# montgomery county alumni association

# chapter news,

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## Montgomery County Nittany Lions Roar for Others

The MontCo chapter, in collaboration with the Abington College, collected food for Philabundance and donations for Toys for Tots at our Holiday Party. Our gift wrapping service raised \$100 for the scholarship fund. At the start of 2013, PSU Montco volunteers collected food and supplies for the Open Door Food Pantry while others worked at the site packing bags and tidying up the Thrift Store.

Planned events for the next few months include:

- Mission Kids Mission Possible Fund Raising Event Mission Kids is a non-profit, charitable organization providing multi-disciplinary care to victims of sexual and physical abuse.
- Give Me 5 Race Event to benefit THON
- Cradles to Crayons
- Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble for Father's Day

Our objective is to participate in a community service event each month, but we need your help! Please consider volunteering your time to work with us and help others!







Driving hunger from our communities



#### Game & Event Ride Share

Trying to find a way to get to a Penn State athletic event or game? Have extra room in your car to help others get to an event? Post your requests for a ride or ride sharing on our message board.

## Ticket Exchange

If you have extra tickets to sell, or are looking for tickets to a Penn State event, post it to our message board! Tickets can only be sold at or below face value. Remember to include your contact information.

## **Internships**

If you are a business owner and can offer an internship to a Penn State student, contact Career Development at (814)-865-2377 with your proposal.

## President's Message



Alumni, Friends, and Visitors,

I am thrilled to serve as the new president of the Montgomery County chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association and happy to say that 2013 as already begun with as much excitement as 2012 ended: by bringing you new and diverse events that unite, intrigue, and inspire our community.

Did you know that there are more than 311,800 Penn State alumni living in Pennsylvania and of that, almost 24,000 live right here in Montgomery County? Our goal as a chapter is to harness the power of our local alumni and build an organization that enables our members to meaningfully connect with one another. We hope to strengthen your bond with our alma mater, and continue to spread your Penn State pride through Montgomery County and beyond.

Whether you are an alumnus, current student, or a Penn State supporter, you are welcome to join our chapter. We welcome you to log on to <a href="https://www.psumontco.com">www.psumontco.com</a> to see what the Penn State Alumni Association Montgomery County chapter is all about.

We are...Community Service

We are...Networking

We are...Football, Basketball, Ice Hockey,

Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer, and more...

We are...THON

We are...Scholarship

We are...Music, Theater, Comedy

We are...the Arts Festival

We are...Happy Hours

WE ARE PENN STATE!

For the glory,

Fran Parisi, '96 President

## Socializing with Local Lions

We had a banner year with unique and unusual events for members of the Montgomery

County Chapter for 2012-2013. We've been tailgating at Beaver Stadium, the holiday party at Valley Forge Casino, PSU Basketball at the Palestra, PSU Ice Hockey at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, bowling at Facenda Whitaker, and Bill Cosby at the Keswick just to name a few. The future is just as busy with Comedy Corner at Broad Axe, Penn State Night at the Phillies, Mini Golf at Freddy Hill Farms, and happy hours at PJ Whelihan's. Check the calendar on our website www.psumontco.com for dates, times, and upcoming events to be scheduled soon. Remember, all events are open to Penn State alumni, family, and friends.

While you do not have to be a member to participate, membership does have its privileges!

WE ARE...having a great time here in Montgomery County!



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# **HELP WANTED!**

Want to see your name on the list of board officers and make Penn State connections throughout the county? You can do that by applying for one of our open board positions!

Public Relations Chair: In charge of managing our Facebook page, writing our quarterly newsletter (like this!), and emails to keep the MontCo community up-to-date

Social Chair: Coordinating monthly happy hours, comedy shows, athletic events, and more to have fun and meet various members of the chapter

Contact Fran at <a href="mailto:president@psumontco.com">president@psumontco.com</a>
if you are interested!

## Liberty Ball with Penn State Philly

This year's Liberty Ball raised almost \$15,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund with 135 guests in attendance. Many of these dollars came from the Chinese Auction Raffle with over 30 items ranging from \$35 to \$250. The items included gift certificates and special gifts from businesses all over the region, such as: Cathcart Industries, PJ Whelihan's, Wing Lee, Massage Envy, Pumpernick's, and more.

The Nittany Lion was the most sought after partner on the dance floor. The 9-piece band, Second Vision, kept the party hopping till midnight. Our MC, Jeff Krisciunas, who is one of the founders of the Liberty Ball, introduced Guy Gadowsky, our Division I Men's Hockey Coach, who entertained the crowd with a recap of the extremely successful first season of the Men's Hockey team, including a video showing the remarkable musical and dancing talent of the team performing their solo at THON this year.

All in attendance appreciated the story of our Four Diamonds Fund speaker, Dr. Paul A Bahn, III. He shared his personal trials leading from his diagnosis, treatment, and eventual cure, and how the Four Diamonds Fund helped his family.

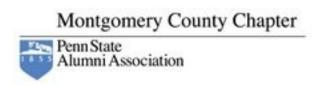




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## **Upcoming Events for Montgomery County**

#### **Ice Cream Social**

6/6 – Menchie's

### **Father's Day Gift Wrapping**

6/15 – Barnes and Noble

#### **New Member Networking**

July – Check website for details

#### **Cradles to Crayons**

8/3 – Check website for details

#### Freshman Sendoff

8/4 – Picnic

#### **Craft Festival**

11/10 – Looking for vendors!

## Details for all events can be found at www.psumontco.com/events.html



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