

# The Lion's Tale

2009, 2011-13, 2014, 2014-,2015 Chapter of  
DISTINCTION Award

2010, 2013 MEMBERSHIP Award

2012 Joint Activity Award

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## Central Maryland Chapter



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## Rose Bowl



Although the outcome was not what we hoped for, the atmosphere was electric. Following two early season losses, the Nittany Lion football team capped an unexpected season with division and Big Ten Championships followed by participation in the 103rd edition of the Rose Bowl!

As they did all season, the team fought through adversity and mounted a fierce third quarter onslaught to take the lead into the fourth quarter. In the



highest scoring Rose Bowl in history, a last second field goal enabled a USC win, 52-49.



## President's Message

Dear Penn State Central Maryland Chapter Members,

We are saddened to report that one of our long-time, charter chapter members, Edward Kennedy recently passed away unexpectedly. First and foremost our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Rita, daughter, Kate, son, Ed, and the rest of their family. Ed and Rita attended a wide variety of chapter events, and his enthusiasm for all that is Penn State will be greatly missed!

In an amazing gesture of generosity, the Kennedy family has asked that in lieu of flowers or other gestures, could people please consider making a memorial donation to our chapter's scholarship fund. We are honored to accept this gesture. Although our chapter scholarship fund is far from an endowed one, we intend to grant a scholarship in his name in 2017 to a deserving local student. A link can be found on our website at <http://psucentralmd.org/index.php/in-memoriam> to make a donation. With the family's permission, we will send thank you notes that can be used for tax deduction purposes.

Thank you in advance for keeping the Kennedy family in your thoughts and prayers and for supporting our chapter scholarship fund in Ed's memory.

Michael Jozkowski, '05

### Chapter Career Networking Event

The chapter hosted its first Career Networking Event at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (APL) in early November. With participants from APL, NASA, US Navy, and NSA, engineers had the opportunity to mingle with colleagues and learn about opportunities at various employment venues. Light refreshments, Berkey Creamery ice cream and beverages were provided with support from the Penn State Alumni Association.



Highlights of the evening included a welcome and presentation by the Dean of the College of Engineering, Amr S. Elnashai, who shared his thoughts on the future of engineering including his own vision for the engineering program and related facilities at Penn State. The evening also offered the opportunity to connect with representatives from the Lunar Lion Team, College of Engineering, World Campus, Penn State EcoCar, Penn State MorningStar Solar Home, and area alumni chapters to further Penn State connections.



The Career Networking Event was jointly supported by the Central MD Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association, Penn State Alumni Career Services, Penn State College of Engineering Alumni Society and Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

# THON 2017—It's Not 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 will take place on **February 17th-19th, 2017** at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center where over \$10M was raised in 2016! The Central MD Chapter will once again donate to THON 2017.

THON is a **year long** effort to raise funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer. Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$127 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

Please go to: [THON.org](http://THON.org) to see the many ways you can contribute and make a difference!



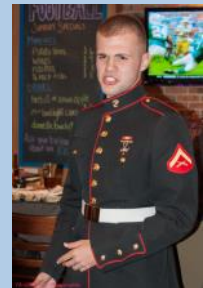
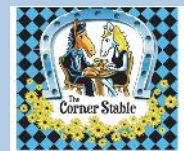
## Chapter Activities



In December the

Chapter participated in our 9th Annual Toys for Tots at the Corner Stable in Columbia, MD.

Members brought new and unwrapped toys to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve campaign! A member of the U.S. Marine Corps attended to collect all donated toys. This young man spoke eloquently of the importance of the event to the children.



## Polar Bear Plunge

Support Board member Grant Stephens of the Central MD Chapter of the PSU Alumni Association and others as they participate in the Plunge, on January 28, 2017 in support of MD Special Olympics!

1) JOIN our team! The link to our team page: <https://shar.es/18sXfN>. Be sure to indicate the 1PM plunge time. Please contact the team captain Grant Stephens at [gks5004@gmail.com](mailto:gks5004@gmail.com) to be added to the email chain or check out our Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1537957392888142/>.

2) DONATE to the team! Check out the team page: <https://shar.es/18sXfN>. You can donate to an individual Plunger by clicking on their name, or click on the "Donate Now" link to donate to the team as a whole.

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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](mailto: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, 2016

to May, 2017

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

\$24,199.14 \*

\*As of Jan. 2017

