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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Dear Fellow Penn Staters:

As my first full two year term as your president comes to a close I have to thank the countless volunteers who have helped the Chapter continue to thrive and grow over my past three and a half years with the Chapter. Without these individuals we would not be able to bring you the kind of programming that we've become so proud of. Tail Great Parties, Student Sendoffs and the Liberty Ball have become Chapter traditions.

Countless volunteer hours are put

into every detail of the Chapter from the communications that you view such as this newsletter, the website, and email blasts to the membership drives, and events that you attend. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud all of the individuals who have dedicated their time to the success of the Chapter.

As the 2005 – 2007 Officer/Director terms come to a close special thanks goes out to the following individuals for their service as volunteer leaders of the Chapter, they will be stepping

down from their respective offices effective July 11th. Darryl Bundrige, *Vice President*, Sean Sommer, *Treasurer*, Jen Miller Kurzweg, *Secretary*, and Prince Thomas, *Activities Director*. Each has upheld personal and professional lives while extending their talents and many services to the Chapter. We thank you for your dedication and hard work and I personally thank you for your support and friendships.

WE ARE PENN STATE!

Get Your Roar On!

Jamie Nelson '02 Psy.



DAD VAIL 2007

BRIAN CASTELLO, DAD VAIL '07 CHAIR

Once again it was a banner year for PSU Crew and a lovely day along the Schuylkill River as thousands watched the semi-finals and finals of the prestigious Dad Vail Regatta which draws 5000 athletes from 120 schools. By noon there were 100 alumni, coaches, students, parents and friends under the Penn State tents with alumni friends with duel school connections stopping by all afternoon. Dozens of alumni posed for pictures with the banners of the PSU Alumni Philadelphia Chapter and the PSU Crew Alumni Interest Group, cosponsors of the party.

We could barely keep up at the grill with the burgers and dogs as we watched 3 PSU boats race in the finals, winning 2 silver medals and our women's heavyweight four mounting an amazing stretch drive coming from 2 lengths back to nearly repeat their gold medal performance of last year, losing

to San Diego by only 36/100ths of a second over a 2000 meter race! Cloud cover only made for a cool day with gentle breezes and good times (by the alums and rowers) as the rain held off through the event and the final ceremonies.

While Purdue alums from 2 tents down ran down to the grandstand to collect the Jack Bratten Overall Points Trophy, Penn State Coaches and students came back again to our tent to present signed oar paddles to a team record 14 seniors with 6 receiving "Career Crew" awards (name engraved on a plaque, but no varsity S, Crew – like Ice Hockey – is still a club sport at PSU) Alumni from all 13 years of PSU Crew's history presented Coach John Biddle with his own signed oar paddle and a scrapbook of PSU Crew photo memorabilia marking his 7 years as PSU Crew Head Coach, ending this year as he

and his wife Jen are relocating to Chapel Hill, NC, where she will be doing post-doc research. He will be finishing his graduate education and taking a few years off from coaching and will be sitting with us alums at next years Dad Vail's. The Dad Vail administrative staffers are wagering amongst themselves that he will be back with another team in a couple of years.

Penn State Crew is now a team that can hold its own with the top varsity teams in the nation and the Dad Vail is an event that is sure to be enjoyed by more and more Penn Staters each year.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN ...

Chapter Nominations and Elections!

Beginning May 2, 2007 the Chapter opened our bi-annual election process by accepting nominations for all volunteer board leadership positions. We took nominations for ALL Officer and Director positions which include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary as well as Directors of; Activities, Community Service, Communications, Membership, Professional Development, and Scholarship & Student Outreach



When: June 6, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

Where: 126 Chestnut Street, Mad River Bar & Grille

For more details email Jamie Nelson at nlioness91@comcast.net.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND TRAINING TO IMPROVE CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

DARRYL BUNDRIGE, VICE PRESIDENT

Few people would find getting up on a Saturday morning to sit in an 8-hour session on how to build a better alumni chapter enjoyable. But nine Philadelphia Board members committed to make the sacrifice. And what they learned in addition to how they will use their knowledge to improve the Chapter made it worthwhile.

The Philadelphia Chapter Board gathered with leaders from New York, New Jersey, and Chapters

West of the Delaware Valley to participate in a leadership development training hosted by the national Alumni Association at the Penn State Abington Campus.

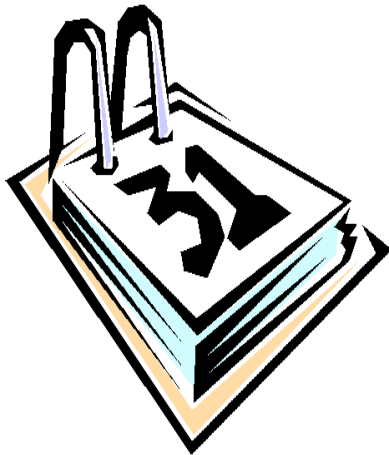
Sessions included how to get the message out to members without bombarding them with emails, finding new and creative ways to recruit members, and the financial aspects of operating a Chapter. One of the best opportunities during the day occurred when chapters,

alumni interest groups, and campus societies had the chance to share best practices from their programs with peers. The conference was well worth the fee that the Chapter paid for members to attend.

The day's highlights included Philadelphia Chapter Vice President Darryl Bundrige winning a football weekend in Happy Valley for the upcoming season.

Visit the Philadelphia Chapter: www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia

FRESHMAN SENDOFF 2007



Mark your calendars!

Saturday, August 11th, the Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association will hold our annual Freshman Sendoff. This is your chance to welcome incoming freshman into the Penn State family and connect with other alums in the area. Come out to the picnic and pass on your words of wisdom and favorite Penn State traditions to the next generation of Nittany Lions! Location: TBD

BUY YOUR CHAPTER T-SHIRT TODAY!
Only \$10.00!



www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia

Are you ready for the biggest game in Philly??



vs.



November 9, 2007

Stay tuned for more details!

WE WANT YOU ...

WANTED:

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Activities, Communications, Community Service, Membership, Professional Development, Scholarship & Student Outreach

One Philadelphia Chapter is seeking three motivated, organized and Penn State Proud Alumni volunteers to help grow the Chapter! If you bleed blue & white, find yourself the lead in social planning situations, and are looking to foster friendships and maintain the feel of the Penn State community in the Philadelphia area we have the spot for you! Are you a recent grad?? Here's your chance to stay connected to PSU and help us make a difference in the Philadelphia community!! Not so recent grad? Heres your chance to reconnect with old pals and make new Penn State friends.

Please contact

Chapter President, Jamie Nelson; jd02@psualum.com

for more information to be a general volunteer.

The Chapter's mission; *To unite and maintain a network of Penn State alumni, while giving back to the community, providing scholarship, demonstrating pride and promoting Penn State in the Philadelphia area.*



Use our website for:

Buying tickets for our events!

Online Membership Application!

Get the latest info on awesome PSU programs in Philly!

Buying T-shirts!

Renewing membership!

General Donations!

Visit the Philadelphia Chapter: www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia

SHOWCASE YOUR PENN STATE SPIRIT, JOIN THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER!!

Most people are unaware that being a graduate of Penn State does not automatically make them members of the Alumni Association or what the difference is between the Alumni Association and the Philadelphia Chapter.

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Philadelphia Chapter

The Philadelphia Chapter is an organization that promotes the welfare of the Penn State University in the Philadelphia area and provides services to our Chapter members. As a dues paying member of the Philadelphia Chapter, not only do you receive discounts for Chapter events, but you help us to maintain our mission statement by providing scholarships to local students, bringing local alumni together for social and networking events, and by adding value to our community through various community service projects.

The Chapter upholds annual dues for its membership that help to offset set up costs for events and service activities and allow us to provide annual members with event information via newsletters, mailings, and special email updates.

Membership Dues (12 months):

Single Membership \$15.00

Family Membership \$20.00

New Graduates (within 2 years) \$5.00

Senior Citizens Discount (65 or older) \$5.00 off any membership type.

Penn State Alumni Association

Joining the Penn State Alumni Association connects you to the University for life. Your membership allows you to join with more than 150,000 Penn State alums who together are working to strengthen the University for generations of students to come.

If you really want to make your membership work extra hard, go to the Alumni Association website: www.alumni.psu.edu/4life and sign up for a lifetime membership with the Alumni Association with the Philadelphia Chapters code (ATL) referenced on your application! This offers additional resources to the Philadelphia Chapter, which translates into additional services and benefits to our members.

To request further information regarding membership, please contact Michael Zirilli, Membership Director, at mikesualumni@comcast.net



VS



Want Penn State Football Tickets?

We've got 'em! This fall, the Philadelphia Chapter will be raffling off two (2) tickets to the Penn State vs. Purdue game on November 3rd. You can purchase raffle tickets at any of our Tail Great Parties at Mad River starting this fall. All of the proceeds will go towards the scholarships fund for Penn State Students. Please contact Erin Konkle at erinkonkle@gmail.com for more information.

Visit the Philadelphia Chapter: www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia

PHILLIES, CUBS & NITTANY LIONS AT THE BALPPARK?

Another great Penn State Crowd gathered at the Citizens Bank Ballpark on Friday May 11th to watch the Fightin' Phils beat the Chicago Cubs 7-2.

at Burrell came through with a three-run shot in the fourth inning that won the game but almost assassinated our Chapter Alumni President, Jamie Nelson, sitting in dead center field. Luckily for the chapter Jamie moved out of the way in time. No one in our group was able to retrieve the ball however all in attendance had a memorable story to add to their arsenal.

The night was definitely memorable with an awesome lower outfield view. Many Alumni enjoyed easy access to Harry the K's Broadcast Bar & Grill, McFadden's, The Phanatic, and of course the Penn State Alumni Company.

During the 5th inning the Penn State Alumni Association was recognized during the game on the Citizens Bank Park Scoreboards for its attendance. This was definitely one "College Night Event" that the Phillies and Penn State Alumni were proud of.

Thanks to everyone who attended. For photos of the night go to www.phillies.com/fanfoto

Other Penn State Alumni Events In the Philadelphia Area

Please note these events are not hosted by the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter.

June 5th:

Networking @ PSU Abington
6:30-8:30pm
Free to PSUA Members
\$10 for Non-Members
More info:
Laura Kopp @ 814-865-LINK

June 9th:

PSU Alumni City Lights Events
Family Day for Penn Staters at Longwood Gardens
9am - 6:30pm
For more info :
www.alumni.psu.edu/events/citylights07

June 21st:

Penn State Grassroots
Networking Event
Blue Bell Inn from 5:30-7:30pm
RSVP by June 14th!

July 11th:

Ice Cream Social hosted by the Philadelphia Women's Professional Network.
<http://psualum.com/affiliate/PW/NPhiladelphia/events.asp>

July 11 –15th:

Arts Festival Alumni Weekend
To view weekend of events and to register, visit
www.alumni.psu.edu/events.

July 22nd:

Louis P. Merlano
Scholarship Classic
Northampton Valley CC
www.lpmsscholarshipfund.com,

LIBERTY BALL 2008 ... WE NEED YOU!!!

The Penn State Liberty Ball 2008 planning has begun!

Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday night of the month @ Mad River.

Funds raised from the Penn State Liberty Ball benefits THON,
The Four Diamonds Foundation and the Hershey Medical Center.

For more info please visit www.libertyball.org

or email gillian.frisch@gmail.com.

- Trying to make it big in Philly?
- Fresh on the scene and wondering how to succeed in business?
- How about a little help from fellow Penn Staters?
- Stay tune for a great event in late June!

Presented by the Philly Chapter, Penn State Professional Women's Network, and Alumni Career Services

Visit the Philadelphia Chapter: www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Date of birth:	Phone:	Mobile:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email:		
Degree:	Class Year:	
MEMBERSHIP TYPE		
Single Annual Membership \$15.00		
Family Annual Membership \$20.00		
Recent Grads (within 2 years) \$5.00 Class Year:		
Senior Citizen's discount (65 years or older) \$5.00 discount off membership type		
SUBMITTAL PROCESS		
<p>Once you have completed this form, please detach and send with membership dues, check, or money order payable to: The Penn State Alumni Association – Philadelphia Chapter PO Box 21233 Philadelphia, PA 19114</p> <p>Or send electronically to Michael Zirilli, Membership Committee Chair at mikepsualumni@comcast.net with membership dues sent via US Mail to the PO Box listed above, or through our website using PayPal</p>		

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