduates have the needed leadership traits to make an impact in the profession.

You will need to start at the bottom and work your way up to leadership positions. Trust me; you'll need the experience where the rubber meets the road to understand truly how to lead a fire service organization.

Be prepared to see things that other people do not, things that make you go home at night and hug your family more tightly because you can't put into words what you experienced that day. You will see the best and the worst of humanity, sometimes in the same day. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped some people through the worst day of their lives.

I can think of no other profession that is better than mine. It is more than a career; it is a family, a brotherhood/sisterhood, where co-workers literally have your back. You train together, eat together and live together for your work day. Everything is done as a team.

Whether known as Fire Departments, Fire Rescue Departments, or Fire and Emergency Services Departments, their needs are the same—they need people like Central graduates.

If you have an interest in a position in the fire service and would like to discuss this further, feel free to contact me at schmittwilliams@yahoo.com. 📧

"WE GET LETTERS" (AND EMAILS)

Please forward to Mr. Lipshutz.

It was good to see you featured in the Alumni Journal this month. I realized with the perspective of time the profound influence you had on me. I was one of those wide-eyed students in 1977 in your Geometry class and, even though I was two IQ points short of the Gifted Program, I had been having trouble in math since 7th grade when I was put into the advanced class featuring Finite Math. I barely made a "D" in freshman algebra I and junior algebra II, and was never able to go further in math in college even with multiple tutors. I have tried for many years to analyze why this was (left-brain vs. right-brain, abstract vs. shapes, etc.), but the fact that you were the only teacher able to help me actually enjoy math while I struggled and got a "B" that year is a shining and poignant memory in my life.

I have since had a successful career in the Air Force in Logistics, and now work helping our nation's veterans at the VA hospital in San Diego. Your strict demeanor surprised us at the beginning, and even though you found us obstreperous and recalcitrant, that gave me the structure to succeed. To this day, I tell others I can't do algebra, but I can do geometry!

Thanks and best regards.

Joseph Pacifico (239)
San Diego, CA

Re: Winter 2015 Alumni Journal

Excellent issue as usual. I especially enjoyed the article by that young man from the 208.

Mickey Greenblatt (208)
Potomac, MD

REUNION UPDATE

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

229—Members of the **229**, please save October 16 for a 45th reunion at Maggiano's Little Italy, 1201 Filbert Street.

More details will be provided when available.

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

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

On Friday, the 16th, a tour of Central and lunch will be offered. The following day, members will have cocktails and dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Airport, 4509 Island Avenue. The cocktail hour begins at 5:00 P.M. with dinner to follow.

Payment information will be provided in updates. Contact Kevin at kevin.stepanuk@exeloncorp.com.

239—The 35th reunion of the **239** will be held on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17. Friday's program will occur at CHS from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and will include a full tour of the school and lunch in the Spain Conference Center. On Saturday, a dinner will be held at Popi's Italian Restaurant, 3120 South 20th Street, from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. followed by an after party at the New Wave Café, 784 South 3rd Street, www.newwavecafe.com.

More details and payment information will follow. Check periodically for more information at www.facebook.com/groups/chs239. If you do not use Facebook, contact class rep, **Rudy Cvetkovic**, at rudychs@gmail.com.

If you have changed your address or email in the past five years, please visit the AACHS website, www.centralhighalummi.com, and click LOGIN/REGISTER at the upper right.

244—The **244's** 30th reunion is scheduled for Friday, June 19, from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City, 237 South Broad Street.

Details are still being finalized, and costs are not yet confirmed. Class rep **R. Seth Williams**, **Joseph Mirarchi** and other organizers will advise as soon as possible. For additional information, please email seth.williams@phila.gov or jqmlegalservices@aol.com.

249—To mark 25 years since graduation, members of the **249** are invited to celebrate from 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 18, at Cottage Green, 9001 Ashton Road.

The cost per person is \$50, payable via PayPal to chs249@gmail.com. After registering or signing on at

www.paypal.com, please select PAY OR SEND MONEY, then SEND MONEY TO FRIENDS OR FAMILY. When making your payment, please enter your contact information in the NOTES section. If you have any questions, please contact **Maria Carpenter Yanga** at mariamaria249@gmail.com.

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

Follow us on Instagram @CHS254. Visit our website, www.chs254.com. Update your contact information by clicking on SEND US YOUR CONTACT INFO. Email **Debbie (Neff) Politano** at reunion@chs254.com with any questions.

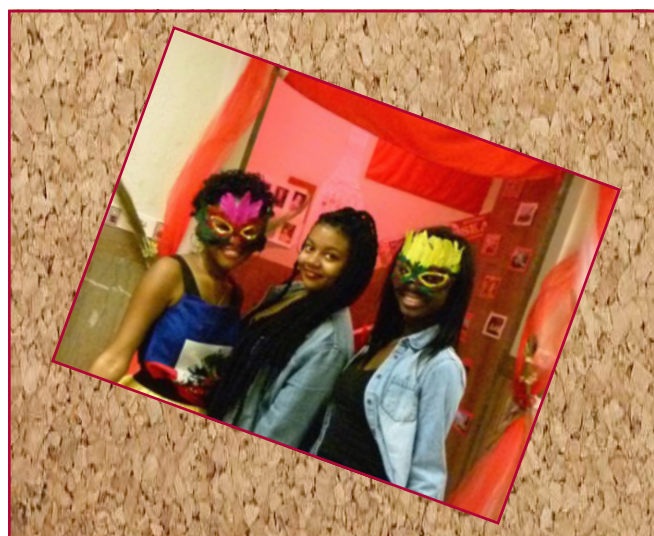
259—The 15th reunion will be held on Saturday, November 28. Please contact **Jeff Goldberg** at jeffgoldberg259@gmail.com for further details.

264—Events on Friday, November 27, and Saturday, November 28, are planned for the 10th reunion of the **264**. Follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Central264 for further information or, if you do not use Facebook, contact **Michael Segal** at michaelsegal72@gmail.com.

269—The five-year reunion of the **269** will be held from 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 11, at the City Tap House, 3925 Walnut Street.

A two-hour open bar with *hors d'oeuvres* is planned. Attire is casual with Central gear preferred. If you don't have any, the school store is open before school hours and after school four days a week. Call the school at (215) 276-5262 to confirm—there may be a special schedule. You can also get baseball tees, cage jackets and more through baseball coach **Richard Weiss** at rweiss@philasd.org, helping the baseball team in the process.

Reunion cost is \$40 per person. Once you have logged in or registered at www.venmo.com, you can pay at www.venmo.com/lindavu426. Please send a screenshot of your payment confirmation to 269classreunion@gmail.com to help organizers keep track of payments. Attendees are asked to pay by May 22 to enable confirmation with the restaurant. Questions? Please email 269classreunion@gmail.com. 🍷



HERE'S A YULE STORY THAT OUGHT TO BE A MOVIE

by Ronnie Polaneczek, Daily News Columnist
December 4, 2008

Editor's Note: This story wended its way to us via Jerry Garfinkle and Art Hausman, both of the 207. The original article is reprinted with the author's permission. Bennett Levin is also a member of the 207th Class. We know it is a while before the 2015 Yule season, but this recognition of the benevolence of an alumnus couldn't wait.

And now, in time for the holidays, I bring you the best Christmas story you never heard. It started last Christmas when Bennett and Vivian Levin were overwhelmed by sadness while listening to radio reports of injured troops. "We have to let them know we care," Vivian told Bennett.

So they organized a trip to bring soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital to the annual Army-Navy football game in Philly on December 3.

The cool part is, they created their own train line to do it. Yes, there are people in this country who actually own real trains. Bennett Levin—native Philly guy, self-made millionaire and irascible former L&I (*Editor's Note: Licenses and Inspections*) commish—is one of them. He owns three luxury rail cars. Think mahogany paneling, plush seating and white-linen dining areas. He also has two locomotives, which he stores at his Juniata Park train yard.

One car, the elegant *Pennsylvania*, carried John F. Kennedy to the Army-Navy game in 1961 and '62. Later, it carried his brother Bobby's body to D.C. for burial. "That's a lot of history for one car," says Bennett.

He and Vivian wanted to revive a tradition that endured from 1936 to 1975, during which trains carried Army-Navy spectators from around the country directly to the stadium where the annual game is played. The Levins could think of no better passengers to reinstate the ceremonial ride than the wounded men and women recovering at Walter Reed in D.C. and Bethesda in Maryland.

"We wanted to give them a first-class experience," says Bennett. "Gourmet meals on board, private transportation from the train to the stadium, perfect seats—real hero treatment." Through the Army War College Foundation, of which he is a trustee, Bennett met with Walter Reed's commanding general, who loved the idea.

But Bennett had some ground rules first, all designed to keep the focus on the troops alone: No press on the trip, lest the soldier's day of pampering devolve into a media circus. No politicians either, because, says Bennett, "I didn't want some idiot making this trip into a campaign photo op." And no Pentagon suits on board, otherwise the soldiers would be too busy saluting superiors to relax. The general agreed to the conditions, and Bennett realized he had a problem on his hands.

"I had to actually make this thing happen," he laughs. Over the next months, he recruited owners of 15 other sumptuous rail cars from around the country—these people tend to know each other—into lending their vehicles for the day. The name of their temporary train? *The Liberty Limited*.

Amtrak volunteered to transport the cars to D.C.—where they'd be coupled together for the round-trip ride to Philly—then back to their owners later. Conrail offered to service the *Liberty* while it was in Philly. And SEPTA drivers would bus the disabled soldiers 200 yards from the train to Lincoln Financial Field for the game.

A benefactor from the War College ponied up 100 seats to the game—on the 50-yard line—and lunch in a hospitality suite. And corporate donors filled, for free and without asking for publicity, goodie bags for attendees: From Woolrich, stadium blankets. From Wal-Mart, digital cameras. From GEAR, down jackets. There was booty not just for the soldiers, but for their guests, too, since each was allowed to bring a friend or family member.

The Marines, though, declined the offer. "They voted not to take guests with them, so they could take more Marines," says Levin, choking up at the memory. Bennett's an emotional guy, so he was worried about how he'd react to meeting the 88 troops and guests at D.C.'s Union Station, where the trip originated. Some GIs were missing limbs. Others were wheelchair-bound or accompanied by medical personnel for the day.

"They made it easy to be with them," he says. "They were all smiles on the ride to Philly. Not an ounce of self-pity from any of them. They're so full of life and determination."

At the stadium, the troops reveled in the game, recalls Bennett. Not even Army's loss to Navy could deflate the group's rollicking mood. Afterward, it was back to the train and yet another gourmet meal—heroes get hungry, says Levin—before returning to Walter Reed and Bethesda. "The day was spectacular," says Levin. "It was all about these kids. It was awesome to be part of it."

The most poignant moment for the Levins was when 11 Marines hugged them goodbye, then sang the *Marine Hymn* on the platform at Union Station. "One of the guys was blind, but he said, 'I can't see you, but man, you must be f---ing beautiful!'" says Bennett. "I got a lump so big in my throat, I couldn't even answer him."

It's been three weeks, but the Levins and their guests are still feeling the day's love. "My Christmas came early," says Levin, who is Jewish and who loves the Christmas season. "I can't describe the feeling in the air." Maybe it was hope. As one guest wrote in a thank-you note to Bennett and Vivian, "The fond memories generated last Saturday will sustain us all—whatever the future may bring."

God bless the Levins. And bless the troops, every one.

Coda: *The Liberty Limited* operated in 2005, 2006 and 2010. Vivian and Bennett Levin received the 2014 Semper Fidelis Award presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation. 🍀

by Ramon Guzman, Jr., 271

You spend too much time on the running track and the athletic field, the golf course, and in Mr. Crawford's pre-calculus classroom, and you begin to believe that the world "out there" is the same as it is at Central. You believe that where you went to middle school is no longer important because you're now at a public high school in the city. Because now the same prestige and privilege that comes with being a Lancer belongs to every single one of you, regardless of the past.

I remember saying at commencement that "while Central will always be the closest place on Earth to a utopia, we will now be entering the biggest dystopia of our lives—the real world. A world full of intolerance, hate, crime, and uncertainty." I was hoping that we wouldn't see that world until after we graduated from college and actually started having our professional careers and adventuring across the globe.

My favorite memory of Central—if I really have to pick one—has to be International Day! The appreciation for diversity and the respect that everyone gives to every culture is unique. I say that because I have yet to find that at Penn State. During my first semester here I experienced the 1960's storyline of "Colored People ONLY" as I was the only Latino or person of color on my floor, and they placed that sign on a recently bleached shower stall. Yes, I was hurt. Yes, I was shocked. No, I was not afraid. Central taught me not to be afraid. Ms. Viola taught me to write concisely. Mr. Adelman taught me that, without humor, conversations are dull. Mrs. Kasprzak taught me that spelling and grammar are of the utmost importance. Mr. Trott taught me that rules are to be followed. With those lessons from my four English teachers, I conjured the courage to stand up to modern civil rights issues and evict the discrimination that 21st century "minoritized" students face every day.

At Central, I was in awe of our rich history and our affluent alumni. I was constantly inspired by how many great Americans had been taught at this institution. Coming to Penn State, I experienced sentiments similar to those I had had at Central. Both have the largest dues-paying alumni associations of their kind. Both have accolades to speak of for days and alumni to be proud of centuries later. But Central knew that it was important to be differently unique, yet bound together by a common cause—to further our education. Penn State still struggles in addressing many issues that affect the student body, specifically, the importance of cultivating a diverse student body that is sensitive and aware of cultural, social, and other socio-demographic differences.

While at Penn State, I have student-lobbied the offices of the administration to create consciousness of this issue. I have joined the Lion Ambassadors: Penn State Student Alumni Corps to further engage future Penn State students in diversity awareness programs. I have given tours of the University in Spanish and Italian (mille grazie, Signora Walker) and provided personal anecdotes

and stories of acts of racial discrimination to the Penn State community. Most recently, I participated in the MLK Oratorical Contest and spoke about the importance of being able to vote, and being able to appreciate and understand differences amongst our community to create better citizens. Thank you, Central, for teaching me "courage."

While we strive to change the momentum of the world, we should also note that the world will continue to be ignorant in some form. It is up to us to make it a world worth living in. Be courageous! 🍌

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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AACHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 3 — CENTRAL LIVE!

The CHS Home and School Association invites all alumni to Central Live!, its annual auction fundraiser to be held from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at World Café Live, 3025 Walnut Street.

Tickets are \$45, 2 for \$80 and \$300 for a table of 8. The price includes *hors d'oeuvres*, wine and beer, cold beverages, entertainment, live auctions and raffles. Purchase tickets at www/centralhomeandschool.info/central-live/purchase/tickets or contact us at fundraiser@centralhomeandschool.info.

The auction provides funds necessary to support a variety of vital needs, including technology upgrades, academic programs and departmental grants.

MAY 15 — CENTRAL NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

The 12th Annual Central Night at the Phillies will see the Phillies in action against the Arizona Diamondbacks at 7:05 P.M. for this special night.

Tickets are \$25. Make checks payable to Central High School. Please contact **Michael Horwits (251)** at mhorwits@philas.com to purchase.

MAY 19 — GOLF FOR LANCERS PRIDE

Come join members of the Central football team, staff, alumni and friends for the annual Golf for Lancers Pride at LuLu Country Club, 1600 Limekiln Pike, Glenside.

Start the morning with 18 holes of golf on LuLu's re-furnished course, then come inside to relax with lunch, an awards ceremony, and an auction of special donated awards.

The individual fee is \$125, \$400 for a foursome. More a duffer than a golfer? Come and attend the lunch and awards ceremony for \$30.

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For further information on sponsor opportunities and Booster memberships, please visit www.centralhighalumni.com and click on EVENTS.

MAY 22 — CENTRAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

CHS alumna and science faculty member **Galeet Cohen (256)** invites alumni to join in Central's Earth Day Celebration. This year, a special opportunity is offered to help mitigate a local environmental problem.

The Philadelphia Water Department has agreed to host one of their Rain Check Workshops at CHS from 3:30 to

4:30 P.M. The Workshop enables Philly residents to get a free installation of a rain barrel at their home. A rain barrel system collects and stores rainwater from the roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and sewers. Water thus saved may be used for gardens or car washing, etc.

To register for the event, please fill out the form on the alumni website, www.centralhighalumni.com. Email Ms. Cohen at gmcohen@philas.org with questions, comments or offers to help.

MAY 31 — ALUMNI/HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 5K RUN/1M WALK AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Registration and check-in begins at Central High at 9:00 A.M. The 5K run begins at 10:00 A.M., followed by the 1 Mile Walk at 10:15.

Register on-line at www.centralhighalumni.com. The cost for the 5K Run is \$30, and, for the 1 Mile Walk, \$25.

The run/walk benefits all CHS Clubs and CHS Inter-scholastic Athletics. Come out for a day of fun with family, friends, classmates and other alumni to support these programs.

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each 5K age group as well as top Male and Female overall (Special Award for top Female and Male CHS alumni and Current Student).

To become a race sponsor (deadline: May 8), please check the alumni website, www.centralhighalumni.com, for sponsorship opportunities and other information.

JUNE 6 — AACHS AT THE 2015 INDEPENDENCE DRAGON BOAT REGATTA

From 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Kelly Drive near the St. Joseph's boathouse, cheer on the Central High School "Aqua Lancers" and the Central Alumni Team. Enjoy a great day to BBQ and socialize with students and alumni. For more information on the regatta, visit www.independencedbr.com. Have questions? Contact **Ken Wong (232)** at kenwong.cig@gmail.com.

JUNE 10 — AACHS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The annual meeting will be held at the Union League, 140 South Broad Street, beginning at 5:30 P.M. The evening will include induction of posthumous inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame as well as the election of officers and the slate of nominees for the Board of Managers for the term ending June 30, 2018.

JUNE 17 — 274 GRADUATION

Graduation exercises will be held at 10:00 A.M. at the Kimmel Center, 300 South Broad Street.

OCTOBER 29 — ALUMNI HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

Please join your fellow alumni for the induction of the 2015 Class of Honorees to the Alumni Hall of Fame at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 12th and Market Streets.

Cocktails begin at 5:30 P.M. with dinner at 6:00 P.M. with the ceremony to follow. 🍷

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

The Association has launched an effort to confirm the suitability and dedication of every rep, new and existing. As a result, several changes and vacancies have occurred. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, if receiving a timely response from your rep is an issue, or if you would like to apply for a vacant rep position or recommend someone, please email **Rudy Cvetkovic (239)** at rudychs@gmail.com or the Alumni Association office at alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com. If email is not an option, please call (215) 927-9550.

Note that the current class reps list begins with the 181st Class; for reps for prior classes, please contact us. 📧

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