



# Comet Chatter

Penn Manor Alumni Association Newsletter

Fall 2017 Issue

## Homecoming 2017

Friday, September 29

Join us on Friday, September 29, 2017 in Biemesderfer Stadium for Penn Manor's Homecoming! The Comets face off against the Hempfield Black Knights at 7:00 PM. **Look for PMAA's new yellow tent!** The first 150 Penn Manor alums visiting the tent will receive a free PMAA stadium cushion. Enter to win cash and gift cards. Enjoy the marching band performance, see the Homecoming Queen crowned, and support our football team!



### GO COMETS!



## Did you miss the first annual Alumni Breakfast?



The first annual Penn Manor Alumni Association breakfast was held on Wednesday, March 29. The alumni who attended had a chance to win door prizes. They enjoyed the student entertainment, were treated to a yummy hot breakfast, thanks in part to students in Mrs. Rottmund's Foods and Nutrition class, and heard an update on what is happening in the district and plans for the high school renovation project from Dr. Mike Leichter, superintendent, and Dr. Phil Gale, high school principal.



We are still in the planning stages for the next breakfast. Watch for the date on our website, on Facebook, and in the next issue of the Comet Chatter. You don't want to miss it!

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Calling  
For Volunteers!

We've got  
Some shoes to fill!



## We Get By With Some Help From Our Friends (and fellow alums!)

Most high schools have some form of alumni group in order to connect alumni with one another, provide opportunities to gather, celebrate accomplishments, and recognize the contributions of fellow graduates. The Penn Manor Alumni Association exists for these purposes and fields multiple requests for information, updates, and resources throughout the year in addition to overseeing alumni scholarship selection, organizing annual homecoming festivities, publishing a bi-annual newsletter, and recognizing distinguished alumni.

There is a dedicated, but very small, group of alumni who gather about four times per year to carry out the mission of the PMAA and we are very much in need of additional help in order to continue. If you are able to help out in any of the following ways, it would be greatly appreciated!

**Newsletter Design or article writing** - Do you have experience with desktop publishing? Would you be able to format stories and content to help publish the bi-annual Comet Chatter Alumni newsletter? Would you be willing to write an article about an Alum who has been in the news or a story of interest to our PM community?

**Event Planning** - Would you be willing to help choose the menu and design centerpieces for an Alumni Breakfast? Do you enjoy greeting and talking with new people? Perhaps you can join us in planning what will take place at the homecoming Alumni tent. Would you have one evening to spend at Comet Field handing out pom poms to all who attend the Kick Off Classic? Have you enjoyed our Alumni Socials? Be part of the planning for future socials.

**Alumni Wall of Honor** - Do you have a couple hours to offer every other year to assist with identifying alum who have distinguished themselves and assist with the planning to celebrate those alumni?

**Service as a PMAA Officer** - We need a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary as well as alum who might be interested in serving as Vice President and President in the coming years.

**Attend a Regular Meeting** - Join us in the library at PMHS at 6:30PM at one of our regular meetings. See what PMAA is all about. We'd love your to hear your ideas for PMAA. 2017-2018 meeting dates are:

Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Please contact Jan Mindish at [janmindish@comcast.net](mailto:janmindish@comcast.net) or Cindy Rhoades at [cindy.rhoades@penmanor.net](mailto:cindy.rhoades@penmanor.net) or call 717-872-9500 ext. 2223 to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!

# Penn Manor Athletes Return to Coach

In a recent presentation to the Penn Manor School Board, Athletic Director, Jeff Roth, noted that nearly 30 former PM student athletes were coaching in some capacity at Penn Manor in the 2016-17 school year.

Several of our alumni head coaches have built very successful programs in recent years. **Chris Telesco**, Class of 1998, guided the 2016 boys volleyball team to the State Championship game. His 2005 team won Section, League and District titles before bowing out in the State semi-final. Softball coach, **Dave Stokes**, Class of 1988, developed a team that won the Section, League, was District runner-up and advanced to the first round of States in 2017.

PM Baseball has produced a number of successful head coaches around the LL League. Long-time PM coach, Jim Zander, proudly points to former players who are now head coaches- **Tom Fish**, Class of 1997, Solanco; **Keith Martin**, Class of 2000, Lampeter Strasburg; **Jeremy Morrison**, Class of 2000, Hempfield - Assisting Jeremy at Hempfield are **Matt Rayha**, Class of 2008, and **Tanner Kennedy**, Class of 2011.

The PM Sports Wall of Honor boasts a number of PM athletes who were also successful coaches:

**Dave Neff**, Class of 1937, longtime PM athletic director, coached just about every sport at PM.

**Bob Herr**, Class of 1951, former head baseball coach at McCaskey.

**Bob Charles**, Class of 1955, coached boys soccer and gymnastics at PM, then head soccer coach at Millersville University

**Harry Frey**, Class of 1958, coached PM boys and girls basketball and baseball.

**Ralph Byers**, Class of 1962, coached Carlisle wrestling, winning state coaching honors.

**Jim Bishop**, Class of 1964, coached baseball and boys soccer at Eastern while serving as AD.

**Bill Walton**, Class of 1971, coached track and field and cross country at James Madison University.

**Lisa Bervinchak**, Class of 1984, coaches field hockey at Penn State University.

In addition to Lisa, PM alum who are currently coaching at the college level include **Donnie Spangler**, Class of 2001, men's soccer at F&M, **Mike Treier**, Class of 2009, football at Marshall University, and **Emily Eddowes**, Class of 2012, women's lacrosse at Elizabethtown College, and **Shane Rineer**, Class of 2002, men's soccer at Haverford College.

Thanks to the Penn Manor Athletic Department for the following list of former PM athletes who are currently coaching or recently coached at Penn Manor:

Football - **Steve Weidner** (Class of 1989), **Ben Schober** (Class of 2008)

Girls Volleyball - **Scott Files** (Class of 1980), **Remington (Sangrey) Gochnauer** (2010)

Girls Soccer - **Jourdan (Brill) Smith** (Class of 2009), **Rachel Hess** (Class of 2010), **Julia Rios** (Class of 2011), **Logan Kramer** (Class of 2012)

Field Hockey - **Jen (Witmer) Kroesen** (Class of 1996), **Kelly (Harsh) Mason** and **Carena Neely** (Class of 2010)

Cheerleading - **Kara (Sangrey) Eshleman** and **Brittani (Weiler) Sprinkle** (Class of 2010), **Kayla Sheppard** (Class of 2014)

Girls Basketball - **Liz (Chismar) Kelly** (Class of 2002), **Megan Quinn** (Class of 2005)

Boys Basketball - **Don Martin** (Class of 1972), **Mike Curtin** (Class of 2009), **Cody Booth** (Class of 2009), **Wes Rowe** (Class of 2010), **Dan Elliot**(Class of 2011)

Wrestling - **Tom Barley** (Class of 1989), **Brandon Vernalli** (Class of 2007)

Swimming - **Cece (Collier) O'Day** (Class of 1983)

Bowling - **Jordan Wakefield** (Class of 2015)

Track and Field - **Kim (Schlemmer) Braun** (Class of 1990), **Ben Schober** (Class of 2008), **Cara Haines** (Class of 2009)

Boys Volleyball - **Scott Files** (Class of 1980), **Chris Telesco** (Class of 1998), **Dustin Hornberger** and **Lucas Charney** (Class of 2013)

Softball - **Dave Stokes** (Class of 1988)

Baseball - **Andy Zook** (Class of 1997), **Jared Shearer** (Class of 2010), **Cody Straub** (Class of 2012)

Boys Lacrosse - **Zach Charles** (Class of 2005), **Connor Rowe**, **Brandon McCormick**, and **Spencer Barnett** (Class of 2011)

Girls Lacrosse - **Caroline Lovett** (Class of 2011), **Jenn Forney** (Class of 2005), **Danielle Croft** and **Kelly (Harsh) Mason** (Class of 2010)

The Penn Manor Alumni Association is proud of all of our former athletes who are using the skills they developed at Penn Manor to give back to their communities by coaching young athletes.

If you know of any other PM alum who are coaching somewhere, please give them a shout-out by posting on the PMAA Facebook page!



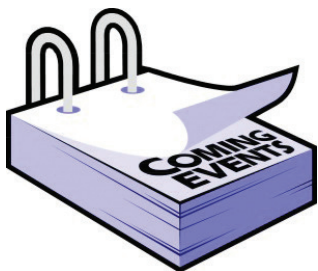
# Distinguished Alumni Sought for April 2018 Wall of Honor Recognition

Graduates of Penn Manor High School are artists, skilled craftspeople, entrepreneurs, farmers, domestic and international volunteers, philanthropists, scientists, inventors, medical experts, community leaders, educators, spiritual leaders, active members and veterans of the military, athletes, business leaders, technology gurus and entertainers! It is this rich spectrum of accomplishment and talent that the PMAA plans to recognize and share with current PMHS students at a Distinguished Alumni Assembly on Friday, April 13, 2018 in the HS Auditorium. The experiences and successes of each recipient will be shared with the student body in the hope that they too will continue the tradition and go on to accomplish great things following graduation. That evening a reception will be held to recognize the 2018 Distinguished Alumni.

The Alumni Wall of Honor recognition has been reformatted in an effort to establish a connection between the student body and the Alumni Association. More importantly, there is an emphasis on preparing all students to be college and career ready. Penn Manor students will be exposed to the pathways, trials, and tribulations experienced by the Distinguished Alumni recipients as they share their stories during the assembly.

Now, we need your help. Do you know of a Penn Manor alumnus or alumna deserving of recognition? Take a look at the listing of career fields at the beginning of this article. Do you know of someone you graduated with who has found success? Chances are that you do! The selection committee is interested in individuals who have brought recognition, honor, distinction and excellence to Penn Manor through their postgraduate accomplishments. Take a few minutes and complete a nomination form for one such individual. We can't wait to spread the word about the contributions Penn Manor Alumni have made!

Please complete a nomination form available on the Penn Manor Alumni Association website at [www.pennmanor.net/alumni/about/](http://www.pennmanor.net/alumni/about/) and return it to Penn Manor High School principal Dr. Phil Gale by November 1, 2017.



Thursday, August 31 - **Kick-Off Classic at Comet Field** - Food available to purchase from 5 to 6:30 PM. **Program begins at 6:45 PM.** Come and cheer on the fall sports teams! Stop by the yellow PMAA tent to pick up a free blue and gold pompom.

Wednesday, September 6 & Tuesday, November 14 - **PMAA Meetings at 6:30 PM** in the high school library. See what we are all about!

Friday, September 29 - **Homecoming at Biemesderfer Field** - Kick-off at 7:00 PM - Stop by the yellow PMAA tent. First 150 alums receive a free stadium cushion!

Saturday, October 7 - **Alumni Social at Copper Hill Public House** at Crossgates Golf Course in Millersville - **Drop in from 6 to 8 PM** to see old friends and meet new ones.

# Alumni in the News

Penn Manor Alumni have been prominently featured in Lancaster Newspaper articles in recent months. We are sharing a few stories that represent four decades of graduates who are gaining recognition in a range of accomplishments.



Ken Hoak, Class of 1952: Although best known as an artist and art educator, Ken is also the curator for the Conestoga Area Historical Society. In a recent LNP feature article, “Athletes O’er the Ages,” Hoak was interviewed about the current exhibit, “Play Ball: A Retrospective Exhibit of Over 100 Years of Athletic Activities in the Penn Manor Area.” The show is open to the public, 1-4 PM, Saturdays and Sundays through December 10 at the 51 Kendig Road, Conestoga facility. Also quoted in the article was Bob Lehr, Class of 1953, who assisted with the exhibit.

P. Robert “Bob” Herr, Class of 1951: Bob recently stepped down after two decades of service as an LNP Baseball Tournament commissioner. The article highlighted Bob’s 70 years in baseball, including playing high school ball at Penn Manor and college ball at Millersville. He went on to coach 13 seasons at McCaskey where he also served as a social studies teacher and department chair.



Alberto Flores, Class of 1987: Alberto’s new business, Bert’s Bottle Shop, was featured in several recent articles. After a career in information technology, Alberto opened the craft beer shop in March on Comet Drive in Millersville Commons. The shop features a 400-beer inventory but also carries wine – two reds and two whites – on a tap system. A few cocktails based on draft ginger beer and a small food menu are also available.

Anthony Reynolds and Holly (Texter) Reynolds, Class of 2000: Featured in an LNP real estate article, “Company Breathes New Life Into City Row Home,” Anthony and Holly are part of the Renew Homes team. Renew Homes buys and flips homes based on “structural and design transformations.” “Holly dreams it up and Anthony builds it.”

Garrett Book, Class of 2005: Garrett and his landscaping partner in Earthbound Artisan were featured in a business article highlighting their organic approach to lawn care. Their landscape management program uses only organic and synthetic chemical-free products. Their goal is to be a “more ecologically and socially conscious business . . . that equally values people, planet and profit.”



Matt Johnson, Class of 2000: When Nobel laureate, Malala Yousafzai visited Lancaster in April, her visit was prompted by a message sent to her foundation’s website by MU adjunct professor, Matt Johnson. Matt asked if she would visit Lancaster to “galvanize our already huge stand behind refugees.” Accepting Matt’s invitation, Malala stated, “This place is a clear example to the world of what it means to live together, what is this idea of community?”

Emily Landis and Dan Ramirez, Class of 1998, Janeen Maxwell, Class of 2001: An LNP article, “Slaying Litter,” describes the artistic Trash Dragon created for volunteers to use to clean up trash around Lancaster city. Janeen applied for and received a Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful grant to pay for the bike, two shopping carts and supplies. Emily, as Executive Director of the Lancaster Science Factory, sponsored the build session for the Dragon which is loaned out to groups for the day for clean-up projects in the city. Dan was one of the volunteers featured in a photo showing the Trash Dragon in action.





### **Class of 1962 – 55th Reunion – Sept. 22, 2017**

The Class of 1962 will be holding their 55 year reunion on Friday, September 22 from noon to 4 pm at The Gathering Place, 6 Pine Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

**Contact Carol Neff Diller at 717-872-7576 or Carol Williams Goss at 717-992-4188 or email [carolwgoss@gmail.com](mailto:carolwgoss@gmail.com) with questions.**

### **Class of 1967 - 50th Reunion - Sept 22 & 23, 2017**

The Class of 1967 will be holding their 50 year reunion the weekend of September 22 & 23, 2017. An informal get-together is being planned for Friday, September 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Copper Hill Public House @ Cross-gates in Millersville. On September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM, join us for a tour of the high school and 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, we will have an informal banquet at the Hamilton Club, Lancaster. All events will be casual attire.

**If you have any questions, contact Mike Wilds (717) 284-0938 or email at [michael\\_c\\_wilds@yahoo.com](mailto:michael_c_wilds@yahoo.com).**

### **Class of 1972 – 45th Reunion – October 21, 2017**

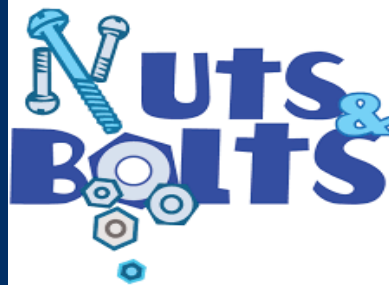
The Class of 1972 will be holding their 45th year reunion on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Four Seasons Golf Club. Social Hour with Hors D'Oeuvres at 5:00 PM/ Buffet dinner and dessert at 6:00 PM. Food by Hess's Barbecue Catering (owned by '72 classmate Lloyd Hess). \$25.00 per person – casual attire. **Questions? Email [pennmanor72reunion@gmail.com](mailto:pennmanor72reunion@gmail.com) or contact anyone on the reunion committee.**

### **Class of 1987 – 30th Reunion – October 21, 2017**

The Class of 1987 will be holding their 30th year reunion on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Heritage Hotel from 6 to 10 PM. Buffet with cash bar, dancing to 80's music – \$55.00 per person. Check Penn Manor Class of 87 Facebook page for updates. **Contact us at: [pennmanor87@gmail.com](mailto:pennmanor87@gmail.com) with any questions**

**Do you have a class reunion coming up?**

**To have it posted on the PMAA website, included in the Comet Chatter and on our Penn Manor Alumni Association Facebook page, email [cindy.rhoades@pennmanor.net](mailto:cindy.rhoades@pennmanor.net) with the details.**



As alumni of Penn Manor you have voting rights at every general membership meeting during the year. PMAA is always looking for possible new programs that will benefit our alumni and our alma mater going forward. Your help in serving on a committee, serving as a future officer, or simply attending as an interested party will all be greatly appreciated. Help keep PMAA strong!

These meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library (enter at the Central Complex near the gymnasium). Please join us!

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### **Executive Committee:**

Melissa Detz Ostrowski – President, Class of '88  
Nicki Reynolds Nafziger – Vice President, Class of '00  
Open - Corresponding Secretary  
Open - Recording Secretary  
Judy Herr Duke – Treasurer, Class of '79  
Cindy Duncan LaMaster – Archivist, Class of '74  
Becca Rhoades Carver – Social Media, Class of '03  
Dr. Jan Mindish – Alumni Coordinator  
Cindy Brown Rhoades – Editor, Class of '76

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Penn Manor Alumni Association is to support, inform, and maintain communications with our alumni, encouraging them to play an active role in PMAA, support our alma mater, and remain part of the Penn Manor family.

### **Facebook**

Join over 800 alums who have joined the Penn Manor Alumni Association group Facebook page. Keep up-to-date on events happening for alums, reunions, socials, etc.