

COMET CHATTER

Penn Manor Alumni Association Newsletter / February 2010



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.

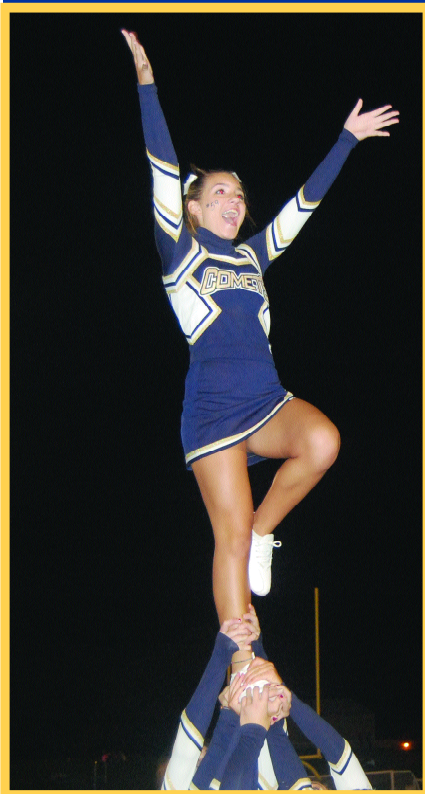
LET'S GIVE THEM A CHEER!



At this year's alumni banquet we plan to give a special group of alums a resounding tribute. All Penn Manor cheerleaders from the past will be honored. Please help get the word out among your classmates, other alumni friends, and especially all cheerleaders!

Our banquet will once again be held at the high school cafeteria beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17th. PMAA is holding this year's banquet price at only \$15 per person. Anyone who does not receive a formal invitation may call 717-872-9520 (extension 1934) to request one or you can go to our website and download one at www.pennmanor.net/alumni.

We are planning an evening of food, fun and fellowship which will feature cheerleading activities, a salute to all football alums, and introduction of past Homecoming queens. There will be musical entertainment and, of course, a few surprises are planned. Hope to see you there!



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PMAA Salutes 40 years of PM Football



On Friday, September 18 approximately 100 Penn Manor football alumni gathered for a special reception at the high school cafeteria honoring them and looking back on 40 years of the Comet football program. Current head coach, Todd Mealy, has written a history of the program in which he recognizes the great contributions by two men who were instrumental in getting this sport on the right track. Coach Bill Beck, who coached Penn Manor's Championship team in 1974, is one of those men. Today Bill still serves as an assistant coach on our program.

The second gentleman who is considered key to the early success and establishment of the sport is long-time athletic director, Coach Dave Neff. As many of you remember, Coach Neff, Penn Manor Class of 1937, won last year's prestigious PMAA President's Award. In spite of his 91 years, Dave still makes it to as many games as possible.

After the reception everyone attended the home football game with Exeter High School at Biemesderfer Stadium. At halftime all returning players were introduced to an enthusiastic crowd. In a fitting tribute to the returning alumni the 2009 Comets team dominated the visitors from Exeter 49-14.



Top of page - The future of Penn Manor Football!

Middle Left - Rick Rehm, Class of 1987 greets Tyler Klugh, Class of 2008.

Middle right: Current PM Football Coach, Todd Mealy and long-time athletic director and coach, Dave Neff, Class of 1937, trade notes.

Bottom: From left, Karl Lefever, Walt Rebman, Class of 1976, Coach Bill Beck, and Greg Douts, Class of 1979 look over memorabilia of Penn Manor Football history.



Record Homecoming Crowd

PMAA is proud to report the 2009 Homecoming football game on October 9th, 2009 set an all-time Penn Manor record for attendance. An estimated 8,000 fans enjoyed unseasonably warm weather and a huge football victory over the rival McCaskey Tornadoes. The Comets walloped the Tornadoes 41-12 along the way to our most successful football season on record.



Your alumni association was right in the middle of all this excitement! Our alumni welcoming tent saw hundreds of returning alumni as they collected their commemorative tee shirts and tested their Penn Manor knowledge by taking the PMAA Trivia Quiz. Congratulations to trivia quiz winner Jay Andrusisin, Class of 1976, pictured at right.



One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of alumnae who previously reigned as Homecoming Queen (see photo). The crowd was also captivated by a stirring rendition of our National Anthem by Michael McDonald, Class of 1974.

A special thank you to the PMAA Homecoming committee and to all alumni who joined us for this special celebration, especially those who returned from out-of-state. Now let's make Penn Manor Homecoming 2010 even bigger! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 1. There will be more information on Homecoming 2010 to come!

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Memorial Gifts

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Richard Stoner



Penn Manor alumni Chuck and Gail (Landis) Moore, both Class of 1988, visited the alumni tent receiving their t-shirts and enjoying a visit with Penn Manor mascot, CometMan.

2010 Athletic Wall of Honor Nominations

PMAA and the Penn Manor school district coordinate their efforts to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in the world of sports. The Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor pays tribute to athletes who have set themselves apart in sports and who have brought recognition and honor to their alma mater. Nominations can be for individuals or teams with the next class of honorees being inducted this fall.

The first step in an alumni receiving one of these honors is nomination for induction. This is where your help can be invaluable to us. If you know a classmate who you feel is worthy of this honor, please take the time to submit a nomination form. Forms can be downloaded from our website at www.penn-manor.net/alumni or simply call us at 717-872-9520 Extension 1934 and we will mail you the appropriate form. A special selection committee reviews all nominations received.

Thank you for your help in recognizing deserving alumni.

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 (please enter at the Central Complex near the new gymnasium). Only one meeting remains for this school year (see below). This April meeting will serve as our annual meeting when we elect officers for the coming year.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (Annual Meeting)

Please call with any questions:
717-872-9520 extension # 1934

PMAA Executive Committee

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