



NITTANY NEWS

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Nittany News Flash:

- Membership dues for the Philadelphia Chapter are paid on an annual basis.
\$20.00 single
\$25.00 Family membership
Alumni Association Members receive \$5.00 discount
- Complete Chapter registration by sending membership dues to PSAA Philadelphia Chapter
PO Box 2133 Philadelphia PA 19114
- Monthly General Membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each Month, locations vary check monthly email messages
- Networking Business card exchange events are held the third Thursday of each month at Mad River Bar & Grille 126 Chestnut Street in Olde City Philadelphia

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Penn Staters,

I am very excited to present you with the latest edition of Nittany News, the Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Associations annual newsletter. This is a very exciting period of growth for the Philadelphia Chapter as you will see from the numerous social, networking, and community service events we've hosted in the previous months and are planning for the upcoming months.

As you peruse the following pages of this newsletter you will see displays of fellowship, charity, and good will. I am very proud of the accomplishments of the Chapter over the previ-

ous year and a half. We have raised over \$6,000 for various charities, volunteered countless hours in the Philadelphia community, and fostered relationships with fellow Penn State groups.

Whether you are looking for a forum to share your most valued Penn State memories, build a career network, or are in search of others who enjoy volunteering their time helping those in need, you will find it here with the Philadelphia Chapter.

I would like to personally thank all of the dedicated volunteer leaders and members of the Chapter—you have been the recipe to our success. For those who are reading this and have not yet been involved with

the Chapter I urge you to attend an upcoming event of your choice. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Be sure to check out our new website!!

www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia/

Get Your Roar On!

Jamie Nelson

President

PSAA Philadelphia Chapter



MLK DAY OF SERVICE



On the 10th Annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, the Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association participated in a service activity sponsored by City Year Greater Philadelphia. The Chapter was part of a group of 576 volunteers who came

together to transform Shaw Middle School in Southwest Philadelphia. In total 50 school supply care packages for under-resourced students and 6 new tree/flower beds to support Shaw's environmental science program were built. Eight murals, including one inspired by Dr. King's Blue-Print speech given at a Philadelphia middle school in 1968, 2 floors of hallways, and 2 gyms were painted. Finally, 3 under-utilized spaces were refurbished

(Woodshop, Science Lab, and Library). Volunteers also participated in small group discussions about Dr. King's philosophies, seeking to deepen their knowledge of King's work and creating a sense of connection to today's issues of social injustice throughout the world.

The event was a huge success. Together, 17 people (youth and adults, people of different sex, race, religion, and nationality and all directly affiliated with the Pennsyl-



FOR THE KIDS 2005 PENN STATE DANCE MARATHON FUNDRAISER



**EMBRACING DREAMS
SHARING TOMORROW
PENN STATE IFC/PANHELLENIC
DANCE MARATHON 2005**

On January 20th, in conjunction with the THON Alumni Interest Group, The Penn State Philadelphia Chapter Alumni Association hosted the 2005 THON Fundraiser Happy

Hour at Mad River Bar & Grille in Philadelphia.

While, it wasn't quite 48 hours of continuous dancing, it was a standing room only event as fellow alumni relived their THON experience and most importantly supported "THE KIDS!" Everything was great, from the music, the 50/50 gift certificate raffle, and extended drink special till 10:30pm!!!

Donations were collected for the 2005 Dance MaraTHON at the door as well as tips collected by guest bartenders. We were raised

\$663.00 donated in the name of the Chapter to THON 2005. This amount will be counted in this years grand total.

Remember THON is February 18th-20th and it not too late to donate for this great cause. See www.thon.org for more



THIRD THURSDAY NETWORKING/BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE EVENTS

We Want The Happy Hour!!!
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Want to catch up on old times? Network with potential clients? Meet that special someone? Or just right out decompress from work? Well, Third Thursdays are back!!! Join the PSU Alumni Association's Philadelphia

Chapter at "The Mad River Bar and Grill" on the third Thursday of each month. Enjoy "\$3 Anything Drinks," a light buffet, numerous plasma TV's, and great music. Please take drop by 126 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and take in one of fall's premiere events. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mad River Bar & Grill
126 Chestnut Street
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CITY LIGHTS PHILADELPHIA FAIRMONT WATERWORKS

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Fairmont Waterworks
Networking reception with short presentations on **survival skills** for busy alumni. *Meet other Penn Staters and enjoy Happy Hour snacks and beverages* while you pick up practical information for your career and your life. Penn State faculty will offer optional, informal sessions: Dr.

Bob Ricketts will help you assess your health and fitness and set goals that work for you. Dr. Peter Bordi will entertain and enlighten as he demonstrates the creation of easy dinners and desserts for yourself or your guests. Located at the historic Fairmount Water Works near Boathouse Row with free parking. *Alumni Association members, \$25 per person;*

non-members, \$35.

SATURDAY, MAY 7 | 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. | The Philadelphia Zoo
PSU at the Zoo! Bring the whole family. Penn Staters will meet at the Peacock Pavilion in the heart of the Zoo. *The event will include zoo admission (\$16.95 value), the Zoo on Wheels show with naturalists and live ani-*

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER HELPS FIGHT HUNGER

“Making a difference is what it is all about”. On December 18, 2004 over twenty local Penn State alumni made a difference in the lives of area residents by volunteering at the Philadelphia Food Bank. Everyone pitched to help make hundreds of boxes of food for senior centers. The three hours seemed to fly by and along with the sense of accomplishment that comes with helping others, it was also great chance to meet or in some cases reconnect with fellow alumni.

Every day the Food Bank distributes 16 tons of nourishing food to over 800 nonprofit organizations, which operate more than 1,400 diverse feeding programs to help to fight hunger and malnutrition among our neighbors. Each year the Food Bank provides nourishment to nearly 400,000 poor and low-income families in the five county region.



Chapter members help fight holiday hunger by boxing canned goods.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers who came out on December 18, 2005 and

helped make a difference in the lives of area residents.



CITY LIGHTS PHILADELPHIA -CONTINUED-

mals, AND lunch. Alumnus Chris Waldron will describe the construction of the extraordinary new Big Cat Falls. Bring your camera, too, for a photo opportunity with the Nittany Lion Mascot. Then tour the nation’s oldest zoo and Victorian garden at your own pace. Paid parking is available. *Alumni Association members, \$20 adult/\$10 child; non-members, \$30/\$20.*

TUESDAY, MAY 17 | 7:30-

9:00 A.M. | THE PYRAMID CLUB

“The Future of Medicine—Miracles or Meltdown?” Dr. Darrell G. Kirch, senior vice president and dean of Penn State’s College of Medicine, will talk about extraordinary medical discoveries and their impact on the quality of our lives. He will also tackle the tough questions on financing the best health care. *Treat yourself to*

meeting other Penn Staters in this private club with a chef-prepared breakfast and a premier presentation about our access to breakthrough medicine. The Pyramid Club is located near City Hall, and public transportation is easily accessible. Paid parking is available. Alumni Association members, \$25; non-members, \$35.

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NITTANY NETWORKING EVENT

On Wednesday March 23rd The Philadelphia Chapter co hosted a Nittany Networking event with Penn State Alumni Career Services at the Philadelphia Penn State Recruitment Center 1601 Market Street. “Making Your Penn State Connections Work for you” featured guest speaker Cheryl Bonner, Director of Alumni Programs.

Topics presented included; How to identify alumni (Chapters, Lion Link, Directory), Appropriate use of contacts, Handling the “cold call,” Network etiquette, Networking for career and business success, Development of an elevator speech, Networking etiquette – basic review, and Tips from the pros.

Attendees of the event not only brushed up on their networking skills they were able to put them to immediate use, exchanging business cards and contact information with fellow Penn Staters.

The Philadelphia Chapter is proud to bring events of this nature to the area. If you have suggestions for future Nittany Networking events please contact President Jamie Nelson; Nlioness91@comcast.net



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SECOND ANNUAL ADAM TALIAFERRO FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

The Philadelphia Chapter is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the second annual Adam Taliadro Foundation Fundraiser. The foundation is named for Penn State cornerback Adam Taliadro, who was told he would never walk again after suffering a spinal cord injury in the September 23, 2000, football game at Ohio State. The foundation has a mission to provide educational resources for people who work in the fields of athletics and medicine as well as grant funding for athletes who suffer incapacitating injuries.



Adam Taliadro, Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association and Philadelphia Chapter Board at last years fundraiser.

Last years fundraiser was held on May 20th at the Marathon Grill located at 20th and Market Streets center city Philadelphia. The event rose over \$5,000 for the foundation.

This year the foundation and Chapter look to double that amount. Please stay tuned for more details on this event which is still in the works for mid June 2005. Be sure to check the Philadelphia Chapters website for more information as they become available, www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia click on the events tab and search through the June 2005 events.

For more information on the Adam Taliadro Foundation visit;
www.taliaferrofoundation.org/

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE
WWW.PSUALUM.COM/CHAPTER/PHILADELPHIA/

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