

The Lion's Tale

The Official Newsletter of the Central Maryland Penn State Alumni Chapter

2009 & 2011 Chapter of DISTINCTION
2010 MEMBERSHIP Award
2012 Joint Activity Award

July 2012

President's Message



The Central Maryland Chapter continues to pick up steam! We recently reached 140 members and had over 100 people attend our Annual Membership Celebration with special guest speaker Blair Thomas in May. We are now preparing for a Freshmen send-off event with a whopping 81 freshmen from our area heading off to Penn State in August.

Despite these positive events for our chapter we are ever-mindful of the on-going challenges associated with the Sandusky scandal, NCAA penalties, and the media portraying our alma mater in various lights...not to mention the on-going commentary (some welcome... some not so welcome) from our friends, co-workers, neighbors, and complete strangers who all share their opinions of the past 9 months. Now more than ever alumni need to stick together, wear our colors proudly, think positively about the future, and remember how much the experiences at Penn State shaped the person you are today.

► Paul Danielson, '90
President

Coaches Caravan in Baltimore



On May 1st we were honored to have several PSU coaches, including Coach O'Brien and Coach Chambers, attend the Coaches Caravan stop in downtown Baltimore. At least 10 members of the Central Maryland Chapter and 3 board members were part of the more than 250 attendees. Roger Williams, the Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association, actually singled out the Central Maryland Chapter as part of his opening remarks before introducing the coaches. The coaches were extremely engaging in their comments, especially during a very active question and answer session. The coaches were also surprisingly accessible, sticking around for pictures for nearly an hour after the event formally ended. All in all it was a very memorable and exciting afternoon.





INCOMING FRESHMAN CLASS

81 Yes, that's right...81 freshman and transfer students from our area will join the Penn State family this fall. The largest recruiting number in the chapter's five-year history!

Each year the Central Maryland Chapter puts on this informal event to give incoming students an opportunity to meet other incoming PSU students from our area and to talk with board members about their experiences and what can be expected when arriving at Penn State for their first semester. Parents also enjoy the opportunity to meet with local alumni to ask questions about Penn State and to learn what they can do to make their Penn State experience the best it can be. Every year attendees tell us how much fun and informative the evening is!

► Michael Jozkowski
Chapter Vice-President, University Relations



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Last Happy Hour Before Football Season Begins:** Aug 9th, 6PM at Union Jacks, Columbia Mall
- ✓ **PSU Family Day at Frederick Keys Baseball** Aug 18th, 6PM at Harry Grove Stadium
- ✓ **Football Season Kicks Off: Sept 1st, 12pm** Ohio University (HOME). Chapter viewing parties resume again at Sonoma's in Columbia.

SUMMER HEAT...THINK COLD!

The 2012 Polar Bear Plunge

I can't say it was my lifelong dream to jump in the Chesapeake in January but I have wanted to demonstrate the disdain that Northerners show for cold. That opportunity came when presented an open invitation to the 2012 Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge by fellow alumnus and longtime plunger Allan Waschak. It was a great opportunity to meet various Penn Staters from the other chapters, tailgate in unseasonably warm weather, and contribute to a great cause (Special Olympics Maryland). We didn't get to see much of the Governor but we did see many

of the police patrolling to keep us safe. After walking through the displays and enjoying one of the greatest grilled cheese and crab sandwiches that I may have ever eaten, it was time to jump in the water. For a longtime Pennsylvania fisherman, this water wasn't risking hypothermia, but the thousands of people running to water was quite a rush. Definitely a great time for a great cause.

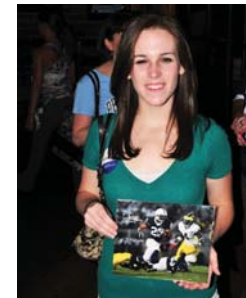


► Ben Downes, EE 1999

5TH ANNUAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION



Bare Bones Grill & Brewery in Ellicott City again served as the host site for our 5th Annual Membership Celebration held on May 12, 2012. PSU Alums from the area gathered to enjoy the day which included a very special guest speaker, former PSU and NFL Football Player, Blair Thomas. Blair shared stories from his time at PSU and signed memorabilia, and posed for pictures with excited Chapter members. A silent auction of autographed PSU memorabilia was held to raise money for our Chapter's growing scholarship fund, and included items autographed by Evan Royster, John Cappelletti, Aaron Maybin, Devon Still and more! Congratulations to the winners of the silent auction who took home these great keepsakes. In keeping with the tradition of our past gatherings, those present enjoyed free Creamery ice cream and the great food and drink at Bare Bones. If you did not have a chance to join or renew your Chapter membership at this year's Celebration, don't forget to send in your application today!





BOORDY WINE TRIP

A group of wine-loving Penn State Alumni and guests headed to the Boordy Vineyards in Hydes, MD for an afternoon of Sips and Sliders in early February. Each guest feasted on a tray of assorted sliders and sides, and tasted numerous wines in a take-home Boordy wineglass. Live music was provided by Victoria Vox, who performed on several string instruments, specializing in the ukulele.

The Deford Family began growing vines on their farm Long Green in 1965 and moved the Boordy operations there in 1980. The winery currently produces 97,000 gallons of wine annually. Among the varieties they produce are Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petite Cabernet, Pinot Grigio, and Chardonnay.

Our group adjourned to several picnic tables in the barn to enjoy our sliders, sip on our favorite Boordy wines and to listen to the music. Victoria Vox has won numerous awards for her mastery of the ukulele and has appeared on The Jay Leno Show, where she won a dinner for eight after performing a song with her mouth trumpet.

For further information please visit www.boordy.com and www.victoriavox.com.



T-SHIRTS, GOLF HATS AVAILABLE BILL O'BRIEN SIGNATURES

If you would like to purchase a short sleeve Penn State Central Maryland Alumni Chapter t-shirt, they will be available for purchase at most chapter events or you can contact membership@psucentralmd.org. Proceeds go toward the chapter's scholarship fund.

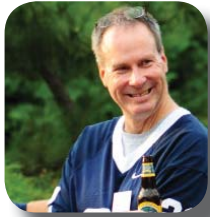
- \$15 for un-signed t-shirts
- \$20 for un-signed golf hats
- Signed t-shirt for \$25 donation to scholarship fund (while supplies last)
- Signed golf hat for \$50 donation to scholarship fund (while supplies last)



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We're certainly proud that our membership has grown to over 146 members this year! Let's hit 200! When you attend a chapter function, membership cards will be provided to all dues-paying members. Ask for yours when you come to football viewing parties, happy hours, etc...





2012 Football Schedule

Chapter viewing parties held at Sonoma's - 7284 Cradlerock Way, Columbia. <http://sonomas.net/>
Please be sure to check-in when you arrive for your PSU nametag so you receive 20% off your check. Last year each viewing party averaged 40 alumni with some games exceeding 100! Family friendly atmosphere. Come join us!



September 1	Ohio U Home - Noon
September 8	Virginia Away - Noon
September 15	Navy Home - 3:30 PM
September 22	Temple Home
September 29	Illinois Away
October 6	Northwestern - Homecoming - Noon
October 13	Open
October 20	Iowa Away - 8PM
October 27	Ohio State Home - 6PM
November 3	Purdue Away
November 10	Nebraska Away
November 17	Indiana Home
November 24	Wisconsin Home

*For the glory of old State,
For her founders strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song.*

*Sing our love and loyalty,
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee,
All with thee, all with thee.*

*When we stood at childhood's gate,
Shapeless in the hands of fate,
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,
Dear old State, dear old State.*

*May no act of ours bring shame
To one heart that loves thy name,
May our lives but swell thy fame,
Dear old State, dear old State.*

Central Maryland Chapter



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