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A Message from the Chair by Katherine Henckler

Spring is a good time of year to assess what we have done so far with still enough time to make an impact. It is not too late to contribute to our Friends Campaign, thanks to Alice Cutler and Vicki Craig who have raised almost \$35,000 to date. I wish to THANK every one of you who made a conscious effort to be a FRIEND.

It is time to issue another appeal for our spring Teachers' Tribute program. The parents of children in our K-5 schools are most likely to recognize staff members that have made a difference in the lives of their children, but every child is moving on in life whether it is from second to third, fifth to sixth, eighth to high school or the biggest move of all—graduating from Morristown High School. Please ask your children if there are any special teachers or staff they would like to honor as they leave one school for another or leave MSD altogether. I can assure you it makes a teacher feel special to be honored. What a great lesson for our children—thanking staff members who have gone above and beyond! One of our newest trustees, Tracey Barrett, has done an outstanding job organizing this program.

We are also grateful for the donations we receive through our Morris School District Staff Contributions program, chaired by Sandy Gibson. These are employees of the district who give to the Foundation either through a one time donation or payroll deduction. It certainly reaffirms our goals when our staff supports MEF in this way. Of course, we would like to see *every member* of the staff contribute. Please contact Sandy Gibson at the high school or me (973-644-9809) with your thoughts and ideas on how to promote this effort. Thank you, Sandy, for such a great job.

In this issue you will read about the Cultural Arts programs that we funded in the elementary schools. This year, we gave \$2,000 to each school (\$1,000 to the preschool program at Lafayette) and allowed the school to make its own selection. What a terrific way to support the arts. The range of programs was quite impressive! We are looking forward to expanding this Cultural Arts grant next year.

The MEF Grants Committee, led by Ann Rhines, continues to meet monthly to review grant requests in a timely manner. The committee even received a request from a student for the first time! We encourage everyone to submit grant requests. We can't get enough of them! The application is available on our website, www.MorrisEdFoundation.org, and the committee is always willing to help in the grant writing process.

Our Scholarship Committee is working hard to determine our 2006 scholarship recipients. We are proud to provide awards to deserving Morristown High School seniors. Thank you to the folks who make the following scholarships possible: The Wong Scholarship, the John C. Cunningham Scholarship, the Dorothy Johnson Scholarship, the Ruth Cohen Scholarship and the Art Scholarship. Providing scholarships is a team effort which includes those who fund the awards, the trustees (Chip Frost,

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MEF Board members attend Project Graduation Fashion Show fund-raiser in April. (left to right) Carol Allison, Ann Rhines, Deborah McComber, Debbie Sontupe and Paul Hughes. Not pictured: Katherine Henckler, Alice Cutler and former Board members, Connie Hagelin and Beth Baldanzi.



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Morristown High School Receives Seven Grants in 2005-2006

The Morris Educational Foundation is proud to support *seven* new programs at the high school through our grant process. In an ongoing attempt to promote professional development, we have provided two grants to the media center. Three grants support the arts. One grant emphasizes character development. And one grant has been provided to a student for the first time ever. Congratulations to all. Through these grants, the Foundation hopes to enhance the educational experience of ALL of the students at MHS now and for many years to come.

(See page 2 for coverage of these exciting new programs!)

MHS Receives Seven Grants in 2005-2006 *(continued from page 1)*

Welcome to the Hub: This spring, the Foundation provided \$350 to Bilqis Ansari and the MHS Media Center for a mural along its entry walls, the large pillar in front, the doorway and the doors themselves. Students from the National Art Honor Society will design and paint a colorful graphic which will help attract students and staff to the resources in the library.

Genocide in Darfur: With \$350 from the Foundation, Ilana Rossoff, a student at the high school, helped organize a school-wide assembly in late April with guest lecturer, Maria Sliwa, on the crisis in the Sudan and incidents of Modern Day Slavery. Ilana and other MHS students prepared a slideshow with pictures and statistics designed to raise student awareness of the gravity in Darfur. Ms. Sliwa discussed her first-hand experiences in the Sudan and other areas of conflict in Africa. One important goal of the assembly was to promote further action by students in support of humanitarian organizations that fight against inhumanity throughout the world.

Complementing Academic Behavior (C.A.B.): Obtained by Special Education teacher, Stephanie Majorossy, this \$750 grant is designed to focus on and honor students who choose to improve and continue to succeed to the best of their potential. Each month, the special education teachers announce a behavioral objective and at month's end, they invite students from each class who have complied with the criteria to participate in that month's reward. In June, students who have earned several rewards during the year will be nominated for the culminating incentive. The teachers will review the list of nominees, indicators are evaluated, and exemplary students are chosen via overall consistencies of complemented behaviors. Selected exemplary students then have the opportunity to donate books (from a prepared "MHS Wish List") in their name to the school's library. Community members will be invited to the culminating incentive ceremony.

Partnership in the Arts: Music teacher, Douglas Rutan, received a grant for \$7,500 for the Colonial Symphony to conduct another one of its annual music education programs at MHS and Frelinghuysen. There will be composition classes and master classes for instrumental students culminating in a joint concert with professional musicians and students. A mentoring program at Frelinghuysen will involve demonstrations and tutoring.



MHS student Matt Berry discusses his composition with Dr. David Samson, Composer in Residence from the Colonial Symphony, after it was played by a string trio in June 2005.

Encore! Sophomore English classes at MHS traveled to Newark Symphony Hall in December 2005 to see a Chamber Repertory Theatre Production of Short Stories by Edgar Allan Poe, Washington Irving, W. W. Jacobs, Guy de Maupassant and Mark Twain. This \$1,000 grant, obtained by English teacher Victoria Brown, helped to bring these works (part of the sophomore curriculum) to life.

Best Practices at Your Morris School District Library: Debbie Gottsleben-Delaney and Bilqis Ansari, Library Media Specialists at MHS, recently obtained a grant for \$2,480 for the purchase of two professional development resources—an on-line book, *The Encyclopedia of Education*, which "offers a complete view of institutions, people, processes, roles, and philosophies found in educational practice in the US and throughout the world" and an on-line professional development database containing more than 300 full-text journals for educators, covering the areas of arts and humanities, child and adolescent psychology and development, drug and alcohol abuse, literature, school law, and more. These resources provide access to the most up-to-date research in order to find best-practices to implement in all subject areas and grade levels. The databases can also be used for student research and are available to all members of the MSD community.

School Wide Reform Professional Library: Jill Magidson received a grant for \$600 to help establish a professional library for teachers at MHS. Twenty books were purchased and a one-year subscription was provided for 11 MHS teachers to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. These resources will inform and instruct in innovative methods of pedagogy.



MHS Media Specialist Debbie Gottsleben-Delaney with boxes for MHS Professional Library

President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

Russ Hawkins and Carol Allison) who review the applications and the MHS Guidance staff. Recipients will be announced at Senior Awards night on June 14th at the high school.

This year, the board set up a committee, headed by Paul Hughes, which is searching for new ways to increase funding and applications for school grants. In an effort to create stronger ties between MSD schools and the Foundation, we have assigned liaisons to each school. Please call on these individuals to find out more about us and how we can support students, staff and parents in your schools.

Please take the time to read our spring newsletter. Deborah McComber does a super job putting it together. It is a great chance to see what we are about and how the Foundation impacts the Morris School District. If you like what you read, please consider supporting the Foundation—write a grant request, make a donation, honor a teacher. We are all trying to make the Morris School District the best it can be.

MHS Students and Alumni celebrate Heritage Day

by Dave Perry, Alumni Association President

On Friday, April 21, MHS's most compelling student group, the Heritage Club, led the celebration of the *10th Annual Heritage Day* followed by the *7th Annual All-Class Mixer*, held at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany.

Heritage Day . . . where the heritage of the past meets the promise of the future!

New principal and MHS '72 grad Linda Murphy welcomed students, faculty, alumni and friends to the induction of four distinguished alumni into the Wall of Fame and five former teachers (posthumously) into the Teacher's Corner. Student vocal groups led the National Anthem, Alma Mater and God Bless America, while the MHS Band played two rousing musical selections. Ten students were recognized with the "Lest We Forget" award for their participation in the daily raising of the outside flag, a ceremony initiated some years ago by a beloved teacher, the late Jim Beaver '66.

The Wall of Fame now includes 35 distinguished alumni, with the addition of the following:

Michael J. Barry '50

Sportsman, businessman, school board leader; ascribed the virtue of *Success*

John J. Delaney, Jr. '72

Attorney, educational and community leader; ascribed the virtue of *Character*

Peter Demnitz '76

Criminology, law enforcement; ascribed the virtue of *Community*

Robert A. Matthews '42

WWII Navy hero, teacher; ascribed the virtue of *Courage*

The MHS Teacher's Corner is modeled after the "Poets Corner" in London's Westminster Abbey and holds 38 inductees, including the following:

Elsie Campbell (1918–1952)

. . . History

William Dittmar (1960–1972)

. . . History, Guidance, Coach

Georgia Foltz (1925–1958)

. . . English

David Morton (1918–1926)

. . . English

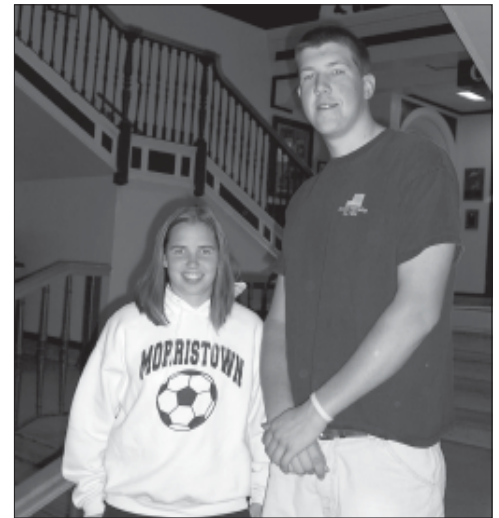
Helen Reilly (1938–1978)

. . . English, Guidance

7th Annual MHS All-Class Mixer . . .

Another memorable and rousing get-together of over 200 alumni, spouses and friends. The evening featured an informal reception, full dinner, a 50/50 drawing, multiple door prizes and a great DJ, who varied the music from all eras to ensure an active dance floor.

Postscript: The heritage and traditions continue and our future does indeed look very promising.



Kelly Taylor and Brian McNally, co-presidents of Heritage Club



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Teachers As Scholars Summer Institute 2006

Teachers as Scholars is dedicated to the intellectual growth of teachers through a partnership between Princeton University's Program in Teacher Preparation and area schools. This summer's program will run July 10–21, 2006, and five teachers from MSD have been selected to attend. For the second year, their attendance is funded by the Morris Educational Foundation.

Joanne Olivier, who teaches art at MHS, will attend a seminar entitled *From Romanticism to Post-Impressionism: Painting in the Nineteenth Century*. Toni Hopcraft (Hillcrest), Rachel Jobe (Alfred Vail) and Diane McCormack (AV) will attend a seminar entitled *Children's Narratives for Adults*. Patricia Roehrer (AV) will attend a seminar entitled *Technology and the Human Experience*.

The seminars will be held for two weeks from 9 AM—3 PM. An opening breakfast/reception will be offered on July 10th. On the final day there will be a luncheon celebration when participants and instructors will come together to celebrate their accomplishments.

What an exciting way to spend two weeks! We will look forward to reports from our participants in the MEF fall newsletter.

MEF announces the Art Scholarship

In the fall, Morris School District Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Ficarra, hosted a conference for superintendents. Proceeds from the conference were donated to the MEF and will be used to fund an Art Scholarship for a graduating senior from MHS. Applicants for the scholarship will submit a single piece of art created in any medium, suitable for permanent display in the Board of Education offices. The scholarship will be presented at Senior Awards Night on June 14th. *Thank you, Dr. Ficarra!*

Morris Educational Foundation Grants

So far this school year, the Morris Educational Foundation has funded grants totaling \$25,757 for projects aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for students in the Morris School District. We have also assisted in acquiring and administrating grants and scholarships from outside sources. The Grants Committee is always thinking of new ways to contribute. Recent discussions have included plans for a MSD resource center, contributions to every school library, enhancing the cultural arts grants provided to all lower grade schools last year, and showcasing the projects and activities resulting from teachers, students and schools that have received grants from the Foundation. We continue to search for and discuss ideas for new venues for our funds.

Want to know how to help
fund exciting grants for MSD students?
Support the
TEACHER TRIBUTE PROGRAM
by filling out and sending in the form on
page 8 of this newsletter!
Honor one of MSD's exceptional staff
members and, at the same time, enhance
the quality of education in the
Morris School District.

Creating a Learning Organization

\$4,450 to Andrew Williams,
Principal of Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton has developed a Leadership Team which is ready to share its training and thinking with the rest of the staff, parents, and children. The grant will provide a continuation of the guiding principles that have been established with this team, which include promoting school reflection and renewal, providing quality educational programs, and delivering an increased awareness of effective teaching strategies in a collaborative manner. A consultant, coach, facilitator, and project manager will partner with the school in these efforts.

Web Assign

\$357 to Anthony Danese,
Morristown High School

Web Assign is an on-line homework, quiz, and test service that will be used to enhance instruction of AP physics at the high school.

Best Practices @Your Morris School District Library –

\$2480 to Debra Gottsleben-Delaney,
Morristown High School Media Center

This project involves the purchase of two professional development resources—an electronic book called *The Encyclopedia of Education* and an on-line professional development database from Thomson-Gale. This database is a collection of more than 300 full-text journals for educators. These resources will provide access to the most up-to-date research for *best practices* in all subject areas and grade levels.

Lemonade Stand

\$265 to Keith Rosso,
Frelinghuysen Middle School

The Lemonade Stand project will introduce students to an innovative learning experience through the Synergistics Laboratory. Lemonade Stand enhances teaching concepts in math, science, and technology and combines these concepts with multi-modality lessons and real life applications such as business simulations. It incorporates math, science, visual arts, technology, social studies, career education and consumer, family, and life skills into its learning experience.

Advocating for Gifted Youngsters: The Partnership between Parents and School

\$520 to Dr. Sandra Reid, Curriculum Department and the SEE organization

This grant will support an evening presentation by Dr. Frances Spielhagen to a target audience of parents, educators, and community members. The presentation will provide tools for a knowledgeable dialogue that is positive and beneficial to gifted children and their needs. There will be a question and answer session and a review of specific resources available to parents and teachers.

Fantastic Fudge Company

\$350 to Michelle Curran,
Alexander Hamilton School

This project allows a third grade class to start its own business and introduces the students to all aspects of the business world. Each child will learn the importance of sharing with his/her community. The money earned will go to charity.

Welcome to the Hub

\$350 to Bilqis Ansari,
Morristown High School Media Center

MHS Art Honor Society students will create an original mural around the doorway and adjoining wall under the window of the library media center. This mural will make the library more visible to students, staff, and visitors and provide a welcoming atmosphere.

Creating an End to Slavery, One Student at a Time

\$350 to Ilana Rossoff, Student at Morristown High School

Maria Sliwa will be a guest lecturer. Her address will raise awareness of the slavery that exists in our time and to advocate for people to take action and help in the fight against slavery. She will speak of her travels to the Sudan and her research on troubles in the world.

Colonial Symphony Music Education Program

\$7500 to Douglas Rutan, Morristown High School and Frelinghuysen Middle School

The Colonial Symphony conducts a music education program that augments the skills of the teachers, enhances the curriculum, and expands the musical lives of students. There will be master classes for instrumental students followed by a joint concert with professional musicians joining students, composition classes for advanced students, and an open master class for composition students. In addition, there will be a mentoring program at Frelinghuysen which will contain specific demonstration and tutoring.

Cultural Arts Pilot Program for 2005–2006

This year the Morris Educational Foundation introduced a grant celebrating Cultural Arts in all elementary schools. The Foundation provided \$2,000 to each elementary school (\$1,000 to the preschool at Lafayette) to help fund an artist-in-residency or outside speaker of the school's own choosing. What a terrific way to support the arts and our students! We are currently reviewing what took place this year with a look towards expanding the program next year.

Hillcrest and Alexander Hamilton Schools—

Multi-Cultural Folk Dance Celebration with Joanna Pang Atkins

Ms. Atkins provided a two-week residency for grade 1 at Hillcrest and grade 3 at AH in February and April, respectively. Each class selected a country and learned its culture, history, geography, music and fashion. At a final assembly for the entire school, each class presented a dance complete with self-designed costumes and a descriptive prelude for each country.

Normandy Park—*The Spirit Tree*

This was a two-week artist-in-residency program about Leonardo DaVinci for the 4th and 5th grades. First the students did research on the art, science and inventions of this gifted Renaissance man. They then created life-size replicas of DaVinci and the Mona Lisa, developed inventions and made puppets, all of which were displayed at an assembly before the entire school.

A third grade class at Alexander Hamilton School presents a hunting dance from Kenya. (For more information, see *Multi-Cultural Folk Dance Celebration with Joanna Pang Atkins*, above left.)

Thomas Jefferson— *Theatre Arts Residency*

Directed by Linda Darcy representing the Community Theatre in Morristown, this residency teaches 4th graders about performing and visual arts through a production of "Really Rosie." After participating in set design, costuming and backstage production, students will perform the musical on June 15th and 16th for the entire school. The residency was partially funded by the TJ PTO.

Alfred Vail—*Campfire: Sure and Safe.*

This residency provides character education through hands-on activities. Each class participates in six sessions during May and June.

Lafayette Learning Center—

\$800 funded a musical concert with Andy Wasserman. \$200 was spent on art supplies for a Mother's Day project.

Sussex Avenue—

A Midsummer Night's Dream

This Shakespearean experience was presented by Margaret Noonan and the Revolving Door Studios. As part of this theater residency, Ms. Noonan met with 4th grade students for eight one-hour sessions throughout January and February. The program finished with a performance for the entire school on February 15th by the students and professional actors.

Woodland—

\$1,500 funded a visit by Steven Kroll, who has written chapter books and books for young adults. For each grade (K–2), Mr. Kroll made slide presentations on his ideas and writing techniques. Afterwards, he held a book-signing session where students were greeted personally and their previously purchased books were signed. The remaining funds helped to support "Character Magic" with Patrick Ireland on May 2. At an assembly for all grades, Mr. Ireland performed with magic, music and student participation on a theme of honesty, respect for others and cooperation.

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"I believe in the Morris School District and wish to help support programs and efforts that might not be funded otherwise. Giving to MEF is a 'good thing to do!' It is nice to know that special programs to help students achieve more are implemented because of Morris Educational Foundation."

Debbie Gottsleben-Delaney, MHS Class of 1972 and MHS Library Media Specialist

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Friends

The Friends' Campaign continues through the spring, and we hope you will join us, if you haven't already. The campaign is the annual appeal and the major fund-raising component of the Morris Educational Foundation. All the money raised is distributed to the Morris School District through grants that are awarded to teachers and administrators. So far the 2005-06 campaign has raised over \$35,000. It is not too late to provide a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation and enhance the educational experience of over 4,600 students in the Morris School District. If you are employed by a company with a matching gifts program, please complete the appropriate forms.

Thank you to all of our loyal friends who have supported the campaign and to those joining us for the first time. Everyone on the Foundation appreciates your wonderful contribution.



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The Morris Educational Foundation Teacher Tribute Program

Winter 2005 Teacher Tribute Awardees

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The Morris Educational Foundation invites you to honor those educators and staff members who have made a difference in your children's lives by participating in the Teacher Tribute Program.

A gift in a teacher's name to the Foundation "gives back" to your school. Contributions not only honor the teacher or staff member but also the Foundation's grant programs. The Winter 2005 Teacher Tribute program honored over 200 Morris School District teachers, principals, coaches, secretaries, nurses and assistants. As a result of your contributions, MEF has awarded grants directly to our schools to enhance and enrich the education of all our students.

The Spring 2006 Teacher Tribute Program is currently underway. To make your tax-deductible donation to MEF in honor of a particular teacher or staff member, please complete the form to the right. If you would like to send a personal message to the honoree(s), please write it on a separate card or notepaper. We will enclose it with a notification card to the honoree. Once your contribution is processed, you will receive an acknowledgment that may be used for tax purposes. The honoree will receive notification of your donation but not the amount. You may honor more than one person.

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