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Greetings Everyone!

As we plan our end 2014/2015 events, I can't believe all that we have accomplished. Our major goal of reaching the \$50,000 target for the Scholarship Campaign was not only met, but exceeded! Kudos to all who helped make this happen before the June 2014 deadline.

Our major fundraiser became a capstone event celebrating the 409 wins of JoePa, culminating with a presentation of 'Paterno 409' artwork to the Paterno family. With over 200 people in attendance, we managed to raise over \$11,000. This allowed us to increase the scholarship amounts that were given to two deserving students who are returning to Penn State in the fall.

Bowling, mini-golf, ice cream socials, community service at both Open Door, Cradles to Crayons, & Keystone Grange Fair, Coaches Caravan, Comedy Club, Lunar Lion Team Landing at Brandywine Campus (and probably a few that I forgot) were just some of the events held in the first half of the year... As you can see, we have been quite busy and we aren't done yet!

My team and I held our annual retreat In June where we strategized, evaluated and planned the 2014-2015 season of events. We have quite an exciting year planned and will partner with other Penn State chapters to expand our venue locations/event areas.

Some of the returning events that are the guts and the glue are the happy hours, TV tailgates, bowling, mini-golf, ice cream socials, homecoming, and our end of year holiday celebration. New events being discussed include a hayride, sleigh ride, wine-tasting, singles mingles and several others that are so fresh it just wouldn't be fair to mention them. All events will be posted on our website as soon as we finalize the details and, of course, there are always our email blasts!

One event will have a NEW venue this year. Our holiday party will be held on Thursday, Dec 4 at Normandy Farms Hotel and Conference Center. More details will follow, but SAVE THE DATE!

Please come out and join us at our upcoming events and celebrate that WE ARE...

All the best,

Fran Parisi



MEMBERSHIP EVENTS



With fall right around the corner and school back in session, we are looking to have several membership events this winter and spring. When the weather turns cold, we are looking into events such as *Painting with a Twist* and/or laser tag. When spring finally makes its appearance, we will look to have some fun outdoor events, such as paintball and zip lining.

We hope to see everyone at our upcoming Membership events, as well as our happy hours, bowling, and TV tailgates this fall. If you have any Penn State friends that live in Montgomery County and are not part of our chapter, please bring them to an event and encourage them to join! If you have a great idea for an event to attract new members and/or get our current members together, please feel free to contact Shannon Ehret at <u>membership@psumontco.com</u>.

FRESHMAN SEND OFF



On August 10, 2014 The Montgomery County Chapter of The Penn State Alumni Association tried something NEW and exciting! We invited all future Montgomery County Penn State Freshmen and their parents to a fun filled afternoon of bowling at Thunderbird Bowling Center in Willow Grove. We happily welcomed Adam Taliaferro, former Penn State cornerback, to speak with the freshmen class.



ROAR ABOUT THIS!



On Thursday, July 10th- Sunday, July 13th Carol & Jason Goft represented our chapter as sponsors at The People's Choice Arts Festival in Boalsburg, PA. For more than 20 years, this festival showcases some of the best local art, food and entertainment in Pennsylvania. The Gofts were selling 'Paterno 409' images alongside artist, Daniel Duffy, to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

PAW PRINTS



Making a print in Montgomery County, the Alumni's Membership Card Discount Program continues to thrive for all active, paying members. West Avenue Grille in Jenkintown and Dresher just joined our long list of sponsors who either offer a percentage or dollar discount. Look for more restaurant sponsors to come...

CROKE PARK CLASSIC 2014



On August 20, 2014, Penn State opened its 2014 football season against the University of Central Florida in Ireland; the first international game for either team. Congratulations to the Nittany Lions who won this game played in Dublin at Croke Park. The Nittany Lions are the first Big Ten team to play internationally since Michigan State and Wisconsin met in Tokyo in the 1993 regular season finale.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE HOLIDAYS

THIS YEAR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4[™] AT NORMANDY FARMS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER. COME AND SPREAD SOME NITTANY LION CHEER WITH OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS....DETAILS TO COME.

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On Wednesday, June 18, 2014, The Montgomery County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association hosted the 'Paterno Art Presentation Gala'.

This lovely evening at Normandy Farms in Blue Bell, PA provided an opportunity for artist, Daniel Duffy, to present his original, unique and memorable image, 'Paterno 409', to the Paterno family. The night began with a cocktail/social hour followed by a delicious Italian buffet dinner. Special guests and speakers included William Oldsey, Penn State Board of Trustees; Adam Taliaferro, Penn State Board of **Trustees and former PSU** football player under coach Paterno; and Jay Paterno.

We raised just over \$11,000 and proceeds from the event supported The Paterno Foundation and the scholarship fund of The Montgomery County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association.

A special thanks to chapter board members Jason/Carol Goft and Cliff Montgomery for organizing this event. Additional thanks to our sponsors.

'Paterno 409' can still be purchased at any of our events or online from our website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are always looking for volunteers to participate in our scheduled Community Service activities. Most commitments are only a few hours long.

In the past few months, we spent the afternoon at Open Door Ministry Thrift Store in Royersford moving fixtures and merchandise to accommodate floor cleaning, volunteered twice at Cradles to Crayons, and also assisted with parking cars at the Keystone Grange Fair at the Montgomery County Penn State Extension complex.

Please consider volunteering your time to help us help others!



FALL EVENTS



FREEZE FRAME!



Check Out Our Message Boards @ www.psumontco.com

Game & Event Share Ride

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 request or offer for 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) 856-2377 with your proposal.



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