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NEW HAPPENINGS FOR PEF

WELCOME

As we welcome spring and the excitement that comes with a new season, we are pleased to share some of the new and invigorating activities of the Piqua Education Foundation. Welcome to the first edition of the new PEF Newsletter. We are at that time of year again when PEF gears up for scholarship season. The outreach of this organization has continued to grow over the years and we are happy to report that in 2017, PEF awarded \$264,450 in scholarships. The scholastic support was awarded to Piqua High School graduating seniors and PHS alumni who are past PEF scholarship recipients.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We want to keep in touch more often and share PEF updates from the many PEF committees with you. Moving forward, the PEF Marketing Committee is planning to have four print editions of the PEF Newsletter published throughout the year and is working on creating an online presence as well. To ensure that you continue to receive PEF news & updates, please email your contact information (current address, telephone number and the email you wish to receive PEF news/updates) to pef@piqua.org.

ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PORTAL

PEF introduced the PEF Online Application Portal which allows eligible students to apply for a scholarship online. This online portal has streamlined the process for students and PEF. Additionally, on behalf of PEF, I am happy to announce that we have had an increase in scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 academic year as compared to last year. This is great news for PEF!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the PEF Board of Directors, I want to extend my deep gratitude for the generosity you have shown to this wonderful organization to support the students and staff of the Piqua City Schools and wish a happy spring season to everyone.

Dr. Douglas Hulme
President, Piqua Education Foundation



PEF MANAGER

Anna Baumeister

In January 2018, PEF welcomed Anna Baumeister as the PEF Manager. One of Anna's key priorities as PEF Manager is to assist with the promotion of PEF's mission. The mission of the Piqua Education Foundation is to enhance the educational opportunities of Piqua City School students, graduates and staff through securing and distributing contributions from the community including individuals, corporations and foundations. Anna will also assist with the implementation of PEF services to Alumni/Donors. Be sure to read future newsletters for updated information on PEF activities and services.

Anna Baumeister

NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Troy Ouhl

Troy is a 1992 graduate of Piqua High School; after graduation he attended the University of Dayton. While at Dayton, he played football and received his undergraduate degree in secondary education. Upon graduation from Dayton, Troy started his teaching and coaching career in Kenton, Ohio, and then after two years there moved to begin teaching at Kettering Fairmont High School. In 2001, he made the decision to come back home and take a teaching position at his alma mater. After returning to Piqua, Troy continued graduate course work at the University of Dayton where he received his masters in administration and is currently taking the final courses to receive his principal's license. In 2008, he became the social studies department chair, and is still active in coaching football and baseball. Troy and his wife Angie reside in Piqua and have two great young boys Blane and Brady. He is both excited and honored for this great opportunity to serve on the Piqua Education Foundation.

Kelly McMaken

New Piqua Board of Education member Kelly McMaken is a school and community volunteer and mother of Piqua students Jack, 10, and Preston, 9. She is the board's liaison with the Piqua Education Foundation. The daughter of an Air Force Civilian, Kelly grew up in Cairo, Egypt before settling in Bellbrook, Ohio and graduating from Bellbrook High School. She attended Kettering College of Medical Arts where she received a BS in Advanced Imaging. Kelly has worked as a CT Technologist for Kettering Health Network for the last sixteen years. She and her husband, Jim, enjoy participating in a variety of community activities and watching their sons' sporting events.

PEF CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION

WHAT: Meet and Greet with PEF scholarship & grant recipients and our special guests: 1948 PHS Alumni

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6.00pm—7.00pm

WHERE: Piqua High School Commons

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks provided • Class Night immediately follow Meet and Greet

Please RSVP to pef@piqua.org or 937-773-6717

BONNIE MURRAY, VOLUNTEER

In 1985, approximately two months after the Piqua Education Foundation was organized, Bonnie was asked to join the board. She had a volunteer history with the Piqua City Schools as a mother of four children attending and working with the Piqua High School Music Department and proudly accepted the invitation. Some two years later she was appointed Foundation Secretary, a position she held until her retirement from the PEF Board in 2017.

Not long after joining the board; she volunteered to head up the committee in charge of holding an annual fund raising banquet. As planning for the banquet progressed, it was determined to hold it at the Piqua Country Club and include a speaker. The speaker was to be a noteworthy graduate of the high school who had achieved a remarkable career. Over the years the banquet proved to be an excellent fund raiser and Bonnie headed the committee for many years overseeing the necessary details to make it happen.

Along the same time frame, Bonnie volunteered to take over the position of editor for "Piquaisms," being sent out on a regular basis to all Piqua High School graduates. This position required her to request and coordinate with the writers of numerous articles published in the newsletter. It also included working with the outside printers on the editing, layout, printing and mailing of the letter.

As mentioned earlier Bonnie volunteered to help the Piqua High School Music Boosters Organization prior to joining the Foundation Board. Her help was in the fundraising efforts for the music and band programs. It included being the head of the Stage Crew for the annual musical production programs. It required her to be at all practices and performances. She held the position for many years.

Bonnie also volunteered her services for the Miami County Cancer Board in the late nineteen seventies and early eighties. After assisting as a designated area worker making calls on prospective givers in the annual fundraiser, she advanced to the position of head of the Piqua city drive and then headed up the entire Miami county drive. This required her to assist in recruiting volunteers throughout county and help coordinate the annual drive.

Bonnie was given an "Order of George" award for all her volunteer services over the many years.



Bonnie Murray



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- PEF welcomes Troy Ouhl, Kelly McMacken and Stephanie Friend to the PEF Board of Directors.
- The PEF office will be moving to the BOE's new location, 215 Looney Rd, Piqua.
- PEF Meet & Greet, May 30, 2018, 6-7pm, PHS Commons
- PHS graduation June 1, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

