

Foundation Report

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The Cinco De Mayo Silent Auction & Fiesta on May 5th is about six weeks away. Invitations were mailed or hand-delivered this week and donations are coming in. We can always use more donations and sponsors though, so if you haven't committed yet, please do so. We hope to raise upwards of \$15,000. As you know, honorees this year will be: Dan Reavy from Verizon, alumnus Jim Finnemeyer and educators Steve Frederick and the entire NPSD Technology and Engineering Education Department.

The Foundation's Charity Luncheon at Texas Roadhouse in February raised \$1400. We are currently planning next year's luncheons for Bacco in North Wales and a location to be determined. If there are any restaurants out there that would like to partner with us for a great cause, please let us know.

We received \$2,400 in Educational Improvement Tax Credit funds from Penn National Bank last month. Thank you so much for your support. The Foundation currently has two approved programs for which EITC funds can be used. Christine Liberaski recently attended a workshop on this topic and is looking to submit more projects for approval by the May 1st deadline. There have been many changes to this program over the years and the Foundation hopes to engage more of the business community in securing EITC donations.

The Foundation's webpages on the district's website are currently getting a makeover. If you visit npenn.org/foundation you will find a great deal of new information about what we do and how you can support us. We also added a Paypal feature to make online donations and to pay for our fundraising events. So it's never been easier to give to the Foundation.

In grant news, 147 Gwynedd Square and Inglewood students travelled to the Kimmel Center a few weeks ago. They experienced a reenactment of portions of Beethoven's life accompanied by the world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra. Several excerpts of the Beethoven's famous works were performed by some the best musician's in the world. Students were able to make connections between the story and the music. They were also able to see and hear the result of hard work, discipline and practice. I want to thank our generous donors who made this possible, but also the teachers who applied for this grant to give our students this opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, the Foundation is currently accepting grant applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Those interested can find the online application on the foundation's website. Deadline is April 12th.

If you have any questions about the Foundation you can contact Christine Liberaski at the ESC.