



DUTCHMEN CHRONICLE

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EDITOR CORNER...

Your organization has been busy since the last issue. Our annual banquet was held on Friday, August 13th, at Hebron Catering and Events, Lebanon. Not our usual attendance, however, we received numerous positive comments. It was so nice getting together once again. Please note, that we will return to our regular banquet date next year on June 10, 2022., barring any pandemic surges. During the festivities, our Alumnus of the Year, Leroy Leach, was honored; and , the ACAA Scholarship recipient , Hunter Nelson, was introduced (see articles within).

On Saturday, August 14, ACAA manned a booth at Historic Old Annville Day (HOAD). The purpose is to make our presence known and register more AC alumni into our fold. HOAD will also return to its regularly scheduled time frame of the second Saturday in June—June 11, 2022.

As an integral organization in the Annville-Cleona community, the Annville Free Library has contributed an article introducing one of the interior areas of the proposed renovations.

Please make note of the listing of lost alumni for whom we have no contact. If any one can contribute substantiated information we would appreciate your passing it along. Also , I would appreciate a suggested contact who may have class records for classes 1973, 1975, and 1979. My conact information is below.

ACAA is also participating in Wreaths Across America. Included is a sponsorship form.

And, last but not least...WELCOME CLASS OF 1977.

Rachel Noll, '58

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NECROLOGY... Since the last issue of *The*

Chronicle, it is with deep regret that we report the passing of the following alumni. If you know of other deceased alumni or teachers not listed here or in previous issues, please forward information to Rachel Noll, 1673 Louser Road, Anville, PA 17003 or call 717/867-2137; Email – rroll@comcast.net.

1942	Gladys Blantz Bordlemay	03/17/20	1958	Marian Ehrnfield Roberts	07/11/21
1943	Ruth Sauley Coleman	08/29/21	1959	Sidney Hicksenheiser Herr	08/16/21
1945	Joanne Schmuck Hansen	07/14/21	1960	Barbara Moore Fees	05/01/21
1948	John "Jack" Lotz, Jr.	03/21/21	1961	Janet Marie Mark Bell	07/20/21
1952	Daryl L. Whisler	04/20/21		Linda D. Bowman	06/30/21
1953	Marion Meyer Keefer	07/31/21	1965	Jerry Good	06/06/21
	Sallie Ann Kauffman Moore	03/24/21	1970	Debra Dodson Clegg	07/19/19
1954	Delores Kreider Miller	07/06/21		Carol Beuchle Dibert	04/03/21
1957	Colleen Egan Edwards	04/03/08		Linda Irwin Gundrum	04/07/21
	Ruth Ann Lippert Heisey	04/18/21		Larry Pyles	05/06/19
			1974	Naomi Weaver Jones	07/25/21
				Mr. Donald S. Gingrich – Vocal Music	07/20/21

MR DONALD GINGRICH, OCTOBER 20, 1930-JULY 20, 2021

Growing up in Hummelstown, Donald Gingrich graduated from Swatara Township High School in 1948. The following fall he entered Lebanon Valley College, graduating in June 1952, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education. He earned a Masters Degree in Music Education from the University of Colorado in 1961.

Beginning his career in the Anville schools, he taught in grades one through twelve – general music in elementary and junior high and choral music in junior and senior high. The Glee Club and choruses had already been established, but he introduced the Boys' Quartet to the music program. He also prepared and directed special musical programs for Christmas and Spring Choral Concerts as well as music for graduation ceremonies. His Glee Club and chorus participated in District and Regional Chorus competitions.

Remaining for twelve years in Anville, six years in the Greystone Building and six in the new Anville-Cleona High School. Students gave him the nickname "Mr. Peepers", which he resented at the time, but upon reflection can now laugh about. Discipline problems were non-existent in chorus or Glee Club. During this tenure, he lived in Anville and also served as Choir Director at Christ United Church of Christ, South White Oak St., for the same amount of time.

Leaving Anville, in 1964, he returned to the University of Colorado to complete requirements for his Doctorate Degree, which he eventually earned in 1971. In 1967, he accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Music Education at the University of Georgia for three years. Then, in 1970, he accepted a position as Associate Professor of Music Ed-

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LOST ALUMNI...

The following alumni are listed here because we have lost all contact because of incorrect address, an incomplete or unconfirmed address, or perhaps they are no longer with us. Please contact Rachel Noll by phone (717-867-2137), or email (rrnoll@comcast.net) if you can supply any information about the following:

- 1940 Theodore Bachman
1944 J. Harold Dipper
Mark E. Light
1946 Jacob Long
1950 Simon Brandt
1953 Sandra J. McHenry
1954 Dr. Frederic Rau
1960 Sylvia Miller Funk
James Wilson
1961 Mary Benner
Marie Bickleman
Sandra Hoffer Kearney
Joan Light
Larry L. Miller
Irvin Shifflett
Patricia Wenrich
1962 Robert Tarbet
Henry A. Weitz
1965 Joan Hartman Bolen
Terry Lee Osborne
Edward Eugene Smith
1966 Linda Blauch Hoffer
1967 Deborah Levitz Karst
1970 Deborah Dubbs Tom-Pah-Hote
1971 Rose Ann Sheetz Glantz **
John R Kline
Terry L. Rhoads
1976 Jay L. Kreider
1977 Paul G. Crum, Jr. **
Frank M. Dellinger **
Daniel H. Kreider **

** Newly Added



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER...



Hunter Nelson is the recipient of the 2021 ACAA scholarship award in the amount of \$1000. The son of David and Renée Nelson, will be attending Lebanon Valley College majoring in Digital Communications. His life's goal is to work in the field of graphic and digital design, with a particular interest in web design. He also plans to join the Air Force reserves.

Congratulations, Hunter. We will you well.



Please make note of the sponsorship form included with this newsletter. Not only is it a fundraiser for ACAA, but an excellent opportunity to-

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by sponsoring wreaths to be placed on graves at Indiantown Gap Military Cemetery during the simultaneous ceremonies on national Wreaths Across America day, December 18, 2021.



Dear Friend of Anville-Cleona Alumni Assn:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak & Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location listed below for LUNCH or DINNER on 9/14/21 to aid us in raising money to benefit the Anville-Cleona Alumni Assn. Please clip and present this coupon when ordering on 9/14/21 at Hoss's in Anville. Hoss's will then donate 20% of the total checks paid to ACAA. If our group raises \$1200 or more in sales, they will then donate 25%. This applies to single day, single store events only.

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education at Georgia State University, where he remained for eighteen years. Retiring in June 1988, the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Music Education was bestowed upon him by Georgia State University.

Not one to remain idle, from June 1988 to 1992, he taught music appreciation and delivered pre-concert lectures through the auspices of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

He returned to Hummelstown in 1992, and following the death of his father, at 101 years of age, Donald moved to Country Meadows Retirement Community, Hershey, in the fall of 2002. Upon his return to Pennsylvania, Mr. Gingrich contacted the Alumni Association with the proposal of providing two \$1000. dollar scholarships in memory of two former students, Ken Fegan and Joel Schneider, to graduating AC seniors entering the field of music. Over a period of 11 years, he provided awards amounting to a total of \$22,000.

It is with fond memories we bid adieu to Mr. Donald Gingrich.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR—LEROY L. LEACH

Following a year hiatus, the ACAA was able this year to present the Alumnus of the year award to our treasurer, Leroy Lawrence Leach, a graduate of the class of 1958.

A few months following graduation, Leroy joined the Marine Corps serving as a flight radio operator from December 1958 through December 1962. In May 1964, he began work in the loan department of Lebanon Valley National Bank retiring from then known Lebanon Valley Farmers Trust in 2006. During his 42 year tenure in the banking profession he served in 6 locations in a variety of positions—bank manager, manager of the loan department, Compliance Officer, and Assistant Vice-president.

Leroy has served his community in a multitude of capacities — fire police crew for the Annville Union Hose Fire Company, eventually serving as FC president for two terms, during which time he oversaw the purchase of two new fire trucks as well as purchase of land and the construction of the current fire station on Main Street, he attained life membership in 1995; fire police crew of the Bellegrove Fire Company, assisted the ladies' auxiliary with soup & pot pie sales, and helped with traffic control at carnival time. He became a member of the Leb. Co. Firemen's Assn. (currently Leb. Co. Firefighters Assn.) serving on the auditing committee, as President, Asst. Treasurer, Treasurer, and, again the auditing committee.

Additionally, Leroy has served North Londonderry Township as auditor and supervisor; the Palmyra Parks & Recreation Assn. for 25 years many years as secretary; the Leb. Co. Housing & Redevelopment Board until 2012 & was reappointed to the Board again in 2021; currently the Palmyra Interfaith Manor Board.

Leroy has worked as a crossing guard and special school police for the A-C School District. He became a member of the former AHSAA and continues with the ACAA serving as President October 2006-2008 (he claims because Miss Witmeyer made him feel guilty), and since 2008 has served as Treasurer.

Leroy married the former Dorothy Dupler, in 1962, and they are the proud parents of a son and daughter, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. His family attended Cleona Immanuel United Methodist Church where Leroy served in numerous administrative and fiscal capacities. They then transferred to Annville UMC where he has continued his administrative & fiscal work, plus singing in the choir.

Never one to be idle, Leroy loved playing softball and was active until age 72 when he hung up his glove and cleats.

CONGRATULATIONS LEROY ON THIS WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION.



George Rhen, 2019 Alumnus of the Year presents trophy to 2021 recipient, Leroy Leach

ANNVILLE FREE LIBRARY: WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER

What a fantastic August weekend! Frank Yeager (1962) and Marty Brandt (1971) had a wonderful time attending the August 13 Alumni Association Banquet, getting re-acquainted with classmates and meeting graduates from other years. We were also pleased to share artists' renderings, floor plans, and information pertaining to the Annville Free Library expansion project. The very next day, we were able to reconnect with many of the same people, as well as the rest of the cheerful crowd at Historic Old Annville Day in downtown Annville. Luck held out: the sun kept shining and we were able to share the following updates with attendees.

As you may know, the Library Board, staff, and other community members, in collaboration with Hickey Architects and Arthur Funk and Sons, have developed plans for adaptive reuse of the neighboring duplex at 226/228 E Main Street, as well as the construction of an addition that will join the duplex and current library building. The plans also include key renovations to the existing building. The expanded library will provide dedicated space for our patrons of all ages and updates to meet the expanding and changing needs of our community.

The last issue of the Chronicle showed an artist rendition of the front exterior as viewed from Main St, with its new walkway entrance. This month we have a rendering of an interior view in the new addition showing the circulation/help desk where our friendly staff will answer all your questions. On the right side is the entrance to the youth library, which features a larger space for programs and activities designed by our outstanding youth librarian to serve our energetic and enthusiastic young patrons. The youth library also provides access to our new patio.

You can find informative and engaging videos of the new interior and the many services provided by our staff at our website: <https://writingthenextchapter.org/>. You can also watch new endorsement videos from JBT and Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, where they share their reasons for supporting this exciting and necessary project for our community.

If you would like more information, you can stop by the library and talk to Director Dee Neff (or reach her by phone at 717-867-1802), or contact AFL Treasurer Frank Yeager (ffyeager@gmail.com), Board Vice President Carolyn Scott (cb.carolyn@gmail.com) or Board Secretary Liz Lingle (ealingle@gmail.com) with any questions.

Marty Brandt and Frank Yeager, Co-Chairs of Writing the Next Chapter for the AFL



Figure 1 : New Circulation & Help Desk on left and new Youth Library on the right.



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The general membership meetings of the Annville-Cleona Alumni Association are held the second Thursday of July, October, November, February, March, April and May. All meetings are held at the Annville Train Station, N. Moyer St., Annville, and begin promptly at 1:00 PM.

Any member of the Association is encouraged to attend these meetings and participate in the decision-making process of the ACAA. We look forward to seeing you!

We also encourage you to become involved in *your* organization by serving on the Executive Board or on a committee. If willing to volunteer, please contact any officer listed on page 1.

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