



## Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia High School for Girls

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### Philadelphia High School for Girls

## The Alumnae Association Announces a New Website to Debut February 2017

By Marcia L. Hinton

Our current website will be curtailed for about two weeks as we transition to a state-of-the-art contemporary format. Please be assured that during this time, tickets for the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon can still be purchased via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/128th-annual-meetingluncheon-tickets-30468406825>

The Communications Team will keep you abreast of any breaking news via our social media sites or via Constant Contact.

Our new streamlined format will give us the ease of one-stop shopping, putting everything in one place without having to use third-party programs. No more clicking links to other sites and vendors; it's all there on our own personalized website.

Just a few of the benefits:

#### **Membership Database & Interactive Directory**

- Members can manage their own data, including contact information.
  - Members can customize which information fields from their profile are private and which appear publicly in the database.
  - Members can update their personal information at any time.
- Members can search for other members and send secure email communication through the directory.
  - Members can send emails via the directory without exposing personal contact info.

#### **Broadcast**

- This application will allow us to:
  - Send text messages and/or email blasts to all members without using our current third-party provider.

- Customize emails to specific subgroups within our database—a great tool for organizers of class reunions.
- Seamlessly collect and share photos of events.
- Crowdfund photos with email and mobile uploading.
- Use a full-service mobile application as well as desktop integration.

### **Quickpay**

- This feature will allow us to send payment requests to members via email; members can pay in just one click.
- We will have financial tools for any kind of fund collection including donations, merchandise sales, memberships.
- Members will be able to create custom interactive giving sites to raise funds online—great for individual classes raising money or fundraising for specific projects.

### **Event Management**

- Advanced event management tools will simplify and centralize reunion planning for all classes:
  - Reunion registration without third-party hassles.
  - One-stop-shop payment management and tracking.
  - Immediate updates on event changes and updates.
  - Mobile access to event registration and management.

Our February newsletter will offer a tutorial and overview of our new site. We hope you share our excitement.

## **Acknowledgement of 2016 Giving**

By Tina Grau

All alumnae who made donations to the Alumnae Association, via our website or by check, will receive receipts acknowledging your donation. These will be mailed before the end of January as required by the IRS. Lack of immediate response is in no way a reflection of our appreciation of your gifts. We apologize for the delay but all 2016 acknowledgements will be mailed shortly.



# Tickets for the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 22. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Shirley C. Franklin. Tickets are now available; three purchasing options are provided.

Tickets are available through the direct link: (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/128th-annual-meetingluncheon-tickets-30468406825>). Please note there is a \$5.00 surcharge when purchasing tickets online.

The second, a paper option, can be accessed via a PDF link included in the Constant Contact email that delivered this newsletter.

The final option is an onsite payment on the day of the luncheon. Walk-in registrations will be accepted with a **cash or credit/debit card** payment of **\$80.00** (\$75.00 plus a \$5.00 surcharge). There is an ATM in the lobby of the hotel. Seating with your class cannot be guaranteed.

## Upcoming Class Reunions

*By Dorothy G. Kapenstein*

Arrange a class reunion! We offer a very nice package to classes that join us on April 22 to have their reunions with the Alumnae Association. **A special invitation to the 204, January 1963 Class, Shirley Clark Franklin's graduating class:** We will help you to organize a reunion so that a great number of Shirley's classmates and friends will be with us to cheer her on and celebrate her!

Call Dorothy G. Kapenstein (215-331-2681) or email her ([dorothyk08@aol.com](mailto:dorothyk08@aol.com)) for more information. The following classes have already arranged to have their reunions at our annual spring gathering! If you are a member of one of these classes and would like to participate in the reunion planning process, please contact the organizer listed below.

183, June 1952  
203, June 1962

Sabina Gatti  
Nancy Newcomer  
Donna Elman Fine

sabinagatti@comcast.net  
nanewic@yahoo.com  
caesertoo@yahoo.com

227, June 1983  
236, June 1992

Lynette Jackson  
Paula Antunes Schneider

nyasha@bellsouth.net  
schneiderfamily@gmail.com

***The following classes also have milestone anniversaries this year:***

1937, 1942, 1947, January 1952, 1957, January 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012. There's still time to contact Dorothy to arrange your reunion on April 22, 2017.

# News from Our School

By Dorothy G. Kapenstein

**Mrs. Xueling Qu, Chair of the World Language Department,** sent news about a special event and a real treat for her students of Chinese language and culture. On Thursday, December 8, 2016, Professor Stella Ye, Chinese Professor from Messiah College and her student Aimee Hudson came to the Philadelphia High School for Girls to demonstrate the Tea Ceremony or Gongfu Cha in Chinese. About 30 students stayed after school to participate in this activity. Professor Ye's presentation was vivid and very interesting. Students also had the opportunity to try some procedures and tasted the tea with some refreshments. Students enjoyed this presentation very much and had lots of fun. Additionally, they learned more about Chinese tea and how to serve tea in such a delicate way.

**Louis Austin, Faculty Sponsor of the Service Club,** has informed us that this year County Fair raised \$1300. The students voted to donate the money to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

## Winter Concert



The Winter Concert was held on December 15, 2016, at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium. The program, which hadn't been presented in several years, featured many facets of the Music Program of the Philadelphia High School for Girls. The Orchestra, Vocal Class Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, and Harp Ensemble all performed. The program also featured several soloists, and the beloved *Hodie* from Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. The program welcomed our new Instrumental Music Director, Elisabeth D'Alessandro (234). The Vocal Class Ensemble and Small Ensemble were under the direction of Vocal Music Director Edda Aish.

## Songs of the Season

Songs of the Season was held on the morning of December 23, 2016, in the Auditorium. As always, foreign language classes sang holiday songs in different languages. Representatives from different cultural organizations in the school prepared presentations. The Orchestra and Vocal Class Ensemble performed. The traditional *12 Days of Girls' High* was a big hit. The program also included a video presentation and skit written by students that featured faculty and students.



# News from Our Alumnae

By Dorothy G. Kapenstein

**Lafeeq Bowman (June 1999)** and her fiancé Adrian are finalists in the *Brides Magazine* "Live Wedding" contest. Phase one of the contest began December 21, 2016. The final three contenders will be announced on March 24, 2017. To help her reach her goal of her dream wedding please vote at:

<http://brideslivewedding.brides.com/MeetCouple.aspx?coupleId=143&shareClickGuid=ba368ffc-9c1f-4bb3-a139-7dd494e0df91>. You can vote once per day per email address. If they win, their wedding will occur on June 2, 2017, at the Montage Laguna Beach Hotel in California.

Sponsors of this free wedding giveaway will make a donation to a charity that the winner designates.

Lafeeq selected the Autism Research Institute because of her work as a behavioral therapist with this population.

**Carolyn Marcus Jacobs (January 1964)** recently ran a successful campaign for election to public office and has won a seat on the Town Council of Cherry Hill, N.J. Carolyn has lived in this New Jersey area for 43 years. She ran as the Democratic candidate and will complete an unexpired term of office. She will be eligible to run for a full four-year term in the next election. Carolyn joins a long list of Girls' High graduates who have been elected to public office or who have served in high government positions. They include Virginia Knauer, Philadelphia City Councilwoman and economic advisor to Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Reagan; C. DeLores Tucker, Secretary of State of Pennsylvania;

Myra Atwell McDaniel, Secretary of State in Texas; Blondell Reynolds Brown, current City Councilwoman; and Shirley Clark Franklin, first African American woman to be elected Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia (and the Keynote speaker for our Annual Meeting/Luncheon on April 22, 2017).

Before entering the political arena, Carolyn had a successful career in business and insurance. She explained in the interview that her college major greatly influenced her career choices. She wrote: "I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Russian Studies, a major that I "created" from a combination of language, literature, history, economics, political science, and sociology, a major drawn from many different university disciplines. Finding a job in that area anywhere near Philadelphia was impossible and, instead, I parlayed the language ability into a new and growing field, data processing. (There is a strong correlation between computer programming skill and fields such as language and music. At this time, there was no IT field of study other than electrical engineering, essentially building computers). Over the years, I worked for more than 25 years at an insurance company, rising to a senior management position. I quickly discovered that I was too much of a "people person" to remain a technician; instead found much more satisfaction in being the intermediary or translator between the IT organization and the needs of the business units. I also enjoyed managing projects and teams. Towards the end of my career, I worked as a consultant to the insurance industry, specializing in

business and operations strategy. My last position was with IBM, from which I retired in 2011."

Carolyn was the wife of the late Eric Jacobs. He served as Chief of Staff and Township Administrator under two previous mayors. The couple raised two daughters together, Lisa, a nurse practitioner, and Deborah, a first-grade teacher. For many years Carolyn served on the Cherry Hill planning Board as a member and later as chairperson. Carolyn also found time to be a community volunteer. She has been a court-appointed advocate for children removed from home because of abuse or neglect. She has worked with the BookMates Literacy Program, and serves on the board of her synagogue, Temple Beth Shalom.

Carolyn noted that Girls' High helped her to climb the ladder of success. She wrote: "Girls' High was a wonderful foundation stone for my life, teaching me lessons that I have taken to heart and have incorporated into my 'grown-up'" life. I learned to speak my mind without fear, to write clearly and well, to be tolerant of difference, to think strategically and analyze situations before acting, to be both a good leader and a good teammate. I learned to live my life with "purposeful directness."

Looking back at the election, she wrote: "Now that I am retired, I find great satisfaction in giving back to a community that has given so much to me. I started out as a volunteer in an area that interested me (community development) and have been fortunate enough to have been chosen to run for local office. November was especially thrilling for me as I was able to walk into the voting booth and put a mark next to my own name. I came out of that voting booth tearfully

overwhelmed by emotion at both having a chance to vote for myself and (potentially) the first woman President. If anyone is interested in government service in a local elected position, I would encourage her to start as a volunteer and develop expertise in a particular area".

**Dr. Ruth Hurwitz**, a retired faculty member, is now an attorney practicing family law. She wrote to say she enjoyed the last printed issue of the *Alumnae News*, especially the cover. Ruth mentioned that she taught business subjects at GHS from 1957 to 1962 including "typing, some shorthand or brief hand" and some bookkeeping and she started the business staff of the *Iris Leaflet*. She observed that in her neighborhood and at her synagogue are about five women she taught at GHS!

**Margaret (Peggy) Beecham (June 1966)** sent a news update about a sparkling and active alumna. Peggy wrote: "I'm happy to provide this information about **Marie McKinnie Bessicks**, whom I fondly call "Aunt Marie!" She is one of my late mother's longest and dearest friends, and was in large part responsible for my wanting to attend The Philadelphia High School for Girls."

**Dr. Annette Tyree Debisette (June 1977)** sent this



message: "Happy New Year to you!!!! I was the graduation Speaker at the at the Second Degree Nursing Program at

Duquesne University School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, PA on July 29,2016. Dr. Debisette is a Captain in the United States Public Health Service and a Nursing School educator.

# Three Women of Color in Math and Science: Marie McKinnie Bessicks, Margaret Beecham, and Beverly Williams Goldston

*by Dorothy G. Kapenstein*

**Margaret (Peggy) Beecham (June 1966)** In 2014, Peggy retired from an inspiring career of some 42 years in the field of science. Her first job was at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as a researcher in hematology to help find cures for sickle cell anemia. When the funding ran out, she began her career in the pharmaceutical industry in medical writing and communications, product labeling development, regulatory operations, and training. Her responsibilities included leading teams and collaborating with contributors from multiple disciplines in the development of labeling and promotional materials, establishing filing strategies for prescription and over-the-counter products, and training groups engaged in domestic and regulatory submissions.

Peggy spoke highly of her GHS education, which enabled her to receive a full scholarship to Howard University, where she majored in biology, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated magna cum laude. She wrote warmly about the teachers who gave such a firm foundation for her higher education and career. "Mrs. Gladys Bloch, Chairman of the Art Department and my first advisory teacher, provided a valuable blend of nurturing us as incoming freshman and, as an art teacher, inspiring our creativity, which I experienced every day in that wonderful homeroom. Mrs. Frankie Rubinstein, English teacher, opened my eyes and my mind to the expansive world of literature, from mythology to short stories and plays, shared through a lens of adult frankness. Of all my teachers, Mrs. Mary Wright, from whom I learned trigonometry in my senior year, was my favorite. She taught math with fervor and a dedication that made even the most complicated formulae for tangents and cotangents understandable. I also valued her instruction because she was one of only two African-American teachers on the faculty. "



Writing about life in retirement, Peggy noted: "I'm now able to spend Tuesday evenings teaching English as a Second Language (level 3) at my church in Lansdale to adult students from Bangladesh, Algeria, Honduras, Korea, Vietnam, and other countries. On Thursdays I volunteer as a librarian at Longstreth School in West Philadelphia." Peggy has stayed close to Girls' High by coming back for Career Day and Alumnae Annual Meetings, and helping to plan class reunions. She was a guest speaker at our school at Dr. Carambo's STEM program and we hope she will come back again and again! She was a great correspondent for the Alumnae News when she served as a volunteer at the Democratic National Convention and sent us dispatches.

Probably the greatest thing for Peggy about being retired is that she has more time to spend with her two sons, Kyle and Kahlil, and her two grandsons.

**Marie McKinnie Bessicks (January 1945)** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in October 2016 in Baltimore, MD, at a surprise luncheon held in her honor by her son, Clyde Bessicks. She was surrounded by family members, longtime friends, neighbors, and associates from far and near. Marie's parents were very insistent that she should attend Girls' High. They believed it would provide her with an excellent college preparatory education and that she would do well there.

After Girls' High, Marie was a Physical Education and Science major at Morgan State College (later, Morgan State University), earning a bachelor's degree in 1949. She taught physical education and science for 14 years, during which time she also earned a master of science degree from Temple University. At the age of 40, Marie received a certificate in Guidance Counseling from Johns Hopkins University and spent the remainder of her career as a guidance counselor in the Baltimore Public School System until her retirement in 1990. Marie was married to the late Clyde Bessicks, a member of the music faculty at Bowie State College. They had one son and three grandchildren. Marie has traveled extensively throughout Europe and to many global destinations. She still drives, is an avid reader, and is an active member of the vestry of her church!

**Beverly Williams Goldston (June 1966)** went on to Kent State University in Ohio after graduating from GHS. (She wrote: "Yes, I was there during the shootings!") She was a math major and felt that Girls' High provided her with an excellent education. She said that Dr. Mary Wright, the wife of her church's pastor, was her 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Henry School. They both "graduated" to GHS, where Dr. Wright became her mentor. Beverly noted that Dr. Wright inspired her to become a math major and to graduate magna cum laude from college. Beverly entered actuarial school and she also got married. She became pregnant and was terminated from the program because that was the rule back then. She had a daughter 1972 and a son in 1974. In 1977 she began a 23-year career with Prudential Insurance beginning as a human resources programmer. She moved on to GlaxoSmithKline in 2001 and stayed until her retirement in 2016, with her work focusing on human resources and equal employment opportunity. One of the highlights of her life was being able to donate a kidney to her husband, Jerome Goldston, in 1995, prolonging his life to 2002. What will 2017 bring to Beverly? We hope it will bring her back to Girls' High to inspire our students!

# News from Our Distinguished Daughters

By Dorothy G. Kapenstein

**Linda Mill** (June 1981) is the manager of the Old Pine Street Church Saturday for Seniors (SFS)



Program. Since 1978, this program has provided a free meal to 50 Philadelphia senior citizens 48 weeks a year plus Christmas Day. The program was created to fill the gap on the weekends when the city senior centers are closed. Not only do the seniors get a free hot meal at noon; the program also fills the gap of loneliness many seniors face. Starting this year, GHS students are volunteering in support of the program. Thanks to the connection between Linda (225) and church member and current GHS senior Emma Graff (261), the SFS program satisfies the student service requirement and the seniors love interacting with the young women each week.

Linda's love for seniors also extends to her work preventing elder abuse. Linda created a model bank training and prevention program in 2003 that received national acclaim. She also co-founded the Philadelphia Financial Exploitation Prevention Taskforce in 2010. After 25 years in banking, she took a 5-year career detour to work as a Certified Fraud Examiner, helping social workers and law enforcement investigate and prosecute financial exploitation throughout Pennsylvania. The cooperative program between Temple University and the PA Department of Aging led to dozens of arrests, 15 successful prosecutions,

and \$4.5M in restitution and recoveries. Linda's work was recognized in September 2016 when she was awarded with the inaugural Barbara J. McGinity Service to Seniors Award at the National Adult Protective Services Association conference in Philadelphia.

Linda returned to banking last year as the Director of Account Servicing for Ally Bank. Linda is still fighting for elder justice through the prevention program she created at Ally and continues to serve on the taskforce she co-founded with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging.

**Sally Wendkos Olds (June 1951)** has been continuing to write articles and getting them published here and there. The last article she wrote for *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, "March on the North Shore Suburbs: A White Civil-Rights Activist Looks Back," appeared in the December 2015 issue. It was about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a fair housing effort she was very active with in the Chicago area. Her major activity this



past year has been chairing the First Amendment Committee of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the national organization of independent writers. The committee was founded during her tenure as president of the Society in 1981. She continues to be a member of committee.

Now, as Chair during a time when the First Amendment is often under attack, they have been called upon to join in amicus curiae legal briefs, sign letters, and take other actions when freedom to read, to write, or to publish is under attack. Much of their activity focuses on the issue of banning books, including joining with other organizations to celebrate Banned Books Week, which in 2017 will take place September 24-30. Alumnae can take part in their own communities. For information go to [www.BannedBooksWeek.org](http://www.BannedBooksWeek.org) to see what you could do.

**Norma Molitch Deull (June, 1951),**



C.E.O. of Clark Transfer, the theatrical moving company,

was honored this past September by the Broadway League and the Coalition of Broadway Unions and Guilds. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Broadway Salutes event recognized a number of people for their service to Broadway. When asked what she does, Norma says, "I'm a trucker," and, as a working professional on and about the Great White Way, she was honored for her 35 years of service. Clark Transfer was started as a family business by Norma's father, "Whitey" Molitch, and continues the tradition by including Norma's sons, Jon and Charlie Deull, and their wives."

**Miriam Balaban (June 1945),**

internationally honored scientist sent



this update: "First of all, warm wishes for a happy healthy productive new year. Here are a few highlights of recent ongoing activities.

My activities in the field of desalination and water treatment continue to grow as the need for clean water grows around the world with its growing population. The journal that I edit, *Desalination and Water Treatment*, enters its 9<sup>th</sup> year and my first journal

***Desalination***, its 50<sup>th</sup> year with authors from about 100 countries publishing results of their research. This year the European Desalination Society, which I lead, is organizing two conferences: one in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands on "Membranes for Industrial and Drinking Water" and the other on "Desalination around the Mediterranean" in Israel. In October, I participated in a desalination conference in Abu Dhabi in a meeting initiated by South Korea and the European Desalination Society. We are partnered with a few companies and universities in three EU projects for the dissemination of information on several water topics—mainly through my journal and website [www.desline.com](http://www.desline.com) and the EDS conferences. For these we have held meetings in Holland, Turkey, and Portugal and will present information at the Produced Water Society. Houston, Texas, this month.

# Celebrated Sisters

By Marcia L. Hinton

*The Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia High School for Girls believes it is important to take note of dedicated alumnae, whose important contributions have eased the way for, and inspired so many women. Celebrated Sisters is an initiative designed to complement our Distinguished Daughters by highlighting the continued accomplishments of Girls' High graduates.*

## Iola (Nelson) Harper June 1985

Introducing 229's Iola Harper, the new Deputy Commerce Director for the Office



of Economic Opportunity for the City of Philadelphia. Appointed by Mayor Jim Kenney in August, Iola took over on October 3, 2016. Iola's

role with the Commerce Department is to develop and implement strategies that will increase the opportunities available for minority, women and disabled-owned business enterprises to conduct business with the city.

Girls' High is an all-in-the-family tradition for Iola. Her cousin **Leslie (Peterson) Esdaile Banks (June 1977)** is a Girls' High graduate. For Iola, there was no other choice. Through Leslie, Iola knew what to look forward to and she accepted the challenge and rigor. In the fall of 1981, Iola with her cousin, **Lisa Peterson (June 1985)**, first stepped foot in the pink-marbled halls. The gift of words also seemed to be a family trait. Iola excelled at English and loved reading the classics. Like Iola,

her cousins the Peterson sisters found success in their chosen careers, which coincidentally revolved around words—written and spoken. Leslie Esdaile Banks (Distinguished Daughter inducted in 2010) was a renowned writer, first scripting episodes of the cable series "Soul Food," then taking the sci-fi genre by storm with her "Vampire Huntress" series. Her sister Lisa Peterson is a poet, playwright, and actor performing under the name Liza Jessie Peterson.

Iola immersed herself in student government. She was elected to the Executive Council and was President of the Black Students Union. Mr. Doug Partee, the faculty advisor for the Black Students Union, left an impression on her with his warmth, humor, and compassion.

When reminiscing warmly about her GHS experience, one memory stood out - the "pool" that all freshman were told was on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Only there was no pool. Well, there was no 4<sup>th</sup> floor either. That freshman disappointment was quickly replaced with another tradition—the phalanx of Central boys gathered at the bottom of the steps patiently awaiting GHS dismissal.

After graduation in 1985, Iola shared, "I was sent into the world knowing that I was smart and capable. We were offered every conceivable tool and were nurtured and encouraged." She matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, now Philadelphia University, and earned a BA in management. She later obtained an MA in Urban Studies from Eastern University and credits GHS for preparing her to achieve her goals.

With her work in student government paving the way for her success way, Iola spent time in Philadelphia City Council, working as the Director of Economic Development and Senior Legislative Aide for Councilman Wilson Goode, Jr.



Later she would serve as the Director of the Sustainable Communities Initiative in Philadelphia. The program, a partnership between the U. S. Office of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, was designed to ignite synergy between residents and community organizations to transform target neighborhoods.

Iola spent more than a decade as Executive Vice President at the Enterprise Center in West Philadelphia

working with minority and women-owned businesses in the Greater Philadelphia market. She also has extensive experience working in urban neighborhoods. In her role at the Enterprise Center, she was responsible for growing minority ventures in Philadelphia, connecting funding sources to women-owned and minority-owned businesses, and revitalizing communities through business development.

Helping small businesses succeed is Iola's top priority; she has made this her life's work and she has been recognized for her consummate efforts. She has received numerous awards, including the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* "40 Under 40." In 2008 she was chosen one of Best 50 Women in Business by Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and named one of the nation's top small business advocates by the U. S. Small Business Administration.

A fervid believer in sharing her time and talent with nonprofits that are filling needs in her community, Iola serves on the boards of the Community Education Center and the Women's Medical Fund. She also serves as the Senior (or Accounting) Warden at Holy Apostles and the Mediator Episcopal Church, where she is also a member of the vestry.

Iola is married to Gary Harper and they have four sons (including a set of identical triplets!). She is a proud "glam-mom" to three grand-daughters. Days off can find Iola and her husband Gary, connoisseurs of good live music, traveling to jazz festivals and concerts. An avowed beach bum, she enjoys vacation days filled with sun and sand.

*"I love the fact that I am connected to so many of my classmates. I am in awe of how many women have moved on from GHS to do magnificent things. I am grateful for everything that was sewn into me. I will never forget all that I received by attending such an amazing high school and have fond recollections of the faculty and student body."*

# 1985 Milestone



# *Our Alumnae Association Matters!!*

Did you know that you can designate the Alumnae Association in your will or trust? Did you know that you can donate life insurance contracts, stocks, certain bonds, and/or mutual funds? These gifts may provide needed tax benefits for you, the donor, and help our Association promote and sustain its mission for many years to come. The state of the School District of Philadelphia was reviewed eloquently at the Annual Meeting/Luncheon. As we age, we all talk about leaving a legacy. This is your opportunity to do so for generations of women to come, as well as to help the school and the students as they battle the financial hardships they may be facing. If interested in helping or donating, please contact Joy Pollock at [jepollock@aol.com](mailto:jepollock@aol.com).

Please continue to send information if you or someone you know is serving or has served in our Armed Forces. Please email your news to [dorothyk08@aol.com](mailto:dorothyk08@aol.com).

Do you have news about a retired faculty member or are you a retired faculty member? Please email your news to [dorothyk08@aol.com](mailto:dorothyk08@aol.com).

We are very interested in receiving gift items for the Archives such as yearbooks, commencement programs, gym contest, concert, drama, or other memorabilia that will enhance and substantiate GHS history. Please email Dorothy G. Kapenstein at [dorothyk08@aol.com](mailto:dorothyk08@aol.com) or call her at 215-331-2681. Please do not send items directly to the school.

**What's New?** Send your news items and pictures to [dorothyk08@aol.com](mailto:dorothyk08@aol.com) and to

[communication@ghsalumnae.org](mailto:communication@ghsalumnae.org). GHS classmates and friends love to read the latest news about each other!

Do you want to enjoy the intangible spirit of the days at Girls' High? Would you want to have items that have the Girls' High name or logo imprinted on them? If so, the Alumnae Association can help. Please contact:

[communication@ghsalumnae.org](mailto:communication@ghsalumnae.org) and you will be advised of which items are available for purchase. You can also go to our website to see items that are available to order. To visit our website, click [www.ghsalumnae.org](http://www.ghsalumnae.org).

Please join our Facebook group, The Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia High School for Girls. All social, no business! When you ask to join, please be sure that you have indicated your year and class somewhere on your Facebook page, and your name at graduation if it was different than our current name. While you do not have to be a member of the Alumnae Association to join the group, it is limited to alumnae and faculty.

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