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TE/Conestoga Alumni Association Newsletter

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The 2016 Alumni Gathering!

In spite of the unanticipated time change the week before the yearly get together, the 2016 Alumni Association gathering saw a good-turn out on what was a beautiful October day. Joining in was 98-year-old Domenick Mancini, class of 1936 and the most senior classmate at the gathering.

The food from The Out Back Steakhouse was exceptional, the flowers on each table beautiful, and the conversation lively.

Joe Moore, [US Army, Captain, Artillery, Germany, Vietnam] was happy to greet new recruits for the new TE/Conestoga Veterans Group he is organizing on Facebook (see September Newsletter for details).

And, as always, the ever popular basket(s) of cheer, 50/50 raffle and drawings for gift cards attracted maximum attention.

Unfortunately Radnor Beat the Pioneers following the Friday night tailgate. But there is always next year!

“Pop Up” Reunions? Have One!



From left to right: Jennifer Heyd (Wharton); Dee Dee Reoch, Bill Reoch, Mary Harris, Win Harris, Bev Bruns, Chris Sprenkle (Jones), and Lyn Freitas (Finlon).

Jennifer Heyd Wharton and her husband Jim hosted a joyful Class of “64 mini reunion on October 22nd this year. Taking advantage of a visit from an “outlander” (PA denizen, Bev Bruns), Jennifer invited classmates from nearby Beaufort, SC to join together for a delicious and laughter filled supper at the Wharton’s new home in Beaufort, SC.

It was a wonderful evening of great food, sharing experiences, and reconnecting with grade and high school friends and their spouses. Pop Up restaurants? Pop Up mini reunions?! This is an idea that can lead to nothing but fun.



**Merry Christmas !
Happy Holidays !
And all Best Wishes for a Joyful
2017!**



2016 Alumni Gathering Silent Auction Donors

If you come to the Alumni gatherings you know that every year they feature, among other things, a well anticipated silent auction. The gift cards and services for the silent auction are donated by local businesses, restaurants, and attractions. Many of these providers are TE and/or CHS graduates or employ TE/CHS graduates. And we owe them our heartfelt thanks for helping to make the gathering a success every year. This year we would like to thank:

Alfredo Italian (BYO), Berwyn, PA
The American Helicopter Museum ,
West Chester, PA

Anthony's Pizza and Restaurant, Malvern, PA

Antoinette Day Spa and Salon, Paoli, PA

The Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, PA

Cedar Hollow Inn, Malvern, PA

Chanticleer, A Pleasure Garden, Wayne, PA

Chow! Bistro, Colledgeville, PA

Clay's Bakery, Berwyn, PA

The Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference
Center, Malvern, PA

Elegance Café, Paoli, PA

Fellini's Café, Berwyn, PA

The General Warren Inn, Malvern, PA

True Value Hardware Center, Paoli, PA

Kimberton Golf Club, Kimberton, PA

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA

Main Line Gardens, Malvern, PA

McKenzie Brew House, Malvern, PA

Office Bar and Grille, Malvern, PA

Our Deli, Malvern, PA

People's Light & Theater Company, Malvern, PA

The Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia, PA

Seven Stars Inn, Phoenixville, PA

Trattoria San Nicola, Paoli, PA

Wayne Vision, Wayne, PA

YMCA of Greater Brandywine, West Chester, PA

David DeRafelo

New Alumni web site reminder

The new TE/Conestoga alumni website is now part of the tesd.net web site community. Go to the tesd.net web site, then <community> and then <alumni.> Or select Conestoga when you get to the main web site, then <our school> then <alumni>. This is a good way to pick up newsletters, and find upcoming reunions, class contacts, and alumni events. **What's up with your class? Let us know. Send updates/class news to lcp452@gmail.com.**

In Memoriam

Carmen Culp: Carmen Evans Culp passed away at the age of 87 on November 6, 2016. Everyone who worked with her or was taught by her at the TE school district will remember her with respect and affection. Mrs. Culp received both her BS and Master of Education degrees in Music from West Chester State Teachers College. Her distinguished career included prolific authorship as well as excellence in teaching and numerous local, state, and national awards. She was president of the TE Education Association, inducted into the PA Music Educators Association Hall of Fame, and in 2014 received the West Chester University Presidential Medallion for Service.

Charles J. Chiccino: Charles Chiccino, also fondly known as "Chic", "Coach", and "Poppy", passed away at the age of 79 on November 12, 2016. A class of 1955 graduate of TE High School, he was class president, a three year varsity winner in baseball, football, and basketball. He graduated from West Chester University in 1959 with a degree in physical education then served in the Army from 1959 to 1961. Chic came home to serve as Department chair for Health and Physical Education at Downingtown High School for 25 years. He was inducted into the TE/Conestoga Old Timers Hall of Fame; the WCU Killinger Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame.