

PHS Club welcomes Class of 1967

By Irma Stevenson

The Paulsboro High School Golden Anniversary Club inducted the Class of 1967 at its 42nd annual dinner reunion at Auletto's Caterers in Almonesson on June 25.

More than 500 alumni and guests attended the annual event that recognizes the class that reaches its 50-year milestone after graduation from PHS on the fourth Sunday in June every year.

Club president Marc Kamp (PHS '62) welcomed the graduates and their guests followed by



Photos by Karen Hamburg
Going the distance — Rita Miller (PHS '58) from Victoria, Australia, left, is recognized for traveling the farthest by Irma Kandle Stevenson (PHS '57).

a flag salute and prayer led by Sister JoAnn Burzichelli (PHS '55). Members of the Class of 1967 then entered the room to "Pomp and Circumstance" and were inducted into the club after dinner. Mary Citress Capasso (PHS '38) was the oldest graduate in attendance.



PHS Class of 1967 members march to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Kamp announced that \$16,000 was given in scholarships to the 2017 PHS graduating class this year as a result of the generous donations made by the PHS alumni attendees and contributors last year.

The dinner concluded with June Centofanti (PHS '52) lead-

ing the singing of the PHS Alma Mater written by Joe Enos Sr. (PHS '28).

Next year the dinner will be held on June 24, 2018. At this time, the Class of 1968 will be honored. Paulsboro pride and traditions remain alive and well. Go Big Red!

The best observation or another word was the laughter, the memories we recounted, the silliness and the fun we shared. In our minds, we are still 18 years old.

We've always considered our Class of 1977 to be the best that has ever graduated PHS, not just due to our accomplishments, but mostly because of the genuine fondness we have for one another. We truly love being together, and we take pride in the fact that we have a strong bond.

We hold reunions every five years. We get excited when that fifth year rolls around and, once the reunion date is declared, we can't wait.

There's a buzz for months ahead of time as we call, text, email, message and post on Facebook our eagerness to see one another. Classmates come from near and far (including from many other states and Europe) to be together. The turnout is always high, and those who can't make it are somewhat distraught!

I believe, from having talked to many people outside of our class that this is fairly unique. We have a strong loyalty to our class bond. The years have only served to enhance our enthusiasm and pride.

See you all in 2022!



PHS Class of 1977 members pose for a group photo at their 40th reunion on Oct. 21. Check out the Class of 1977 slide show on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/g-hP5VPSNPU>. Photo by Bob Brown

Boyhood memory inspires adventure of a lifetime

By Paul Morina

Last summer, I completed a journey that began 45 years ago as a member of Paulsboro Boy Scout Troop 24 that was led by former Scoutmaster and World War II veteran Berton "Bucky" Faulkner.

My adventure began at the age of 13, along with my friends Joe Sepielli and Faulkner's sons, Carl and Michael. The troop was quite active with a strong membership and ambitious leadership that guaranteed us a summer filled with camping, canoe trips and hikes.

Faulkner set up a 184.5 mile-bike trip that came to a halt after about 70 miles, following the arrival of Hurricane Agnes on June 23, 1972. The hurricane caused the third biggest flood in the history of Harpers Ferry, West Va.

The trip was scheduled to start around Washington, D.C., and take us along the Potomac River on the Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Canal towpath. The final destination was Cumberland, Md.

Approximately a dozen scouts were led along the towpath by two high school senior scouts, Gary Ludlum and Bob Bonner. Faulkner towed all our gear in a U-Haul trailer. He set up lunch and camping quarters in the afternoon and late evening. We covered approximately 18 to 20 miles a day, which is considered a slow pace because of the many stops and play we made along the way.

Once the hurricane hit, Faulkner found us shelter in a church basement for a few days and then moved us to a 4-H clubhouse in the woods where we hung out, played games, and enjoyed the away-

from-home experience.

One distinct memory I have was riding our bikes up and down a long hill in West Va., with no hands on the handlebars, singing together Bob Denver's popular song at the time, "Take me Home Country Road."

Mission accomplished

On Aug. 13, I returned to the towpath with my girlfriend, Christine Lindenmuth. Our trip started at 2:30 p.m. in Georgetown, Washington,

D.C., and was completed 184.5 miles later on Aug. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in Cumberland, Md.

It was a great outdoor experience, full of camping, while hauling everything we needed (food, tent, clothing) on our bikes. The challenge of completing about 40 miles a day was tough at times, especially when it rained most of the second day.

Being covered in mud did not bother us as much as it did to adjust our butts on the seats in a way that did not



Scoutmaster Berton Faulkner



Troop Leader Gary Ludlum

hurt. The scenery was beautiful; we met some great people, who shared some great stories

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Sports Corner

Red Raiders eye next wrestling state title

By Steve Anuszewski

Last season, the Paulsboro High School wrestling team had a perfect 23-0 dual meet record. It was the first time in 17 years that the Red Raiders were undefeated. The Raiders capped off the season with its 30th New Jersey State Group I title in school history.

This season, the Raiders will attempt to win its third state title in a row.

Losing six starters from the 2016-17 squad, the Raiders will attempt to fill the middle weights where it lost Anthony Duca (Navy Prep), Joey Perez (Baker College) and Sam Giordano (Ohio State University) and upper weights Josh Bailey, Frank Mooney (The College of New Jersey) and Miles Moore.

The Raiders return five state qualifiers led by Santino Morina (182 lbs.), who placed eighth in the NJSIAA Championships at 160 lbs. Sophomores Georgio Mazzeo (113 lbs.), Jacob Perez-Eli (126 lbs.), and Brandon Green (160 lbs.) and junior George

Worthy (152 lbs.) also qualified for Atlantic City a year ago. Juniors Geno Duca (120 lbs.) and Anthony Morina (195 lbs.) won District 26 titles as sophomores.

In addition, Gabe Onorato (145 lbs.) and his brother, Riley, (160 lbs.), who both wrestled for Collingswood last season, have moved into

the Paulsboro school district. Gabe, a sophomore, placed third in Region 7 and earned a trip to Atlantic City. Riley, a senior, is a two-time region qualifier.

Also, the Raiders have freshmen Jason Lucci, Shawn Williams and Tino Savaiinaea and upper classmen Jamel

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Athletes earn conference honors

By Steve Anuszewski

The Paulsboro High School football team had seven players selected to the All West Jersey Conference first team.

On offense, tackles Douglas Blue-Eli and Robert Glocker were selected, along with wide receiver Jacob Perez-Eli and running back Dehron Holloway.

Defensively, linebackers Anthony Morina and Naseer Bateman and defensive end Santino Morina made the first team.

Lineman Austin Mooney and wide-receiver Jamel Miles-Benjamin were selected

to the second team.

In field hockey, three Red Raiders earned first-team All Colonial Conference honors. Forward Christina Franks, midfielder Kortini Jackson and defender Jhanea Hill were first-team picks.

Katirah Howell was selected to the second team.

Zaire Collins earned first-team All Colonial honors in cross country and DeShawn Williams made the second team.

Goalkeeper Dimetreus Day was named to the All Colonial second team in boys soccer.