

# Foundation Focus

Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter  
Spring 2014

## Finding themselves in furniture

### Foundation-funded program teaches hands-on skills

Penn Manor's Twilight program is designed to provide a second chance to students in grades 7-12 who have struggled in school. Their issues may involve academics, discipline or attendance. This alternative-education program is housed in the high school and is staffed by Penn Manor teachers.

One of those teachers, Nick Crowther, this fall applied for a PMEF Venture Grant to fund a project he hoped would make "an impression on the students and have a ripple effect that would travel through each student's life."

Each fall and spring, the Penn Manor Education Foundation awards grants to teachers to enhance student learning. Since 2000, more than \$600,000 has been awarded.

Nick received \$450 to enable each student to select a piece of furniture at a second-hand store, along with the supplies needed to restore and customize the furniture for use at home. Students chose chairs, a desk, a table, cabinets and shelving.

The objective was to provide students with the practical experience of a trip to the hardware store along with an appreciation of do-it-yourself projects that commonly occur in our adult lives.

First, students had to formulate a vision for the project and then execute the steps necessary to complete their vision. With Nick's guidance, students learned how to properly use the tools



**Twilight students work to refinish furniture they purchased at a second-hand store under a PMEF grant-funded program that gave them do-it-yourself skills and the satisfaction of completing a project.**

and supplies to restore their furniture. furniture and also how to manage my time."

The students were rewarded to see the physical progress on their furniture at the end of each work session. They gained comfort in the lab and developed a routine that was self-motivated. Students asked fewer questions of their teacher as the project progressed. Instead, they were bouncing ideas off each other and asking fellow students questions about problems they were experiencing.

This became one of Nick's most memorable and rewarding experiences as a teacher. How did the students feel? Their responses include:

"I learned you can turn something junky into a piece of art."

"I pictured how good it would look in my room. I sanded my coffee table down and put mocha and ebony paint on it and then a glossy finish. Now I use it as a night table."

"I learned how to refurbish

Should students spend valuable school time on this type of project?

A recent Lancaster Newspapers article on Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology featured the top 10 STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) jobs in Lancaster County. At the top of the list, with 1,280 openings and a starting wage of \$17.47/hour, was the job of a carpenter.

Thanks to the PMEF Venture Grant, a teacher was able to provide students in need of a second chance with the opportunity to work on a project that focused on self motivation, setting goals, hands-on application of learning, time management and problem solving.

By giving a piece of old furniture a second chance, they learned important skills that will certainly travel with them through their lives and might even lead to a career!

# Teachers, students benefit

## Spring Venture Grants fund variety of projects

Penn Manor teachers have added a variety of teaching materials – from projectile launchers and African percussion instruments to an online reading library and a new kiln – for their students this winter, thanks to the Penn Manor Education Foundation.

The Foundation recently awarded more than \$16,000 in Venture Grants for 18 projects designed to enhance learning for students at all levels of Penn Manor schools. The grants are in addition to the nearly \$21,000 awarded for 27 projects in the fall.

Marticville Middle School got a new kiln to replace a cantankerous, 25-year-old machine that was notorious for ruining students' clay projects – if it ran at all. Without the \$3,400 grant, the art department could not have purchased the equipment, which will be used by more than 350 students a year.



Marticville Middle School art teacher Cindy Schieber displays the kiln she purchased with a \$3,400 Penn Manor Education Foundation grant. More than 350 students will use the kiln.



Students at Central Manor Elementary School practice reading aloud using Whisper Phones, purchased with a Foundation grant. The devices eliminate distractions in the classroom.

"I use my kiln constantly," art teacher Cindy Schieber said. "It will be a blessing to be able to efficiently teach my curriculum, deliver projects intact to all students and spend my budget money on supplies instead of kiln repairs."

Central Manor Elementary School used its \$219 grant to buy a set of Whisper Phones that enable students to practice their oral reading skills without disrupting their classmates.

Teacher Becca Eichler said the gear has helped build confidence in her fourth-graders who are reluctant to read aloud, helping them become better independent readers.

Penn Manor High School received \$875 to purchase bongos, djembes, dununs and other West African instruments to create an African percussion student ensemble. In high school science classes, Venture Grants paid for soil sensors for the agriculture science lab and an accelerometer, projectile launcher and roller coaster kit to enhance discussion of Newton's Laws in physics classes.

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**Cindy Schieber**  
Marticville art teacher

Other grants were used to bring a children's author to district elementary schools and introduce middle school students to Aavidum, a student-led effort to raise awareness about depression and suicide. A fall Venture Grant helped start the program at Penn Manor High School.

The Education Foundation has been awarding grants since 2000 and has distributed more than \$600,000 to Penn Manor teachers to help enhance education programs at district schools.

# Furry friends help make learning more fun

## *Kindergarten teacher uses puppets to help students practice words*

At a time when news about schools often focuses on high-pressure tests and budget cuts, it is refreshing to be reminded that school still is a place for fun and learning. That certainly is the case in Kelly Sproul's kindergarten class at Eshleman Elementary School, where students learn with the help of their puppet friends.



**Kelly Sproul and a furry friend**

Purchased with a Venture Grant from Penn Manor Education Foundation, the colorful puppets serve as teaching tools, helping students explore letter sounds by stretching and building words and practicing their listening skills. As students and their puppet friends say words, pupils record all of the sounds in each word.

The students also use individual puppets for play and story telling, which helps to build reading comprehension skills. They practice



**Students in Kelly Sproul's kindergarten class at Eshleman Elementary School practice their word skills with the help of puppets purchased with a PMEF Venture Grant.**

sequencing events and recognizing aspects of character development, motivating them to write their own stories.

"When the puppets come out, it is as if I have another teacher in the room," Sproul said. "The children are actively learning and engaged. I am excited to continue to find new ways for the puppets to teach, as well as sharing the puppets with the children so that they can become 'teachers' of their peers."

The grant enabled Sproul to purchase several sets of puppets, including alphabet puppets.

## Bidders raise \$3,700 at Kids Only Auction

Bidders set a new fund-raising record March 9 during Penn Manor Education Foundation's "Kids Only Auction" at Manor Middle School.



More than 100 parents and children attended the event, but only children were permitted to bid on dozens of donated toys, games, movies, books, inflatable animals, athletic gear and other goodies.

The event raised more than \$3,700 – the highest amount for an auction held in the northern part of the school district. Each year, the auction locale alternates from north to south, with proceeds benefitting library programs



**Bidders look over the items on the auction block at the start of PMEF's Kids Only Auction, held March 9 at Manor Middle School.**

and materials at nearby elementary schools.

This year's beneficiaries are Hambright, Central Manor, Eshleman and Letort elementary schools.

Auctioneer Jessica Shaub Meyer donated her services for the event.

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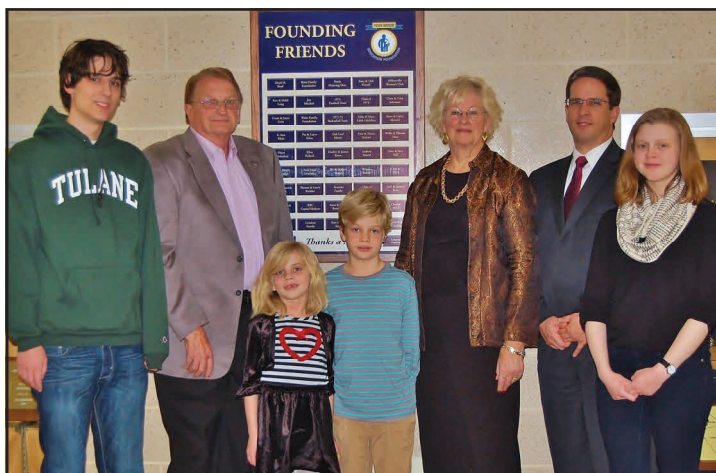
## Foundation 'Friends' plaque installed at HS

Penn Manor High School students and visitors may have noticed a new addition to the lobby of the school recently – a large plaque honoring the "Founding Friends" of Penn Manor Education Foundation.

The plaque was erected between the trophy cases outside the gym to thank supporters who helped the Foundation grow its endowment to more than \$1 million for the first time.

Their contributions will enable PMEF to continue to award grants to teachers to enhance classroom instruction and student learning and provide scholarships to graduating high school students.

Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded more than \$600,000 in grants and \$357,000 in scholarships and awards.



Foundation Ambassadors Willis and Martha Herr pose with the plaque along with Penn Manor students, from left, Nate Rosenberg, Mackenzi and Isiac Nafziger and Chloe Vassot, and PMEF board president Tom Seiger.

# Alumnus establishes arts endowment

PMEF is pleased to announce the establishment of a new \$50,000 endowment which will generate annual grant money for projects related to the performing arts at Penn Manor High School.

Our high school principal, in consultation with the faculty leaders of Penn Manor's music and theatre



**Douglas Maine**

programs, will fashion a project related to the arts each year that will be made possible through this new endowment. A wonderful feature of this program is that these projects

will continue for all future generations of Penn Manor students.

The inaugural 2014 project will involve a trip to Broadway by 28 Penn Manor seniors to see the musical *Wicked*. Each of these students was involved with at least one music ensemble during his/her high school career, so a visit to Broadway will be especially meaningful.

The benefactor of this generously funded endowment is Penn Manor alumnus Douglas Maine, from the Class of 1966. After high school, Mr. Maine graduated from Temple University and later received his MBA from Hofstra University. A few highlights from his very successful career include serving as CFO of MCI Communication Corp. and later as

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**Douglas Maine, Class of 1966**

CFO of IBM Corp.

Today Mr. Maine is a limited partner with Brown Brothers Harriman, a prestigious investment bank in New York. He also sits on many corporate boards, serving as chairman of several.

In short, he has made Penn Manor very proud with his career accomplishments.

Recently, PMEF had the opportunity to ask Mr. Maine two questions about the new endowment. First, what inspired such generosity toward the Penn Manor arts programs?

Mr. Maine: *"I live in the New York area and don't get to Millersville very often. However, I was recently in the area to attend a dedication ceremony at Millersville University that involved my (now deceased) father. It had been 47 years since I had set foot in Penn Manor, and I asked Principal Phil Gale for a tour. I was pleased to see that the team photo from our 1963 Junior High Lancaster County basketball*

*championship was still prominently displayed in the trophy case, but other than that I didn't recognize much about the school.*

*However, when Principal Gale took me into the auditorium, it looked the same as I remembered, and it brought back positive memories. The theater instructor happened to be in the auditorium, and we had a brief chat. It was then that I decided to financially support my alma mater."*

Our second question was what do you hope results from the projects funded each year from your endowment's annual distributions?

Mr. Maine: *"Even though Penn Manor is within relatively close proximity to three of the cultural capitals (New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.) of the U.S., when I was at Penn Manor in the 1960s, I don't recall organized trips to attend performances of symphony orchestras or Broadway shows.*

*I have been active with the arts at the board of director's level in Atlanta and Washington D.C. and currently am an investor in musical and theatrical productions in New York, so I have a familiarity with the arts, particularly from a financial standpoint. My hope is that some Penn Manor students will be inspired to seek an education or even a career in the arts once they see for themselves live performances from the most talented actors, musicians and dancers in the world."*

If any of our readers are inspired to help with an educational enrichment program for a subject area they are passionate about, please call PMEF at (717) 872-9500, ext. 2332, or email [pkline38@comcast.net](mailto:pkline38@comcast.net).

## 8th annual golf scramble June 17

Calling all golfers!

Penn Manor Education Foundation is sponsoring the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Scramble June 17 at Media Heights Golf Club in Lancaster.

Please join us for a day of PGA championship-caliber golf while supporting the Foundation and the many Penn Manor education programs it sponsors.

Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive, low gross and more. Raffle prizes also will be awarded, and the first golfer to get a hole in one receives a new car!

Check-in is at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. A shotgun start is planned for 12:30 p.m., and dinner is at 5:30.

The entry fee is \$115, which

includes a round of golf with a cart, a sleeve of golf balls, hot lunch, beverages and buffet dinner. A variety of sponsorship opportunities also are available.

The registration and sponsorship commitment deadline is June 10.

For more information and tickets, contact PMEF board member Pat Kline at



(717) 284-3107 or [patrick.kline.gkls@statefarm.com](mailto:patrick.kline.gkls@statefarm.com).

# Penn Manor Education Foundation creates new curricular endowments

Any PMEF donor can set up a named endowment fund to support a favorite aspect of educational enrichment through a gift of \$25,000 or more.

But what about a donor who is passionate about a particular subject or curricular area, yet not ready to make such a substantial financial commitment? For these donors we are proud to announce the establishment of four PMEF curricular endowments for smaller gifts intended to support projects in one of four specific areas – math and science, language arts, fine arts and exceptional student programs.

To make these endowments meaningful, PMEF has set aside \$40,000 for each of these four areas of concentration, for a total commitment of \$160,000. These funds will be permanently invested, and each year, an annual distribution will be utilized

to fund projects benefitting Penn Manor students in all four areas.

The first projects are scheduled to be funded in September 2015, with the hope that each area will receive between \$1,500 and \$2,000 in the first year. Future year distributions should be even higher.

The Foundation can now accommodate donations of any level to be added to any of these funds. Here are the targeted areas and a brief description:

**The PMEF Math & Science Endowment** – This endowment will fund projects annually within the math and science disciplines in Penn Manor schools at any grade level.

**The PMEF Language Arts Endowment** – This endowment will fund projects annually within the

academic areas of English, foreign languages and reading, including projects proposed by librarians in Penn Manor schools at any grade level.

**The PMEF Exceptional Student Programs Endowment** – This endowment will fund projects annually involving exceptional students (e.g., gifted, learning-support and learning-disabled students) in Penn Manor schools at any grade level.

**The PMEF Fine Arts Endowment** – This endowment will fund projects involving the visual arts and the performing arts of music and theater in Penn Manor schools at any grade level.

We hope you will consider adding your support to these endowments either now or through our Leave a Legacy for Learning program.

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# Legacy for Learning partnership grows

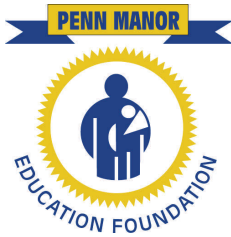
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## **PMHS spring play tackles tough topics**

### *‘Locker Next 2 Mine’ focuses on student depression, suicide*

Penn Manor High School’s drama department usually presents a spring show that appeals to children, but this year, it decided to tackle a play with more mature themes relating to a new student organization established at the school.

Called Aavidum, the club was formed to raise awareness about teen depression and suicide and create “a culture of caring” in which students watch out for each other. And “The Locker Next 2 Mine,” a contemporary drama set in a high school, ties into those themes.

The play focuses on Alicia, a student entering a new school in the middle of her junior year. Alicia’s locker is next to a sprawling shrine for Beth, a female lacrosse player who died a year earlier in a car accident.

While the school is in a state of non-stop remembrance for Beth, Alicia learns that there was another student death that no one is talking about – and it’s left many of the school’s students trying to pick up their own pieces.

“Locker” addresses teen suicide and dealing with loss in a way that students can relate to. But because of the mature themes and some strong language, the show is not for younger audiences.

Following the performance, audience members will engage



**Penn Manor High School students, from left, Abby Geiger, Maddy Beatty and Alyssa Crook rehearse a scene from "The Locker Next 2 Mine."**

in an open discussion with the playwright, Jonathan Dorf, who plans to attend both shows. “Locker” was scheduled to be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 11 and 12 in the Penn Manor High School auditorium.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. Parents are reminded that the show is intended for mature audiences.

Aavidum was established earlier this year at the high school with a grant from PMEF. The Foundation also provided a grant to establish clubs at the district middle schools this spring.