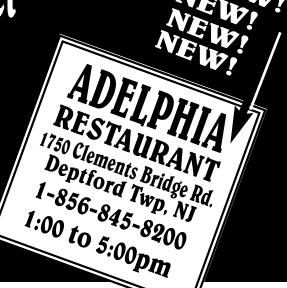
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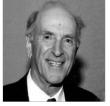
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## A MEMO FROM OUR PRESIDENT



#### - Accomplishments of 2014

Greetings, fellow alumni members. We are very excited over several new projects that we initiated this past year. The following short paragraphs should perk your interest and possibly motivate you to become an active participant.

High School Revitalization Committee: I'm paraphrasing an article that **Chairman Tom Sebastian** ('63) recently wrote "Last year, in light of declining enrollment at Southern and the financial crisis faced by the school district, the Executive Board established this committee. It has been tasked to work collaboratively with the administration, staff, students, parents and community to identify and support the delivery of high quality educational opportunities that will allow the school to grow and flourish. Several ideas have been identified and have already been acted upon."

#### **New Book Committee:**

**Dr. Tony Evangelisto** ('58), following his attendance at the Hall of Fame banquet and the urging of his wife Carol, decided that he needed to write a book about the incredible accomplishments of Southern students. His idea was immediately accepted, a committee formed, outlines developed, and writings began. The goal of the book was not only to recognize the achievements of those Southernites, but to determine how an urban school could instill such high levels of confidence and ambition that would flourish into promising careers. If you have information that could assist Tony' book, contact him at "drtonyevangelisto@gmail.com".

#### **Younger Membership Committee:**

Karimah Speaks ('00) is Chairperson of this newly established committee, which was formed to attract students into our Alumni from the '80s to 21st Century. As you view the attendees at our banquets, you'll notice the lack of younger members. It's therefore obvious that we need younger members to become active participants in our Executive Board Committees and attending our Alumni Banquets. Karimah is attempting to solve this problem by communicating with younger adults via the social media (ie. Facebook, Twitter, etc.). If you would like to help Karimah, please contact her at "karimahspeaks@aol.com".

#### **Fund Raising Committee:**

The recent financial crisis in the school district has trickled down to the class-room and sports activities. Teachers are in need of school supplies and teams need uniforms & equipment. In attempting to solve these immediate necessities, we established this committee as a source for funding. Tom DiRenzo ('55) has already drafted a Donor Request letter and Donor Form in preparation for IRS approval for a separate 501c3 account. As soon as our IRS request is approved, we intend to officially begin our fund raising campaign. Tom also composed a Fund Raising Report, which will be utilized as a fund raising road map.

Regards, Sam Chatis '58

## **SPHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION • 105 YEARS OLD**

#### 2014 - REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE - 2015

The Membership Committee continues to request your support in locating other graduates who have slipped through the cracks and have not yet become Lifetime Members. When you interact with other Southern graduates, ask if they received this year's Newsletter. If not, encourage them to become a lifetime member for the one-time cost of just



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\$25. Lifetime (or Memorial) Memberships make a great gift for the Southern graduate who has not yet become a Lifetime Member. Perhaps your mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, or other relative graduated from Southern. Surprise them on their birthday or anniversary with a gift of a lifetime - a Lifetime Membership. Lifetime Memberships may be conveniently purchased online at www.sphsalumni.com for the one-time cost of just \$25 (please specify in the Notes section if the membership is for a different person than the purchaser. Thank you.). The Membership Committee often fields questions about reunions. The first place to start to learn if there is a reunion for your class, is on the Alumni Association's website. Simply click on the "Events and Reunions" tab in the banner at the top of the page to see if a reunion is listed for your class. If it is a multiple of "5" year anniversary for your class, contact the person(s) listed as Reunion Contact for your class on our website to see if one is underway. We encourage all Reunion Contacts/Coordinators 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 within three days of receipt. A limited number of yearbooks are still available to Lifetime Members (Boys' Classes from 1910; Girls' Classes from 1942; and combined classes to the present). Don't miss out on your chance to get another copy of your original Keepsake if yours was lost or damaged. Remember, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR THE LOW PRICE OF JUST \$15 (WHICH IN-CLUDES SHIPPING), YOU MUST BE A LIFETIME MEMBER. Yearbooks can be ordered online on our website. Once these remaining original yearbooks are gone, there is no way to order more with the original hardcover and binding. We are holding back one original for each graduating class for archival purposes. These Reference-Only copies of yearbooks may be copied if no other original exists. If the online cart says "Out of Stock" for your yearbook, contact us at info@sphsalumni.com to confirm there is a Reference-Only version available which may be copied. Finally, we ask that when you relocate that you let us know. If you live in an apartment, REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE APARTMENT NUMBER. The Postal Service, will not deliver to an apartment, without an apartment number in the mailing label. We have received several Newsletters returned to us (this year's postage for each Newsletter was \$1.20). If you did not receive a Newsletter, it means we had a bad address for you in our database. To obtain a hard copy of the newsletter, send us a self-addressed, postage-paid, large 9x13 envelope, with \$1.20 postage on it to SPHS Alumni Association, c/o Giovanna Cavaliere, 2304 S. 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Membership Committee** WILLIE POLLINS, Esq. - Class of '84

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#### TREASURER JOE MANZO '61 REPORT 2015

The alumni association has awarded over \$35,000 in scholarship awards and book funds during the 2014-2015 school year. We have awarded over 1.9 million dollars to graduating students over the last twenty five years. Students are attending many area universities and colleges including Temple,

Penn State, LaSalle, Rosemont, Albright and the Community College of Philadelphia.

## Councilman

Mark Squilla
Councilman of the First District of Philadelphia He coordinated the efforts that resulted in a complete, neighborhood-led renovation of the Burke Playground. In 2008, his neighbors elected him President of Whitman Council. He worked in the Office of Pennsylvania's Auditor General.

Councilman Squilla is Chair of Council's Streets Committee.

He is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Au-

thority. He has Helped with revitalization of the Reading Viaduct

2. Assisted The Central Delaware Advisory Group

3. Assisted with the growth and challenges of the East Passyunk Business Improvement District. He is an Ex-Officio Board member of the Avenue of the Arts.



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IF YOU KNOW A SPHS GRADUATE WHO EXCELLED IN LIFE!!! ...GIVE US A CALL!

### John Curto - Former English **Teacher at Southern**

Taught at Southern: 1966-1994. Coached the de-



bate team. **Sponsored** the yearbook. Prepared graduation speakers. Taught at Standard **Evening** Night School for 25 years where he was the **PFT** 

building representative.

## Robert J. Venuti

Member of the South Philadelphia **High School Alumni Executive Committee** 

Was the publications chair in 2007 for the International Association of Clerks. Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers. Commissioner, Camden County Board of Elections, 1986 - Present Regional Vice President,

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## **Father** Nick Martorano –

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#### SPHS GRADUATES...OLD WAR TIME HEROES





WILLIAM "WILD BILL" GUARNERE Attended S.P.H.S. in the early 1940's, but

left to enlist in the U.S. Army, but returned and graduated in '42. There have been countless books and movies produced over the years about the D-Day invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. One of the most penetrating and powerful portrayals of this pivotal time in world history was achieved in the HBO series, The **Band of Brothers.** This series is of great interest to all of us in the South Philadelphia High School family be-



cause two members of the fabled 101st Airborne Division, specifically Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, came out of Southern to

contribute to the war effort: William "Wild Bill" Guarnere and Edward "Babe" Heffron. Heffron is featured elsewhere in this chapter.

Robyn Post has written an incredibly insightful and penetrating book about Bill and "Babe," entitled **Brothers in Battle** \* Best of Friends. Robyn tells us that "Bill was a platoon sergeant in Easy Company over forty-eight men. His commander, Dick Winters, called him a natural killer; his men called him "Wild Bill."

Babe joined Easy Company after the Normandy invasion, and became a machine gunner and private first class under Bill's command. The two grew up blocks apart in South Philadelphia, yet never met until they were united by an enemy three thousand miles from home.... They came from humble beginnings in South Philadelphia, raised in an era when you simply did what wasneeded to be done for family, for community, for your country. Bill was highly respected as a soldier and as an NCO [Non-Commissioned Officer] . In his

book, Band of Brothers, Stephen Ambrose writes: The N.C.O.s came up from the ranks, Gradually replacing the Old Army cadre.

Types who quit as the training became More intense. Within a year, all thirteen Sergeants in Easy were from the original Group of privates, including...Bill Guarnere..."These were men," as one Private said, "who were leaders that we Respected and would follow anywhere." Major Dick Winters, the commanding officer of Easy Company reported that "Also promoted to staff sergeant were Bill Guarnere, the second platoon Sergeant, and Robert T. Smith. I had been Guarnere's platoon leader in Toccoa. I had recommended him for promotion to corporal and later I had recommended him for promotion to sergeant



as a squad leader. Guarnere was a natural leader and one of [sic] most respected noncommissioned officers in Easy Company. At Brecourt, he had done a magnificent job and I had recommended him for the Distinguished Service Cross... .Guarnere and Lieutenant Compton were the only two men from Easy Company to receive Silver Stars during the entire war.

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## Paul Berger Scholarships for Southern Grads at Temple's Fox School

By Gene R. Alessandrini, Class of 1955

Paul Berger, Class of 1963, has been funding scholarships for Southern graduates attending the Fox School of Business at Temple University. A student may apply as a Temple undergraduate for a Paul Berger scholarship for his or her upcoming year. In addition, a book award will be granted each year to a graduating SPHS senior in consultation with the SPHS Alumni Association.

In a recent correspondence, Paul said, "There comes a time in one's life that it becomes important to give back. I had wonderful experiences both at SPHS and Temple. So a few years ago, I worked with Temple to set up The Paul Berger Scholarship Fund to award scholarship assistance to students from South Philadelphia H. S. studying at the Fox School at Temple. The scholarships currently are running at approximately \$6,500. per year and are determined by a committee from Temple."

Paul's generosity has already benefitted the following Southern graduates who were each awarded approximately \$6,500: Tarik Ryant (2012) Wilbert Castillo (2013) Duong Ly (2014)

In addition, at graduation, **Adedoyin Otolorin** received a Book Award of \$1000 in 2014 from the SPHS Alumni Association with funds provided by the Paul Berger Fund.

Paul said that "if other people choose to do a similar program, they can contact their college of choice, or if they would like to help a SPHS student in a more modest way, they could make a contribution to my Temple fund." Checks should be made payable to the Paul Berger Scholarship fund, c/o Richard Van Fossen, Jr., Executive Director of Leadership Gifts, Fox School of Business, 1801 Liacouras Walk, 374 Alter Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19122, 215-204-6149.

Paul Berger bio: After graduating from Southern in 1963, Paul received his bachelor's degree from Temple in 1967, his master's degree from the University of Alabama in 1969, and also became a CPA in 1969. After working in public accounting, he helped create a successful small international sales company. After his retirement in 1989, he has been a successful investor.



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## **MARIO LANZA**

#### **Southern Graduate**

Mario Lanza, born Alfredo Cocozza in 1921, of immigrant parents from Abruzzi, Italy, lived long enough to thrill us all, until his death in Italy in 1959. His teachers at Southern are reported to have said that he would rather sing than study; well, for him, his singing was his homework, which he did quite well. Some said that Mario was the "new Caruso," and Hollywood moguls thought that he would become the singing Clark Gable. Others called him the "crossover artist supreme" because of his musical versatility. Mario, of course, portrayed Enrico Caruso in the astonishingly successful movie, The Great Caruso. Enrico Caruso, Jr, who was an excellent tenor himself, said in 1987 that Mario had "... qualities that few singers are born with and others can never attain." He also stated in his book that "Lanza excelled in both the classical and the light popular repertory, an accomplishment that was beyond even my father's exceptional talents." He was the first RCA Victor Red Seal artist to win a gold disc and the first artist to sell 2 1/2 million albums. Mario was awarded two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for recording and for motion pictures.

#### **TONY EVANGELISTO**, January '58

Last spring, the Executive Board of the Alumni Association accepted a proposal from Tony Evangelisto to write a book about Southern. The basic premise of the book is that our school has been proclaimed as the "School of the Stars" because so many of our graduates have gone on to achieve great fame. We are certainly so proud of the likes of Frankie Avalon, Fabian, Chubby Checker, Mario Lanza, Eddie Fisher, Marian Anderson, Jack Klugman, and Joey Bishop. What we don't realize is that this illustrious group represents just a small fraction of our graduates who have achieved national and international fame because of their accomplishments. Their story needs to be told so that the others may receive the recognition they so richly deserve. With this goal in mind, Tony Evangelisto is working with a committee of writers to bring our story to the world. The biggest challenge is to select individuals to highlight in the respective chapters because there are so many who are worthy of recognition. At the same time, it is an exciting prospect because the Writing Committee is uncovering and bringing to light so many remarkable treasures from Southern's past. The Writing Committee is comprised of: Mark Adelman, Gene Alessandrini, Eroy Brown, Giovanna Cavaliere, Sid Clearfield, Dominic DiCicco, Tom DiRenzo, Carol Evangelisto (not a Southern graduate, but guilty by association), Tony Fasolo, Otis Hackney, and Karimah Speaks. Tony is serving as the Editor-in-Chief. The book is intended to be primarily a human-interest item, with insights about our graduates and their accomplishments and background on Southern, its history, and its influence. Each chapter will include short biographies accompanied by photos of our graduates, including, where available, their high school yearbook photo and write-up. Approximately two pages will be devoted to each, while there will be shorter entries in situations where information and/or photos are limited. The book will consist of twelve chapters: 1. Introduction and background on the nature of the book and its contents; 2. A Concise history of Southern; 3. Southern's Singers; 4. Southern's Stars in motion pictures / television / the arts; 5. Southern's Stars in Classical Music and Jazz: 6. Southern's Stars in the Domain of Law and Civil Service; 7. Southern's Athletes; 8. Stars of Science and Medicine; 9. Stars in the Military; 10. Stars in Education and the Social Sciences; 11. Perspectives from an Outsider; 12. Epilogue that identifies more recent students/graduates as well as comments from Mr. Hackney and others at Southern. This is a saga about a school; a community; challenges of urban living; challenges faced by immigrants; about children who succeed despite the odds; about the teachers, mentors, and school administrators who helped these children to achieve distinction; and about the ideals that guided those teachers and children. More than anything, it's about US and our school. The Writing Committee is working toward a goal of finishing this book by next June; we are currently seeking a literary agent that will guide us to the publisher best suited for our project. Without a doubt, you are wondering who are these "stars" that we are going to include in the book. Sadly, you will have to begin saving your pennies so you may purchase a copy, a first edition, for your own collec-

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## TONY FABRIZIO

Class 0f 1952

Tony was a 3 year starting pitcher (1950 to 1952) for the SPHS baseball team.





## FRED BOVOSO

Class 0f 1954

Fred played both offense and defense for Southern. He was a two year starter and made second team all public in 1953. Fred went on to play at University Temple where he also played both offense and defense. Known as the "cat" because of his quickness he went on win numerous awards while playing college football.

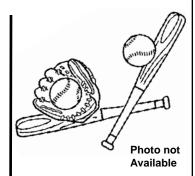


## THOMAS TERRY

**Class Of 1999** 

Thomas played both varsity basketball and football while at Southern. In basketball he won many awards including most valuable player and the student athlete award. In football he played on the first team all public and on the Division D Champion team. He is currently an Assistant Coach for the Southern football team.



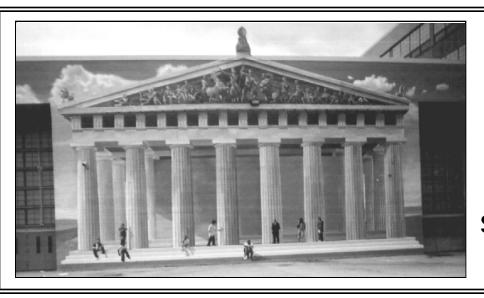


## RALPH MANFREDI

Class Of 1949 Deceased

Ralph was an all public baseball player and was part of many city championship teams. Ralph went on to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers organization. Ralph was a second baseman who hit .455 in 1948 and his two base hit drove in two runs leading Southern to the city title over St James.





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## **DR.HENRY** I. MILLER Class 0f 1964

Dr. Henry I. Miller, MS, MD, is the Robert Wes-

son Fellow in Scientific Philosophy and Public Policy at Stanford University's Hoover Institution where his research focuses on public policy toward science and technology. Miller worked for 15 years at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration where he was the founding director of the FDA Office of Biotechnology (from 1989-1994) and an outspoken advocate for agricultural biotechnology, including genetically engineered organisms. He is a regular contributor of opinion articles to Forbes.com and frequently appears on two nationally syndicated radio programs. Miller has become well known, not only for his contributions to scholarly journals, but also for his articles and books that make science, medicine, and technology accessible. His work has been widely published in many languages. Monographs include Policy Controversy in Biotechnology: An Insider's View; To America's Health: A Model for Reform of the Food and Drug Administration; and The Frankenfood Myth: How Protest and Politics Threaten the Biotech Revolution. In addition, Miller has published extensively in a wide spectrum of scholarly journals and popular publications worldwide.

Miller was selected by the editors of Nature Biotechnology as one of the people who had made the "most significant contributions" to biotechnology during the previous decade. He serves on numerous editorial boards. During his government service, Miller participated frequently on various expert and policy panels as a representative of the FDA or the US government.



## MOE **BROOKER**

Class Of 1959

Brooker trained at both the Pennsylvania Academy of the Ărts Fine and Tyler School of

Art and is one of Philadelphia's most prominent abstract artists. The Moore College of Art and Design website states that Brooker's "radiant paintings express an inner spiritual joy. Brooker creates expressive color harmonies with mixed media on panel and paper. His work reveals a mastery of line, color and composition. Brooker's work moves from quiet introspective moments to intensely passionate crescendos. There is an undeniable musical language permeating his work, achieved through compositional structure, color harmony and rhythmic improvisation. The viewer is invited into his complex abstract spaces which can be felt, explored and contemplated with both heart and mind." Moore College further states that "Brooker is very in-volved in the Philadelphia arts community. He is Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Foundation Department at Moore College of Art & Design and is collected by major public and private institutions including The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Studio Museum of Harlem, The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, The African American Museum in Philadelphia, Woodmere Art Museum, LaSalle University Museum, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Ford Motor Company & AT&T Headquarters, Boston."
The Museum of the Chateau of Montbeliard, France; The Muse's des beaux arts, Canada Ottawa, Ontario; and Spirtmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden also exhibit his paintings. In 2008 Professor Brooker was appointed by Mayor Nutter as the Chairman of the Philadelphia Art Commission and was named the Artist of the Year in 2010 by Governor Edward G. Rendell of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He has taught throughout the United States and abroad. Brooker said, "As a teacher, I think I have the best job in the world. I am helping to shape the artists of the 21st Century.

## **RICHARD DIADAMO**

Class 0f 1962

Mr. DiAdamo was a member of the Syracuse Sym-



phony and Rochester Phil-harmonic Orchestra, and was a member of the first violin section of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra since 1968 until his recent retirement. Mr. DiAdamo became concertmaster of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra in 1994 where he has appeared numerous times as soloist. He is active in chamber music performance and violin coaching in Pittsburgh.

DiAdamo began studying violin at age eight in his home town of Philadelphia. Pennsylvania with Armand DiCamillo of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and later with Jani Szanto at the Philadelphia Musical Academy. He became concertmaster of the All-Phila. Senior High School Orchestra when he was a student at SPHS and was a member of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. He won a scholarship to the Eastman School of Music where he studied violin with Joseph Knitzer and Carroll Glenn, earning a Bachelor's degree in Musical Performance and Music Education. He began his professional career at the Taos School of Music in New Mexico, performing in the faculty string quartet and coaching chamber music. He began his orchestral career with the Syracuse Symphony and the Rochester Philharmonic. In 1968 he accepted a position in the first violin section with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra under William Steinberg. He founded the Amati String Trio, which subsequently won the Pittsburgh Concert Society Competition in 1981. The following year he was soloist with David Stock's New Music Ensemble in Pittsburgh and at Symphony Space in New York City, performing Thomas Jansen's "The Harlequin for Richard DiAdamo." He plays a violin made by Helmuth Keller of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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#### SPHS ALUMNI ARCHIVE NEWS BY MARC ADELMAN

## South Philadelphia High School ARCHIVES FIND NEW HOME:

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From the dusty tomb of forgotten piles of archival material, the 108 year archival record of South Philadelphia High School was literally carried and carted from a first floor windowless "super" closet to the 3rd floor library where it now resides in an open environment exposed to the scholarly and the curious of administrators, teachers, students



and the community at large. The move may have been a matter of a few feet but it represents 5 years of inspection and organization to get to the point where Principal Hackney would seriously consider establishing our archives in a prominent location in the school. Now our history lies prominently amongst the many bookcases and tomes gifted to the school by our outstanding senior classes, our association and successful alumni. 2014 was a breakout year for recognizing the value of having organized archival documents, photos and artifacts. The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia DA's office and documentarians used our valuable resources for their particular interests. Former alumni requested yearbooks and information. Children, grand-children and great grand-children were pleased, emotional and even ecstatic when they discovered family photos and documents they would never have known otherwise. Today we continue to improve the status and longevity of our archives by taking the next step to digitize and preserve the lessons of the past for the benefit of future generations. The mission of the archive department of your association can only be successfully realized by those alumni and their families who continue to donate documents and artifacts. Know this...Embrace this...and proudly Relish this...Our history is unique in the annals of the public school movement and to South Philadelphia.

## LYRICS FOR SOUTHERN MARCHING SONG

Bob Cerulli wrote the music and Tom DiRenzo followed up with the lyrics.

Onward, onward, Southern High, on to victory. Stop them, stop them, on the field, win for history. Stand up, stand up, shout out loud, that our team is best.

Be true, be true, have no qualms, rise to every test. If you see a challenge in your way, knock it down with a will to overcome, Then many wins you are sure to score, so true champions we'll become.

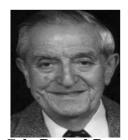
Red and black we love you, you're beyond compare.
As the years keep passing, always we'll be there.
Give your students learning, then just watch them soar,
Doubt or fear will not win, hear our Southern roar.

Onward, onward, Southern High, on to victory.
Stop them, stop them, on the field, win for history.
Stand up, stand up, shout out loud, that our team is best.
Be true, be true, have no qualms, rise to every test.
Onward Southern High!



### Memorial To Bruno C. Terlizzi Class of 1940

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Lt. Col., Retired Bruno C. Terlizzi (also known as Johnny or Terry to neighbors and friends) went home to be with the Lord on March 21. 2013. A WWII and Korean Veteran, U.S. Army. He retired as a LTC August 1962. A graduate of the Philadelphia High School. Terlizzi attended OCS and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. Infantry on 5 November, 1942 at Fort Benning, Georgia. He led an Infantry Platoon in WWII. In Korea he was Captain CO of King Company 5th Regt Combat Team. Seriously wounded on July 18, 1953. He was evacuated via "MASH" to the Hospital Ship USS Repose and then onto a US Army Hosptal in Japan. After 22 years of Army Service he returned to Philadelphia joining the Real Estate Firm of Bernard C. Meltzer and Associates retiring as Vice President of Marketing. Bruno was a long time active member of the South Philadelphia High School Alumni Executive Board.



## TUSKEGEE AIRMAN Lt. Col. George E. Hardy

**Class of 1942** 

#### ~ A POINT OF LIGHT ~

By Gene R. Alessandrini '55

Douglas MacArthur said, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." The General of the Army never said what members of the United States Air Force do in retirement. Well, there is one member of the Class of 1942, a SPHS Alumni Cultural Hall of Fame inductee in 2013, and a highly-decorated hero of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam who refuses to fade away. He subscribes to the Dylan Thomas school of thought: "Do not go gentle into that good night/Old age should burn and rave at close of day/Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

Since his induction, Tuskegee Airman Lt. Colonel George E. Hardy has been Co-Grand Marshal of the July 4th Veiled Prophet Parade in St. Louis. The colonel said that he "participated in a number of activities associated with the Fourth of July celebration." He later returned to St. Louis for the Tuskegee Airmen Annual Convention, where he delivered his annual report as chairman of the Harry A. Sheppard Research Committee. He also travelled to Arlington, VA for the annual reunion of the 19th Bombardment Association, where he participated in a formal wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; the colonel was with the 19th Bombardment Group at the beginning of the Korean War. Later he attended the reunion in San Antonio, Texas of the AC-119 Gunship Association, whose members fought in Vietnam when the colonel was a detachment commander.

More recently, he attended the 'Wings over Houston' air show at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas and participated in activities involving other fighter pilots and bomber pilots. After returning home to Sarasota, Florida, he participated in a five-day celebration of Veterans Day, during which a portrait of him as a local WWII veteran was unveiled with his sister, Frances, by his side. We are hoping to see the colonel and Frances on May 17, 2015 at the Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford, NJ, when we will induct several other outstanding Southern High graduates into our cultural and athletic halls of fame. The colonel's activities certainly indicate that this Southern High senior airman does not "just fade away" or "go gentle into that good night." He is rather what former President George H. W. Bush would call a Point of Light.

## ON BEHALF OF THE SPHS ALUMNI **ASSOCIATION & STUDENTS OF SOUTHERN** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

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#### SPHS ALUMNI CULTURAL HALL OF FAME

#### REPORT BY GENE R. ALESSANDRINI

Several outstanding Southern High alumni are inducted into the SPHS Alumni Cultural Hall of Fame each year. This year we will induct Richard DiAdamo, Dr. Henry I. Miller, Moe Brooker, and Mario Lanza (posthumously) on Sunday, May 17, 2015, 1-5 PM, at the Adelphia Restaurant. Please see their bios in this newsletter and the complete list of previous inductees and the nomination form on our website, sphsalumni.com. The selection process for the cultural hall of fame includes: Nominations by alumni and others using the online form. Evaluations and ranking of candidates by the selection committee: Marc Adelman, Robert Venuti, Annette Squillace, Ed Rocco, Dom DiCicco, Vivian Perpiglia, and Gene Alessandrini. Any member of the executive committee may participate in this process. Submission of several of the committee's top candidates to the current members of the hall of fame for their final selections. While there is no shortage of excellent Southern High graduates, it is not always an easy task

to identify them. The committee's goal is to honor the best of Southern High from our diverse population of graduates over several generations. We have awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for many decades from our scholarship fund of about a half a million dollars. We need the help of everyone to identify those scholars and others who have excelled. Please help by nominating graduates, especially men and women from more recent classes. Please contact Gene Alessandrini at generalessandrini@temple.edu or 856-228-2250 for more information or to assist with the nomination process.

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Picured above; William Koran '55, Louis Sbarra, Jr. '59, and John Laprocido '55 Inducted into the ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME Charles LaGrossa '54 - Presenter



Picured above; Thomas Sebastian '63, Son of Joseph Lanza, Louis Lanza '54; and Joe Daughen '52

Inducted into the CULTURAL HALL OF FAME
Gene Alessandrini '55 - Presenter

## **UPCOMING REUNIONS**

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October 10, 2015
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October 23, 2015
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Class of 1975
November 27, 2015
Waterfall Room
Information at sphsalumni.com

## 1958 January & June Classes held a Luncheon Reunion on October 12th 2014

At Maggiano's Restaurant in Cherry Hill, NJ Pictured in the photo are JANUARY

CLASSMATES (L to R) are Steve Miller,



Dr. Anthony Evangelisto and Sam Chatis

## RECIPENT OF THE ALFONSO CAVALIERE MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

Raymond Innaurato, class of 1946, Vice President and Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, presented to

#### TENOR WILLIAM DAVENPORT

the Alfonso Cavaliere Memorial Fund Award, October 19, 2014. Mr. Davenport was a real crowd pleaser singing a tribute to the late great South Philadelphian Mario Lanza. Alfonzo graduated 1945. The next MEMORIAL CONCERT



will be held in October, 2015. Contact Giovanna Cavaliere at 215 626 7053

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