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FLITE gets students home from school

BERWYN — The Tredyffrin-Easttown Education Association presented a \$1,000 check to a non-profit group that strives to ensure achievement among students who may not have the financial, emotional or environmental support to reach their full potential.

TEEA president Debra Ciamacca and treasurer Tom Ricker handed the check to FLITE chairman Tom Colman before Monday night's Tredyffrin-Easttown school-board meeting.

Ciamacca said donating money to FLITE is the "right thing to do."

FLITE stands for Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin-Easttown and consists of residents who work to make transportation available to students who may not otherwise be able to attend pre-school or after-school programs. The group also aims to enhance programs already offered by the district.

"Our members are concerned about helping every student succeed and we know that there are students who do not have the resources available to take advantage of everything that our district has to offer. We know that FLITE will use this money to assist students with tutoring, field trips and other opportunities," Ciamacca said.

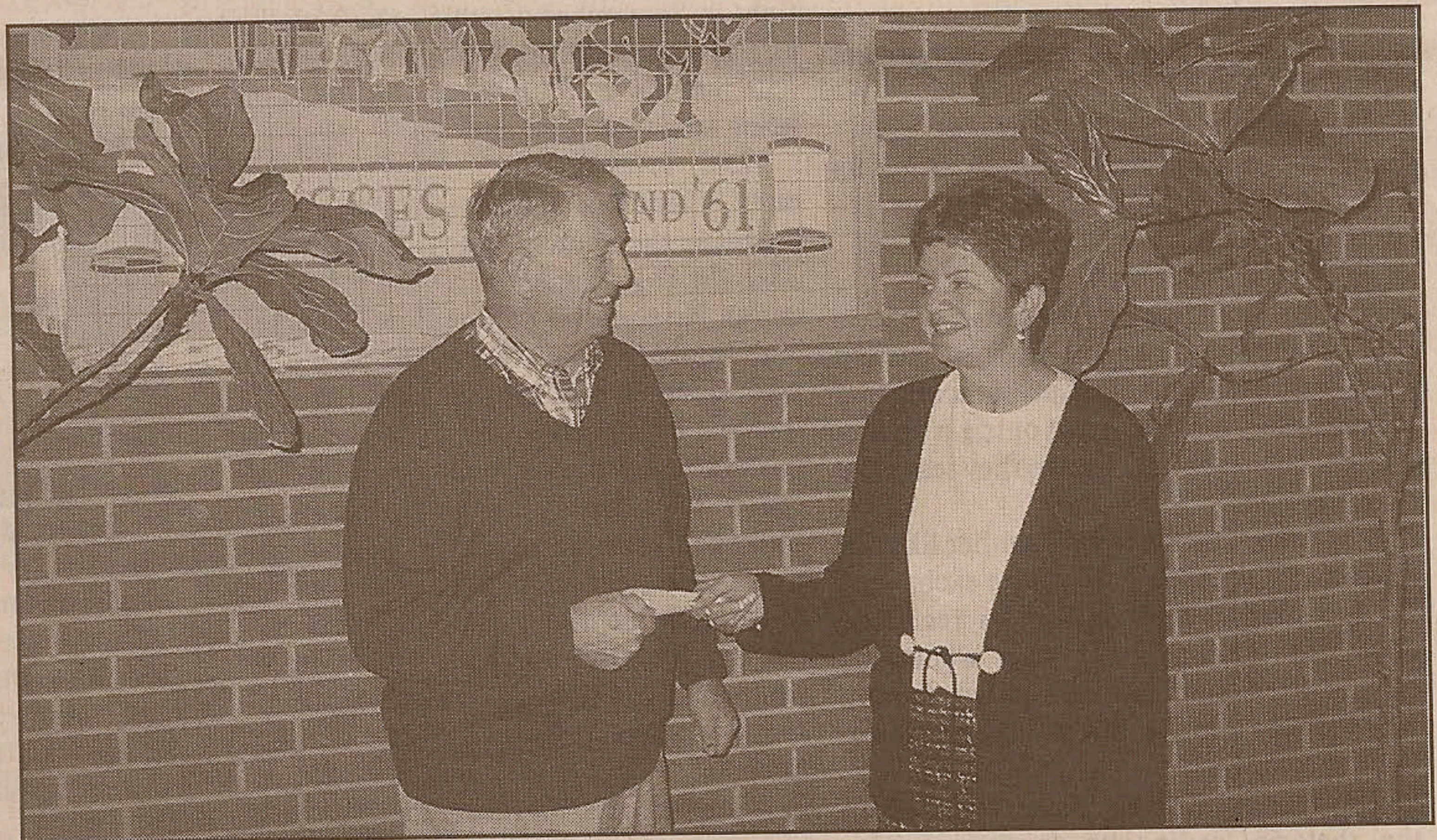
Colman fears that opportunities for students will diminish because of recently enacted tax laws

that pose potential threats to the district's ability to fund high-quality education. He worries that programs will be at risk.

"FLITE is absolutely delighted to receive a very generous contribution from the Tredyffrin-Easttown Education Association. Some of the programs that we have funded and are already being launched are made possible through the fine efforts of teachers in Tredyffrin-Easttown," Colman said.

Valley Forge Middle School hosts one of FLITE's programs. Around 20 students, selected based on need, meet after school for a snack, homework help and tutoring. At 5 p.m. a bus takes them from the school to their homes. The program was initiated by the Valley Forge Middle School Parent Teachers Organization, administration, teachers, guidance counselors and FLITE.

FLITE's Web site is at www.flite-pa.org.



Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin-Easttown chairman Tom Colman receives a check from Tredyffrin-Easttown Education Association president Debra Ciamacca. The money will go toward programs FLITE has initiated in the T-E district.

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