

WILLIAM TENNENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE

STEP BACK

*Pause to think and
make a decision to help*
Graduates, Staff, Parents, and Friends

JOIN US

Come together for a common cause

Ted Abel – teacher (ret.), coach (ret.) Charlie Kistner – coach (ret.), parent
Paul Cozza – teacher, coach (ret.) Becky MacInnes – teacher, coach, parent
Chick Donnelly – teacher (ret.), coach (ret.), parent

PAY IT FORWARD

Generate a goal to achieve
State-Of-The-Art Facilities & Equipment
and Scholarships

GOAL – \$10,000 in donations to fund a state-of-the-art Finish Lynx automatic timing system plus scholarships to deserving members of the senior classes of William Tennent High School donated through the William Tennent Alumni Association and the Montgomery Memorial Meet. The timing system will be gifted to the school during the 2022 Montgomery Memorial Meet, and a plaque will be included on the Wall Of Honor in the stadium dedicating the system in Ken's honor and listing the Montgomery Memorial Meet, Colleagues and Friends of Ken, Alumni, and Friends of Tennent Track and Field as donors. The Finish Lynx system will be used to time home dual meets, the Montgomery Memorial Meet, and any League Championship meets held at Tennent.

BACKGROUND – Ken Montgomery, WTHS track athlete and class of 1957, returned to Tennent after college and became a Phys. Ed. and Health teacher, department chairperson, and the boys' head track coach. Ken was also instrumental in Black and White Night, serving for several years as the director. Perhaps the most memorable track highlight for Ken was leading his 1976 Boys' Track Team to the District One Championship. Ken passed away in 1997 after a battle with cancer.

In 1998, head Tennent Girls' and Boys' Track coaches, Ted Abel and John Goldsworthy, began an annual track and field invitational to honor the late Ken Montgomery and to commemorate his legacy. It is held annually on the Thursday evening the week following the Penn Relays. Initially we hosted 8 boys' and 8 girls' teams; however, since that time the Montgomery Memorial Meet has grown into one of the premier track invitationals in southeastern Pennsylvania. In 2019 we hosted 22 boys' and 22 girls' teams, including many of the top athletes in the tri-county area. The efficiency, professionalism, and outstanding results of the meet have often been cited by visiting teams as reasons for their returns to our competition, making the meet so popular that we have had to cap the number attending in order to finish at a decent time of night. Our meet is completely self-sufficient, relying on entry fees and donations to meet all of our expenses.

This summer the Claude Lodge field and the track and jumping areas will be completely re-done: new astroturf, new track surface, and new runways. To add to the excellent facility the district is revitalizing for Tennent student/athletes, the Montgomery Memorial Meet directors (see above) have partnered with the William Tennent Alumni Association in a fund-raising challenge so that we can purchase a new Finish Lynx timing system. Any funds raised above the \$10,000 goal will be used to increase the annual Alumni Association senior scholarships. Since the WTAA is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, any donations are tax-deductible.

THE CHALLENGE – *Goal?* Raise at least \$10,000. Donations in excess of \$10,000 will go to the WTAA Scholarship fund.

What to do? Be a single donor, join with friends, other alumni, former teammates and friends; be a “matching donor” with another individual, organization or business.

How? Personal check to the William Tennent Alumni Association, 333 Centennial Road, Warminster, PA 18974 (include address/e-mail address for donation receipt) OR in your PayPal account, search @wthsalumniassoc
When paying by check or PayPal, please add “WTHS Track Donation” in the memo field.

Will you help the current and future student/athletes of William Tennent have an even better high school experience? We are counting on it.

MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL MEET
FUND RAISER - Automatic Timing System 2021

FUND RAISING GOAL : \$10,000.00

Still time to add your name to the list below

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$8,217.20
(As of 07/26/21)

THANK YOU DONORS

<p><u>\$1.00 - \$99.00</u></p> <p>Brittany Grimm Macias 2007 Jennifer Hiddemen Lovenstein 1998 Gene Harris WTHS counselor - ret. Amy Siek Sarkett 1992 Sheldon Kernosh WTHS teacher Frederick DiChiara WTHS teacher - ret. Judy Suter Siegle 1976 Edmund Austin WTHS teacher - ret. Robert Johnson 1959</p>	<p><u>\$100.00 - \$249.00</u></p> <p>Matthew Cowper 1993 William & Frances Boisselle LaMonte - 1964 1968 James Davidson 1971 Joseph Delpino 1971 Robert Bendzlowicz WTHS teacher - ret. Richard Acker WTHS teacher - ret. Kenneth Cromwell 1962 & WTHS teacher - ret. Dr. Eric Barren 1980 Andrew Warren 1961 & WTHS teacher - ret. Robert Doan 1957 & WTHS teacher - ret. Pat Mertens Boyle 1975 Robert & Gale Kehoe 1966 Andrea Wolfrum Graham 1970</p>	<p><u>\$250.00 - \$499.00</u></p> <p>Mary John 2008 & WTHS teacher Dr. James W. Agnew 1970 James Nagy 1976</p>
<p><u>\$500.- \$749.00</u></p> <p>Mary Wilby 1975 Ted & Judith Abel WTHS teacher - ret. & wife Robert Harron 1971</p>	<p><u>\$750.- \$999.00</u></p>	<p><u>\$1,000.00+</u></p> <p>Hank Ballerstedt 1968 Friends of Bernie O'Neill 1971 & WTHS teacher ret. Rebecca E. Katz 1992 Rebecca Palmatary Campbell 1985</p>

With much appreciation, the William Tennent Alumni Association is grateful for the support from both graduates and staff towards this project which will benefit current and future students at WILLIAM TENNENT HIGH SCHOOL