



COMET CHATTER

The Penn Manor Alumni Association Newsletter
Summer/Fall 2009



Penn Manor Homecoming 2009



Mark your calendars for Friday, October 9th, as alumni return to Penn Manor to see what's new at our alma mater and catch up with classmates and friends. The evening will feature the crowning of this year's Homecoming queen at half-time of the football game between our rejuvenated Comet team and arch rival, the McCaskey Tornadoes. Many of our alumnae Homecoming queens will be recognized during the game. Pictured below are the 2008 Homecoming queen, Megan Elliot, and first runner-up, Emily Charles.

PMAA has many activities planned for the evening. If you have not seen the inside of the high school building for years, please plan to take the special tour of the high school starting at 4:15 p.m. The tour group will be meeting at the high school entrance marked *Central Complex* at the new gymnasium.

Be sure to stop by the PMAA tent inside Biemesderfer Stadium prior to the start of the game (Game time is 7:00 p.m.) There will be a limited supply of free alumni T-shirts commemorating **Homecoming 2009**. In addition, there will be an alumni trivia quiz in which you can test your school memory and compete for prizes. A special alumni section will be reserved on the home team side of the stadium.



Hope to see you at the alumni tent. Please enjoy the many other surprises with our PMAA team!

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PMAA Veterans Honored

What does two and one half centuries of patriotic military service look like? Well, it can be a very impressive sight as we all found out when over 50 veterans stood together to be honored at this year's PMAA banquet. Ranging from World War I right up to the War in Iraq, PMAA military veterans from all branches of the service (and representing both genders) proudly accepted veteran lapel pins of the American flag and recited the pledge to our flag led by Marine Corps hero Jack Frey, Class of 1963.

A special salute to our fallen Vietnam heroes was followed by a stirring rendition of our National Anthem by Mike McDonald, Class of 1974. Friends, family and classmates of these men and women were in attendance adding much to this tribute and making it a memorable evening.



PMAA Needs Your Help!

PMAA and the Penn Manor School District coordinate their efforts to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in the world of sports or simply in life in general. The Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor pays tribute to athletes who have set themselves apart in sports and who have brought recognition to their alma mater. The Penn Manor Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor is to honor and perpetuate the memory of alumni whose post graduate accomplishments have brought recognition, honor, distinction, and excellence to our school.

The first step in an alumni receiving one of these honors is nomination for induction. This is where we need your help. If you know a classmate who you feel is worthy of either of these tributes, please take the time to submit a nomination form. Forms can be downloaded from our website at www.pennmanor.net/alumni or simply call us at 717-872-9520 Ext. 1934 and we will mail you the appropriate form.

The next induction ceremony for the Athletic Wall of Honor will be in the fall of 2010. The next induction for Distinguished Alumni will be the spring of 2011. Please let us hear from you.

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Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor Induction

At Penn Manor's 94th annual alumni banquet, three distinguished alumni were inducted into the Wall of Honor. From left, Dr. Gary Miller '75 is an entomologist who is the leading authority on aphids and scale insects; Linda Buch '68 (her mother is pictured and accepted the award) is a personal trainer and a writes a syndicated column on fitness; Dr. Dan Morrison '54 is a retired professor of chemistry from the University of New Hampshire and led the development and world-wide commercialization of many of the chiral hydrogenation catalysts he invented.



Prestigious Awards Presented

At April's 2009 Alumni Banquet two of Penn Manor's all-time favorite alumni were presented with the prestigious President's Award. This award goes to a male alumnus and a female alumna who best represent all the fine traits of men and women who have graduated from our alma mater. Candidates for this award have made a positive impact on our community and are exemplary citizens in all they do. The 2009 winners of the PMAA President Award are Mrs. Dolores Warfel, Class of 1960, and Mr. Dave Neff, Class of 1937. The recipients are pictured with Penn Manor Alumni Association President, Frank Geist.



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PMAA General Membership Meetings

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 alumni room in the high school library (enter at the Central Complex near the new gymnasium) on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Please call with any questions
872-9520 extension # 1934

Football Alumni to be Honored

All former Penn Manor football players will be honored on Friday, September 18th as part of our celebration of 40 years of Comet Football. Former players are invited to a special reception at the high school cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. and will be recognized at halftime of the home game against Exeter H.S. that same evening.

We want to see everyone back, so contact your teammates and make a reservation by replying to:

Mr. Rick Rehm: 717-872-7095 or email at superman7225@comcast.net

or

Coach Todd Mealy: 717-380-6815 or email at todd.mealy@pennmanor.net



PMAA Executive Committee

Frank T. Geist - President, Class of 1963
Nancy Kreider Smith - Vice President, Class of 1958
Judy Herr Duke - Treasurer, Class of 1979
Dolores Hippey Warfel - Recording Secretary, Class of 1960
Shelley Hodson - Corresponding Secretary, Class of 1978
Cindy Duncan LaMaster - Immediate Past President, Class of 1974
Cindy Brown Rhoades - Newsletter Editor, Class of 1976

PMAA 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.

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