

The Lion's Tale

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**PennState
Alumni Association**
Central Maryland Chapter

10th Annual Membership Event

PENN STATERS CELEBRATE AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT BARE BONES GRILL & BREWERY ON SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 WITH

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, TINA HAY
will speak on:

"The Making of a Magazine"

Tina Hay '83, editor of The Penn Stater, will provide a fun, visual, behind-the-scenes look at what goes into creating Penn State's award-winning alumni magazine. You'll hear some of her tales from the trenches, see a few notable mistakes that have appeared in the magazine, and have a chance to take part in a quiz (with prizes!) based on some Penn Stater covers from the past 40 years. Tina will also talk about how the magazine covered the biggest crisis in Penn State's history. There will be plenty of time for questions.

Tina is the editor of The Penn Stater, the bimonthly magazine for the more than 176,000 members of the Penn State Alumni Association. She is a 1983 Penn State grad and has been the editor for 20 years. Under her direction the magazine has won more than 200 national awards, including the 2007 Sibley Award, given by Newsweek and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education to the nation's top alumni magazine. Tina is a frequent speaker at the annual national conference of alumni magazine editors and a popular host on Penn State Alumni Association tours. In her spare time, she's an avid travel and nature photographer, having photographed in Ecuador, Africa, Bhutan, Italy, Cuba, and Peru just in the past few years.

The Membership Event brings together Penn Stater's and their families from the central Maryland area to share an afternoon of community and fun while enjoying ice cream from the Penn State Berkey Creamery, hearing from a notable Penn Stater and having the opportunity to participate in the annual auction which benefits the Central Maryland Chapter's Scholarship Fund. The event is an opportunity to join or renew membership in the Central Maryland Alumni Association Chapter and become more engaged with fellow local alumni.



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President's Message

Dear Penn State Central Maryland Chapter Members,

We're rapidly approaching the start of another year for the Central Maryland Chapter, our 10th! It has been an exciting and fun experience being part of this chapter since its inception on a cold and snowy night in December 2007. Our chapter has brought together new friends and we look to make many more in the years to come!

Inside this newsletter edition, and in your inboxes and mailboxes, you'll see information regarding our membership celebration coming up later this month. I encourage you to come out and celebrate the Chapter's 10-year milestone and hear from our special guest speaker Tina Hay – editor of the Penn Stater – as she recounts the behind-the-scenes stories to Penn State's award-winning alumni magazine! There will also be Creamery ice cream...who can say "no" to this combination!?!?

The chapter has events coming up this summer so stay tuned to the website and your inbox for details! Hope to see you in a couple weeks at Bare Bones!

Michael Jozkowski, '05 – President

Recent Chapter Activities and Upcoming Events

Last month the Chapter held a happy hour at a new venue in Maple Lawn called SteelFire Kitchen & Bar. Ten members came to check it out and all came away impressed by this establishment owned and operated by Penn Staters! And our group's server, the owner's daughter, is an incoming freshman this Fall at Penn State! There were Penn State table covers and balloons to welcome our chapter members as Penn State alumni and the food and drink were outstanding! We look forward to future events at SteelFire and hope to see you there!

Penn State Central Maryland Chapter Baseball Outing

The Chapter will be visiting Harry Grove Stadium on Saturday June 17 to watch the Frederick Keys take on the Lynchburg Hillcats at 6PM. Please see the chapter's website or our Facebook page for more information soon!

PSU Sports

It's been an amazing winter and spring season for PSU sports teams!

The Nittany Lions won their sixth NCAA Wrestling title in the last seven seasons, in addition to five consecutive individual national titles from the 149- through 184-pound weight classes with Zain Retherford, Jason Nolf, Vincenzo Joseph, Mark Hall and Bo Nickal pulling off the win streak -- and outscored all other teams combined. Retherford was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler and named the season's Most Dominant Wrestler.

After only 5 seasons of Division 1 hockey, the Penn State Men's Hockey team concluded the season 25-12-2 overall capturing the Big Ten Tournament Championship as well as earning its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth and securing its first-ever NCAA Tournament win in a 10-3 rout of Union College (N.Y.).

The Women's Volleyball team, one of only two teams to compete in all 36 NCAA tournaments, reached the regional semi's this year. The team completed the 2016 season with a 24-10 record and had two players, Haleigh Washington and Simone Lee, earning first team All-American honors.

The Men's Lacrosse team (12-2, 3-2 Big Ten) enters the Big Ten tournament on Thursday, facing top-seeded Maryland (10-3, 4-1 Big Ten) and placed Grant Ament and Nick Aponte on the NCAA First team All-American squad. Similarly, the Women's Lacrosse team (15-2, 5-1 Big Ten) enters the Big Ten tournament Friday night, May 5, in College Park against Northwestern. The 5th ranked Lions will likely be selected for the NCAA tournament regardless of the Big Ten outcome.

THON 2017—It's Never Too Late to Contribute!!!

For The Kids, For The Families

The mission of the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon is to conquer pediatric cancer by providing outstanding emotional and financial support to the children, families, researchers, and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund.

THON 2017 took place on **February 17th-19th, 2017** at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center where \$10,045,478.44 was raised! The Central MD Chapter will once again donate to THON 2018.

THON is a **year long** effort to raise funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer. Since 1977, THON has raised nearly \$140 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

Please go to: THON.org to see the many ways you can contribute and make a difference!



Chapter Activities

Our chapter would like to up our game and offer our membership a wider selection of events to attend throughout the year. Currently, most events are suggested, planned, and hosted by a board member. We would like to solicit additional help from our general membership to help suggest, plan, and host more events. Types of events might include:

1. Family bowling
2. Go-Cart racing
3. Virginia Wine Festival
4. Zip-line and similar physical adventures
5. Miniature golf -- we have never done this
6. Wine-in-the-Woods at Symphony Woods in Columbia
7. Baseball games with Orioles, Bowie Baysox or Frederick Keys
8. Fund-raising events for causes important to Penn Staters -- not just THON -- but walk-a-thons and other similar events
9. Special Olympics sporting event in and around Howard County -- we have POCs with Howard County Special Olympics -- in the past we have umpired and refereed boccie and softball games.
10. Brewery tours or wine tastings/tours at local establishments -- several new ones have opened up in the area since we last went on a brewery tour or wine tasting
11. And as always, we would appreciate any help with our annual membership event and monthly chapter Happy Hours at new local establishments

If you are interested in a particular idea, please contact the chapter at psucentralmd@gmail.com and tell us what you are thinking, and we can see where we can help you make the event a reality and spectacular success!

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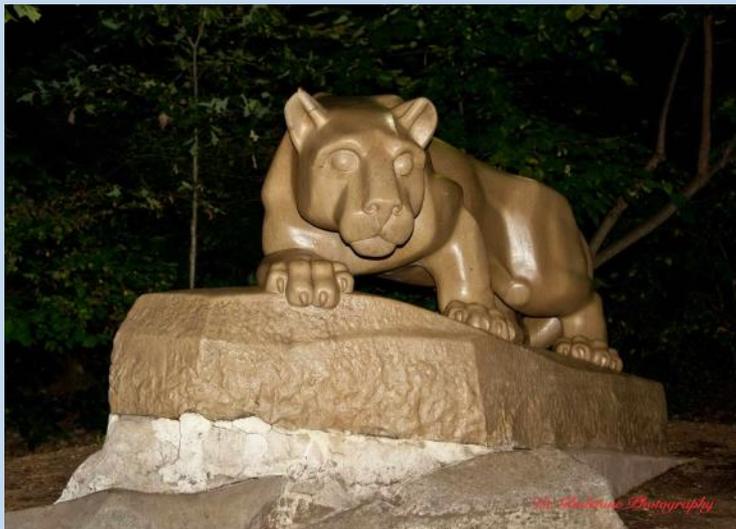
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Monthly BOARD MEETING
Every First Tuesday of the Month
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
For this month's location E-Mail us at psucentralmd@gmail.com



Great News for All Chapter Members!

We are now setup on AmazonSmile. If anyone starts at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and selects the Penn State Alumni Association located in Sykesville MD, Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to our chapter.

Membership
Yearly Membership:
May, 2017 to May, 2018
Individual \$15
Joint \$25
Optional chapter scholarship donation
Download membership form at: <http://www.psucentralmd.org/index.php/membership-application-form>

Scholarship
\$50,000 Goal

\$25,079.39 *
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