



THE CHSAAP CENTRALITE Newsletter

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....GREAT FUN AND GREAT FUNDING!



The 'Funny4Funds Comedy Fundraiser for the CHSAAP Grant Fund held on August 24th at the Imperial Room in Cranston was an outstanding success! There were 118 tickets sold with a total of over \$3,966. raised for the CHSAAP Grant Fund!! 😊



Hard working CHSAAP officers and planners including “The Show Team” Debbie Cockfield, Nikki Jimenez, Jose Gonzalez, Lloyd Massey, Steve Bianchi, and CHSAAP President Don Bianco and several others, along with 'Funny4Funds' creator Mike Murray (a 1981 Central grad) made sure the entire evening was a blast! Mike and his organization donated the complete show.

All of the comedians, including Providence DJs Steve Donovan and Brad Pierce along with Ace Aceto, Jay Are presented very funny, led by Hillary they did at our recent



Adams, Tom Stewart and Mike Murray himself breezy and relatable comedy. The Imperial Room staff, Williamson, did another excellent and helpful job, as Gala.

Starting in the fall of 2016 with the CHSAAP event in August, several diligent CHSAAP dollars in scholarship and grant money for Central High School and for its students. **Sincere thanks to all of you for your intense efforts and thanks to all CHSAAP contributors and the hundreds who have attended our events!**

....SPEAKING OF CONTRIBUTORS

Other than financial contributions, CHSAAP is also looking for personal contributions. **We are currently seeking potential candidates for Officer Positions that will be voted on in April 2018.** We would like to compile a list of officer candidates by January. You can be a big help in sustaining the ongoing goals of the association. New ideas and

efforts for helping CHSAAP help Central High School and its students are welcomed. **Become an Officer candidate for next year!** Central grads, please consider it!

.....SPEAKING OF CONTRIBUTORS II

CHSAAP has filled its recent opening for Treasurer. **Jayne O'Brien** (Central Class of '69), who, along with her husband Paul, was featured in a Centralite article last December, has agreed to take the position that was recently vacated by **Marion Avarista**. Marion was the CHSAAP's first Treasurer and did a remarkable job over the last few years in keeping our initial finances in order! **Thanks to both ladies for contributing to the financial well being of the CHSAAP!**



.....NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Central's new Principal Jonathan Mendelsohn has Assistant Principal Thomas E. Bacon, Jr. CHSAAP! Mr. Bacon was born in Providence and Rhode Island College and was certified as an Arts obtain'English as a Second Language (ESL) University/Education Alliance.



announced the appointment of new Central Congratulations to Mr. Bacon from the now resides in Coventry. He graduated Educator Pre-K through 12. He went on to Endorsement through the Brown

Mr. Bacon began his career as an art teacher at the then attended Providence College for his Master's Degree in School Administration (PK-12). This is his 23rd year working for Providence Public Schools and seventh year at the secondary level.

Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School, and

Principal Mendelsohn also announced that Elizabeth Furtado, Assistant Principal (11th grade) was recently approved by the R.I. Association of School Principals as a member of the Board of Directors. She will be an Assistant Principal Representative. The CHSAAP joins Mr. Mendelsohn in congratulating Ms. Furtado on her appointment with the RIASP!

.....1957 CENTRAL TOPS MT. PLEASANT FOR TITLE....60 YEARS AGO!!



VARSITY FOOTBALL

First Row: S. Brown, R. Hyman, B. Morrill, H. Hankinson, E. Little, C. Shippee. Second Row: L. V. Lowmack, E. Principe, E. D'Agostino, R. Bello, G. Terris, A. Smith, A. DeMizio, O. D'Amico, J. Abate, W. Oliver. Third Row: Mr. Kutneski, C. Verducci, J. Isom, S. Gelsomino, E. Le Moi, R. Ricci, G. Morrill, C. Bosio, F. DiQuattro, R. Vololato, V. Venditti, Mr. Pearce, J. Murrey.

The Centralite caught up with CHSAAP member Tony DeMizio of the 1957 Class "A" Division champion Central

football team that shared the title with the previously undefeated Mt. Pleasant Kilties that year. "In those days", said Tony "players had to play on offense and defense". Tony played in the backfield of both units for the team (which was known as the Golden Tide in those days before becoming the Knights).

Tony was a Jan. '58 Central grad and his wife Evelyn graduated with the Central class of June '57. They now reside in Arizona. He and his wife Evelyn suffered through an awful car accident a few years ago leaving Tony paralyzed. Despite that tragedy, Tony has a lively approach to life, does volunteer work with young school children and loves talking about that great Central team that stopped Mt. Pleasant's 18 game winning streak at City Stadium on that memorable November day in '57 in front of over 6,000 fans! Central was a three touchdown underdog going into the game! Some of Tony's teammates that day for Central were quarterback Lanny D'Amico, star offensive players Bob Hyman and Errol Hunt, the DeQuattro brothers Fred and Pat, star tackle Ralph Bello, and other stand outs including Bill Oliver, John Orsini, back Carmen Boscia, center Norm La Chance, John Isom, Arthur Smith, Charlie Moore, Mike Reddington, Cliff Verducci, Del Morin and several others on a 26 man roster.

Going into the game, Mt. Pleasant was 6-0 in the Class "A" Division (and had won 12 straight before that, going back two seasons), while Central was 5-1, having only lost to Rogers.

The Kilties took a 12-0 lead in the first quarter, but running back Bob Hyman got Central back in the game with a brilliant 62 yard run down the sideline for a touchdown. "The whole place went crazy!" says Tony. Shortly afterward, quarterback Lanny D'Amico threw a touchdown pass to end Errol Hunt to make the score 12-12. Cliff Verducci successfully kicked the point after (not an automatic in those days) to give Central a 13-12 lead. On defense, the "Tide" managed to keep Mt. Pleasant off the scoreboard for the rest of the game, and Central had its amazing upset win and a share of the Class "A" Division title, their first in many years!

Tony says "I would like to see a Central articles and photos". In the meantime, the DeMizio as members, as well many other



Sports Hall of Fame at the school complete with CHSAAP is proud to have Tony and Evelyn former great Central athletes!

.....2017 CENTRAL TOPS MT. PLEASANT AGAIN...60 YEARS LATER!!

At Conley Stadium, **on the same field that Central upset Mt. Pleasant in '57**, the Knights did it again in the Injury Fund game over the Kilties, 24-0 on August 31st. Hey! Who knows? Perhaps Coach Peter Rios and the gutsy Central Knights squad that made it to the Div. 1 playoffs last year can do it again!

In this most recent win over Mt. Pleasant, the Knights pulled off two great touchdown bombs, with Malik Monteiro connecting with Augustus Karway for a 45 yard pass play and later, Kevin Valentine caught a Monteiro aerial for a 65 yard touchdown! Back Chance McKinney added a six yard run for a TD with Ethan Lach scoring a two point conversion on another Monteiro pass.

Starting the regular season, the Knights have their rivalry match up with Classical on Sat. Sept. 9th at Al Morro Complex, followed by clashes with Cranston West at Cranston Stadium on Friday night, Sept. 15th and with Cranston East at Conley Stadium on Friday night Sept. 22nd.

All CHSAAP members are encouraged to support all Central sports by attending the games and demonstrating your pride and support! Our coaches and especially our young athletes would most appreciate your cheering them on!!