

The Lion's Tale

The Official Newsletter
of the
Central Maryland Penn State Alumni Chapter

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Welcome Alumni!

The President's Corner

By Paul Danielson, President

Welcome to the first of many editions of the Lion's Tale! It has been amazing to see the growth of the new Central Maryland Chapter in just a few short months. It was only six months ago that we had our first meeting with a representative from the Penn State Alumni Association about starting our new chapter – now we already have nearly 100 members and a full (and growing) slate of events! This is an exciting time to get involved with the chapter as we create the foundation for what we expect to be an active and vibrant alumni group. Our plan is host a wide range of events – from family gatherings to happy hours and football viewing parties, community service projects to professional growth and networking opportunities. I encourage each of you to consider joining our energetic and fun-loving group as our chapter gets established as one of the best in the country. For the Glory!

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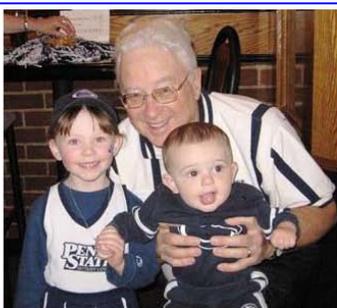
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Save The Date

Sunday, August 10th
1-4 pm
Savage Park

Freshmen, Transfer, Current
Students, Alumni, and
Family BBQ



Chapter Kick Off Success!

By: Beth Wood, VP Social

Bare Bones Grill and Brewery in Ellicott City hosted the Kick-Off Event for the new Central Maryland chapter in true Penn State style on May 10, 2008. Owner and PSU alum Steve McClune and his daughter/manager, Alison, generously provided the Bare Bones bar area, staff and plenty of PSU pride to make the event a resounding success. Surrounded by blue and white balloons, PSU banners and the welcoming sounds of a Blue Band CD, close to 200 guests enjoyed Creamery ice cream and a very special keynote speech by John Black, author of the Penn State Football Letter. Black spoke about campus growth, academic milestones and athletic achievements at the university in the past year. He also expressed his excitement for the inauguration of this new chapter and welcomed us into the PSU Alumni Association family of over 200 affiliate groups (chapters, interest groups and societies). Future Nittany Lions enjoyed a kids' table complete with PSU coloring pages, pom-poms, face-painting and plenty of snacks. A raffle featured personalized autographed footballs by John Black, tickets to the home opener at Beaver Stadium, plenty of PSU gear and, of course, the beloved Joe Paterno bobblehead! And while the day had started out grey and rainy, after enjoying Bare Bones' award-winning food, hand-crafted brews, 9 gallons of Creamery ice cream and the camaraderie of fellow alums, the newest members of the Central Maryland Chapter walked outside to be greeted with the blue & white of a sunny Penn State sky!

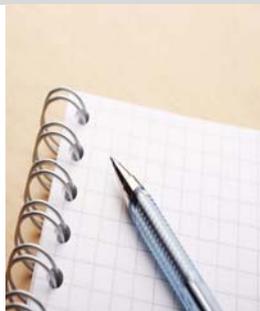
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Our May 10th Kick-Off Was A Success!



Penn State Alumni Association
Rapid Transit Sports
The Student Book Store
Family Clothesline
Lions Pride
McLanahans

Key Dates - Upcoming Events!



July 1st Monthly Board Meeting - Bare Bones Meeting Room, 7pm
** All Members Welcome To Attend **

July 10th Happy Hour @ Sonoma's Bar from 5-8 pm.

July 19th Wine Tasting @ Elk Run Vineyard. 2pm

August 5th Monthly Board Meeting - Bare Bones Meeting Room, 7pm

August 10th Freshmen Send-off picnic @ Savage Park Pavilion from 1-4pm.

August 14th Happy Hour @ Bare Bones from 5-8pm.

For more information contact PSUCentralMD@gmail.com

Get Involved!

A successful chapter relies on member participation! Currently, our monthly board meetings are spent mapping out our future for the chapter. Aside from happy hours and football season viewing parties, our goal is to provide a variety of social, career, educational and community-oriented activities to meet the needs of our diverse membership.



Social Events Committee led by Beth Wood, is responsible for planning and implementing the chapter events and get-togethers that are primarily social in nature. We need high-spirited individuals to join this dynamic bunch in order to plan and host numerous events so our membership never has to wonder where to watch a football game or hang out after work!



Alumni Admissions Committee led by Mark Boccia and Marshall Scott, provides volunteers for local college fairs. They work with the Penn State Admissions Office to provide training for volunteers, to provide information for interested students and to coordinate opportunities for recruiting new students in the area. We need individuals who want to get the Penn State message out to students in the area!



Career Network Committee led by Keith Wible, provides opportunities to current students for internships, mentoring and permanent placements in the area. This committee also works to provide a network of employment and career opportunities for alumni in the area. We need individuals who are interested in organizing virtual as well as face-to-face, career-oriented networking opportunities for our members.

What Else Is Coming?



We also envision having **Community Service** projects scheduled throughout the year. We'll get involved in promoting and **raising money to help support THON**. Long term, we plan to start **our chapter's own scholarship fund** for students who reside in our membership area. Local **wine tastings, baseball games, a chapter holiday party, fall golf outing, and an annual "all-chapter meeting"** are just a few of the planned activities in store for our chapter. We can't do this without your help and your ideas! Come to a monthly board meeting to help us plan these events!



Membership

Did you know that Central Maryland has **OVER 2000** Penn State alumni living in the surrounding area?? Penn State provided the chapter with a list of names and we were absolutely shocked when we received the initial list! We're also proud to say that since we started the chapter only six months ago, we have nearly 100 dues-paying members!

At the end of the newsletter a membership application is provided so that you can forward it to any PSU alumni residing in the area who hasn't joined yet.



Freshmen Send-Off BBQ!

Actually, it's the freshmen, returning students, transfer students, alumni and everyone's family BBQ to be exact!

On **Sunday, August 10th, from 1pm-4pm**, the chapter is hosting our first "Freshmen Send-Off" picnic at the picnic pavilion at Savage Park. Join us for this casual, outdoor barbecue filled with Penn Staters where you can network and have fun! Newly registered chapter members and interested PSU Alumni welcome to attend!



Students – Free
PSU Central Maryland Members - \$4.00 each
Non-Members & Parents \$6.00 each

If you are interested in volunteering with set-up, cooking, or donating food & beverage items please indicate on your RSVP so we can contact you. Traditional picnic food & beverage will be served. Guests are asked to B.Y.O.B any beer or wine.

Guest speakers from Penn State's Main Campus will be in attendance to meet and greet along with giving us an inspirational message for the upcoming school year! Please send an email to PSUCentralMD@gmail.com and we will forward the e-vite for you to RSVP.



2008 Football Season is Approaching Fast!

The chapter does plan to congregate during football games so everyone can cheer on the Nittany Lions! More details will be published on our website and in our next newsletter!

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Central Maryland Chapter 2008 - 2009 Membership Form

(Membership year runs May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

* Primary communications are via e-mail; e-mail address will be used ONLY for this purpose.

Job Title _____
Employer _____
Grad Year(s) _____ College _____ Major _____

Please fill in spouse information ONLY for joint memberships

Spouse's Name _____
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Membership Type:

Individual Membership (\$15.00) \$ _____

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Career Networking
Social Events
Nominating
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Community Service
Alumni Admissions/High School Recruiting