



# Comet Chatter

Penn Manor Alumni Association Newsletter

Summer 2019 Issue

## Penn Manor Alumni Association and Penn Manor Education Foundation Raise Funds for Penn Manor Families

PMAA and PMEF collaborated to raise funds to support Penn Manor Education Foundation's **Strong & Healthy Families** program. Bert's Bottle Shop (owned by PM Class of '87 grad, Alberto Flores) hosted PMEF's Spirit(s) Night in January. Guest bartenders included Penn Manor alumni from the classes of '62, '72, '84, '00, '04, '05, '10 and '14.

Generous tips from our Penn Manor community benefitted PMEF's Strong & Healthy Families initiative which supports Penn Manor students and families in need. Funding includes Elementary Literacy Outreach which brings books to children in our economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, supports the Bookmobile visits in the district and provides every kindergarten student with a new book, Mental Health Screening through the Samaritan Counseling Center for PMHS



Married bartending team - Jarred Texter (2004) and Jackie Ochs-Gregory Texter (2005)



Father/Daughter bartending team - Robin Shellenberger Jeffries (2000) and Don Shellenberger (1972)



Bartending trio - Peter Lombardo (2014) and Brad Seiger (2014) with Bill Forrey (1962) keeping a watchful eye!

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Manor Middle School Teachers bartending team - Jared Shearer (2010) and Kathy Funk Kirk (1984)

This spring over \$15,000 was awarded in Strong & Healthy grants thanks, in part, to alumni support.

# 2019 Athletic Wall of Honor Inducted

Four individuals and one athletic team were inducted into the Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor during a ceremony in the high school on January 18, 2019.

This year's inductees included: (front row, left to right) Greg Bervinchak, Class of 1987 (wrestling), Aaron Dread, Class of 1990 (basketball), Chas Alecxih, Class of 2007 (football), and Britney Clugston, Class of 2004 (field hockey) and (back row) the 2008 field hockey team.

Following the ceremony, the basketball jersey of Wally Walker, the Penn Manor standout who played eight seasons in the NBA, was retired during the boys' varsity basketball game against Warwick. His original jersey was recently discovered after it had been missing for many years.



## Alumni return to PMHS to share advice on college athletics

A group of eight Penn Manor alumni returned to the high school in January, 2019 to share advice with current Penn Manor students about attending college while participating in sports. The Athletic Alumni Roundtable, held in the high school cafeteria, attracted about 40 students, along with coaches and parents. The panel of collegians responded to questions about balancing athletics and academics, choosing the right college and the differences between athletics on the college level and high school level. The alumni who participated in the event were **Brooke DeBerdine** (Class of 2017) University of Maryland, field hockey, **Cassie Kline** (Class of 2015), Penn State University, field hockey, **Doug Kramer** (Class of 2017), Eastern University, cross country and track and field, **Grant Gale** (Class of 2017), Franklin & Marshall College, football, **Matt Keller** (Class of 2015), Syracuse University, football, **Nick Kirk** (Class of 2016), Ursinus College, lacrosse, **Wyatt Barnett** (Class of 2016), York College, lacrosse, and **Casey McCollum** (Class of 2018), Lafayette College, football.





# High School Sweethearts

*Some things that start in high school last a lifetime!*  
That's the message we received from the many Penn Manor High School sweethearts who shared their stories with us. Our longest married couple, pictured at right, is Henry ('61) and Marsha McMillen ('63) Barley. They met

at Penn Manor and will celebrate 55 years of marriage on October 11th. The Barley's have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons.



Some other happy couples include Barry and Dianne Funk Smith, both Class of 1972, who met in kindergarten at Central Manor; Junior and Senior prom dates, Denny and Suzanne Lehman Herr, both Class of 1968; Jere and Carol Centini McDonald, both Class of 1971; and Barry ('74) and Cindy Brown ('76) Rhoades who met in Earth Science class. Brian ('83) and Michele Marks ('84) Lefever married after high school as did Prom King and Queen Jeff and Kathy Funk Kirk both Class of 1984. Class of 1990, Craig and Teresa Busser Rineer met at Marticville Middle School. Also celebrating a high school romance that turned into marriage are Josh ('97) and Shelly Hershey ('97) Keller, Brian ('98) and Heather Higgins ('97) Knepp, Brian and Erin Vickers Green both Class of '96, and Andrew and LeAnn Rutt Supeck ('97) who met on the last day of high school at the senior picnic!

Joshua and Emily Young Lefever both Class of 2007 met in high school along with Joel ('04) and Lindsay Hanna ('05) Scarlett. Kyle and Sarah Caldwell Mongeau, both Class of 2005, met on the set of Guys and Dolls. Other happy couples include James and Sarah Frank Woome, both Class of 2008 and Jay and Erika Bond Wenger, both Class of 2000.

Congratulations to all couples who were classmates and found love at Penn Manor High School!

## **Executive Committee:**

Becca Rhoades Carver – President and Social Media, Class of '03

Nicki Reynolds Nafziger – Vice President, Class of '00

Melissa Detz Ostrowski – Immediate Past President, Class of '88

Open - Secretary

Judy Herr Duke – Treasurer, Class of '79

Cindy Duncan LaMaster – Archivist, Class of '74

Dr. Jan Mindish – Alumni Coordinator

Cindy Brown Rhoades – Newsletter Editor, Class of '76

## **Facebook**

We're making it easy for you to connect with each other and with Penn Manor. We now have a PMAA Facebook page and an exclusive Alumni Facebook group. Like us on Facebook, Penn Manor Alumni Association, to stay up-to-date on reunions, special events and alumni news.

The Penn Manor Alumni Facebook Group has officially hit 1,000 members! Join the conversation and reconnect with old friends! Be sure to tag us @pennmanoralumni and #PMAAlumni.

## **Questions? Comments? Contact Us!**

By email at [pmaa@pennmanor.net](mailto:pmaa@pennmanor.net) or By phone at 717-872-9500 ext. 1934

[www.pennmanor.net/alumni](http://www.pennmanor.net/alumni) or visit us on Facebook

# Wanted: Applications for Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor 2020

**We need your help!** Do you know of a Penn Manor alumnus or alumna deserving of recognition? Is there someone you graduated with who has found great success? Chances are that you know someone who fits these criteria. The selection committee choosing the members of the **Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor 2020** are interested in individuals who have brought recognition, honor, distinction and excellence to Penn Manor through their postgraduate accomplishments. Please take a few minutes to complete the nomination form included in this newsletter for one such individual. We can't wait to spread the word about the contributions Penn Manor Alumni have made!

The Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor recognition has been reformatted 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 successes, trials, and tribulations experienced by the Distinguished Alumni recipients as they share their stories during the Distinguished Alumni Assembly at the high school. PMAA hopes that the students will be inspired to continue the tradition and go on to accomplish great things following graduation. There will be an evening reception to recognize the Distinguished Alumni in April 2020. More information will be posted on the Penn Manor Alumni Facebook page and on the PMAA website in January 2020.



## **Class of 1979 – Friday, October 4, 2019 & Saturday, October 5.**

The Class of 1979 will hold its **40th Class Reunion** at Mick's All American Pub – this is a mixer; no need to RSVP – in Willow Street on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 7 pm – ??; and on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Conestoga Country Club from 7 pm – 11 pm. Buffet dinner, cash bar, music and activities. The cost of the dinner is \$45.00. Contact Jay Rhodes at 717-

871-9073 or email at [rotti6820@comcast.net](mailto:rotti6820@comcast.net). Visit our Facebook page Penn Manor Class of 1979!

## **Class of 1999 – Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square from 7 pm to 11 pm.**

The Class of 1999 will hold their **20th reunion** at the Lancaster Marriott on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 7 to 11 pm. Early bird tickets are \$30.00/after June 30th the price is \$35.00. Tickets must be purchased by September 15th. Questions? Contact [PMHSCCLASS1999@aol.com](mailto:PMHSCCLASS1999@aol.com)

To have your reunion posted on the PMAA website, 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.

# Homecoming 2019



Join us on **Friday, October 18, 2019**, in Biemesderfer Stadium for Penn Manor's Homecoming! The Comets battle the Hempfield Black Knights at 7:00 PM.

**Look for PMAA's yellow tent!** The first 150 Penn Manor alums visiting the tent will receive a free PMAA 6-pack insulated cooler bag. Enjoy the marching band performance, see the Homecoming Queen crowned, yell along with the cheerleaders, and support our football team!

## **GO COMETS!**

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**PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF HONOR**  
**NOMINATION BALLOT**

1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
    Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. DECEASED NOMINEE INFORMATION:

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Your City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Your Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ g. Nearest relative: \_\_\_\_\_

3. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION *Alumni Award* (Include accomplishments, awards, honors, etc.) **Attach additional information.**

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4. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION *Honorary Alumni Award* (Include contributions and area of service to Penn Manor) **Attach additional information.**

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Nominations are due by **November 1, 2019.**  
Mail to **PMAA – Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor**, P.O. Box 9, Millersville, PA 17551  
or email/scan to [pmaa@pennmanor.net](mailto:pmaa@pennmanor.net)

# Newsletter & Membership Changes

PMAA's **Comet Chatter** newsletter will switch from twice a year to one publication in the spring/summer. This change was prompted by limited resources (people and funding) needed to produce and mail out a newsletter twice a year. This yearly newsletter will be posted on the Penn Manor Alumni Facebook page and the PMAA website ([www.pennmanor.net/alumni](http://www.pennmanor.net/alumni)) for alumni to view electronically. We also plan to post more regular alumni news throughout the year on our Facebook page. Additionally, if you are on the PMAA mailing list and receive the Chatter, you will receive the **PMEF Focus** in the fall of each year. Many alumni participate in supporting PMEF and Penn Manor students are featured in this newsletter. You can always view the district's yearly newsletter, **Above & Beyond**, on the district website ([www.pennmanor.net](http://www.pennmanor.net)) to keep up to date on district happenings.

## Important to note:

- \* All Lifetime PMAA members will continue to receive the yearly **Comet Chatter** in the mail.
- \* Any alumni who would also like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail, can contact PMAA at [pmaa@pennmanor.net](mailto:pmaa@pennmanor.net) and provide your name, address and year of graduation.
- \* Because the yearly \$5 dues were used to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter twice a year, PMAA officers voted to drop the yearly membership dues.

If you are a Penn Manor alum interested in supporting PMAA's goal to help all alumni stay connected to each other and to Penn Manor, there are several ways that you can help financially, if you are able:

- \* A donation to PMAA to help fund the production & mailing of yearly newsletter.
- \* A donation to the Penn Manor Education Foundation's Strong & Healthy Families program. (Contact [pmef2@pennmanor.net](mailto:pmef2@pennmanor.net) with questions).
- \* A donation to PMAA's new Legacy Scholarship (see scholarship article below for details).

PMAA appreciates the continued support of our alumni as we work to become a more efficient and sustainable organization.

## NEW! PMAA Legacy Scholarship

PMAA is planning a yearly \$500 Legacy Scholarship to be awarded to a Penn Manor senior whose parent or legal guardian also graduated from Penn Manor. Our goal is to raise \$13,000 to permanently endow the scholarship. Funding will go through the Penn Manor Education Foundation, which is a non-profit community-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing opportunities for Penn Manor students. Donations can be sent to PMAA P.O. Box 9, Millersville, PA 17551. Checks should be made payable to Penn Manor Education Foundation, noting **PMAA Legacy Scholarship** on the memo line.



The first PMAA Legacy Scholarship will be given to a member of the class of 2020 at the Senior Awards Ceremony held in May each year.

Thank you for your support of this new scholarship!

## Class of 1959 Scholarship Update

As reported in the Fall 2018 *Comet Chatter*, the Class of 1959 wanted to raise money at their 59th reunion to be used for scholarships for the Class of 2019. The Class of 1959 was able to raise \$3,000. 1959 alum, Joe Forrey, presented scholarships for \$750.00 each to four students planning to attend a trade or technical school following graduation at the Senior Awards Ceremony held on May 23, 2019. Congratulations to the Class of 1959 for making a difference in the lives of these four students - Andrew Goshaw, Gabrielle Phyllaier, Coty Pike, and Kendra Weiss.