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**Dinner Banquet**

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Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2017

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1:00 to 5:00 pm

**ATHLETIC**

Gerald Scott '70

Lionel Simmons '86

Tarez L. Williams '84

\*Deceased



**CULTURAL**

William "Wild Bill" Guarnere '42\*

Edward "Babe" Heffron\*

Dr. Carolyn P. Parks '72

Richard (DiCicco) Rome '49

Dr. John F. Santore '59

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## President's Message

**Dear Fellow Alumni,**

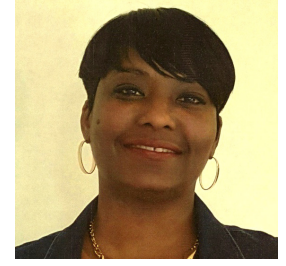
Approximately four years ago, I decided to become more involved with the SPHS Alumni Association because I recognized the significant role it has played for so many years in support of the best interests of Southern High and its graduates. I attended a number of alumni executive committee meetings and was eventually invited to serve as a member. From the start, I was impressed with the collective expertise of the group, the dedication to purpose demonstrated by its members, and the number of members who have volunteered their services for multiple decades. As time passed, I have come to realize how extremely gratifying it is to be involved with an organization that is led by a group of individuals who share a common bond and who are energized by serving Southern High students both past and present.

In addition to having a highly competent executive committee, the SPHS Alumni Association is blessed to have thousands of members who actively support our mission through participating in class reunions, attending alumni sponsored events, donating money to the school and/or alumni association, providing artifacts and memorabilia for our archives, and becoming lifetime members of this most prestigious organization.

On behalf of the SPHS Alumni Association, I'd like to express our gratitude for the support we've received from Southern graduates and from countless individuals who define themselves as friends of South Philadelphia High School. Please know that your continued support is most appreciated.

*Respectfully,*

*Tom Sebastian*



## 2016-2017 REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

**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 \$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](http://www.sphsalumni.com) (please specify in the Notes/Comments section if the membership is for a different person than the purchaser. Thank you.).

Remember, only Lifetime Members are eligible to receive a copy of his/her yearbook for the price of just \$15 (which includes shipping). We are closer to introducing the ability to receive a digital copy for those years where we only have a Reference copy available.

Class Reunion Coordinators will assist membership by reminding and encouraging those on their Reunion lists who are not already lifetime members to join us.. As always, we will publish your Reunion details on our website - - provided we are supplied with the information. We have noticed that a few reunions are in the planning stages on Facebook; however, no information has been given to the Alumni Association. We also post reunions that are in the planning stages so that classmates have point of contact.

Lastly, we ask that you remember to let us know when you re-locate. If you live in an apartment, REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE APT. NUMBER. The U.S. Postal Service will not deliver to an apartment, without an apartment number in the mailing label. In the past, we have received several Newsletters returned to us due to a lack of an apartment number.

### Membership Committee

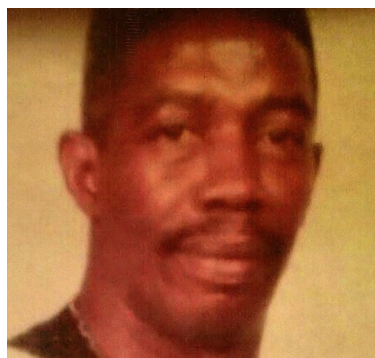
**Willie Pollins, Esq. - Class of '84**

**Tarez Williams - Class of '84**

## TREASURER JOYCE GAROZZO '70 REPORT 2017

**The alumni association awarded over \$ 27,000 in scholarship and book funds during the 2016-2017 school year. We have given over 1.95 million dollars to deserving SPHS graduating seniors over the last twenty-seven years. Students attended many area universities and colleges including Millersville University, The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, Lebanon Valley Community College and the Community College of Philadelphia.**

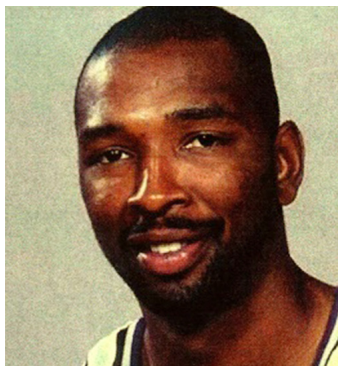
## GERALD SCOTT



### Class of 1970

Gerald Scott was all-public running back on Southern's football team in 1968 and was the most valuable player of the team. In 1969, he was all-scholastic and all-state as a defensive back. He averaged 145 yards per game as an offensive back. He participated in the All-City All-Star Game and received the Sullivan Award for the best public league athlete. He started for three years at Southern on the varsity basketball team as a power forward. He was a second team all-defensive public league player. In 1968 and 1969, he played in championship games for the public league title. In baseball, he was a three-year starter on the varsity team as a 2nd baseman. In his first year, he played on Southern's team at Connie Mack Stadium for the city title. In 1968, he was all-public at 2nd base and led the team in home runs and RBIs. In 1969, he was once again all public and was 2nd team all state. Gerald said that he was grateful for the leadership of many of his coaches, including Bill Esher, Mex Siani, John Pendino, and John Koskinen. He said, "I owe a lot to Mr. Bill Esher who gave us all the foundation we needed to be successful"

## LIONEL SIMMONS



### Class of 1986

"L-Train" Simmons led Southern High to the Philadelphia Public League Boys' Basketball Championship in 1986, for which he received the MVP award. Playing as a small forward at LaSalle University, he won the Naismith College Player of the Year Award and the John R. Wooden Award in his senior year. Lionel scored the third highest all-time career points (3217) in the history of NCAA basketball. He scored in double figures in 115 consecutive games, an NCAA record. Lionel led LaSalle to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and was the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Player of the Year for three years. He was a First Team All Big 5 selection four times and won the Robert V. Geasey Trophy as Big 5 MVP three times. He has been inducted into LaSalle's Athletic Hall of Fame, the Big 5 Hall of Fame, the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, and the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. According to Wikipedia, "Simmons became the only player in NCAA history to score more than 3,000 points and pull down more than 1,100 rebounds." He was a consensus first-team All-American in 1990.

## TAREZ L. WILLIAMS



### Class of 1984

Tarez Williams was involved in Track and Field 1982-1984. Accomplishments: All Public – Cross Country and Track & Field. Tarez broke the school record while running in the Penn Relays by setting a new 4x100 meter relay record. She currently holds the school record in the 100 and 200 meter dash. She was the first female athlete in the history of South Philadelphia High to receive a full athletic scholarship to college – she attended North Carolina A&T State University. While attending Southern she was also on the weight lifting team and also on the year book staff. She graduated from South Philadelphia High with highest honors.

## To make nominations to the SPHS Alumni Athletic or Cultural Halls of Fame:

Please visit our website [sphsalumni.com](http://sphsalumni.com) and click on "forms."

The Hall of Fame Nomination Form may be completed online and submitted online. The form may also be printed from the website, completed manually, and sent to the address on the form.

Nominees' bios are evaluated by sub committees of the alumni association executive committee.

Current members of the halls of fame make the final choices from several candidates submitted to them. For assistance or questions,

please email Gene R. Alessandrini at [generalessandrini@temple.edu](mailto:generalessandrini@temple.edu)



**WILLIAM GUARNERE**  
*1923-2014*

William “Wild Bill” Guarnere, Class of 1942 left Southern High after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor to help manufacture Sherman tanks at the Baldwin Locomotive Works. His mother soon convinced him to return to Southern to earn

his diploma, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Easy Company of the 101st Airborne Division. On the eve of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, Bill’s brother was killed at Monte Casino by the Germans. The next day, Bill parachuted into German-held Normandy and ambushed a German patrol. Later, as a staff sergeant in the Battle of the Bulge, Bill’s buddy had his leg blasted off. As Bill tried to save him, his own leg was badly wounded in a shell attack. He eventually lost his leg. During Bill’s many battles throughout Europe, he was with another Southernite, Edward “Babe” Heffron. After reuniting at home, Bill and Babe wrote a book with Robyn Post entitled *Brothers in Battle, Best of Friends: Two WWII Paratroopers from the Original Band of Brothers Tell Their Story*. Both would later be interviewed about the war for the book and HBO miniseries, *Band of Brothers*



**EDWARD “BABE” HEFFRON, 1923-2013**

Edward “Babe” Heffron left Southern High to help support his family. After working at New York Ship, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Easy Company with the 101st Airborne Division, where he fought in many battles throughout Europe

with Southern’s “Wild Bill” Guarnere. He was highly decorated for his valor in Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands and in the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. As a machine gunner, Babe was awarded the Bronze Star. He participated in the liberation of the Kaufering Concentration Camp in Landsberg, Germany and helped to seize Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest. Heffron and Guarnere returned home and became lifelong friends. These WWII heroes wrote *Brothers in Battle, Best of Friends* and were featured often in Stephen Ambrose’s book, *Band of Brothers*, and in Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg’s HBO miniseries of the same name.

**DR. CAROLYN PARKS**

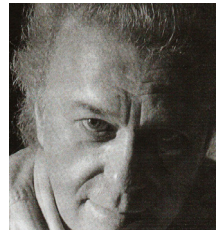
*Class of 1972*

is a community health education specialist with a passion for helping groups and communities to identify and solve their own health problems. Carol’s community-based research and practice for over 30 years has focused on the development, implementation and evaluation of health education and disease prevention programs for African-Americans, disadvantaged populations, and other groups of color. She is a retired health education college professor of over 20 years, and currently serves as a



Behavioral Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, working on HIV/AIDS prevention programs for at-risk women. In addition to her academic and professional work, Carol has served as a board member for and consultant to numerous civic, community, health, and religious organizations, locally, nationally, and internationally. A proud South Philadelphia native, Carol’s singular life goal is to be a faithful servant and ambassador of Jesus Christ and to model His principles in every aspect of life.

**RICHARD (DICICCO) ROME,**  
*Class of 1949*



used his skills in piano playing, arranging, recording, conducting and producing to win himself a Grammy, a Clio and an honoris causa doctorate of music from Combs College in Philadelphia. He formed The Ritchie Family disco group in 1976 and has been in just about every area of the music business. His bio says, “For anyone who has watched television, viewed a motion picture, listened to a record or attended a live musical performance ... , it would be virtually impossible not to have heard the musical contributions of Richard Rome as a pianist, conductor, arranger, and recording artist.” One commentator said, “Rome’s signature style is interweaving multidimensional horns and strings to accentuate the sensuality of the compositions.” Note: Richard Rome’s information written by Gene Alessandrini was excerpted from Tony Evangelisto’s book, *The Stars of Southern High*. Additional biographical information is available at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richie-Rome>

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**DR. JOHN F. SANTORE, Class of 1959**



received his B.A. and M.A. from Temple University and was awarded a Ph.D. in modern European history from Columbia University. He has taught at Rutgers University, Barnard College, New York University, and Pratt Institute, where he was named “Institute Professor/Distinguished Teacher” in 1993. Among his main areas of interest are twentieth century international relations, modern Italian political and social history, and modern European intellectual

and cultural history, and the history of Soviet and post-Soviet Russia. His many publications include:

**Modern Naples, 1799-1999: A Documentary**

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Dr. Santore has also served as the Associate Director of the Columbia University Center for Italian Studies and Acting Director of the Barnard College Italian and Italian-American Studies Program.

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS – 2016

November 2, 2016 Award of Excellence Recipients: L to R: Gene R. Alessandrini (presenter), Sunny Richman, Otis Hackney (Otis' mother accepting for Otis in picture) Dr. Tony Evangelisto, and Regina DeShields.



At Southern High, **Sunny Richman** taught business skills of stenography, typing and bookkeeping, and placed students in jobs. She insisted that all students know their worth and the worth of others and that they maintain a restrained, professional beauty of style. Sunny not only “liked” her students, she advocated for them. And her students responded with their love and respect for her.

She left Southern to advocate for her fellow teachers and for all of the students in the School District of Philadelphia as a member of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers negotiating committee. She served as the General Vice President of the PFT, chaired the board of the Health and Welfare Fund, chaired the legal services board, and served as the President of the Pennsylvania Federal of Teachers.

Sunny returned to Southern to complete her teaching career, after which she earned her juris doctor at Temple Law School. As a lawyer, she earned distinction as the secretary of the Criminal Justice Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Sunny also served as a master in the Truancy Court of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. In 1975, the State of Israel Bonds awarded Sunny its Eleanor Roosevelt Award. In 1976, Philadelphia Magazine named Sunny one of the “Ten Most Powerful Women” in Philadelphia.

Before **Otis Hackney** served as Southern’s principal, he graduated from West Philly High, earned his bachelor’s degree from Temple, his M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Lehigh University, was a mathematics teacher and varsity basketball coach at Germantown High, was an assistant principal at South Philadelphia High School, and the principal at Springfield Township High School.

As the principal of Southern, Otis’s talent and compassion as an educator were evident. He worked well with students, teachers, the community, and the alumni association.

He received the Trailblazer Award from the Cheltenham Chapter of the NAACP, a Barrymore Award for excellence in theater education and community service, and has served on the boards of The Franklin Institute, City Year, Campus Philly, Read by 4th Advisory Council, and Project U-Turn Steering Committee. Lehigh University’s alumni magazine featured him in an article entitled “The Good Principal.”

Otis was selected by Mayor Kenney to serve as the Chief Education Officer for the City of Philadelphia, in which capacity he is spearheading the Education Office’s initiative expanding quality pre-K and implementing across Philadelphia a strategy of community schools.

**Dr. Anthony Evangelisto, Class of 1958**, attended Boston College Law School, Trenton State College, and The University of Pennsylvania. He earned a B.A. in English at LaSalle College, and M.Ed. and Ed. D. degrees in Secondary Education at Temple University. He is Professor Emeritus of Educational Administration and Secondary Education at The College of New Jersey and is certified as a teacher, an administrator, a supervisor, a school counselor, and a reading specialist.

Tony has taught English at Temple and Northeast Catholic High School and has held leadership positions at Trenton State, including coordinator of several programs and local AFT vice president. He has taught at least 20 different graduate courses at TCNJ.

He has consulted and taught in many countries, including the presentation of his paper, “Comprehensive Curriculum Planning: The Evangelisto Model,” at the University of London. This member of Southern’s Cultural Hall of Fame has received several merit, service and excellence awards, has been named teacher of the year, and has served the SPSHS Alumni Association with distinction. He is a cheerleader for Southern High of the highest order. He recently served as chairperson of the SPSHS Athletic Hall of Fame and is the primary author of the book, *The Stars of Southern High*.

**Regina DeShields** learned at an early age about the importance and rewards of helping others: As a student at the Durham Elementary School, she did peer tutoring, and when she needed to assist her parents with speech and physical therapy and household chores, she learned that Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others - Booker T. Washington.

Her family members told her that education is the great equalizer, so she studied hard and excelled at Southern High, earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Millersville University with a dual certification in elementary and special education, received her master of education degree from Cheyney University, and attained a principal’s certificate in educational administration.

Regina became a senior career teacher at Southern where she taught for decades providing learning support. She served as an Academy Director of the Travel and Tourism Academy, a senior class sponsor, and the Dean of Students in the Business Academy. She taught and interacted with multi-generational students to assist them in obtaining their high school diplomas. In her teaching role, Regina served as a mentor, an adviser, a role model and a leader.

## ALFONSO CAVALIERE MEMORIAL CONCERT



# THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALFONSO CAVALIERE MEMORIAL CONCERT

International opera soprano, Lisa Daltirus (right) congratulates Tenor Marco Cammaroto on being chosen the 24th recipient of the Alfonso Cavaliere Memorial Award. The concert was held at South Philadelphia High School, Sunday, October 23rd, 2016. Miss Daltirus was a soloist at the concert, wooing the audience with excerpts from Gershwin's *Porky and Bess*. The Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company soloists and orchestra performed a concert that is considered the cultural jewel of South Philadelphia!

Calling all Classmates of the June 1960 Class

**An October 2017 Diamond Jubilee  
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We Welcome All Southern Classmates & Guests  
Contact Rita D'Armi ('58) or Sam Chatis ('58)  
For Details Call: 215-321-1065

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## DINNER RESERVATIONS

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Children under 13 \_\_\_ @ \$20.00 (chicken fingers and fries)

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Name of guest/Any Seating Preferences \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate number of Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Florentino \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary platters can be accommodated

**Deadline for banquet dinner reservations is May 1, 2017**

**For More Information Contact Liz Oliveri at 267-278-2837 or [SAL88LIZ@MSN.COM](mailto:SAL88LIZ@MSN.COM)**