



NITTANY NEWS

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Nittany News Flash:

- Membership dues for the Philadelphia Chapter are paid on an annual basis. They are as follows:
 - \$20.00 single
 - \$25.00 Family membership
 - \$5.00 for new graduates (within 2 years of graduation)
- Complete Chapter registration by sending a completed membership application along with membership dues to PSAA Philadelphia Chapter PO Box 2133 Philadelphia PA 19114. Request a membership application from Membership Chair, Robyn Ricketts; robyn@psualum.com
- Monthly General Membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each Month, locations vary check the Chapter website for more details
- 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

Rowers on the Schuylkill, Italian ice stands opening, the Phillies playing at Citizens Bank Park, barbecues in Fairmount Park, city scapes beautified with water fountains coming to life; just a few signs that summer has officially reached Philadelphia. The Live8 concert and Welcome America festivities aren't the only exciting things happening in Philadelphia this summer, especially not for Penn Staters.

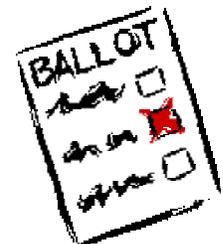
I am so proud of the recent accomplishments of the Chapter and the upcoming events that the new board is working hard to plan and



implement. Membership is rising, programming is expanding and new leaders are emerging. The Second Adam Taliaferro Event fundraised over \$6,000 for spinal cord injuries. The third annual Freshman Sendoff and the football season filled with Tail Great parties is just around the corner and monthly Chapter meetings as well as Third Thursdays are always happening. Be sure to visit the Chapter website;

www.psualum.com/chapter/phiadelphia for more information on all upcoming events and to stay tuned with what's going on with the Chapter.

So the next time you find yourself stuck in traffic on the AC Expressway remember there's always a host of fun things going on right here in your backyard, and who better to do them with but



ELECTION RESULTS CHAPTER ELECTS TWO NEW LEADERS

The Alumni Association's Philadelphia Chapter completed its 2005 Executive Board Elections at the General Chapter Meeting on June 14, 2005 at The Penn State Recruitment Center.

Elected to The Executive Board were the following;
 President – Jamie Nelson*
 Vice President - Darryl Bundrige*
 Treasurer – Sean Sommer
 Membership Chair – Robyn Ricketts
 Activities Chair – Prince Thomas*

Social Awareness Chair – Janet Massey**
 Professional Development Chair – Mark Mogle**

*Denotes Incumbent
 ** Denotes volunteer to be appointed at July's monthly meeting pending board approval

We thank all of you who took the time and effort to run and hope, if you were not elected this time, that you will consider serving as a committee chair or member.

The following chair positions

are open:
 Secretary
 Communications Chair
 Scholarship Chair

Contact Jamie Nelson, Chapter President to volunteer or for more information at: Nlioness91@comcast.net

We also appreciate those who took the time to vote. There are so many highly qualified candidates it was a difficult choice.



IT'S A ZOO!

On Saturday May 7th over 200 Penn State Alumni traveled to the Philadelphia Zoo to participate in the second of three events in the City Lights Philadelphia series sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association. Alumni of all ages sported their blue and white and class year on pins provided by the Alumni Association. Even Penn State hopefuls were in on the fun wearing "future alum" pins.

Attendees participated in informational demonstrations on animals

of all sizes, tours of the zoo, and lunch with fellow Penn Staters at the Peacock Pavilion. Notable guests of the Alumni Association included; Roger Williams, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, Deborah Marron, Director, Program Development & Enrichment, Cheryl Bonner, Director Alumni Career Services, and even the Nittany Lion was on hand to partake in the fun.

Philadelphia was the first city chosen by the Alumni Association to sponsor the City Lights Tour which is also planned to visit Washington

D.C., Pittsburgh, and the New York City areas. Check out www.alum.psu.edu for more information.



FREE GIFT TO CHAPTER MEMBERS!!

Do you want a FREE gift? This year is the year of membership growth for the Philadelphia Chapter. The officers are excited and you should be too! In an effort to become the #1 chapter we need your help. Refer five Penn State alumni for new chapter membership and you will receive a FREE gift.

Philadelphia has over 76,000 alumni and that's a lot of blue and white. What color do you bleed? Think you can refer five new members? Get them anywhere you can! Just remember your name needs to be in the "referred by" box on their application for it to count. Maybe you should just help them fill it out and

give them a stamp to mail the dues, just to be sure. You know you want that FREE gift!

For questions on membership or an application, contact Robyn Ricketts at robynr@psualum.com.

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE REPRESENTED IN VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN HAPPY VALLEY

WE ARE Penn State Volunteers! Penn Staters from around the country celebrated this theme while gathered May 20-22 in University Park for a different kind of learning. The Penn State Alumni Association hosted the conference.

Philadelphia Chapter president Jamie Nelson and secretary Darryl Bundrige

participated in workshops designed to provide ideas, resources, and inspiration. Volunteer leaders and Alumni Association staff presented on various topics and shared great tips.

Weekend highlights included remarks from Penn State President Graham Spanier and Lady Lions Coach Rene



Portland. Everyone had a great time.

2005 FRESHMAN SENDOFF

You remember it like it was yesterday. You counted the days until you left for Dear Old State. The bags and boxes were packed. You had gone on perhaps the last family vacation or road trip with friends. All that was left was to go to Freshman Sendoff the local Penn State alumni chapter hosted.

Who knew you would have such a good time! You met some new people, actually learned cheers and songs to fit in at football games and Be a part From the Start. And you got some answers to questions you didn't want to ask in front of family.

They seemed pretty relieved and excited after the day too.

Why not help the Class of 2009, 2010, or 2011 have the same great experience you had. Or maybe you didn't get a Sendoff and wished you had. Join the planning committee and find out. This year's event will be held at **Penn State's Abington Campus on Sunday August 14th from 12:00pm – 3:30pm.**

If you are interested in joining the Freshman Sendoff planning

committee, or you would like to just help out the day of the event, contact Prince Thomas at PrinceCThomas@aol.com or Darryl Bundrige at dbstate93@aol.com.



2003 Freshman Sendoff Volunteers



PENN STATE NETWORK ALIVE AND WELL AT THE FAIRMOUNT WATERWORKS EVENT

The Penn State Alumni Association hosted "Survival Skills for Busy Alumni" at the Philadelphia Fairmount Waterworks on Thursday, April 28. A sell-out crowd gathered to exchange business cards, recipes, and exercise ideas with fellow alumni. Penn State faculty Dr. Bob Ricketts and Dr. Peter Bordi were kind



enough to travel from University Park to share their expertise in exercise and nutrition. Alumni Association Executive Director Roger

Williams pointed out that the event was the first in a series the Alumni Association planned for the Philadelphia area to increase participation and membership in the Association while highlighting our great city.

You had no idea. You just weren't prepared to get that kind of reaction. Here you are, no one in the middle of no where

(or that's what it seems) trying to land your first job, armed with your resume, your degree, and a heady mix of self-confidence and self-doubt. Someone sees you're from Penn State and that's when it starts. Oh, you need to talk with so-and-so, the human resource rep says. She's a big Penn Stater, you're told. And you do. And she is— a tasteful Nittany Lion photo adorns her office wall, a JoePa mug sits jewel-like on her shelf. And, while she doesn't have a job opening, she knows of one in another department. So your resume gets passed on with a big stamp of approval from the big Penn State fan. Wow. So that's how it happens. You had no idea. And that's when you realize. You really should become a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

{Penn State forever. Become a life member in the Penn State Alumni Association}

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RESULTS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL ADAM TALIAFERRO BENEFIT

On Thursday June 23rd from 6:30pm – 10:30pm the Philadelphia Chapter hosted the second annual Adam Taliaferro Foundation Benefit. This years event will sponsored guest speakers; Don Tollefson; Fox 29 Sports News, Kerry McCoy; Penn State Alum and 2004 Athens Olympic Wrestler, and Roger Williams; Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association. Adam Taliaferro was also on hand for book signing of his autobiographic story Miracle.

This year's event was held at the Hibachi Grille on Delaware Avenue on Penns



Adam Taliaferro shares his yearning to return to Happy Valley, Adam graduated in May 2005 with a BS in Marketing

Landing and featured on Fox 29 news later that evening.

The Adam Taliaferro Foundation provides information on the prevention of cervical spine injuries, assistance for medical response to spine injuries, and to provide grant funding to athletes who sustain this type of injury. The Philadelphia Chapter hosted a benefit for the foundation in May of 2004 that rose over \$5,000 for the Foundation. This year's event helped fundraise over \$6,000! All proceeds of this event went directly benefit the Foundation.

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