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**DINNER BANQUET &
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONIES**

Sunday, April 27TH 2014

COLLEEN'S @ SAVOY CATERERS - RT. #73, PENNSAUKEN, NJ

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John Laprocido '55

Louis Sbarra, Jr. '59



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Joseph Lanza* '51

Thomas Sebastian '63

*** Deceased**

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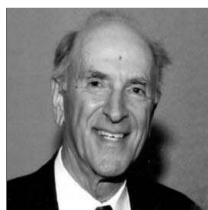
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A MEMO FROM OUR PRESIDENT



A Memo From Our President - Accomplishments of 2013 -

Greetings, fellow alumni members. This past year we've been involved in a number of major projects, which I'd like to share with you. Since I have space limitations with this column, I'll only describe the highlights of each project. More details can be found in articles within this newsletter.

Schools Merge:

Last Summer, the much anticipated merger of Bok and Southern took place in a smooth transition. It included the movement of shop equipment, computers, graphic arts and photographic equipment, to name a few. This can only be attributed to the hard work of Principal Hackney, the administrative staffs and dedicated teachers of both schools. Southern now has a student population in excess of 1500.

Bill Gates Scholarships:

The infamous Bill Gates of Microsoft recently established the "Gates Millennium Scholarship Program". It provides funds for 1,000 students nationally, the scholarships of which pay for undergraduate and graduate studies. This past year a Southern student named Phat Nyugen was the proud recipient of this prestigious award. In addition, he was kind enough to draft an article for this newsletter. Congratulations to Phat and his supporters that include his family, administrators, teachers, and friends.

Roof Garden:

Several years ago the thought of having a roof garden on a school was nothing less than a dream. A proposal for Southern's roof soon emerged and plans began to take hold. The roof has an area of 5.5 acres, portions of which to be used for: growing vegetables, collecting rain water, and for solar panels. Fund raising last year has reached over \$25,000 that will be used for planning & architectural expenses. One of the major organizations providing logistical support for this effort has been LoMo (Lower Moyamensing Civic Association).

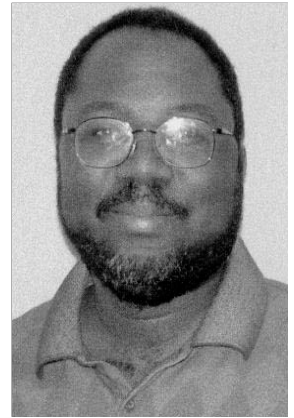
In closing, please contact your classmates and friends who would haven't yet joined our Alumni Association. For the one time subscription fee of \$25 they will receive our annual newsletter for life. Instructions for joining our association can be found on our website "SPHSALUMNI.COM". I sincerely hope that you continue to support our programs and in particular the student body. On behalf of our executive board members, we look forward to seeing you at our annual banquets.

Regards, Sam Chatis '58

2013 - REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE - 2014



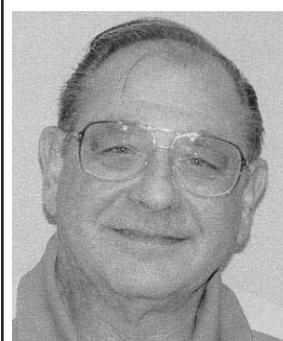
Willie Pollins, Esq. '84 & Tarez Williams-Walls '84 MEMBERSHIP REPORT



The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that we are on our way to reaching 4000 Lifetime Members soon. Please remember to share this Newsletter with other Southern graduates who do not receive it, and encourage them to join our Alumni Association as a Lifetime Member for the one-time cost of just \$25. Memberships may be purchased online at www.sphsalumni.com or through the mail by printing the application form (also available online) and sending it along with your check or money order in the amount of \$25 made payable to "SPHS Alumni Association".

Yearbooks: Remember, a perk of Lifetime Membership is the ability to purchase an original of your yearbook (if copies are available) for the price of \$15, which includes shipping. If you are purchasing a yearbook for someone other than yourself, then the person photographed in the yearbook must have a Lifetime (or Memorial) Membership. We want to make sure that person receiving the yearbook has a vested stake in wanting the yearbook and is not trying to get it to sell to the highest bidder on Ebay. The number of original yearbooks available has dwindled to a few per class. Once the original yearbooks are gone, there is no way to order more.

Address Updates: Thank you for continuing to update us with your address changes.



Joe Manzo '61 TREASURER & Scholarship Report

This past year the alumni association awarded \$32,000 to our deserving 2013 graduates. Our scholarship fund has now awarded over 1.8 million dollars in scholarship or book funds to our graduating students over the past years. This year a special scholarship will be awarded in memory of William J. Esher, Jr., our beloved past president of the alumni association.

Remember, if Newsletters are returned to us as undeliverable, we remove the address so that we do not waste postage sending to the bad address again. It is up to our members to realize that we may not have your correct address when you do not receive a Newsletter by March 20th of each year.

**Willie Pollins, Esq., '84
Tarez Williams-Walls, '84
Membership Committee Co-Chairs**



2013 MID-YEAR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE HONOREES

November 13, 2013 at the Waterfall Room caterers. **Don Snyder** taught Science and Biology at SPHS from 1989 to 2011. He was the recipient of many awards including The Distinguished High School Educator, Teacher of Excellence Award, National Educator Award and Teacher of the Year. Don received both his B.S. and M.S. from Temple University.

Anthony Pirollo, class of 1975, received a full scholarship to the Philadelphia Musical Academy, now called the



Pictured, Sam Chatis, President,, Gene Alessandrini, Presenter at the Award of Excellence Luncheon, Don Snyder, Anthony Pirollo, Mark Hoffman, Carlo Musciano, Luncheon Chairman and Edmund Rocco.



College of the Performing Arts and a full scholarship to study with William De Pasquale, former associate concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He is the Principal cellist of the Ocean City pops and teacher at the Conservatory of Music Arts. He is co-artistic director of the Bel Canto Opera Company and Co-founder Alfonso Cavaliere Memorial concert

Mark Hoffman, class of 1959 graduated 1963 from Temple University with a B.S. in Education. He played Varsity Football at Southern and Freshman Football at Temple University. He taught social studies at SPHS from 1964-2003. He retired as a regular teacher from the School District of Philadelphia and returned as a substitute teacher.

Edmund Rocco, class of Jan. 1963, graduated Drexel University Evening School, June 1984, with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He retired from Lockheed Martin Aerospace in Feb. 2011 with 41 years of service. Edmund is currently a member of the SPHS Executive Committee and chairperson of the publicity committee.

SAVE THE DATE: THE NEXT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON

~ ~ 2014 MID-YEAR LUNCHEON - WED. NOV. 5TH ~ ~

The Singers of Southern High Presentation in Third Year

After presenting The Singers of Southern High, a musical-biographical review of our famous singers, at the South Philadelphia High School Alumni Association's South Jersey Brunch in September 2011, Class of 1955 members Tom DiRenzo and Gene Alessandrini have been invited to encore their presentation to several groups in South Philadelphia, Havertown, Mt Laurel, and Cherry Hill. Audiences enjoyed learning about the singers and reminiscing as they listened to clips of their music. Many individuals are amazed by how much talent came out of Southern High. In addition to still active singers **Charlie Gracie, James Darren, Chubby Checker, Buddy Greco, Fabian Forte, Frank Tenaglia, Fred Diodati, and Frankie Avalon**, deceased singers from Southern High are featured, including **Mario Lanza, Marian Anderson, Eddie Fisher, Frank Guarrera, Al Alberts, and Georgie Shaw**. *Tom and Gene will be appearing in Havertown, PA in February and Mt. Laurel, NJ in March. For more information about the presentations, please contact Gene at generalessandrini@temple.edu or Tom at tldirenzo@aol.com. Thanks to several members of the Class of 1955 and Vince Corsetti, Class of 1945, for their assistance and support.*

Yo! South Philly

By Gene R. Alessandrini



School of the Stars' Singers Still Shining

Southern High has long been called the School of the Stars, and several of her stars are still performing throughout the United States and abroad.

Charlie Gracie (<http://www.charliegracie.com/>) still travels to Europe, where he has been popular for many decades. He continues to delight audiences in and around Philly and throughout the U. S. A.

James Darren (<http://www.jamesdarren.com/>), singer, actor, and director has performed recently in Ontario, New York, Arizona, and California to rave reviews.

Chubby Checker (<http://www.chubbychecker.com/>) is still twisting after 50 years, with scheduled performances throughout the United States and Canada. After "The Twist," he continued to produce Top 40 hits, several of which were dance-themed titles. Some fans consider Chubby Checker "the undisputed 'Dance King' rock 'n' roll singer of all time."

Buddy Greco (<http://www.buddygreco.co.uk/>), an original member of Frank Sinatra's Rat Pack, has a new CD album entitled Buddy Greco and His Jazz Friends that was released in August 2013. Buddy is writing his autobiography, *I Had a Ball - The Swinging Life of Buddy Greco*.

Fabian Forte (<http://www.fabianforte.net/>) has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, is a member of the Philadelphia Music Hall of Fame, and has gold records for "Fabulous Fabian," "Tiger," and "Turn Me Loose." He still performs with Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell as The Golden Boys.

Frankie Avalon (<https://frankieavalon.com/>), singer, musician, actor, businessman and family man performs with The Golden Boys and in his own show throughout the United States and Canada. Occasionally, he can be seen locally at the Pitman Theater in NJ.

Frank Tenaglia (<http://www.franktenaglia.com/>) has appeared at the Mann Music Center in Sarah Brightman's La Luna Tour, at the Academy of Music in the Tribute to Mario Lanza with Peter Nero, and has performed recently in many states along the east coast, in the Midwest, and on RAI-TV in Italy. In November, he received a standing ovation at his show in Wildwood, NJ.

Fred Diodati (<http://www.thefouraces.org/bio.html>) has performed with the Four Aces since the 50's and still exhibits the charisma and great tenor voice that make him an outstanding lead singer. He sings throughout the nation and abroad with the newest Four Aces: Danny Collingo, Harry Heisler, and Joe Giglio. The Four Aces were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2001 and into the Philadelphia Music Alliance Walk of Fame in 1988. Another Southern alumnus, the late Al Alberts, was the original lead singer of the group.



Joyce Garozzo '70

Is in charge of gathering news for this, our award winning Southern newsletter.

§ § § § § § § § § § Charles La Grossa '54

Charlie LaGrossa '54 will be getting Ad Copy for our **April 27th, 2014 Awards Banquet Fund Raising Program Book**, and will appreciate any help with the

project from people or friends of SPHS. This is our biggest event of the year. Thank you!





Thank you, SPHS, for your education and great traditions

By Steve Milner, Class of January 1958

I entered the 10th grade at South Philadelphia High School for Boys in January 1955. Because many members of my family, and parent's families, had attended SPHS, I had heard stories over the years about my new high school—from its promoting academic excellence to fostering pride in the institution to preparing its students to face future worldly challenges.

My Immediate family members who were Southern High graduates included my parents, Jack Milner, Class of 1923; my Mom, Jean Borowsky Milner, Class of 1924; and my sister, Renee, who graduated in 1952.

As an incoming freshman I knew it would be a challenging three years, starting with trying to find my way around a huge, fort-like building that was separated by a delineated border between the girl's and boy's schools.

The popular song, "Standing on the Corner Watching All the Girls Go By," might have been modeled after the boy-girl separation areas at SPHS. Having gone to co-educational elementary and junior high schools (Vare and Furness, respectively), it was a new experience to see lots of guys lining up to catch a glimpse of girls, while adding comments I'll omit here. (I didn't know what the girls were saying about the boys. And I recall some lucky boys and girls attended classes in the others' "territory.")

Milner's recollections

Mine was the last non-co-educational class to attend our school. The next class, which started in September 1955, joined us in the old building for a term in a co-ed setting.

Now on to the new school, with its squeaky-clean classrooms and hallways, and elevators that could swallow a large class. Compared to the old school, the new one was light years ahead in terms of its facilities, but still lacked the history and spirit that would evolve over coming years.

From our new school, we were watching, feeling and hearing wrecking balls attempting to tear down the old nearby school, brick by brick. But our old school seemed immune to the wrecking balls' assaults, as if it were telling us it wouldn't go quietly. And it didn't, because they really built those old schools solidly back in 1907.

It was difficult concentrating on our classroom lessons, while secretly cheering the old school's resilience during its inevitable destruction, which we sadly watched through our windows.

But eventually our old school gave way, and piles of rubble and a half-century of history were trucked away, signaling that our classes would now lead a new generation of SPHS students in a new location.

Our January 1958 class co-presidents, Madeline Mazzola and Joseph Cellini, assisted our popular principal, Joseph Rossi, in placing a time capsule in a cornerstone of the new building, which was dedicated on November 7, 1957.

Fortunately, historical and sports relics from our old school were relocated in the new one, reminding us not only where we came from—but the fantastic people who went before us.

South Philly High School—old or new—still lives on warmly in our hearts, wherever we are.

Now retired, Milner was the long-time Public Affairs Officer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA, a sister facility of the Philly Navy Yard. He also spent about half of his more than 45-year career working in the chemicals and textile industries, as well as being a public affairs contractor for NASA at Cape Canaveral, from the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s.



~ AWARDS & BANQUET COMMITTEE REPORTS ~

Giovanna Cavaliere '60

Giovanna is currently busy in preparation of our **April 27, 2014 Awards Banquet and Induction Ceremony** for our Hall-of-Fame Gala Affair.

Our Alumni Mourns 4 Great "Guys"



William "Bill" Esher '46

"Mr. South Philly" was born and bred downtown, went to Southern, taught and coached at SPHS and was President of the Alumni Association for 35 years. His wealth of knowledge about our school will never be matched. We lost a good friend.

"Crazy Legs"

Joe Carlozo '45

Jack

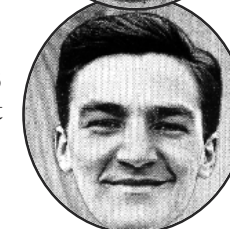
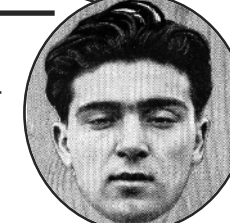
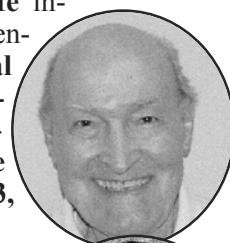
Del Bello '46

Jack and Joe were part of the backfield that led South Philly High to 3 straight Public League Championships in the mid 1940's. During that span we also won Public League Championships in Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Gymnastics, Track, Swimming, Chess and had 50 members of our Music Dept. in the Philadelphia Orchestra.

We advise our Membership of his passing

Carlo Musciano '44

Carlo will be greatly missed. He involved himself with acquisitions of entertainment for our **104th Annual Celebration, which is the largest Financial Fund Raiser** for our Scholarship Program, at **Colleen's in the Savoy Catering Hall on Route #73, Pennsauken, New Jersey.**



Members of South Philadelphia Lions presented an Award to



Dhaka Kharel May 7, 2013

at its annual dinner. Dhaka Kharel began his life in a refugee camp in Nepal. He lived in this camp for many years until the United Nations allowed his family to relocate to the United States. Since he came to South Philadelphia High School Dhaka has worked hard to achieve academic success -He is ranked #3 in the senior class. He is co-president of the National Honor Society. In addition Dhaka volunteers every week at the Migrant Education Program (8th & Snyder) helping children and translating. He participates in service projects at our school also. He plans to attend college in the fall to study computers. Gail DeBerardinis, NHS Sponsor.

Pictured: Carmela D'Angelo, So. Phila., Lion Club member, is to the left of Dhaka. To his right is President of the club, Dom DiAntonio.

SOUTHERN ARCHIVES

The Archive Room On the first floor (across from Alumni Room) at South Philadelphia High School is sufficiently categorized and re-organized to become a valuable asset for the Alumni Association and its members.

The once dank and dusty environs of neglected artifacts, home of creatures both winged and afoot, is now a relatively clean air conditioned home for neatly arranged history in clean descriptive white boxes stacked and labeled for easy recognition. All artifacts are coded in four categories;

Blue/Alumni Association History
Red/ Alumni Athletic History
Green/SPHS History
Yellow/Photos, Trophies, etc.

The archives include yearbooks, commencement programs, scholarship info, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, Southron issues, choir, dance and drama programs, class lists, reunion info and so much more. It is now possible for alumni to browse (by appointment) the resources for their academic research, genealogical interest or mere curiosity. There is rarely a week that goes by that there isn't a request to visit by alumni. The Archive Chair is available for requests and donations. **Please contact Marc Adelman, 215-510-3530 or phillymann2@yahoo.com.**



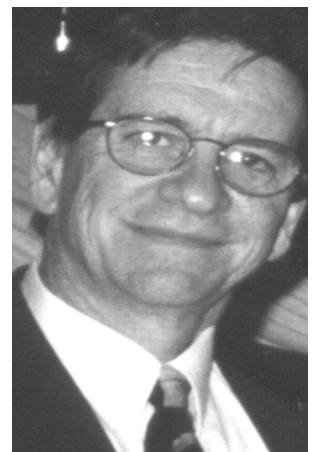
Archiving is an on-going process. Future energy will be put into digitalizing the entire collection so that our history will be available for generations and millenniums to come.



The Executive Board of Your South Philadelphia High School Alumni Association Is Proud To Announce

Joe Muracco
Class of '51
is now
Chairman
of the
ATHLETIC
HALL-of-FAME

Gene Alessandrini
Class of '55
is now
Chairman
of the
CULTURAL
HALL-of-FAME



~ 2014 ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME SELECTIONS ~



William P. Koran
(Class of 1955)

Bill graduated South Philadelphia High School in 1955 and was in the Athletic Program from 1952 through 1954, where he competed in Track and Field and football. Low and high hurdles were his specialty and the guard position for the Southern Rams.

He was an Honorable mention All Public guard in '54.

Bill is married to wife Betty and have four children, two girls and two boys. Bill Koran is an Air Force veteran of 5 years and played football for his Air Force Team in the military European Football League. Bill will retire in June, 2014.



John Laprocido
(Class of 1955)

John LaProcide graduated SPHS in 1955 and was a two sport letterman in baseball and football. John played Jr. Varsity Football one season and Varsity one season. John's baseball career was topped with a City Championship in 1954, when they beat Northeast Catholic 4 to 1. John had a .365 batting average throughout his high school career. John is married to his wife Sophia. They have three children.

John operated a food retail business in South Philadelphia for thirty-six years. He sold it in 1993. He retired in 2003 and Volunteered to raise funds for the paid foundation.



Louis Sbarra, Jr.
(Class of 1959)

Lou Sbarra, Jr. graduated Southern High School in January, 1959. During that time he played two seasons of Varsity Baseball, batting for an average of over .300 during both those years. Lou played both the outfield and infield. Lou Sbarra also played two seasons under the beloved Coach Joe Pitt. Lou Sbarra attended Camden County Community College, receiving an Associate Degree from that school, and in 1998 he graduated Rowan University, making the Deans in all semesters.

Lou Sbarra has four children and seven grandchildren.

SOUTHERN BEATS RIVAL NEUMANN-GORETTI 33 - 6



On a beautiful, but FREEZING Thanksgiving day, Rams trounced Saints 33-6.

The score would have been at least 39-6, but the Rams showed mercy and took two kneel downs at the 1 yard line with 50 seconds left in the game (Rams fans wanted no mercy and wanted them to go for the additional touchdown) (All extra point kick tries were no good).

Attendance was a bit on the light side most likely due to the weather.

~ 2014 CULTURAL HALL-OF-FAME SELECTIONS ~



BROTHERS

Louis Lanza

(Class of June 1954)

Joseph Lanza*

(Class of June 1951)

* Deceased

The Lanza brothers played their violins for almost 100 years combined with the Fabulous Philadelphians of the Philadelphia Orchestra that included 13 Southern graduates at the same time when Lou joined Joe in 1964. Lou recently retired from the ensemble after 47 years and still plays for the Philly Pops and at other venues. Joseph played for 48 years until his death in 2006. Lou and Joe inherited their talent from other entertainers in their family, and that talent, perfected by hard work and love and devotion to music, continues with the new generation of Lanzas, who perform throughout the United States and beyond.

A former colleague said of the Juilliard graduates and Jay Speck protégés:

"I never knew of two more amiable musicians than these brothers, whose love for music was so readily apparent."

Joseph also performed with Maestro Zubin Mehta in Florence, Italy with the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino and Joe and Lou performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra throughout the world. Lou has agreed to play briefly for us at our April 27th banquet; you don't want to miss that treat.



Joseph Daughen

(Class of June 1952)

Joseph R. Daughen was for a half-century a prominent Philadelphia journalist (Evening Bulletin and Daily News) and author who traveled the country reporting on the civil rights movement, five Presidential campaigns, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and national, state and local affairs. During his career, Daughen (pronounced "Dawn") was twice a Pulitzer Prize finalist, won many reporting and writing awards, including the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award, two Philadelphia Press Association Gold Typewriters, and both the PPA Best Writing and Best Reporting Awards, the only journalist to win both. A Temple graduate, Daughen is a best-selling author ("The Wreck of the Penn Central") and was named one of the five Outstanding Young Men of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce (1966). Daughen also is co-author of "The Cop Who Would be King," a biography of Frank L. Rizzo, and sole author of, "Fearless," a biography of Philadelphia lawyer Richard A. Sprague. He is married to the former Joan Purdy and they have one daughter, Joan, whose husband is the novelist Robb Cadigan ("Phoenixville Rising"), and two grandchildren, Ryan and Caroline.



Thomas Sebastian

(Class of June 1963)

Currently serving as the Southeast Regional Mentor Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching, and consultant for the Penn Literacy Network, Tom started his career in education in 1968 as a business education teacher at BOK AVTS. During his 29 years with the School District of Philadelphia, he served as a teacher, department head at Southern High, assistant principal at Pickett Middle School and West Philadelphia High School, administrative assistant to the District Four Superintendent, and principal of Northeast High School. For most of his career in Philadelphia, Mr. Sebastian also worked with the Standard Evening High School as a teacher and ultimately as an evening school principal. In 1997, Tom left the Philadelphia School District to accept the position of principal of Jenkintown Middle/High School and then served as the principal of Penncrest High School from 2000 to 2005. After retiring from the principalship, he accepted a position with Foundations Inc., as a Leadership Mentor and later as the Director of the Pennsylvania High School Coaching Initiative. Tom earned his Bachelor's degree from Temple University and his Master's degree from Villanova University.



South Philadelphia High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame

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| JACK DEL BELLO | '46 | EDDIE LERNER | '44 | FRANK SODANO | '48 |
| PAUL DELLAVECCHI | '62 | ALAN LEVIN | '58 | PETER SPURIO, JR | '75 |
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| RAY FARNESI | '53 | JIM MULDOON | '54 | DOC WATMAN | '14 |
| CHARLES FERRANTE | '51 | JOE MURACCO | '52 | MARTY WEINBERG | '54 |
| JOHN FERRINI | '50 | CARMEN MUSITANO | '48 | MOE WEINSTEIN | '21 |
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WORTHY OF ENTRY INTO OUR HALL OF FAME**

Please contact a member of the board, and submit a resume!

Thank You!

South Philadelphia High School Cultural Hall-of-Fame

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Last Year's Installation Into The Athletic Hall of Fame 2013

Tony Di Pietro '58
Louis Sbarra '70
Anthony DiPrimio '51
Bill Rankin '62

Charley LaGrossa made the presentations



Phat Nguyen's 2014 Newsletter Article

Introduction

The following article was written by Southern student Phat Nguyen, who was a senior and more importantly the recipient of the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholars Program. He was 1 of 1,000 students across the country and 1 of 11 awardees from Pennsylvania. Each year this program provides each student with under graduate and graduate funds to any college or university of his/her choice.

Article

"To begin with, I would like to thank South Philadelphia High School Alumni for giving me such an opportunity to share my thoughts and achievements which can motivate students of our school in years later.

First of all, I want to say that I and you may or may not immigrate from another country but we are the same as opportunity seekers in the "Land of Liberty". I began my life in United States of America three years ago in South Philadelphia. I tried to study hard and adapt life in my new home. My parents, teachers, friends who inspire me as they support me throughout my three years at South Philadelphia High School and I moved on to Temple University with Gates Millennium Scholarship. You may not know what I have had to overcome to get this prestigious scholarship but I can tell you what experiences I learned from it. Before I came to Southern High, I heard many people say about this school is the worst school because of violence in 2010. After our new principal Mr. Otis Hackney took responsibility in this school, it got removed from blacklist so I was so admired his indulgence, intelligence and contribution to our school. I and other students in a group of student union named VIYO(Vietnamese Immigrant Youth Organization) get inspiration from his work as we strongly participate in anti-bullying throughout the last three years. After those years working on rallies, meetings, workshops and professional training after school, I gained a lot of circumstance and social skills which prepared me for my senior year including Gate Millennium Scholar.

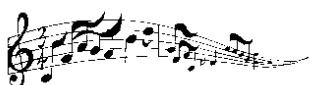
In my senior year, there are many things that happened which I have not expected and they are proof of my hard work. You may not know before I became Gates Millennium Scholar, I plan to quit applying for it because of my friend tells me that I will not get selected due to its competitive and also eight thousand word essay wasn't easy for me. Fortunately, my teachers' and my parents' hard work encouraged me. Then, I try for it even though there are a lot of obstacles as language difficulty, time strict and other conflict with my social life. As the result, my persistence payed off worthily as I'm the second person in South Philadelphia High School to get selected for Gates Millennium Scholarship. I really appreciate my teacher, counselor, my fellow friend for supporting me to achieve this tremendous opportunity. My advice for fellow students that you should not give up any opportunities because if you don't try your best you will never know how far and success you can reach. Community service will sharpen your skills.



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UPDATE ABOUT SPHS Roof Garden

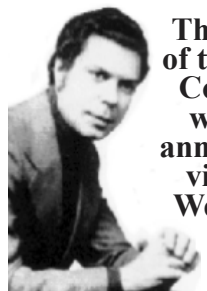
Since exceeding our \$26,300 goal back in June, LoMo and SPHS have held a series of community design meetings for neighbors, teachers, students, and the greater South Philly community. Roofmeadow, the design firm contracted to create the final plan, used input from these meetings to create a plan that reflects our South Philly community. The project research, design, and implementation has been integrated into the curriculum of the following departments: engineering, biology, math, ESOL, culinary arts, carpentry, and special education. Students have benefited from field trips, guest teachers who are sustainability professionals, and hands-on learning. The final plan will be created in the next month and split into funding phases. LoMo and SPHS are currently applying for grants to fund the plan's implementation, which could allow phase 1 construction to start in 2014.



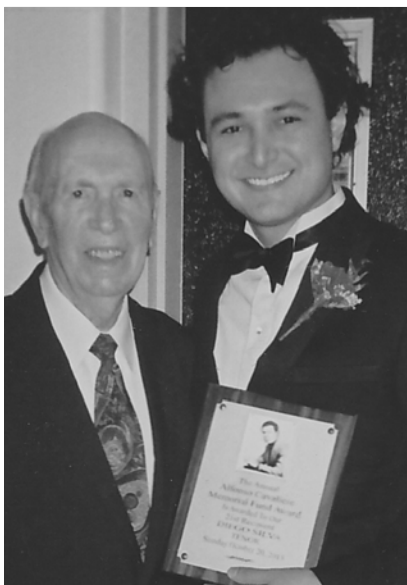
**Music at Southern
...a Great Tradition**

CONGRATULATIONS To The 20th Recipient of The ALFONSO CAVALIERE MEMORIAL FUND TENOR ~ DIEGO SILVA

Vice President of the Board of Directors, **Raymond Iannurato**, SPHS Class of June 1947, presented to **Tenor Diego Silva** October 20th, 2013, The **Alfonso Cavaliere Memorial Fund Award**. Tenor Silva sang at the concert, La Donna Mobile from Verdi's Rigoletto.



The Date
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Concert
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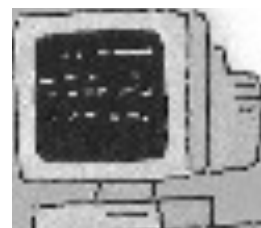
"The Musicians of Southern High" Scheduled for Alumni Brunch

Alumni president Sam Chatis and Rita D'Armi have announced that Cultural Hall of Fame member Bob Cerulli, Class of 1955, will be presenting The Musicians of Southern High on **Sunday, September 14, 2014** at our annual alumni brunch at the **Mays Landing Country Club**. Please go to www.sphsalumni.com for event details. As an accomplished musician, composer, conductor, arranger, professor of music, and student of Jay Speck, Bob is uniquely qualified to talk about some of Southern High's many excellent and famous musicians. This will be the second program at the brunch to highlight groups of entertainers from Southern: The first, the Singers of Southern High, was presented in September of 2011 by Bob's classmates, Tom DiRenzo and Gene Alessandrini. Alessandrini will be assisting Cerulli with the research and with the presentation of some recorded music, photos and video; he will also highlight some of Bob's accomplishments including the playing of some Warner Brothers Orchestra recordings of his orchestral arrangements. There is a rumor circulating that at the brunch, Maestro Cerulli may be presenting his newly-published composition, The Southern March, which he wrote for, and dedicated to, Southern High. Tom and Gene are working with Bob to write the lyrics to the march, which Bob expects to be recorded by the Warner Brothers Orchestra or another orchestra prior to the brunch. We hope to see you there.

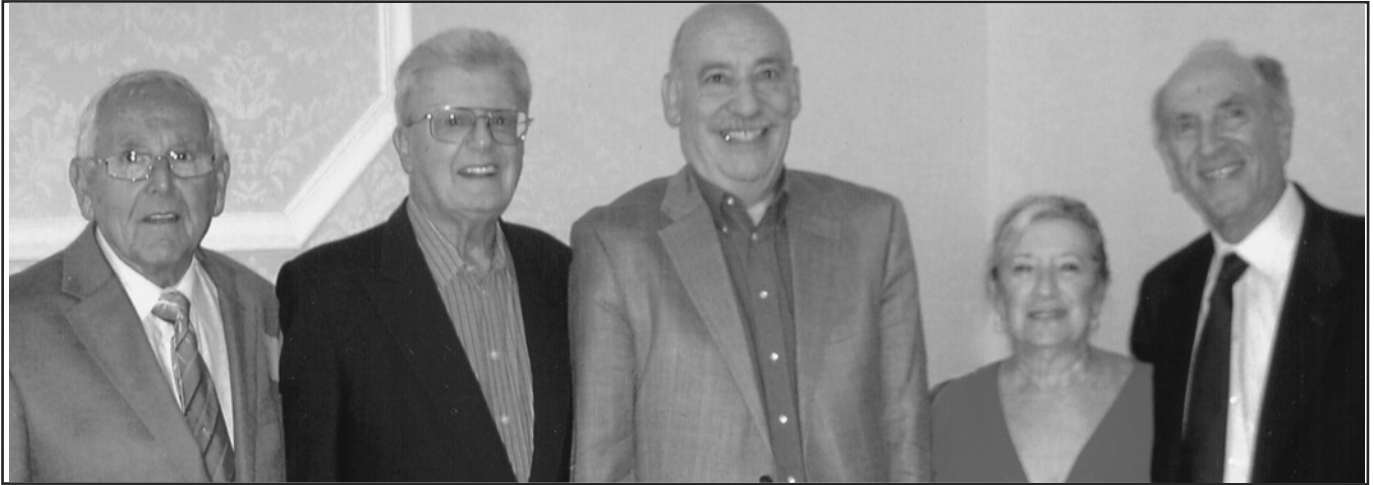
Reunion Corner

The SPHS Alumni Association encourages all classes planning reunions to send an email to info@sphsalumni.com with your Reunion details so we can post the information on our website to be seen by your classmates. Even if you are only in the planning stages, let us know so that your classmates know that something is in the works and whom to contact. Your Reunion information will be posted on our website within three days of receipt.

We urge you
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REPORTING FROM OUR 2013 SOUTH JERSEY LUNCHEON



BUFFET BRUNCH ~ Sunday, September 23, 2013

South Jersey Chapter Committee Members are (L-R) Tony Cona (committee member), Dr. George DiPilato (MC), Murray Dubin (guest speaker), Rita D'Armi & President Sam Chatis (members).

Our annual Mays Landing Buffet Brunch that was held on Sept. 22, 2013, was an overwhelming success. In the past we usually had about 75 attendees, but for this banquet 96 Southernites were in attendance. On behalf of our committee members Rita D'Armi, Tony Cona, and me, we attribute this achievement to the mini-reunions representing the classes of '61, '55, '48, and '46. In addition, let's not forget all of our board members and friends of classmates that also have supported us over the years. Our MC was **Dr. George DiPilato**, who did a fantastic job by having each activity move smoothly along with his introductions, humor, and pleasant personality. Entertainment was provided by our guest speaker, author **Murray Dubin**, who grew up in South Philly. His background includes being a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer for 34 years, and he later worked in the L.A. area. In 1996 Murray wrote "**South Philadelphia: Mummies, Memories and the Melrose Diner**", which was the basis for his talk. Murray selected many highlights of his book to discuss giving his audience the opportunity to intercede with questions. The result was an interesting and enjoyable discussion. Afterwards, Murray had a book signing and as a result of the sales he was able to donate \$50 to our Alumni Association.



NEXT SOUTH JERSEY LUNCHEON
Sunday, September 14, 2014

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1947 Boys Classes at Popi's 66th Anniversary

Oct. 17th Luncheon

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2013 Cultural Hall of Fame Winners



Mrs. Fulginiti accepts for Dr. Vincent Fulginiti * '49

Dr. Saul Jeck '49, Col. Geo. Hardy '42,



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Boys Class 1953

**Dom Di Cicco
William Goettle
Carlo Scarpa
Reunion Oct. 6, 2013**

1910 South Philadelphia High School 2014

DINNER BANQUET & HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Sunday, April 27TH 2014

COLLEEN'S @ SAVOY CATERERS - RT. #73, PENNSAUKEN, NJ

1:00 TO 6:00 PM

ATHLETIC

William P. Koran '55
John Laprocido '55
Louis Sbarra, Jr. '59



ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF
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CULTURAL

Joseph Daugen '52
Louis Lanza '54
Joseph Lanza* '51
Thomas Sebastian '63

* Deceased

COCKTAILS & SOCIAL HOUR

STARTS AT 1:00 PM

(Cash Bar)

BANQUET STARTS
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DINNERS @ \$45. PER

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Make Checks payable to SPHS Alumni Ass'n - My check is enclosed for \$ _____

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____ ☐ JAN. ☐ JUNE

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ Please list Guests & Preferences _____

INDICATE SEATING PREFERENCE.

Check One: ☐ Salmon ☐ Chicken ☐ Donation in "Bill" Esher's Name

If more than one dinner is requested please indicate that choice for the other platter(s) _____

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