

NEWSNOTE

Towson High School Alumni Association

Towson High Continues its "Tradition of Excellence"!

by Julie Carl Brown



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We all remember our graduation...

My class, the class of 1984, graduated on a hot and humid night in June. Sweating in the "un-air-conditioned" athletic arena at Essex Community College, we all waited anxiously to receive our diplomas. The speeches were long and the formalities were many, and I couldn't help but think about the celebrations with friends that followed our commencement. After our entire class of 403 students "walked the stage", we could all get on with our new journey of life.

Now, to the present; June 2nd, Towson University. Towson High's graduating class of 2007 is about to start their program. Perhaps it was the stadium seating, or the air conditioning, or maybe it was the two huge screens that projected the stage events that night, but this was a different experience. The musical arrangements for the program were the most professional high school display I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. I was equally impressed with the band, the chorus, the choir and the chorale. When the chorale sang "Bridge over Troubled Water", I found myself getting choked up just from the pure sound of their voices. Beautiful. The class Valedictorian, Simin Zhang, was well spoken and calm. The class President, John Russell, delivered his speech in Dr. Seuss style, which was very creative and clever. But the highlight for me, besides watching my nephew, Thomas Carl Bridges, graduate, was the speech given by the Principal, Dr. Jane Barranger. Her remarks were short and sweet, but meaningful and impressive. I would like to share some of those with the alumni:

"We at Towson High are honored to have played a role in the preparation of such an accomplished and outstanding group of students. We are proud to boast the following:

- There are 362 diploma candidates in the Class of 2007
- 76% of your class will attend a 4-year college
- 18% of your class will attend a 2-year program
- 6% will seek full time employment
- Grants and scholarships have been awarded to you in excess of 6.8 million dollars
- 212 seniors had a GPA of 3.0 or better over 4 years
- 6 seniors had a perfect 4.0 unweighted GPA over 4 years

Furthermore, your class has:

- 4 National Merit Finalists
- 30 National Commended Students
- 7 National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts Finalists
- 5 Maryland Distinguished Scholar Finalist
- 6 Semi-Finalists
- 22 Maryland Distinguished Scholar Honorable Mention
- 6 Scholastic Art Gold Key Portfolio Winners
- 2 Scholastic Silver Masters Portfolio Winners
- 3 Scholastic Writing Gold Portfolio Winners
- 1 AP National Scholar
- 8 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 11 AP Scholars with Honor
- 25 AP Scholars
- 1 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholar

And yes we are still on Newsweek's Top High Schools list!"

As I was digesting these wonderful accomplishments, a feeling of pride came over me. It is a good feeling to be a "Towson High Alumni" and I am very happy to see that Towson continues to excel in many areas of education.

Hats off to Dr. Barranger, the faculty and staff as well as the students! Excellent job!

Alumni Award Winners for the THS Class of 2007

Alumni Award for Academic Excellence.....Simin Zhang
Ted Prince Memorial Scholarship.....Meghan Fahey
Arthur C. Crommer Mathematics Award.....Lu Wang
Nannie Feast Law Award.....Emily Thornton
R. Louise Balls Creative Writing Award.....Laurel Oldach



- 1921, Richard Thompson, Lutherville, MD, 05-Jan-85
 1921, Margaret Bennett Harlan, 08-Sep-85
 1923, Helen Ehlers Noble, Middletown, NJ
 1924, James Doyle, Finksburg, MD
 1927, Mildred Liersemann
 1927, Alma Cozens
 1928, Ruth Burton Winterstein, Sudlersville, MD
 1929, Walter Edwards, Berlin, MD, 15-Aug-03
 1929, Helen Guidice
 1929, Dorothy McMann Klima, Baltimore, MD
 1930, Myrtle Hofmann Lintz, Cockeysville, MD
 1930, Julia Thomas Sandre, Holland, PA
 1930, Katherine Parks Everding, Lusby, MD
 1931, Evelyn Adreon Beverley Lesh, Loudon, TN, 01-Apr-07
 1932, Christian Richter, Baltimore, MD
 1932, Erna Hinz Grebe, Fallston, MD
 1932, Edward Herrmann, Pompano Bch., FL
 1932, Mary Gamble Hilgartner, Monkton, MD
 1933, Karl Salanda, Libertyville, IL
 1933, Edith Sonn Bolander
 1933, William Garten, Timonium, MD
 1933, George Elder, 03-Dec-05
 1934, Edward McCall
 1934, James Lloyd, Westminster, MD, 11-Jun-06
 1934, Lester Hiebler, Baltimore, MD
 1935, Irma Crouse Wells, Rehoboth Bch., DE
 1935, Henry H. Thomas, Fair Haven, NJ, 13-Dec-2006
 1935, Orval Scarff, Powell, TN
 1937, Charlotte Chilcoat Emerson, Towson, MD, 23-Dec-03
 1937, Lucille McCall Butler, Chester, MD
 1937, James Jett, Germantown, MD
 1937, Mary Slaughter, Kingsport, TN
 1937, Ruth Price, Monkton, MD
 1937, George Leatherbury, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 1937, Alvin Scott, Whitney, TX
 1937, Doris Hinkel Kenny, Chestertown, MD, 01-Dec-96
 1938, Mary Guthrie Cullison, Randallstown, MD
 1938, William Rowe, Easton, MD
 1938, M. Ellen Streett Gladden, Towson, MD
 1938, E. Frances Hart Morgan, Rock Hall, MD
 1939, C. Marian Plitt Brueck, Glen Burnie, MD
 1939, Frank Clark, Towson, MD
 1939, Charles Bayne, Reisterstown, MD
 1939, Lalla Thronsen Craig, Savannah, GA
 1939, Helen Russell Pritchard, Maitland, FL
 1939, M. Bremer Shearman, Lutherville, MD, 21-Mar-06
 1939, Howard Schaeffer, Lutherville, MD, 11-Feb-89
 1939, Jean Duncan Raine, Towson, MD
 1940, Violet Mash Robinson, Glen Burnie, MD, 15-Dec-01
 1940, Eugene Bartholomee, Lancaster, PA
 1940, Doris McCaslin Smith, Conyers, GA
 1940, Louise Sifford O'Connor, Towson, MD
 1940, Doris Chelton Carter
 1941, Roberta Zerr Rattie, Towson, MD
 1941, Charles Francis, Baldwin, MD
 1941, Doris Clark, Parkville, MD
 1941, Robert Euler, 07-May-91
 1941, Carl Schlag, Fremont, CA, 06-Feb-86
 1941, Francis Reier, Ellicott City, MD, 01-May-07
 1942, Robert Kunkel, Towson, MD
 1942, Ruth Hodson Kuhn, Baltimore, MD
 1942, Grace Clark, Parkville, MD
 1942, Ray Coffman, Hampstead, MD, 23-Mar-07
 1943, William Meyers, Severna Park, MD
 1943, Francis McCall
 1943, Mary Steadman Shearman, Towson, MD, 09-Dec-87
 1943, Henry Spangler, Miami, FL
 1943, Hope Mash Gray
 1943, John Carroll, 04-Jan-99
 1943, Gloria Buschman Voith, Atlanta, GA
 1943, Jean Sinclair Borger, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
 1943, Betty Ward Parker
 1943, James Powder, Parkton, MD, 10-May-87
 1943, John Powder, 07-Aug-96
 1943, Lorraine Groshans, Chapel Hill, NC
 1943, Robert Parks, Fairfax, VA, 19-Aug-05
 1943, Gosta Anderson, Bel Air, MD
 1943, Doris Burton, Fallston, MD, 11-Sep-07
 1944, W. Paul Hicks, Joppa, MD, 26-Jun-87
 1944, Walter Trapp, Port Washington, NY
 1944, James Tracey, Clearwater, FL
 1944, William Norton, Laurel, MD
 1944, Paul Barrans, Bowie, MD, 15-May-95
 1944, Louis Hetrick, Baltimore, MD
 1944, George Rau, Huntington Sta., NY
 1944, Florence Norvell, Collierville, TN
 1944, William Poff, Parkton, MD, 01-May-03
 1944, Elizabeth Stickle Flanagan, Luthvlle-Tim, MD
 1944, Albert Hilbinger, Chambersburg, PA
 1945, Mary Buckingham Thompson, Baltimore, MD, 26-Nov-04
 1945, Richard Thomas, Sykesville, MD
 1945, La Verne Brown McKibben, Largo, FL, 07-Apr-02
 1945, William Barcham, Chattanooga, TN
 1945, Bertha Inners, Frederick, MD
 1945, Julia Ringgold Cypull, Baldwin, MD
 1945, Amelia Sheckells McWilliams, Hanover, PA
 1945, James Sterhardt, Sun City West, AZ, 29-Apr-07
 1946, Richard Miller, Joppa, MD
 1946, Betty Milstead Levatich, Parkland, FL
 1946, John Stahe, Baltimore, MD
 1946, Joseph Barclay, Glen Arm, MD
 1947, Marguerite Keckner Fowle, Cockeysville, MD
 1947, Theresa Lindsay Wright, San Diego, CA
 1947, Eugene Rufenacht, Cockeysville, MD, 06-Feb-06
 1947, Dorothy Grimm Adams, Shawnee, KS
 1947, Virginia Hellman Dux, Fenwick Island, DE, 26-Aug-89
 1947, Samuel Bayne, Lutherville, MD
 1947, Charles Barrett, Thurmont, MD, 26-Nov-03
 1948, Shirley Rufenacht McFadden, Annapolis, MD, 26-Sept-03
 1948, Donna Barnes Ruark, Bradenton, FL
 1948, Thomas Braun, Largo, FL
 1948, Fred Tarr, Westborough, MA, 08-Dec-06
 1949, Geraldine Burns Greene, Satellite Bch., FL, 10-Mar-99
 1949, Shirley Carroll, Staunton, VA
 1949, Fay Shock Burns, Baltimore, MD
 1949, William Carroll Vincent, Timonium, MD, 30-May-07
 1949, Dorothy Nash Parks, Luthvlle Timon, MD
 1949, Harry Tausendschoen, Hampstead, MD
 1949, Lois Pierce Kirby, Monkton, MD, 17-Sep-04
 1949, Peggy Pearce Slusher, Bel Air, MD, 17-Nov-00
 1949, Gordon Puryear, Tampa, FL
 1949, Dorothy Schlegel Beck, Marathon, FL
 1949, Eva Schmidt Putman, Baltimore, MD, 31-May-04
 1949, Eleanor Shanahan, Parkville, MD
 1949, Marion Pearce, Perry Hall, MD, 13-Feb-07
 1950, William Rentzell, Ft. Worth, TX, 22-Dec-04
 1950, Joan Mulford Myers, Phoenix, MD, 26-Jan-06
 1950, Miriam Howard Hoxter
 1950, Louis Burkhardt, Phoenix, MD
 1951, Joan Herculson Moberly, Severna Park, MD
 1951, Hollis Almony, Lutherville Timonium, MD, 07-Apr-05
 1951, Sally Snyder, New York, NY
 1951, William Leach, Parkville, MD
 1951, Bettie Wood Heisey, Lutherville-Tim, MD
 1951, Eugene Mechalske, Lutherville-Timonium, MD
 1951, Geraldine Krokowski Darnall, Baltimore, MD
 1951, Dr. Ralph Natale, Baltimore, MD, 25-Aug-07
 1952, John Eskridge, Margate, FL
 1952, Charles Hamrick, Camden, NC, 27-Jun-97
 1952, Mary Hamrick Creel, Camden, NC
 1952, Jeannette Wirtz Hedrick, Parkton, MD
 1952, Betty Riley Klempke, New Port Richey, FL
 1952, Adella Conner Pasta, Gettysburg, PA
 1952, Charles La Mason, Parkville, MD, 09-May-02
 1952, Elizabeth Simpson Goodrich, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 24-Nov-01
 1952, Dorothy Taylor Weller
 1952, Walter Kratzmeier, Clermont, FL
 1952, Roland Clingman, Leesburg, VA
 1952, Irma Hodges Schuchardt, Baltimore, MD
 1952, Elizabeth MacFarlane Carroll
 1952, Marlene Weber Lenick
 1952, Walter Zembower
 1952, Patricia Kelly
 1953, Christian Breidenbaugh, Aberdeen, MD
 1953, Betty Tillman Gelston, Jarrettsville, MD
 1954, Theodore Eschmann, Cockeysville, MD, 13-Jan-05
 1954, Virginia Claypool Toy, Nokomis, FL, 28-Jun-98
 1954, Barbara Kurth Evans, Mocksville, NC, 13-Apr-07
 1955, Raymond Wollschlager, Sebastian, FL
 1955, William Collier, Idlewild, MD, 30-May-95
 1955, John Kling Marcus, Hook, PA
 1955, George Burton, Cockeysville, MD
 1955, James Nickle, Vero Beach, FL
 1955, Lynn Orschiedt Babbkoff, Virginia Bch., VA
 1955, Shirley Cusey Cochran, Monkton, MD
 1955, William Good, Riverside, CA, 15-Apr-07
 1956, Ronald Wheeler, Reisterstown, MD
 1956, Carol Moon Andreasen, Raleigh, NC
 1956, William Dalton, Marion Sta., MD
 1956, H. Ellis Dawson, White Hall, MD, 29-Dec-00
 1956, Patricia Ellis Martin, Havre De Grace, MD
 1957, John Remington, Littlestown, PA, 16-Feb-04
 1957, Albert Klair, Indialantic, FL
 1957, Katherine German, Charleston, SC
 1957, Lyle Grupenhoff, Stevensville, MD
 1958, Carol Rommal McKinney, Cockeysville, MD
 1958, Suzanne Gilbert Ferguson, Mooresville, NC
 1958, Beverly Tarbuton Cummings, Baltimore, MD
 1958, Jo Grimes McGrath, Warren, PA
 1959, Joan Coyner Mooney, Lighthouse Pt., FL
 1959, G. Brian MacMillan, Timonium, MD
 1959, John Gebhardt, Westminster, MD
 1959, Charles Streett, Quicksburg, VA
 1959, Roberta Decker Ullman, Towson, MD
 1959, Elliott Hudson, Boston, MA
 1959, Clayton Emery, Shrewsbury, PA
 1959, Loretta Dripps Muth, Lutherville, MD
 1959, Alfred Dietz, Bch. Park, IL
 1959, Bruce Drenning, Ellicott City, MD
 1960, Joseph Rayman, Fallston, MD
 1960, Kenneth Rylee, Crescent Spgs., KY
 1960, George Williamson, Baltimore, MD, 28-Nov-01
 1960, Charles Schuckle, Conyers, GA
 1960, Mary Schmidt Phillips, Parkton, MD
 1961, John Jenkins, Middle River, MD
 1961, George Roeder, Evanston, IL
 1962, James Neisser, Baltimore, MD
 1962, Susan Hubert Nelson, Manassas, VA

This Memoriam list is extensive due to an update of missing archives from our new alumni directory. If there are any discrepancies, please contact the alumni office.

- 1962, Patrick Gilmore, Stone Mtn, GA
- 1962, Carol McVicker Grossmann, Keswick, VA
- 1962, James Fowley, Phoenix, MD
- 1963, Karen Wise, Houston, TX
- 1963, Samuel Hottle, Hampstead, MD
- 1964, William Wheeler, Palm Bay, FL, 01-Dec-05
- 1964, George Coward, Johnsonville, SC
- 1964, Jack Bowersox, Jarrettsville, MD
- 1964, Wendell Hoover, Walkersville, MD, 05-Apr-07
- 1965, Charles Feete, Darlington, MD
- 1965, Vaughn Grupp, Elkridge, MD
- 1965, Millicent Mack Youngs, Issaquah, WA
- 1966, Steven Lloyd, Baltimore, MD
- 1966, Allen Younger, Bunn, NC
- 1966, Charles Armstrong
- 1966, Elizabeth Emerson Poore, Huntingtown, MD
- 1967, Norman Hall, Baltimore, MD
- 1967, Thomas Dolan, 10-Aug-71
- 1968, June Sibley, Churchville, MD
- 1968, Russell McHenry, Brooklyn, MD
- 1970, Robert Berwanger, Towson, MD, 20-Apr-99
- 1970, Mollie Koller, Philadelphia, PA
- 1970, Kevin McKinley, Oak Ridge, TN, 01-Mar-07
- 1971, Donna Hildebrand Faris, Arnold, MD
- 1971, Walter Spelsberg, Annapolis, MD
- 1971, Lisa Farley Armstrong, Baltimore, MD
- 1971, Tom Doster
- 1972, William Lambert
- 1973, Charles Hollyday, Hagerstown, MD
- 1974, Leslie Penniman Hodges, Towson, MD, 0-May-92
- 1974, Kathlyne Neubert, Towson, MD
- 1975, Charles Mosser, Reisterstown, MD
- 1975, James Hawse, York, PA
- 1976, Edward McGuinness, Towson, MD, 20-Jun-83
- 1976, Kimberly Nicholson Tuft, Jackson, WY
- 1977, George Graff, Dover, DE
- 1978, William Barnes, Lutherville, MD
- 1978, Joseph Gisriel, Lutherville, MD, 01-Nov-03
- 1979, Gary Fick, Severna Park, MD
- 1980, Raymond Dannettel, Finksburg, MD
- 1981, Robert Zeller, Bel Air, MD
- 1981, Mary Blake Felleman, Phoenix, AZ
- 1981, Royce Rosenberg, Baltimore, MD
- 1982, Mary Vanhorn Evans, Chesapeake, VA
- 1983, Keiko Shimizu Walker, Altavista, VA
- 1985, Matthew Anderson, 10-Nov-03
- 1986, Sanjay Shetty, Lutherville, MD, 29-Oct-05
- 1990, Elisabeth Stotz, Lutherville, MD
- 1991, Joseph Pucillo, Baltimore, MD
- 1992, Bruce Lee, Baltimore, MD
- 1997, Kristian Ollerhead, Towson, MD
- 2001, Oliver Boothby, Baltimore, MD
- 2002, Brandon Harris, Lutherville, MD, 30-Jul-02
- 2005, Joseph Miranda



Coach Randolph Paul Walker

Coach Walker began his love of sports in the 1940's where he played center for college. He had enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Villanova, Tulane and Southwest Missouri Universities to get his officers training in math and science. Fortunately, by the time he graduated, the war had ended, and he got his first teaching job at Dundalk High. He was only there a brief period before getting a job at Towson High School and then spent the next 40 years there. He coached basketball, cross country and track teams and served as the athletic director. He earned the recognition of being one of Baltimore County's most successful basketball coaches, earning 405 victories. He also won six state championships for cross country.

Coach Walker married his "9th grade sweetheart" and had four children. They resided close to Towson High and he often rode his bike to work. He is survived by his wife, Marie, two sons, Randy Walker of Royalton, VT, Jon Walker of Allston, Mass, a daughter, Wendy Fielding of Frankestown, N.H., and eight grandchildren.

Coach Randy Walker died Saturday, June 2, 2007 from leukemia at his home in Stuart, Florida. He was 82 years old.

*Mr. Randy Dase, a teacher at Towson, is now the basketball coach, but once played under Walker from 1969 to 1972. "He was an icon at Towson High School and in basketball in the Baltimore area. He worked his teams hard, but was not boisterous and never said anything negative to a player. He was always positive and was always teaching".

*Randy Dase's quote taken from the Baltimore Sun.



Helen Hale Weed, Teacher

Helen Hale Weed, former Superintendent of Science for Baltimore County Schools, first female president of the National Science Teachers Association and former Towson town woman of the year, passed away in her sleep on April 10, 2007. She was 92.

Born Helen Estelle Hale on July 5, 1914, in Eklo, in northern Baltimore County, to John Henry Hale and Carrie Estelle Cooper Hale, she moved to Woodbine Avenue in Towson at the age of seven and lived there for the next 85 years.

After graduating from Towson High School in 1931, she attended Goucher College and earned a Bachelor of Arts in physics. She went on to earn her master's degree at Johns Hopkins University. She began her career at Dundalk Junior High School, teaching science and math. Several years later, she taught physics, world geography, general science and math at Towson High School. She ultimately became superintendent of science for the Baltimore County school system, and curriculum development became her passion.

Mrs. Weed was president of the National Science Teachers Association from 1964 to 1965, Towson town Woman of the Year in 1966 and was awarded the National Science Teachers Association's Distinguished Service Citation in 1973, along with a Recognition of Merit from the Teachers Association of Baltimore County.

She was an avid reader, an ardent traveler, a devotee of music and played the violin. She married William Howell Weed in 1973 and became stepmother to Abigail Howard, of Arnold, Calif.; and Lucy Weed, of Ivoryton, Conn. Mr. Weed preceded her in death.

*Helen Hale Weed's information was taken from an article written by her niece, Jean Bankert.



Beulah Georges, English Teacher

Upon graduating from Towson High in 1939, Beulah earned her English degree at Goucher College. She married Dr. Constant Georges in 1956 and began her teaching career in the Baltimore County school system. She first taught at Towson High, then Sparrows Point and Notre Dame Preparatory School before retiring from Stemmers Run in the mid 1980's. While teaching, she earned her master's degree at Towson University. She also held a job at Baker and Grempler, a real estate firm, from 1966-1987.

Beulah enjoyed working at the Bykota Center in Towson, teaching a creative writing course to its members. She also volunteered at the University of Maryland's department of pediatrics and received a citizen citation from Gov. William Donald Schaefer in 1986. She was active in helping to raise money for a children's dialysis center.

Beulah died of a stroke on November 7, 2006 at age 83.

Class Notes

Reunion Dates

Check
www.towsonhighalumni.org
for up-to-date changes

Class of 1958

50th Reunion - Weekend of Sept. 19-21, 2008 Full weekend of events being planned. Contact Mike Natale at 410-583-9171 or mrynatale@verizon.net for e-mail updates.

Class of 1982

25th Reunion -Friday, November 23, 2007 from 8pm-12 at the Oregon Ridge Lodge. RSVP: Jeff Glock at jdg@jglock.com

Class of 1992

15 Year Reunion-Saturday, November 24, 2007, 7pm - 11pm Mt. Washington Tavern. Contact: Caroline Bresee Rayburn at grayburn@verizon.net

Class of 1997

10 Year Reunion-November 24, 2007, 7-10:30pm, Hightopps Backstage Grill, Contact: Mollie Fair at towson1997@gmail.com

Attention Class of

1949...please send updated address, phone and email information to Evert "Buddy" Cornell at lcornell@bcpl.net or mail to
202 Felton Rd.
Lutherville, MD 21093

Questions? Contact our Office Manager, Teri McDonald, for information regarding reunions.



Next Alumni Meeting Dates!

November 13th
January 8th
February 12th
March 11th
April 8th



CONGRATULATIONS to **Randy Bowers '87** and his wife Allison on the birth of their twin girls!

Rachel Hannah & Emily Grace
join big sister Jessica!

Engagements and Weddings!



Joel Tyler '88 married **Tracy Beam '90** on August 18, 2007 at the Towson United Methodist Church.

Christopher Thomas Knudsen '98 wed **Nicole Marie Langton** on August 10, 2007.

Emily Holt Pateris '00 is engaged to **Adam Darin Costantine**. The wedding is planned for December 2007.

Look for the Towson High Alumni Booth at this years TowsonTown Festival! May 3rd & 4th!

THSSA Clothing still available!
Check it out on the web!

Found!

A 1960 THS man's ring, with the initials **MLK**. If anyone has any information, please call the alumni office.

Pastor Jerry Wicklein, 1961, began working at The Salem United Methodist Church in Hamstead, MD in July of 2007. He has served as a pastor since 1969 to many area churches.

The 55th Class Reunion

by *Nina Rankin Beaufelder*

The Towson High School Class of 1952 came for their 55th class reunion and a weekend of fun! Classmates were represented from Delaware, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and as far away as Arizona and Oregon!

The weekend began at a cocktail party at the Holiday Inn Select, Timonium, on Friday, September, 21, 2007. Name tags were made for everyone by Marje Moeller. A cheese, cracker and fruit tray was served. We were able to watch a THS video which was made by the class of 1951 for their 50th reunion. It was great to see some of our own '52 class members in it! I was proud to be able to compile and present a booklet titled "Where Have the Footsteps Led?" to each one of my classmates.

A dinner-dance was held on Saturday night with entertainment by Mickey Light. He sang Frank Sinatra songs during the cocktail hour and a disc jockey played all the old favorite songs while Trish Curreri sang.

A display table held the class pictures from the 25th, 35th, 40th, 45th and 50th class reunions. Other memorabilia displayed included a large graduation picture of the 283 students of the class of 1952 and a scrapbook with all of the highlights from past reunions.

Gretchen Lausch Schlenger and I have been coordinating and organizing the class reunions since the 25th celebration. Gretchen presented me with a lovely bouquet of flowers from Joyce Stevenson McCrystle's flower shop, Marlowe, McCrystle and Jones. Gretchen asked if I would help organize the 60th reunion to which I replied "I will if I am still here!"

A brunch was held on Sunday morning - it was a nice ending to a great weekend! We are looking forward to the 60th reunion!

A BIG thanks to Maxalea Nurseries for donating their time and resources for maintaining the garden outside the Aigburth entrance!

Thank you, Stacy Deaver Ryan '83, for your donation of the senior speech and awards programs!

Thanks to Mr. Frank Williams, a long-time THS Physics teacher for donating his collection of 24 THS yearbooks!

From all of us at the Ryan C. Major Foundation, we would like to personally thank you for donating your time, money, and gifts. Ryan thanks you for your love and support and wishes you nothing but the best.
Thanks Again and God Bless!



Dear Ms. Smith,
Thank you for the honor of the R. Louise Balls Award. It is truly thrilling to be honored by people I've never even met for my writing- it makes me feel almost like a published author! I write because I love to, but recognition like this is a major motivator for revising and sending out my work. Thank you for being an objective source (i.e., outside the people who have to like my work!) of opinion, and thank you also, a thousand times over, for the generous scholarship, which I am certain will fuel many a night of caffeine-inspired scribbling (you can tell I'm going to school in the Pacific Northeast....they put the coffee shop on the meal plan!)
Thank you,
Laurel Oldach

Thank you to Bonnell Smith Chambers '60, for her donation of old Talisman issues, award booklets and memorabilia!

Ms. Terri Smith and the THS Alumni Association,
I was very honored to receive the Nannie Feast Law Award at the 2007 senior awards night ceremony. Thank you for the generous award- the money will be very helpful in purchasing books next year at the University of Virginia.
Thank you again for the honor!
Emily Thornton

Missing Archives

We need your help! We are searching for commencement and award programs to add to our archives. You can scan the program and send it to us via e-mail, mail us a photocopy or send the original to be preserved forever!

Years needed:

1904-14	1952, 53, 56, 57
1915-22	1960, 69
1923-29	1971-73
1933	1975, 77, 78
1937-39	1980, 82
1941, 43, 44	1990, 91, 93
	1995-2001

We have been made aware of a website that is called Towson High School Alumni Archive (www.towsonalumni.com). It is NOT affiliated with the high school or your Alumni Association. Unfortunately, some of our alumni have already registered on their website mistakenly assuming that it is part of our Association. Websites of this nature are abundant on the internet; we cannot stop them from operating so please beware of e-mails and requests for personal information coming from them!

Ms. Smith,
Thank you so much for the Alumni Medal of Excellence and the check. I really appreciate the gesture. It was very nice of you to recognize my accomplishments. It made me feel special. I'll be sure to put the money to good use.
Thank you again to you and the entire Alumni Association.

Sincerely,
Simin Zhang

Dear Mrs. Smith,
Just wanted to drop a line and extend a sincere note of thanks, in appreciation of your taking the time on a cold and rainy night to come to Middle River and present me with the Towson High School Hall of Fame Award.
During my fifty plus years in the Fire Service I have been presented with several citations and awards. However, the Towson High School Hall of Fame induction and award stand at the top of the list.
When I look back, I credit my early learning and structure as the ingredient that allowed me to achieve my many goals in life.
I would also like to thank the Hall of Fame Board for considering me for this prestigious award.
Sincerely,
Elwood H. Banister, Class of 1954

Hall of Fame Inductees

Elwood H. Banister, Class of 1954



Elwood Banister joined the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department in 1954, the year he graduated from Towson High School. His early volunteer experiences with this organization led to a professional career in fire protection and emergency medical care in Baltimore County for 38 years.

Elwood's contributions have touched local, state, and national levels. From 1990-1994 he served as Fire Chief of the Baltimore County Fire Department, the 5th largest in North America. Prior to the top BCFD position, Elwood served as Chief Deputy, and Commander of the Fire Academy. Procedures he developed for hi-rise firefighting in Baltimore County received national recognition.

At the state level, he served on the Maryland Fire and Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Committee, the Maryland State Fire & Emergency Medical Coalition, and the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission. Also, Elwood was an adjunct instructor for FEMA, National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

His selection to Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 1997 was followed by the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 2002. Even in retirement, he is busy as curator of the Baltimore County Fire Service Fire Museum and chairman of Baltimore County Firemen's Association Centennial Committee.

Indeed, Elwood Banister is a role model whose character and achievement set standards of excellence for all present and future students of our Alma Mater. (written by Evelyn Simms Sedlack '53)

Jane Foster Tucker, Class of 1935



After her graduation from Towson High, Jane attended George Washington University and began working for the State Department. She began by typing letters that were to be signed by President Roosevelt and then moved on to a stenographer position with U.S. Senator Alexander Wiley. She began her creative writing at American Aviation Publications, which led her to writing commercials for WQQW Washington's Good Music radio station. She moved on to a position with the Wells Organization where she assisted in its growth of a mere 5 to 28 cities. She relocated to Annapolis after her mother's death and began helping St. John's College with alumni events and fund-raising activities. She married Ernest Tucker and together, they developed a love of sailing. As

she expanded her interest as a community activist, she received the DAR General Perry Benson Chapter Community Service Award and the Maryland-Talbot County Most Beautiful Award. She was the Curatorial Chair and volunteered on the Emerita Board of Governors at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

She was founder of the Auxiliary Endowment Fund at Easton Memorial Hospital and was president of the auxiliary board for two terms. She helped to grow a small group of candy strippers from 5 to 52 girls, inspiring many of them to become nurses. She also advised on a committee at the MacQueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing for 15 years.

Jane was a trustee on the Talbot County Free Library and Historical Society. She worked at the Oxford Library where she was a founding member. Her accomplishments are many and impressive certainly earning her the title "The Remarkable Jane Tucker", as quoted by The Star Democrat, Easton, MD. Jane died on August 19, 2006.

P. Douglas Dollenberg, Class of 1957



Upon graduating from Towson in 1957, Douglas earned a civil engineering degree from the University of Maryland. He then received his Masters from Purdue University and began his career working on highway projects. As the President of Nottingham Properties, he was the guiding force behind the White Marsh Town Center, the Avenue at White Marsh and a multitude of other developments.

He has been an honorary board member at Wallace, Montgomery & Associates and has led design efforts on many projects, including the MD 347 Streetscape Reconstruction, the MD 235 Interim Project, I-70 Resurfacing, MD 177 Widening, I-270/I-70 Design Studies, the MD 212/Cherry Hill Road Intersection Project and the MD 128 Rehabilitation.

Mr. Dollenberg has served on numerous committees and task forces including Gov. Glendening's Transportation Trust Fund Advisory Board, Towson Task Force, Technical Advisory Committee for Growth Management, the Task Force on Economic Development and the Urban Land Institute.

He is a frequent speaker at colleges and universities due to his consistent dedication to civil engineering.

Douglas is retired and resides with his wife, Kathie, in Maryland.

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TOWSON HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS REACHES OUT TO THS ALUMNI

Towson High School's Music Boosters has kicked off a two-year campaign to purchase complete new uniforms to dress its award-winning performance band and silk line, The Marching Generals. With a goal of \$35,000, the *THS We Love Our Band* subcommittee of the Music Boosters has designed a dynamic campaign to appeal to students, families, friends and the extended Towson community for support.

Until 2006, the newly-reformed Marching Generals had no formal uniform so the Music Boosters bought discounted, used uniforms. Because the popular squad grew by 30% in one year and there were not enough uniforms for everyone, a dozen musicians must wear a variation of the uniform. The Music Boosters would like to purchase modern uniforms for year-to-year usage, rentable to band members for the cost of upkeep and cleaning. The uniforms will be reflective of the pride the community feels for Towson High School.

In an early success for the effort, *We Love Our Band* received an initial donation of \$2,500 from the THS Class of '71. Reunion organizers Sue Staylor Vohrer, Karen Geary, Leslie Krimski Kleban, Neil Bates, Gary Stewart and Debbie Lichtfuss Krenak chose to contribute to a THS group that reflected the Class of '71's shared interest in athletics and the arts.

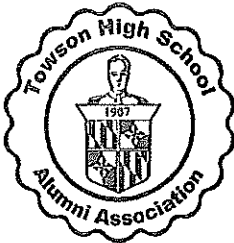
If you'd like to contribute, please make your tax-deductible check payable to: "BCPS Education Foundation," with "THS: We Love Our Band" in the memo line and mail to: Mickey Goldberg, 5 Montgomery Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117. For further information, contact Mickey at 410-356-0412, or e-mail joyousvoices@yahoo.com. (Mickey is the mother of Alice Goldberg, Class of 2010)

Interested in Basket Bingo ?

Music Boosters are sponsoring a fun filled night at Tall Cedars Hall on February 22, 2008! Contact the alumni office for more details!

Email: towsonhighalumni@bcps.org

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