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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Alumni and Friends,



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Well here it is June, just took all of my shorts out of moth balls but today we woke up to 50° weather, hope it warms up soon. We're all looking forward to the sun I'm

Sadly, we attended John DePalma's wake recently. I know you all remember him as teacher, board member and McKee historian. I always enjoyed listening to his stories about our school. The Alumni is presenting awards to six 2015 graduating students in his memory. He will be missed.

So much going on here on Staten Island. There are plans for a huge wheel down by the St. George ferry and a high-end shopping mall out on the South Shore, a gigantic ShopRite, movie theater and new public library along with other large box stores, as if we need more traffic on Staten Island.

The Army Corps of Engineer's has projected if 47,000 more people move to Staten Island it's going to sink (I had to throw in a joke.) The traffic getting from one end to the other is now a one hour trip, I remember my father in his 1938 Plymouth from Stapleton to the pavilion at the end of Hylan Boulevard was a 20 min. trip with maybe three red lights on the way and that car hit top speed of 30 mph. How many of you remember taking that ride?

We had a surprise visit from Mrs. Popp and Dawn. They came up to see about the sale of Mrs. Popp's house, so nice to see them. Mrs. Popp still looks the same and said she misses the luncheons
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JOHN DEPALMA, WHO HELPED START STATEN ISLAND TECH, DIES AT 92



John DePalma, 92, of Eltingville, a dedicated educator, veteran and loving family man, died Saturday at home.

Born and raised in New Brighton, Mr. DePalma settled in Eltingville 55 years ago.

Before joining the service, he worked at the former Bethlehem Steel Corp. in Mariners Harbor.

He served in the U.S. Air Force 468th Bomb Group. He attained the rank of corporal and was stationed in China, Burma and India before moving on to the South Pacific, stationed on the island of Tinian, where he would spend the remainder of his military career.

After leaving the service, Mr. DePalma enrolled in New York University, Manhattan, and earned a bachelor's degree in education. Prior to graduating, he met his future wife Lillian Hampe at a dance at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn.

A McKee High School graduate, he was one of the first students ever to return to his alma mater to teach, his family said.

Mr. DePalma's career in the field of education spanned 40 years. He worked as a teacher, then as assistant principal. He retired in 1981, and was asked to return to McKee to take on the assignment of transferring the school's technical program, which later became Staten Island Technical High School in New Dorp. He served as administrator of the program for four years, retiring in 1986.

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(John De Palma)

"I have been hearing people tell me about his innovative program my whole life." said his granddaughter Vanessa Pollack.

Mr. De Palma continued at McKee as a member of the alumni association, serving on their Board of Directors since 2002, and then as treasurer from 2000 to 2008. He was inducted into the McKee Hall of Fame in 2009.

He loved science and engineering books. His favorite pastime was taking trips with his wife and children throughout the United States.

He loved being around children and it was apparent, especially at parties and during the holidays.

"If my dad was there, you would find all of the kids around him listening to his silly made up stories or playing some sort of game" said his daughter, Jolene Turkus. He was a wonderful and loving grandfather to his three granddaughters, and enjoyed taking them to Snug Harbor, South Beach Amusement Park and Silver Lake Park. He also enjoyed tutoring them in all of their school subjects.

He was a parishioner of Holy Child Church R.C. Church, Eltingville.

In addition to his daughter, Jolene, he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lillian; his sons, Luke and Mark; his brother Joseph; three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial mass was held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Holy Child Church. Arrangements were handled by the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Eltingville.

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She always had something nice to say about her boys and girls, that's what she affectionately calls all of us.

I don't know how often this happens, but we have three generations of McKee students in our family, myself, my son Pastor Tim and my grandson, Andy. I'm very proud of that. I hope you are keeping up with all the good things going on at McKee these days, the kids are getting a quality education.

Have a safe and healthy summer, when it gets here, I'll be able to wear those shorts. For those who are near enough, hope to see you at the Christmas luncheon.

May God bless us all and God bless America!



Ken McIntyre
President

LIFETIME

(We now have 94 Lifetime members)

Jean Richards
Friend
(Christmas luncheon Raffle winner)

Annette Maiello-Rooney
Class of 1957

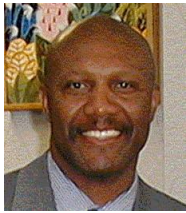
SAVE THE DATE

HOLIDAY PARTY

At the Staaten
Wednesday December 9, 2015

Flyers will be sent out in November

IS YOUR POWER OF ATTORNEY IN PLACE??



So you are taking great care of yourself, right? You walk every day, your health is good, your heart is strong, you get regular check-ups twice a year. But

how do you know your mind is keeping up with your body? Modern medicine has increased our life span significantly but there have been no significant medical advances on how to slow or reverse the curse of Alzheimer's disease in the elderly. Our nursing homes are full of physically healthy seniors who are simply unable to care for themselves or perform the basic activities of daily living.

The Power of Attorney is the legal document which can be prepared and then put away for use when and if the time comes when a mother, father or grandparent can no longer handle their daily affairs. The Power of Attorney names the person (agent) who will have the authority to care for you and handle your personal affairs when the elder family member (the principle) can no longer do so or simply needs assistance. The Power of Attorney represents the elders iron clad instructions naming the person he/she wants to handle their affairs.

Our longevity and the complexity of our personal wealth are the two main reasons why the Power of Attorney is such an important document today. As we grow older, decisions must still be made in regard to our health coverage, our pension benefits, our social security payments, our investments and our life insurance coverage. The Power of Attorney permits a person selected by the principle to act as their agent and to assume the responsibility for these matters when the elder is unable to do so.

Prevent Intrusion by a Court Appointed Guardian

When there is no Power of Attorney in place, the worst thing that can happen is that a distant relative or greedy sibling could apply to a court to have them appointed as your guardian. The petition to have a guardian appointed could be granted even over your objection or the objection of your spouse, if it can be established that you as the failing elder family member are unable to handle your personal or your financial affairs. To make matters worse, the fees for the guardian and of your court appointed attorney would be paid from your assets. It's not a pretty sight.

Having a power of attorney in place before the onset of dementia is an important way to protect assets and personal dignity as one grows older and mental awareness begins to wane.

Putting a Power of Attorney in place with the assistance of an attorney is not an expensive proposition and will not automatically put someone else in control of your property while you are still mentally alert and active. A "Springing Power of Attorney" can be used and would bar the transfer of any legal authority until a specific medical event occurs. Then and only then would the Power of Attorney "spring" into place.

So the upside to having a Power of Attorney in place is great while there are not downsides with a properly crafted document.

By Duane C. Felton, Esq.
Class of 1967

**NEW COMMANDING OFFICER FOR THE
122nd PRECINCT**



Captain Ebony Washington, is 15 year veteran of the NYPD. She is also a 1996 graduate of McKee High School.

Captain Washington was a patrolman in the 122nd at the beginning of her career. In almost twenty years she is the first female commanding officer on Staten Island.

CRITERIA

The following criteria should be observed when nominating a person for the McKee Hall of Fame.

Candidates must have made a noteworthy contribution to any of the following:

McKee High school, his or her community, workplace, organization or larger societal group through individual endeavor.

Nominators must submit a detailed biography with description of applicable service and, if possible, validation of information.

Documentation should be sent to the **President of the McKee Alumni and Friends Association, Inc., 117 Bedell Ave., Staten Island New York, 10307**

A committee appointed by the president will review applications and the executive board will vote on the final decision.

A subsequent ceremony will be held in McKee High School when the name(s) will be placed on the wall of Honor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance June 30,2015	\$4,645.90
INCOME	
Dues:	1,300.00
Events	
Christmas Luncheon	5,306.00
Spring Luncheon	6,115.00
Donations	450.00
Donations in Memory Of John De Palma	190.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,006.90
DISBURSEMENTS	
Supplies/postage	1,833.71
Events	
Christmas Luncheon	3,928.00
Hall Fame	115.41
Spring Luncheon	4,092.00
Donations	
McKee H.S.	908.70
Other	625.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,502.82
Income	\$18,006.90
Debits	- 11502.82
Check Book Balance 5/20/2015	\$6,504.08
Certificate of Deposit	13,102.90
TOTAL	\$19,606.98
Donations to School (2002-2015)	\$43,872.37

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred Del Bove
Treasurer

OBITUARIES

NOVEMBER

James Bolstead, 82
 Tyrell Johnson, 37
 Eileen Demarest-Kearney, 88
 Edward Moerlins, 81
 Joseph Lennox, 74
 (Class of 1958)
 Clement Licata, 90
 Dominick Glorioso, 84
 Pauline Biskoroway-DiFiore, 87
 Pasquale DeNuzzo, 85
 Joseph Galasso, 56
 Vito Petrone, 74
 Helen Dougan-Zeller, 73
 Peter Abbato, 78
 Joseph Schiavone, 85

DECEMBER

Richard Modzelewski, 75
 Louis Scamardella, 82
 Catherine Bekovich-Ishill, 91
 Russell Warren, 76
 Teresa Zito, 89
 James Peddie, 85
 Pauline Doerr-Cappellini, 89
 James Kiernan, 83
 Joseph De Young, 47
 Dean Colelli, 48
 Anne Cascella-Radoia, 86
 Anthony Fontaino, 92
 William Bowne, 57

JANUARY

Margaret Santo-Devlin, 78
 Mario Parisella, 89
 Philip Maglione, 86
 Margret Morello-Carannante, 92
 Thomas Patrone, 68
 Francis Carrozza, 55
 Charles Deboer, 73
 Frank Matoske, 64
 Charles Bamberger, 94

Henry DeGroat, 73
 Sandra Perazzo, 47
 Vincent Abinanti, 82
 Richard Beyer, 82
 Bessie Paparella, 87
 Florence Freeman-Argumper, 83
 Ronald Gustafson, 84
 Clifford Herring, 81
 Nicholas Fevelo, 90
 Alice Phillips-Watson, 64

FEBRUARY

Helen Greff, 93
 Renald Cruz, 54
 Robert Venditti, 73
 Anthony Cappiello, 85
 Contantino Soldiviero, 92
 Salvatore Agnello, 87
 Minnie Larstanna-Bednarczyk, 91
 Antoinette Cafaro-Koeth, 88
 Robert Mandato, 26
 Richard Clift, 86
 Randolph Solheim Sr., 63
 Marie Cafaro-Battipaglia, 91
 Rev. Sylvia Burgess-Smith, 79
 Dorothy Tatarelli-Daconta, 90
 Patricia Harris, 61
 Marie Repole-Mione, 78
 Theordore Bishop, 83
 Rita Sullivan-Kochanski, 93
 Roger Heidelberg, 80

MARCH

Helen Cowhig-Rogers, 78
 Albert Blanc, 88
 Bonnie Andrews-Sorokata, 66
 Edward Black, 77
 Ralph Brech, 84
 Ernest Frisch, 81
 Cyril Richardson, 62
 Marie Balto-Masseti, 92

Colomba DeSantis-Jackson, 79
 Philip Devlin, 78 (Class 1955)
 Anna Piacentino, 81
 Helen Oleniec-Melnichuk, 89
 George Mertens, 70
 (Class of 1963)
 Frank Romeo, 49

APRIL

John McRoberts, 65
 William Schoen, 85
 Norman Ashe, 91
 Gordon Murray, 88
 Peter Antico, 69
 Claude Campbell, 86 (Faculty)
 Richard Ericksen, 72
 Curtis Rohrig, 65
 John Burke, 76
 Peter Chiasera, 85
 Anthony Gallo, 99
 Mack Ford, 57
 Carmine Santorelli, 45
 John Dermbach, 94
 Peter J. Chiassera, 85 (Faculty)

MAY

John DePalma, 92
 Doris Osler-Cortelyou, 91
 Kenneth Finnerty, 91
 Dominick Orlando, 89
 Natale Mule, 59
 Charlotte Ochmann-Anderson, 92
 Harry Syverson, 91
 Francis Killea, 87
 Louise Scarpelli, 79
 John Miller, 91 (Class of 1941)
 Ronald Denig, 75
 Walter Stojanowski, 88
 Albert DiMauro, 83

2015 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Name: _____
 First name Maiden name Last name

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Check one: Alumni: _____ Friend: _____ Faculty: _____

Membership dues \$10 per person per year. Lifetime dues \$150.00 per person

\$10X _____ number of years = _____

Make checks payable to: McKee Alumni and Friends Association and mail to:
McKee Alumni and Friends Association, Inc, 51 Bell Street, Staten Island NY 10305
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Date: _____ Check Number: _____ Amount: _____

Bank: _____ Member card issued: ___yes ___no

Expiration Date: _____

NEWS FROM GEORGIA

Lilian celebrates her ?? birthday with family and friends.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January

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February

M. James Brech, Esther Cruz-Hannan, George De Rosa, George A. Fatton, Kenneth Gibson, Vincent A. Guardino, Jean Infantino-Alvino, Richard LaDieu, Marian LaManna-Culet, Elsie J. Lederman, Carmine Lombardi, May Long-Lombardi, John E. Martelotti, Kathryn Miller-Capofari, Charles Navarino, Vincent Navarino, Stanley Okun, Tyreek Penn, Jr., Anthony Procopio, Diane Rapcavage-Marcello, Peter John Stazzone, Lynn Valent-Cormier, Anthony Vigliotti

March

Frank Aguliaro, Sverre Norman Andresen, Albert Balossi, Helen Boehm-Lacertosa, Carl Cangialosi, Thomas Cavagnaro, Lorraine Corvo-Morris, Charles Doyle, James Edkins, Grace M. Falcone, Doris Frabotta-Stella, Frank Franzel, Louise Fuimo-Antonellis, Ronald J. Giovannucci, Fred Haspel, Mildred Hoffmann-Del Bove, John Curtis Holzer, Bill Koenig, Ann Langdon-Ihnken, Beverly Licastrì-Castronova, Angela Mavriello-Kempton, Michael F. McDonough, Frances O'Connor-Dowling, Barry Paparella, Stevan Peters, Lilian M. Popp, Jeanette Rowan-Kripinski, Angela Spisto-Pasquale, Scott Tompkinson, Vincent A. Tummino, Michael Zawada

April

Ann T. Baez, Richard Battipaglia, Ruth Cordes-Taber, Eric Ettinger, Dominick Gliardi, Joseph N. Gumbs, Christopher Ifill, George Kaye, Joe Labita, Kenneth Laub, Carmine Marotta, Florence Monaco-Kohr, Michael Notarfrancesco, Thomas O'Brien, Donna Pina-Young, Robert Scott, Vincent Trucelli, Paul Wakeman, Vincent Zasa

May

Carlton J. Abbott, Theresa Balbi-DiCosmo, Ralph E. Brech, Theresa Carbone-Abinanti, Joseph Carducci, Jeanne de Berendey, Samuel DeFazio, Charles DiMartino, Joseph Anthony DiMartino, Jack Donnelly, Roger Falloon, Richard Fenty, Jean Hall-Seeward-Byrne, Stanley J. Humin, Dorothy King-Matowik, Lilly Knudsen-Fitzgibbons-Wilcox, Patricia McKay-Mazzuki, Grace Motola, Josephine Muccino, Scott Nye, Salvatore Palumbo, Eleanor Panza-Ingulli, Lucille Rizzo-Mandato, Joseph V. Sorrentino, Esq., Dolores Sparandera-Tarsi, Robert van Wart, Alan Wagner

June

Rosemarie Biondi-Signorile, Ross Boffa, James Burns, Ann Cafaro-Koeth, Theresa M. Cafaro-Koeth, Freddy Cammarano, Elizabeth Carinci-Morand, Lisa Cherkaski, Joseph Coppolo, John F. Crews, Gloria DeTeresa-Kellner, Ruth S. DiToro, Roy J. Garlisi, John Gaynor, Nancy Hickman-Teague, Henry Houle, Edward Keighron, Melvin E. Kling, Alberta Mazur, Thomas McEnerney, Jo-Ann Nola-Cashman, Robert E. O'Connell, Alice Paradise-Castro, John Pasquale, Michael Paul, Lucille Piciocci-Townson, Gerald Sanford, Marianne Santangelo-Socci, Thomas Sheridan, Clara Shorrock-Cubberly, Charles Vasquez, Edward Volpe, Robert Walker