



# Golden Issue

## HATBORO-HORSHAM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### SPRING 2009 - 50TH EDITION

## 21st Annual Golf Outing to be Held on Friday, June 19th

Proceeds of Tournament to be Dedicated in Memory of James T. Carnahan, Sr.



Always an important day for the Alumni Association, this year's tournament takes on special meaning with the dedication of this year's proceeds to be given in the memory of long time Hatboro-Horsham supporter and community member, James T. Carnahan, Sr. A major sponsor of the Golf Outing for the last 20 years, Mr. Carnahan has been an advocate of the Hatboro-Horsham School District, its programs and athletic teams since the inception of his business, J.T. Carnahan Fuel Oil in 1958. In addition, many of the students who went to Hatboro-Horsham benefited from Mr. Carnahan's generosity towards youth athletic organizations, particularly baseball where he was a founding father of Horsham Little League Baseball. For these reasons, as well as many others, the Association will be dedicating all the proceeds to this year's golf outing in his memory.

Friday, June 19th starting with 11am registration and shotgun start at noon, the tournament will once again be held at Limekiln Golf Course in Horsham. Immediately following at 5pm, Bobby Gavin's Restaurant and Bar in Horsham will host the tournament dinner. Once again, owner and long time supporter of the Alumni Golf Outing, Bobby Gavin, will be generously donating the buffet dinner for the event. To register, just send in the enclosed golf application prior to Monday, June 15th. Cost for the entire event is only \$65 per golfer which makes the Alumni Golf Outing the least expensive golf outing you can play in! Finally, anyone who is interested in being a tournament sponsor can utilize the same form.

In closing, we hope to have our biggest tournament ever in tribute to a man with an even bigger heart, James T. Carnahan, Sr.

Golf Outing brochure and registration form located on pages 3 - 4.



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50th Edition

# **Educator Bob Ayton and H-H Grad Jim Gardner honored by Hatboro Chamber of Commerce**

## **Both Receive “Distinguished Citizens” Award**

This past February 28th, the Hatboro Chamber of Commerce honored Bob Ayton and Jim Gardner with their “Distinguished Citizens” Award at the bi-annual Borough Ball which was held at Commonwealth National Golf Club in Horsham. Both Mr. Ayton and Jim, along with Michael Ostrander, were chosen because their contributions have made Hatboro a better place to live, learn, work or do business according to Robert John, Chairman of the Borough Ball Committee.

### **Mr. Ayton received his award for his outstanding teaching and coaching career.**

Mr. Ayton was born in Northwest China to missionary parents and lived there, for eight years, three of which were during the communist regime of Mao Tse-tung. He is a graduate of Council Rock High School in Newtown and he holds a bachelor’s degree from Taylor University in Fort Wayne, Indiana and a master’s from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Now retired from teaching, Ayton taught for 38 years, 35 of them at Hatboro-Horsham High School. In his long career, he received numerous awards and accolades for his ability and dedication as an educator.

A cross country track coach for the last 43 years, Ayton continues to coach at Hatboro-Horsham High School. At Hatboro- Horsham, he has 16 undefeated seasons in cross country and 7 in track and field. He has coached many state and national championships and is, himself, an accomplished athlete.

He and his wife of 40 years, Claire, have three children.

### **Jim Gardner, a native of Hatboro and a Hatboro-Horsham grad, received his award for service to the public as Police Chief and Borough Manager.**

This award recognizes a public servant who routinely goes above and beyond his or her official responsibilities in service to Hatboro and its citizens.

A native of Hatboro, Gardner is a graduate of Hatboro-Horsham High School. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the Police Academy at Montgomery County Community College in BlueBell in 1986, where he was first in his class. He began his employment at the Hatboro Police Department in 1984 when he became a part-time dispatcher.

He became a full-time officer in 1987, a corporal in 1990, a detective in 2000 and was named chief in 2002. In 2006 he added the role of borough manager to his duties.

Gardner and his wife, Sandy, have two children.

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Golf Classic Registration:

Please respond by June 15, 2009

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration fee \$65 per golfer. Please make payable to the H-H Alumni Golf Classic. Contribution may be deductible for income tax purposes as defined by law.

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21st Annual  
Golf Classic

Benefitting the Alumni  
Perpetual Scholarship Fund

Friday, June 19, 2009  
12:00 pm

Limekiln Golf Club

1176 Limekiln Pike, Ambler PA 19002

The Hatboro-Horsham Alumni Association is proud to be hosting our 21st Annual Golf Classic. This is an excellent opportunity to reunite the school district and alumni in an effort to form a bond with the past and present. Together this consolidation benefits the Alumni Perpetual Scholarship Fund which assists needy students of the Hatboro-Horsham District.

**This year only \$65!**

Your \$65 Individual Golf Reservations includes:

- Green Fees and Cart
- Dinner & Refreshments



**E V E N T**

Registration 11:00 am  
 Shotgun Start 12:00 noon  
 (Scramble Format)  
 Dinner: Immediately 5:00 pm  
 following at Gavin's

**SCHEDULE**

**E V E N T**

Registration for the 21st Annual Golf Classic and sponsorships should be received by Monday, June 15, 2009. Simply complete the form on the back of this brochure and mail to: Jim Worthington, 1081 Creamery Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

**REGISTRATION**

# Sponsorship:

Golf Classic Sponsorship will provide you with recognition before, during, and after the tournament and in all literature associated with the event. Your contribution will not only provide you with exposure to many potentially new customers, but also will fund the Alumni Perpetual Scholarship Fund.

- **Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000** • **Gold Sponsor: \$500**
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**Thanks again to all of our 2008 Golf Classic Sponsors:**

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# H-H Reunions

## Class of 1948 60th Reunion - 9/19/08

The class of 1948 had a 60th Reunion. 1949 grad Jean Morris sadly sent word that her husband, Harry, passed away on January 8, 2008. Both grads of '49, they were married in 1979. Also, she noted that the class of '48 held their 60th Reunion on September 19, 2008 at Williamson's Restaurant, Horsham with 32 in attendance, 21 of whom were class members. They are already planning their 65th reunion for the year 2013. Jean, thanks for the update and the reunion picture from the class of '48.



Class of 1948

**Top Row L - R:** Joyce (Gehris) Crosbie, Jean (Smith) Morris, George Cledaniel, Charles Beifuss, Robert Browning, James Traub, Robert Stevenson, William Jones, Carleton Adams, Richard Schoenkopf, John Wishanick

**Bottom Row L - R:** Elaine (Yerkes) Mears, Shirley (White) Hoheisel, Charlotte Ford, Joan (Dimon) Cosey, Barbara (Schork) Hartman, Helen (Young) Adams, Harriet (Freeman) Johnson, Dorothy (Callow) Lynch, Betty Jane (Ford) Belli, Doris (French) Reinert

## Upcoming Reunions

### Class of 1954 55th Reunion - 9/12/09

The 55th Reunion for the Class of 1954 will be a luncheon held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, 12:00pm at the Blair Mill Inn, 3855 Blair Mill Road, Horsham, PA. There will be an open house following the luncheon. For more information, please contact Aileen (Meyer) Snader at 215-343-4363 or Major Arthur Craig Mizner at [acmizner@chartaer.net](mailto:acmizner@chartaer.net)

### Class of 1974 35th Reunion - 11/28/09

The class of 1974 will have their 35th Reunion on November 28, 2009 at Cafe La Fonatana Downtown Hatboro, 58 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040. The event will be from 7 - 11pm and will include hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, pasta station, etc. For more information contact Jim Worthington at 267-972-3637 or [worthington@newtownathletic.com](mailto:worthington@newtownathletic.com)

### Class of 1989 20th Reunion - 11/28/09

The class of 1989 will be having their 20th reunion on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Washington. There will be cocktails, dinner and DJ dancing from 6pm-11pm. Hotel room accommodations are available. For more information please contact Amy Lynagh Smith at [amysmith@verizon.net](mailto:amysmith@verizon.net) or Jim Tickner at [jimtickner@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtickner@yahoo.com).

# Vollrath success all in the family

Following in his father's footsteps, CR South senior Jim Vollrath — the youngest of three wrestling sons — will aim for another state tournament berth this weekend.

By TOM WARING  
STAFF WRITER

As a youngster, Jim Vollrath seemed like a natural for wrestling.

Bill Vollrath, his dad, was a standout wrestler at Hatboro-Horsham High School, qualifying for the PIAA Tournament as a junior and senior in 1972 and '73. He wrestled under coach Ralph Wetzel, who would three decades later present him with his plaque upon induction into the Southeastern Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame. The elder Vollrath went on

to star at Penn State, where he made the NCAA quarterfinals as a senior.

Later, he started to coach for the Council Rock Wrestling Association. That's where young Jimmy and older brothers Billy and Robbie got their first taste of the sport.

"My dad never forced us to wrestle," said Jim, now a standout at Council Rock South. "He coached back then. We started to go to his practices, and he brought us to the matches."

As the years went by, Billy focused more on soccer and baseball. Robbie stuck with wrestling and was a state qualifier at CR South. Today, both attend Penn State.

As for Jim, he's had a terrific career. He wrestled for his dad at Richboro Middle School. In high school, he has built a 126-42 career record and qualified for states as a junior. Besides the wins, he has appreciated the friendships of

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teammates, support from fans and guidance from coaches.

This season, the 18-year-old has been near unstoppable. A natural 152-pounder, he bumped up to 160 pounds early in the season to challenge Northampton's Jimmy Sheptock, a third-place finisher at states a year ago. Sheptock won the bout, 10-2.

Since then, Vollrath has won 33 bouts in a row and boasts a 35-1 record. He is one of the co-favorites in the 152-pound bracket at the Class AAA Southeast Regional, which takes place today and Saturday at Oxford. He and Nick Fuschino of Owen J. Roberts are expected to reach the final, though Vollrath will probably have to get by Boyertown's Tim Feroe in the semifinals.

Of course, Bill Vollrath will make the long drive to Chester County to cheer on his son. He is approaching the end of his son's career with a mix of excitement and nerves.

"I'm proud of him no matter what happens," he said. "He works hard and is a good kid. I've been delighted to be along for the ride."

Bill Vollrath did not force his boys to wrestle because he knows the demands of the sport. "I know what wrestlers go through," he said. "There's a lot of pressure."

Jim Vollrath made states last year at 145 pounds. He lost his first bout, 4-2, before winning his first consolation bout. But, he was eliminated in the next round when he lost in a rideout.

"It was a great experience, but both my losses were so close, they could have gone either way," he said. "It made me hungry."

Vollrath has won three sectional and district titles, but is looking for that elusive regional crown.

In two widely circulated state rankings, he is ranked third in one and fourth in the other. Fuschino has the same rankings. The top two wrestlers are Central Dauphin's Marshall Peppelman and Cumberland Valley's Bryce Busler, who are expected to square off in the South Central Regional final. Last year, Peppelman beat Busler, 1-0, to win the 140-pound state title.

"My goal is to win the regionals this weekend to put me in a good spot at states," Vollrath said.

At practice, Vollrath drills with teammates Ed Shupe and Josh Dziewa. Also part of his preparation is watching video of his matches. His dad and mom, Emilie, film the matches. Dad gives his son tips to improve.

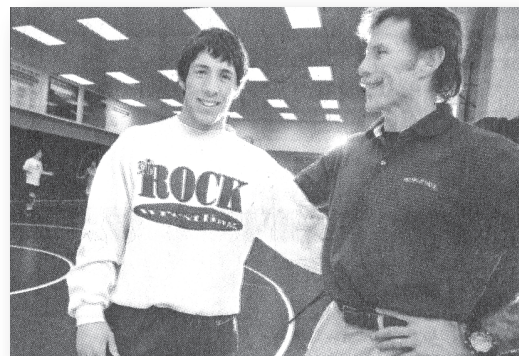
"He supports me 100 percent all the way," Jim said.

Jim Vollrath wants to wrestle in college and is considering Maryland, Rutgers, Pittsburgh and his dad's alma mater, Penn State.

"That's his decision," his dad said. "I'd be thrilled if he went there, but if he goes somewhere else, I would be just as happy."

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Council Rock South wrestler Jim Vollrath stands in the school's wrestling room with his father, Bill, who was a standout wrestler at Hatboro-Horsham.



# H-H Music Teacher to enter hall of fame

## Hatboro-Horsham High School Music Teacher William Naydan

After his college choir director was injured and he was asked to take the reigns, Hatboro-Horsham High School music teacher William Naydan remembers that as the beginning of his love affair with music education.

"I was in college. I didn't know what I was doing but I did it," he said. "And after I conducted I fell in love with it."

Now, more than two decades after he traded in his foreign studies degree for his music certificate, he has turned some heads at the state's Music Educator's Association. Naydan, along with several other commonwealth educators will be the first to be inducted into the PMEA's Hall of Fame next month.

"I was very humbled and honored," the director of the high school's choral activities said. "It is nice to know that someone recognizes what you do."

To be admitted an inductee must demonstrate an effectiveness in teaching young people through music, have inspired positive attitudes among students, the school and the community, demonstrate excellence in teaching music and have developed, maintained or supported an effective, balanced program in music education, PMEA's Web site states.

Criteria that, according to his colleagues, he fits.

"His flexibility in working with the students, teachers and school community have earned him an enviable reputation as a teacher," Charles Neidhardt, PMEA's immediate past president and chairman of the hall of fame committee, read from one of Naydan's recommendation letters, adding that it is time for the Keystone state to have one.



Spirit/Guide staff photo / JON NIMERFROH

"Pennsylvania is the second largest state in terms of members and we didn't have a hall of fame," Neidhardt said. "It was something I wanted to start because we have so many fine music educators in this state and it is important to recognize the impact they had on their students."

After spending several years at Central Bucks West High School, Naydan has called Hatboro-Horsham home for nearly two decades.

"I love it here because they gave me the freedom to build the program how I saw fit, I was basically given a blank slate" he said. "We started as a performance program and are now a comprehensive music program."

During his time in the district, Naydan created a string section, increased the level of guitar courses and introduced music theory classes because he said he knows the information the students are learning is about much more than preparing for performances.

"Things they learn in here help

them in their other classes," he said. "They learn about discipline and work ethic — things they help them in and outside of their classrooms."

As for the honor, Naydan said it could bring music to the forefront.

"Activities like this are often put on the back burner," he said. "But these are the activities that keep kids in school and help them cope with all the things they are dealing with in high school."

Although working with teenagers comes with its frustrations, Naydan said the positives outweigh the negatives.

"I love working with high school students because they are active participants," he said. "It's one of the only curriculum areas where you can see them using it everyday, whether it be performing or just listening to music — the information is so valuable."

Even though he has transformed the high school's music program, Naydan said his work is not finished yet.

"I don't see myself going anywhere," he said. "I am just going to keep doing what I'm doing."

# Making his move into college.

By Dan Hardy  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Picture Donovan McNabb playing quarterback for a high school football squad. That's what it feels like to have Dan Yeager on the Hatboro-Horsham High School chess team, his coach says.

"He's unbelievable. He's phenomenal," Saul Flieder said of Yeager, 17, a nationally ranked player. "He wins games when I don't even know what's happened."

When phenoms crop up, even in chess, college recruiters come calling. And full chess scholarships get offered, although only about 12 nationally each year.

Yeager is one of the dominant dozen. After winning a national high school chess championship last year, he was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas.

For out-of-state students, the scholarship has a value of about \$68,000. Pending

## The Scholarship 7

These colleges offer full or partial chess scholarships:

- Connecticut
- Maryland, Baltimore County
- Shimer College (Ill.)
- Tennessee Tech
- Texas at Brownsville
- Texas at Dallas
- Texas Tech

SOURCE: U.S. Chess Federation

final acceptance based on his academic record, he'll attend the university in the fall, Yeager said.

In the last dozen years, the university

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has chosen chess as its signature attraction, offering a half-dozen full scholarships each year for students in the top ranks of players nationally and internationally.

"Chess has become a brand name for us," university chess team recruiter James Stallings said. "And you don't have to have a football field or build a stadium to play chess. Relatively speaking, it's inexpensive."

As a result, the university has one of the top college chess teams in the United States; its 24-member team includes several international masters and a grand master, the highest ranks in world chess.

Chess is not a National Collegiate Athletic Association sport because virtually all players gain experience by competing in tournaments in which there are cash prizes. There are about 40 college teams in the United States, U.S. Chess Federation spokeswoman Joan DuBois said.

The Chess Federation Web site shows seven schools offering scholarships. Many are for only a few thousand dollars, and only for students who live in the state in which the college is located.

Yeager started competing in tournaments at age 11 and was quickly consumed by the game. He started relatively late for a high-ranking player; of the top 115 U.S. players in the under-21 age group, 22 are 15 or younger and the youngest is 11.

Yeager began by playing, and losing, to his father, Rick, who had played in high school. Once he began attending tournaments, though, winning came almost immediately.

Asked what had drawn him to chess, he said: "It's a never-ending puzzle. Each game is different."

For several years, "all he wanted to do is play chess and win championships," said his mother, Susan Yeager. "It became eat, sleep, and play chess. He would walk about

repeating moves out loud, going over his games to figure out how he could do better."

Since then, Yeager has notched more than 300 tournament appearances and thousands of wins. He has attained the rank of national master, a level only a few thousand of the 80,000 current U.S. Chess Federation members hold.

Yeager has won two national high school championships; he is ranked 18th in the United States for players 21 and younger, and sixth in Pennsylvania among players of all ages. He said he probably would major in business and was interested in urban planning as a career.

Yeager received a few lessons from Dan Heisman, a national master who grew up in Horsham and who now lives and teaches chess in Wynne-wood. But mostly, he learned on his own, Rick Yeager said.

"He loves studying. He'd say, 'These people are so good, they never make any

mistakes,' then he'd figure out how to beat them and it was on to the next challenge," Rick Yeager said.

He said he realized how serious his son had become about chess — and how good he was — at the national championship in 2005.

"One game lasted for 5½ hours. When it started, the room was full; when it ended, it was around midnight and he was the last one in the room," Rick Yeager said.

Even after it became clear that Dan was very good, Rick Yeager said, he never pressured his son to play.

"If he wanted to learn, I would give him a book. If he wanted to take a break, that was fine," he said. "I would bug him about schoolwork, but not about playing chess."

Dan Yeager agreed.

"I don't feel any pressure about playing chess," he said. "I choose to play."

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## Former director seeks seat again

By Jesse Reilly  
Staff Writer

After resigning from the Hatboro-Horsham School Board in 2003 following his deployment to the Middle East, Republican Robert Casagranda said he is ready to come back.

"I thought I really needed to reacquaint myself with my family," the Navy man said. "But I am interested in engaging with the community again."

In addition to serving for more than 10 years on the school board, the lifelong Horsham resident was involved with softball and Little League and is a former member of the parks and recreation board.

"I have lived in Horsham my whole life," he said. "I am a graduate of Hatboro-Horsham and have fond memories of my time there."

As a contracts manager, Casagranda said his professional experience could be a benefit to the board.

"I have a contracts negotiation background. I have worked with terms and agreements as well as conditions of contracts," he said. "I think that experience is relevant when dealing with an \$84 million budget."

Hoping to address issues that seem to fall through the cracks after he left the board, Casagranda said he

would focus on student safety.

"There are significant issues with drugs and alcohol at the high school," he said. "When I left we were forming a committee to deal with those issues and it seems that nothing has happened in the last five years, and now they have become a critical problem."

Establishing better drug and alcohol education courses would be the first step in addressing the problem, Casagranda said.

In addition keeping schools a drug-free zone, addressing the future of district buildings is also a priority.

"We need to evaluate a number of our aging facilities," he said.

Concerned that the current market could have a strong impact on the district's budget due to pension plans, Casagranda said the board must be fiscally responsible.

"We need to look at what folks in this community can pay, that should be our area of concern," he said.

With one daughter in the district and one recently graduated, Casagranda said he enjoys improving his hometown.

"With 32 years of military service I just like to focus on community service," he said.

## Carroll having strange season

### H-H graduate adjusting to playing for Larry Brown

By TOM MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

Matt Carroll's first 36 games of the 2008-09 NBA season playing for Larry Brown and the Charlotte Bobcats have been interesting and quite varied.

"I feel like I've almost filled every kind of role already this season," said Carroll with a laugh in a telephone conversation after Thursday's practice at St. Joseph's auxiliary gym. "For a while, I wasn't playing many minutes at all, then I was getting minutes off the bench, and then I got minutes as a starter when guys were injured."

Carroll, a Hatboro-Horsham and Notre Dame graduate, hasn't played at all four times, including the second and third games of the season. His minutes have ranged from two to 30. He started the last five games at shooting guard in place of

ex-Sixer Raja Bell (strained groin), including Tuesday's win over the Celtics. With Bell expected to return tonight against the 76ers at the Wachovia Center, Carroll is likely to be back to reserve duty for the 13-23 Bobcats.

"(Playing for the meticulous Brown) has been a learning experience," said the 6-foot-6 Carroll. "He knows the game. He's definitely a perfectionist. There's a way he wants his team to play and it's the right way. He's been very successful over the years. But sometimes I find myself maybe trying to do too much of what he wants and I lose the sense to play freely."

The 28-year-old Carroll's stats have dropped from his numbers of his previous two seasons with the Bobcats. His minutes (14.1), scoring (4.0) and 3-point percentage (25.6) have slipped considerably from his career-highs of 26.1 minutes, 12.1 points and 43.6 percent 3-point shooting.

"In the beginning (of the season), it was

very frustrating," said Carroll, a sixth-year pro. "You don't really know where you stand, if you're going to play. I've just kept working. It's a long season and I figured, eventually I'll get my turn."

Though they were last in scoring, the Bobcats, at Brown's urging, traded leading scorer Jason Richardson to the Suns for Bell and Boris Diaw on Dec. 10. Charlotte probably isn't finishing dealing by the Feb. 19 trade deadline, which could result in Carroll winding up playing for another team, though he insists he'd prefer to stay.

"The Bobcats made a long-term investment in me," Carroll said. "I'm in the second-year of a (six-year, \$27 million) deal. I want to be a part of it when we start winning and turn it around. All of that being said, it is the NBA — a business. I could be on a plane tomorrow heading somewhere else."

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# Hatboro-Horsham Alumni People Update

**Community Member, James T. Carnahan, Sr.**, long time resident of Horsham since 1953, passed away on April 4, 2009, in Abington Memorial Hospital at the age of 81. Born in Abington, he was the son of the late John T. and Dorothy (Gray) Carnahan. Mr. Carnahan was the husband of the late Barbara (Pickwell) Carnahan. A 1945 graduate of Jenkintown High School, he was a veteran of both WWII and the Korean War. In 1958, Mr. Carnahan started James T. Carnahan Fuel Oil of Hatboro, a business that still serves the Hatboro-Horsham and surrounding areas to this day.

A lifetime member of the Horsham Veterans and Willow Grove American Legion Post, Mr. Carnahan was known throughout the community for both his generosity to the local sports teams, particularly high school athletics and his contributions of time and money with the Horsham Little League. In the 60's and 70's it seemed that you couldn't pick up a high school football program without the back cover being supported by "James T. Carnahan Fuel Oil". The outfield fences at the Horsham and Hatboro Little Leagues always had a generous sponsorship from "J.T. Carnahan Fuel Oil".

Throughout the 50 plus years of his business, he monetarily supported team after team as well as other charitable endeavors, yet, just as impressive was the time commitment he gave to these same groups.

An original founder and organizer of Horsham Little League and District 22 Big League Baseball where he had served as president, Mr. Carnahan was also a very successful coach taking the 1964 Horsham Little League team to Horsham's first ever Pennsylvania Little League Championship.

Mr. Carnahan will be remembered as a big, strong man, but even more so as one with an even bigger heart. Those who knew him will be forever grateful for the good he did.

He is survived by a son, James T. Carnahan, Jr. and Barbara Carnahan, both Hatboro-Horsham grads, two grandchildren, two sisters, Evelyn and Mary Carnahan of Hatboro. He was preceded in death by a son Keith "Kip" Carnahan.

**1942 H-H Grad Marie S. Morris** of Warminster, formerly of Hatboro, died December 4, 2008 at the age of 84. Born in Vineland, NJ, she was the wife of the late George Morris with whom she was married for 50 years. Marie was employed by the former Hatboro National Bank and NADC Credit Union of Warminster from where she retired after 25 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and long time member and Sunday School teacher of Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church of Hatboro.

Marie was survived by her daughter Kathleen, her son Edward and her brother Donald of Salem, NJ. She was preceded in death by her brothers Richard, Robert, and Ralph and sister Ruth.

**1945 H-H Grad Helen Louise MacElwee**, of Willow Grove, died March 5, 2009, at Abington Hospital at the age of 81. Born in Doylestown, she was the wife of Richard John MacElwee. After graduating from Hatboro, she worked for Bell Telephone Co. as an operator. After raising her children, she went back to work as an assembler for the John Wagner Co., and later for Micro Com Corp. as a solderer. She enjoyed reading, the outdoors, and her cat, Alexandria.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Robin Moyer and Leigh Ann Schrope, three grandchildren and a sister, Bette Flowers. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Evans and Beatrice Leedom.

**1960 H-H Grad Edward Leibfried** of Warrington, died January 31, 2009, at Pine Run Health Center in Doylestown after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 66. Born in Abington, he lived the last 20 years in Warrington. After graduating from Hatboro-Horsham, he became employed at Standard Pressed Steel for several years in Jenkintown.

Following his father's path, he turned his love for photography into a career. This love of photography enabled him to enjoy his passion for cars, where in the 70's he joined Al Holbert's Racing Team as a crew member and photographer.

He is survived by his son, Edward of Warrington, a grandson and sister Mary Ann Hoffman of Sellersville.

## Hatboro-Horsham Alumni People Update (contd.)

**1965 H-H Grad Gerald E. Sexton**, of Maple Valley, Washington, formerly of Hatboro, died March 2, 2009, at the age of 62. Born and raised in Hatboro, he was the eldest son of the late Ernie and Ruth (Huber) Sexton. Gerald was a master machinist for years, then due to declining health, he became a teacher where he taught under privileged children. He loved the outdoors, living in Utah, Alaska, and Washington State as well as old classic hot rods.

He is survived by a son Gerald of Seattle and daughter, Jessica of Maple Valley. Also, his brothers, James of Hatboro, David of Hatboro, Robert of Telford, his sisters Mary Lou Reese of Hatboro, Lynne Rau of Virginia, and Carole Dieterle of North Carolina.

**1972 H-H Grad George Leary, Jr.**, of Lansdale, formerly of Horsham, died unexpectedly October 19, 2008, at Community Medical Center in Toms River, NJ, at the age of 55. He was the husband of 31 years to Lori Ann (Skidmore). He was son of Elizabeth and the late George Leary of Horsham.

George was a self employed owner and operator of the George Allen Wastewater Co., in Colmar for the past 18 years. He enjoyed boating and playing pool. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Shana, and son, Brendan, also a brother, Thomas of Horsham, and two sisters, Patricia Janus of Horsham and Elizabeth Jean Moyer of Hatboro.

**1991 H-H Grad Scott Frey** of Portland, Oregon, died January 20, 2009. Born in Abington, he was the son of Elaine and Dan O'Sullivan of Horsham and Kenneth and Roberta Frey of Chalfont. He was the husband of Nicole Frey.

Scott, president of student council, excelled both in football and track. He received his B.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and worked for HSBC Bank, Portland. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children and his siblings Juliet Kelcher, and Adam, Erik, and Scott Selisker.

**2007 H-H Grad Ryan Marshall** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Carol Gloss of Victoria, Virginia and John Marshall of Hatboro.

**H-H Grad Robert Carlton Larr, Jr.**, of Hatboro, died March 21, 2009 at his residence at the age of 59. Born in Philadelphia he was the husband of 23 years to Laurie (Roll) Larr. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children Connor, Alexander, and Maura and a sister Betty. A life long resident of Hatboro, he enjoyed coaching Horsham soccer and playing golf with his sons. Bob was also an Emmy Award winning writer and producer.

**H-H Grad Howard Hall, Jr.**, died October 15, 2008, at the age of 96. He was the husband of the late Anna Dager. Born in Germantown, he grew up in Hatboro. After graduating from Hatboro, he worked a few jobs before going to LaVelle Aircraft and Johnsville Naval Station where he became a master welder. When Johnsville closed, he went to Willow Grove Naval Air where he became maintenance planner for the combined service facility. Mr. Hall was a skilled auto mechanic, carpenter, electrician, etc. A lifelong member of Neshaminy of Warwick Presbyterian, he was also a 32nd Degree Mason. He is survived by two daughters, Marian and Carol, and two sons, Howard III and Wayne. In addition, 8 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

**Community Member, R. Luther Young**, a long time resident of Horsham and a former Hatboro-Horsham school board member in the 1960's, died March 30, 2009, at the age of 90. A graduate of Princeton University with a degree in chemical engineering, Mr. Young worked on the Manhattan Project during WWII. After the war, he moved to Horsham in the 40's where he started a Christmas tree and ornamental nursery farm on McKean Road. In addition to serving on the school board, he was a founding trustee of Montgomery County Community College.

**Former Teacher Patricia Minges** of Hatboro, died April 5, 2009 at Abington Memorial Hospital at the age of 75. Born in Philadelphia, Patricia was the wife of John Minges for 49 years. A graduate of Chestnut Hill College with a degree in Elementary Education, she received her Master's from Gwynedd Mercy College. A resident of Hatboro for 42 years, Patricia began teaching in the Hatboro-Horsham school district in 1986 where she taught sixth grade math at Keith Valley for 13 years until retiring in 1999. During her tenure, she served on many of the school district committees and was a mentor for many young educators coming into Hatboro-Horsham. In addition to her husband, Patricia is survived by a son, Greg, two sisters, and a brother.

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