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Penn State MontCo Alumni manage to always have a good time *and* help out; Holiday partying and Toys for Tots

This year's holiday party was hoppin'— and not just from the pogo sticks in the pile of donated toys. Almost 50 people filled the banquet room at The Great American Pub in Conshohocken, Pa to cele-



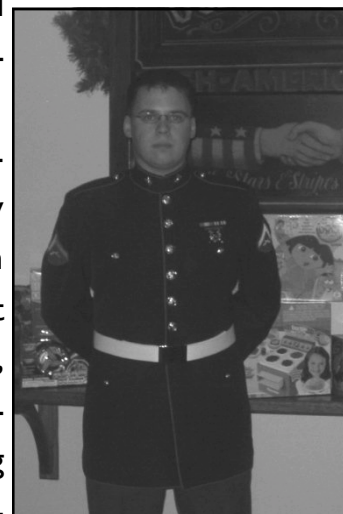
Gina Krause, Doug Lavenberg and Eric Lindhult

brate the season with other PSU Montco Alumni Association members. A discounted admission (or just a giving spirit) motivated attendees to bring presents for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, and quite a collection accumulated. During the party, members won "prestigious prizes" including a \$250 gift certificate to Best Buy Inc. and two pairs of Phillies tickets, among other things. The next week, members met at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station to help the Marines sort and distribute toys,



Donna Tran counted out stuffed animals.

brightening the holidays for underprivileged children across Montgomery County. The supervising staff said our help was a huge part of the project's success — good for us!



Marines guarded the presents during the whole

Message from the Prez...

Greetings and Salutations to all my fellow PSU alum, family, and friends, living and working in the Montgomery County area. My name is Martin Cepeda and I am proud to have the opportunity to inform you all of my recent election as the new President of the PSU Montgomery County Alumni Association Chapter. As I transition into this new role along with the transitioning of our new board, I will be looking forward to meeting you all at our upcoming events, as well as discussing your interests and ideas to better direct our Chapter's goals with the interests of **YOU** in mind.



I feel that **YOU** are an integral part of the future success of the PSU MontCo Chapter and I will be personally reaching out to **YOU** for ideas and support on our upcoming projects.

To break the ice and share my background with you: I grew up in Jersey City, NJ and started my tenure with PSU at the Altoona Campus. While at Altoona I was very involved with various organizations and activities such as:

- Varsity Baseball and Basketball (Freshman Year)
- Freshman and Sophomore Class President (Student Government)
- Chairman of the Student Affairs Committee for Student Government

After my two years at that campus, I completed my B.S. degree in Management/Labor Relations at University Park. At UP, I was involved with:

- Professional Management Association (Recruitment Chair)
- Club Baseball (Fall of Junior/Senior years)

After graduating from Penn State in the spring of 2005, I landed a job as a Human Resources Analyst for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Collegeville, Pa, where I stand today.

The PSU MontCo Board and I have wasted no time in improving the operations of our Chapter since our elections a few short months ago. As you may have or have not noticed, we partnered with a new alumni web service provider, Alumni Magnet, to provide an exceptional and valuable fully integrated Web site/community for your pleasure. I encourage you to spend some time on the site familiarizing yourself with our Chapter and our operations. The Web site can be accessed by pointing your web browser to www.psumontco.com.

I ask you all for your patience as we work to the best of our abilities to reach out to you and improve our Chapter operations. If there is anything that you would like to address in person concerning our Chapter, please feel free to contact me at 201-981-7133 or by email at president@psumontco.com. I look forward to your distinctive thoughts and to our many future fun and exciting endeavors. Until next time!

"We Are... Penn State"

**Martin R. Cepeda, Jr. '05, President
PSU Montgomery County Alumni Association**

Positions on the Executive Board are still available! The **Public Relations Chair** is responsible for promoting Chapter Events, developing flyers and publicizing events on local Web sites, and aid in preparing the chapter listserv emails. The **Social/Athletic Chair** will manage and organize the fun social and sporting events throughout the year (happy hours, ski trips, homecoming football bus trips, holiday parties, etc.). If this sounds like an opportunity for YOU e-mail Martin at president@psumontco.com. Want to get involved but not ready for as much commitment? **Join a committee!** There is always a need for people on the **Membership, Newsletter, Social/Athletic, and Community Service** committees. E-mail the corresponding chairperson to find out more information. See page 3 for their e-mail addresses.

Now Presenting...Your Official Executive Board

Vice President: *Julie Diehl ('95 HPA)*— “I grew up in Northern Pennsylvania and have lived in the Philadelphia area for the past 10 years. I currently reside in Phoenixville and work in Human Resources for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. As the newly elected VP, I am anxious to help unite the alumni of Montgomery County and be able to provide our members with enhanced benefits and opportunities. Please feel free to drop me a line at vicepresident@psumontco.com to share your thoughts and ideas!”

Treasurer: *Doug Dolfman ('90 Bus.)* - “I received my Judicial Degree from University of Akron 1993 and I'm the founder of my firm, The Law Offices of Doug Dolfman, where I have practiced criminal defense for the past 14 years. I am the past VP of the Chapter, and I am married (my wife is Elyse) with 2 kids. Rebecca is 6 and Maxwell is 1 1/2. I enjoy golf, comedy, tennis and Penn State Football.” treasurer@psumontco.com

Secretary: *Bob Krandel ('99 Comm)* - “I have been a resident of Montgomery County since graduating in 1999. I live in Narberth and am an associate at the Blue Bell law firm of Flamm, Boroff & Bacine, P.C. To find out more about me or if there is anything you want to discuss, e-mail me at secretary@psumontco.com.”

Membership Chair: *John Baranauskas ('05 Bus.)* - “I am a 2005 graduate with a B.S. in Economics and a B.A. in Political Science. Currently I am an investment advisor representative with Signator Advisory Group, specializing in helping families grow and protect their assets, while building a financial plan using securities and insurance products. Feel free to contact me at membership@psumontco.com.”

Community Service and Professional Development: *Doug Lavenberg ('06 Political Science)* - “I graduated from Penn State in May 2006 and I was involved in many organizations and committees at University Park. My #1 favorite PSU memory was in 2005, the moment when Tamba Hali (#91) sacked Troy Smith from Ohio State, changing the course of the game —and I knew I was going to take part in another undefeated Penn State Football season! My least favorite memory happened right in front of me... the very last play of the Michigan game.” membership@psumontco.com

Webmaster: *Laurie Dougherty ('94 Nursing)* - “I have been involved with the Montgomery County PSU alumni chapter for 10 years. I have served on the board as newsletter chair, secretary and most recently membership chair. I look forward to continuing my involvement with the chapter by helping to keep the Web site up-to-date as the new webmaster, especially with the major improvements we will be making soon. I work as a Nurse Practitioner in the Frankford Health System. GO LIONS!!!!” webmaster@psumontco.com

Newsletter: *Meredith Setzman ('05 Comm)* - “Even though I don't live or work in Montgomery County (my home is in DelCo), I am a member of this chapter because I see big things happening as a result of this awesome executive board and its committees. I am so excited to keep all of you up to date with the chapter, and I want to make this year's newsletters the best yet!” newsletter@psu.montco.com

Past President: *Sandy Edling ('96 Bus.)* - Hi, I'm Sandy Edling and the immediate Past President of the Chapter. I'm a 1996 Graduate of Smeal and a 2001 Graduate of the PSU Great Valley MBA program. I work as the Assistant Director of Management Services at the Montgomery County IU #23, in Norristown, Pa.

Congratulations to...

...**Jessica Yoon** and **Rachel Evans**, our Spring 2007 Scholarship recipients.

Yoon has been chosen for the \$1000 Scholarship Award. A scholar in the Schreyer's Honors College, she is an active member of the Business Student Council Finance Committee as well as the Penn State Investment Association and the Language Science Research Group. Yoon is a resident of North Wales, Pa and has spent time volunteering at the Montgomery County Association For The Blind.

Evans will receive the \$500 Scholarship Award. She is in the Schreyer's Honors College as well, and is currently writing her honors thesis on pesticides and the Endangered Species Act. She is also on the executive board of the Penn State chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Evans' knowledge from her studies allowed her to work at the agricultural extension where she designed and constructed a demonstration garden for people with activity limitations. Evans is a Blue Bell, Pa resident.

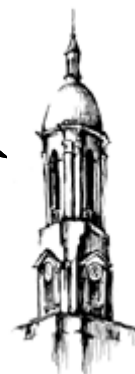
Social and Network

Ice Skating with PSU MontCo

Looking for a reason to show off the new winterwear you received for the holidays? Or maybe you are just unsatisfied with the unseasonably warm weather. Join us on **Friday January 26th from 8—10:30 p.m.**, for the annual PSU MontCo ice skating outing at the Blue Cross River Rink in Philadelphia. Friends and family of members are encouraged to attend too. Admission is \$6 and skate rentals are \$3. To find out more information or to RSVP e-mail Martin Cepeda at president@psumontco.com

Donate to the Scholarship Fund!!!

Your generous donations go to current Penn State students from Montgomery County. For more information e-mail Julie Diehl at vicepresident@psumontco.com.

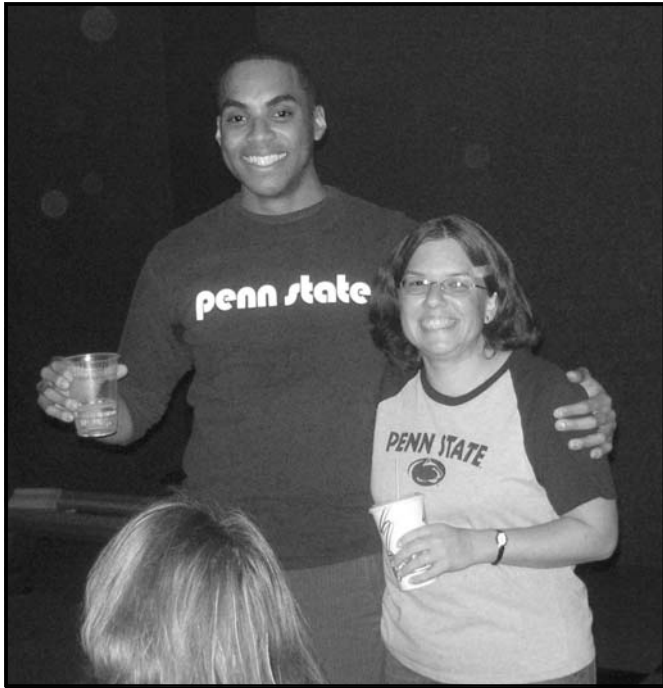


Bowling Anyone?

With the recent success of November's Rock n' Bowl event, there is much anticipation for re-matches, and chances for coveted prizes at the upcoming bowling event at Facenda Whitaker Lanes in Norristown, Pa. **The lanes will be reserved from 4:30—6:30 p.m., on February 17th.** The early start time is perfect for bringing along the little ones, so get everyone together for a bit of friendly competition. Knocking down the pins might earn you a smile as big as last time's winners' grins (*pictured right*). The price is \$10 (including bowling shoes), and children under 12 bowl for free. To RSVP e-mail Martin Cepeda at president@psumontco.com.



The winners and their "prestigious prizes!"



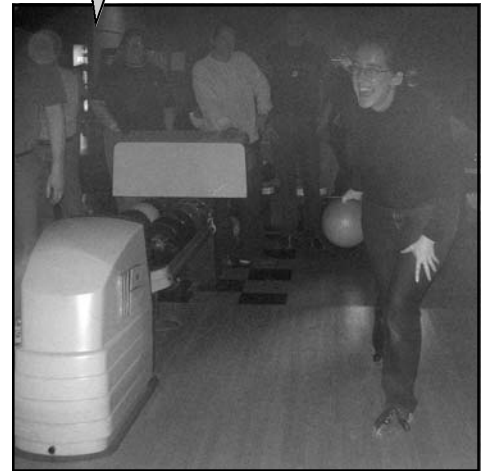
Sandy Edling takes a break from the lanes to pass on president advice to Martin Cepeda.

We want to hear from **YOU!**
 What do you want on the Web site?
 Perhaps you have a deal to offer...
 What kind of events do you want to see planned?
 Maybe some **singles** mixers or more family oriented activities... **e-mail** us at:

Presi-



Montco represented at the bowling alley... Penn State



Everyone had a fun time.

Happy Hour Dates 2007

All events 6-9 p.m., Location T.B.A. *check the Web site for updates*

January 1st*

*(11a.m. for the Outback bowl)

March 1st

February 1st

April 5th





Relay For Life

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a fulfilled overnight relay race designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in the community. PSU MontCo always themes their tent and rallies the troupes together to stay energized the whole time! This year's event will be held at Upper Merion High School Stadium in King of Prussia, Pa, on **June 8th and 9th**. When you sign up to participate in this year's race, you are automatically in the running for a raffle to receive a PSU MontCo chapter "prestigious prize". If you want to be involved but cannot participate in the relay, donations are welcome at: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=190249> For more information please e-mail Doug Lavenberg at community@psumontco.com.

Liberty Ball 2007

On **February 10, 2007** you will get your chance to dance all night and raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund, but this THON experience won't involve hour 36 hallucinations or feet swollen to twice their original size! It's the annual Liberty Ball presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. A night of dinner and dancing will be held at the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia. The cost is \$110 per person which includes butlered appetizers, one hour open cocktail bar, three course menu and live entertainment. To buy tickets or make an online donation, please visit Libertyball.org.

Top Ten Reasons to be a Montgomery County PSU Alumnus:

10. You know you love everything Penn State related!
9. You can add one to your friend count on Myspace! (www.myspace.com/psumontco)
8. You can join our TV tailgates without having to face the traffic on route 322.
7. For the fashionable t-shirts —available on the new Web site.
6. Because you thought about joining the chapter for all these years and never actually did it.
5. The bus trip for the PSU v. Wisconsin Homecoming is October 10, 2007! And its never to early to mark your calendar.
4. You get more perks than in the National Alumni Association...
3. With 19,000 alumni in Montgomery County there is always one nearby!
2. New graduates get one year FREE membership!
1. This is your chance to be a contributing part of the foundation of new leadership and rebuilding of a great association!



City Lights at the Franklin Institute

City lights is a Penn State Alumni

Association initiative in conjunction with Penn State professors, that offers informational programs in four major East Coast cities, including Philadelphia. On **February 14th from 5:30 - 9:30** World famous Penn State Egyptologist Dr. Donald Redford will speak about King Tut and life in ancient Egypt at the Franklin Institute. Also included is a Valentine's Day dessert reception and tour of the museum's exhibit. All city lights events require pre-registration. Tickets are \$45 for Alumni Association members and their guests, and \$55 for non members. Tickets are very limited. Find upcoming dates and event registration at <http://alumni.psu.edu/events/default.htm> or by calling 800-548-LION (5466) option 5.

Relive the Glory

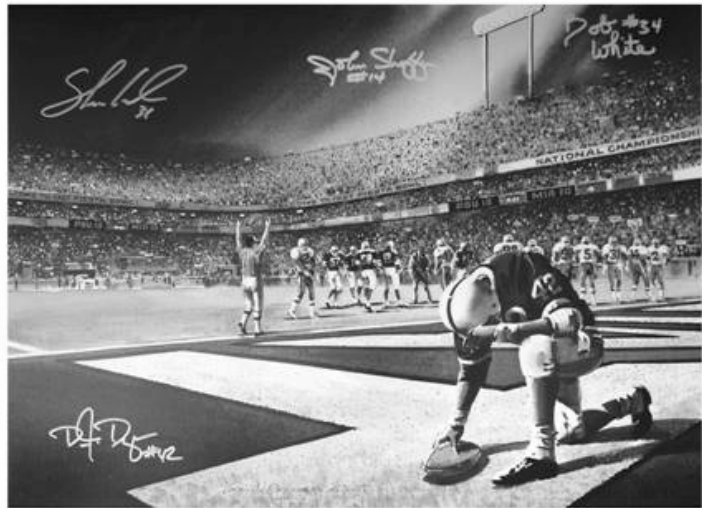
Own a piece of history and relive the moment when the Penn State Nittany Lions captured the National Title against Miami for the pinnacle moment of a perfect season. With each purchase you will also be contributing to two great causes. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to our **MontCo Chapter Scholarship Fund**. Another portion of the sale will be donated to help **Steve Smith's Foundation** who has been stricken with ALS.

This collectible art piece is signed by DJ Dozier, Shane Conlan, John Shaffer, and Bob White and is a must have for the Penn State Football fan. Go to www.IPlayedTheGame.com and order your very own piece of Penn State History today!

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15x20 Lithograph signed by Penn State Running Back D.J. Dozier (Fiesta Bowl Offensive MVP) and Team Captains Shane Conlan (Defensive MVP), QB John Shaffer, and Defensive Lineman Bob White.

This highly collectible limited edition art piece painted by famed sports artist William Ressler, captures D.J. moments after scoring the decisive touchdown in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl versus the University of Miami.



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Is there an alumnus you know living or working in Montgomery County with an interesting story that should be shared? Deserves recognition? Holds a world record? E-mail Meredith Setzman at newsletter@psumontco.com with suggestions for a person to profile for the spring issue of the newsletter!!

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Calendar of Events

January 2007

1—Outback Bowl (11 a.m.) @ Fox & Hound

13—Manna on Main St.

26—Ice Skating at Blue Cross River Park, Philadelphia

February 2007

1—Happy Hour (6—9 p.m.) @Fox & Hound

10—Liberty Ball 2007, Philadelphia

14—Penn State City Lights @ The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia

17—Bowling Event (4:30-6:30 p.m.) @ Facenda Whitaker Lanes in Norristown

20—Chapter Meeting

March 2007

1—Happy Hour

20—Chapter Meeting

April 2007

5—Happy Hour

17—Chapter Meeting

All Chapter Meetings are from 6:45—8:30 p.m. To find out where the next one is, contact Bob Krandel at secretary@psumontco.com ...come out to a meeting!