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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JAMIE NELSON, PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Penn Staters:

As 2006 comes to a close I am once again proud to present the quarterly newsletter full of the accomplishments and upcoming opportunities presented by the Chapter. In the pages that follow you will find previous programs, upcoming National Penn State Alumni Association

benefits and programs as well as a new feature, our member profile.

In our continual effort to align our activities not only with the mission of the University but the National Alumni Association as well, we have included programs of interest sponsored by Penn State Alumni Career Services, Alumni Travel Program, and the Office of Educational Equity. These programs are integral parts of not only your continued support of the University but could also

prove positive in the growth of your personal social network.

Please keep up to date on the 2007 Chapter activities by reading the distributed email blasts, checking back at the Chapter website, and reading through the quarterly newsletters.

I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2007! GO LIONS! BEAT TENNESSEE!

Get Your Roar On!
Jamie D. Nelson

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THE LIBERTY BALL IS BACK!



Mark your calendar for February 10, 2007. The Philadelphia Chapter and the Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group (DMAIG) will host the second annual Liberty Ball, A Knight For the Kids. With over 200 in attendance, Liberty Ball 2006 raised over \$11,000 for Penn State's Dance Marathon, which supports the Four Diamonds Fund and Hershey Medical Center. We hope to double attendance and funds raised in 2007 and you can be

a part of the magical evening while helping us reach both goals!

Liberty Ball 2007 will be held at the historic Radisson Warwick Hotel, located on 17th and Locust Streets in Center City Philadelphia. Attendees will be entertained by a live band, DJ, some celebrity speakers, Four Diamonds Fund guests, a silent auction, and don't forget the dancing! An hour long open bar will be followed by a sit down dinner with your choice of two entrees.

Help us get closer to finding the cure for pediatric cancer by attending Liberty Ball

2007. A one hundred ten dollar donation is requested to attend. All proceeds go towards the cause.

Please visit; www.LibertyBall.org for more information or to purchase your tickets and reserve your seats for this spectacular event. GO STATE BEAT CANCER!

PURCHASE 10 TICKETS (1 TABLE) JANUARY 8TH-12TH AND RECEIVE A \$10.00 DISCOUNT PER TICKET, A \$100 SAVINGS!



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MEMBER PROFILE: SUBY ROSS

MIKE ZIRILLI, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



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What is your favorite PSU memory, location, or event?

I lived at the Phoenix House on Beaver and Hetzel. We nick named our apartment "The Scorpion". Some of the best times of my life were spent watching football on TV with my roommates, commenting on stupid plays, laughing at commercials, and kidding one another about the events of Friday and Saturday

night.

Is there any advice that you would to pass along to recent graduates who are just starting their careers?

Be proactive. If your current work atmosphere is unsatisfying, make it better or leave. Write down realistic goals. At the end of each week/month take a look at those goals and ask yourself if you've moved any closer to achieving them. If you have, then ask yourself "is there anything I could be doing to get there faster?" If you have not, it might be time to re-assess your goals, scrutinize your effort, or maybe both.

What was your career path and what do you do for a living now?

I have always been in sales. I sold life insurance for the Northwestern Mutual Life

Insurance Company immediately after graduation. I then worked for a start-up internet company called Egenda.net. For the last 6 years I have been working in the radio industry: first as an advertising sales representative at 102.9 WMGK and then as a sales manager at 610 WIP.

How did PSU prepare you for your career?

The PSU brand is universally respected and provides instant credibility to all of its alumni. Furthermore, the PSU network of graduates is incredibly far reaching and has been a real asset in several business situations.

If you or someone you know would like to be featured in the next membership profile please contact Chapter Membership Director; Mike Zirilli, Mike.Zirilli@vanguard.com



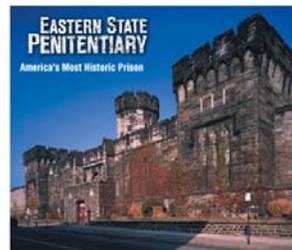
SCREAMS, SCREAMS, & MORE SCREAMS

PRINCE THOMAS, ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

A sea of blue and white invaded the Eastern State Penitentiary courtyard walls on October 26th to view one of the "Best Haunted Houses in America" Terror Behind the Walls.

While many people look to escape the "State Penn", our Penn State Alumni Members, geared for a scare, were eager to venture into the gothic like structure for a third year in a row. Perhaps, it does not hurt that members received a \$5.00 ticket discount, "glow in the dark" handcuffs, and a VIP Line avoiding the long lines. Besides the perks, the main element that set this event apart for members was the

authentic stage in which it all took place. The penitentiary is an intimidating structure that oozes fear among its victims. And that is only during the day! The rooms inside were



decorated with Hollywood light effects, ghostly sounds, and gory creatures. At times, we saw the real cells where prisoners used to sleep. They were closed because they were not part of the show, but

the scary thing is they looked much more terrifying than the haunted house show.

As we toured the corridors some of the creepy characters would come outside to scare members. And they did!

At the end of the tour members were scared, startled, and generally creped-out. All the elements needed for a great haunted house experience.

Thank you for all in attendance. We are sorry if you have to sleep with the lights on.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER
SEAN SOMMER, TREASURER**

The Philadelphia chapter of the PSU AA is proud to present two scholarships this year to current Penn State students from the Philadelphia area. The students, Sophia Lim and Mariya Korovo, will each receive a \$750 scholarship in January as they continue their freshman year.

The scholarships will help the students pay for books and other expenses. The scholarship money comes from a fund created in the 1960's by the "Philadelphia Penn State Club" as well as donations made by current members of the Philadelphia Chapter. The scholarship committee is made up of the Philadelphia Chapter board of directors. "We are extremely happy to offer these scholarships and are actively looking for funds to expand the offering in 2007", stated Sean Sommer the

Scholarship Chair. Scholarships are for students living in the Philadelphia area who demonstrate financial need. To be eligible, they must also show that they have graduated from high school, two letters of recommendation, and write a paper on a subject that they choose from several offered.

The Philadelphia Chapter of the PUSS AA will award two more scholarships in January of 2008 for \$750. Applications must be in by October 1, 2007.

The Awardees:

Sopheavy Lim

Sopheavy is a graduate of Central High School of Philadelphia and a freshman at the University Park campus. Sopheavy has enrolled in pre-med and is excited to continue her

family's long history of working in the medical profession. Sopheavy feels becoming a doctor enables her to help those around her.

Mariya Korovo

Mariya is a graduate of George Washington High School and a freshman at the University Park campus. Mariya is Majoring in Advertising/Public Relations and Telecommunications with a minor in Business Management. Mariya is extremely enthusiastic to become one of the first in her family to receive a college education.

To make a contribution to the Philadelphia Chapter of the PSU AA, send a check to: Philadelphia Chapter PSU AA, PO Box 21233 Philadelphia, PA 19114 or contribute online at our website below.

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



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**ESCAPE TO AN UNSPOILED PARADISE
PENN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



Join the Penn State Alumni Association in a very exciting, new signature program called "Penn State Family Escape" developed to provide more affordable and family-inclusive and singles travel options. In 2007, the inaugural "Penn State Family Escape" will be held in beautiful St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, July 21 to 28, 2007.

This week-long vacation is a unique travel opportunity – each of 200 oceanfront rooms

at the Divi Resort on St. Croix will be completely filled with Penn State alumni and friends.

Highlights of the program are its Children's Camp and Teen Club, led by Penn State Altoona kindergarten and elementary education majors, and specially planned-Penn State activities for adults and families like a Penn State Casino Night, a miniature and "real" golf tournaments, and crab races (it's not what you think!).

This affordable vacation is \$1,275 per adult and \$300 per child (not including air). Please contact the Alumni Association's travel partner, Alumni Family Getaways, at

1-888-840-1447 for detailed questions or to book this trip. For flight information including group air or individual air assistance contact Jackie Skinner at 1-800-326-0024 ext. 280.

A detailed brochure is available online at www.alumni.psu.edu/travel/2007 under St. Croix Family Getaway or you may link directly to the page <http://www.alumni.psu.edu/travel/2007/Default.asp?id=St.%20Croix%20Family%20Getaway>.

Please note that no passports are required for U.S. citizens to travel to and from St. Croix, even after Jan. 1, 2007!

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Get the latest info on awesome PSU programs in Philly!

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Renewing membership!

General Donations!

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WANTED: 3 PROUD PENN STATERS



WANTED:

DIRECTOR, SCHOLARSHIP & STUDENT OUTREACH

DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

One Philadelphia Chapter is seeking three motivated, organized and Penn State Proud Alumni leaders to help grow the Chapter in 2007! If you are bursting with school spirit, 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!

Please contact Chapter President, Jamie Nelson; jdn02@psualum.com or Chapter Vice President Darryl Bundrige; dbstate93@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.*

ESTABLISHING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

EDWARD THOMPSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Small groups of alumni (3-10) including friends/family/organization members can establish scholarships to support low-income or first-generation Penn State students through Educational Equity www.equity.psu.edu. Annual scholarships can be funded with a \$500 annual pledge for five years from five individuals, or with a \$250 annual pledge for five years from ten friends/family members. By combining your

efforts you can establish a \$2,500 annual scholarship (\$1,250 per semester) to a deserving Penn State student.

Endowed scholarships can also be established with individual contributions combined from a small group that would provide for a \$50,000 total endowment (\$10,000/yr pledge for five years), and will result in providing a \$2,500

scholarship annually in perpetuity.

For more information about how you and 3 – 10 close friends can establish an Educational Equity scholarship, please contact Ed Thompson, Associate Director of Development, 814-865-7698 or edthompson@psu.edu.

ALUMNI CAREER SHAPE PROGRAM

CHERYL BONNER
DIRECTOR ALUMNI CAREER SERVICES

“Alumni Career Services offers Alumni Career Shape, an eight-week journey toward discovering what really matters most to you in your career. Take time to understand your individual strengths and passions so you can develop goals and build a plan that will lead to greater career satisfaction.

The program will run eight consecutive Wednesday

evenings from 6:30PM - 7:45PM, beginning January 17, 2007 until March 7, 2007.

Participants will learn from a career expert in a once-a-week online presentation; join with other alumni in online discussions; use tools that will help you gain self and career understanding; and, take time for self-assessment and reflection that results in attainable career goals.

For Penn State Alumni Association members, the fee for the 8-week Alumni Career Shape program is \$135. For non-members, the fee is \$170.

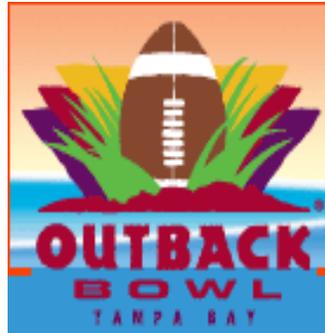
To register, visit the website at <http://www.alumni.psu.edu/career/events/>. For more information, email AlumniCareerAdvice@sa.psu.edu or call 814-865-5465.”



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STAY TUNED

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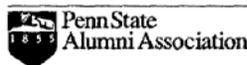
A win-win-win situation

When you become a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, not only do you get all the benefits and services that the Association has to offer for a lifetime, but we're assured that our Alumni Association stays number one in the number of life members. Not only that—but our local chapter automatically gets \$50.

The Real Life program is a membership campaign that encourages alumni groups to recruit life members. For every life member our group signs up, \$50 is deposited in the chapter's coffers to use for any important project, whether a football watching party, a freshman send-off, or a student scholarship.

Become a life member today—you get a lifetime of connections, our Alumni Association gets to brag about our life members, and our group gets 50 bucks. That's what we call a win-win-win situation.

ENTER CODE "ALT" ON YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER GETS \$50 TO USE TOWARDS PROGRAMMING!!



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| 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 | | |
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