

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Chapter NEWS

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2009 COMES BOWLING IN

Winter blues and an economic downturn were no match for the Lion alumni of all ages that converged on East Norriton for a Saturday afternoon of bowling fun.



Dan Preston introducing his daughter to bowling ball

The two hour event was a perfect break to enjoy games, food and socializing.

While some of us were purely beginners there for fun, we quickly discovered the 'A' game players were having just as much fun.

Organized by social chair Amy Lettich, this was a great way to spend a win-



(Left) Ray Nyahay with the Lion form (Below) Tonya Smith and her friend bowling it out



ter afternoon and was such a success that another one is on the calendar in April.

FROM THE EDITOR

As the new Public Relations/Newsletter Chairman I would first like to thank Meredith Setzman for making a great transition in handling the newsletter duties even though she had already transferred to the Philadelphia chapter.

In my first semi-official capacity, I traveled to California to support our Nittany Lion Football team in the Rose Bowl. Despite the outcome of the game it was an impressive site to see the 30,000 alumni that had descended on Pasa-

dena for a road game "WHITE OUT". It was a great opportunity to meet current and former players and coaches and even get a picture with my favorite player of the last 4 years.



Robert with Derrick Williams

As an avid photographer I have captured many memorable moments at Penn State from 1982 to present. My freshman year at Penn State with a National Championship is a great memory and was a great introduction to the passion for PSU.

I graduated in 1986 with a degree in Business Management and Economics and spent over 18 years in New Jersey, during which I served the Penn State Alumni of Central New Jersey as Website/Newsletter



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SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Yacovelli of Harleysville and Alex Leum Han of Flourtown have been selected as the recipients of the Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Chapter's 2008-2009 academic year scholarship. Each will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$750.

Michael Yacovelli

Michael is currently a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts where he is majoring in Psychology with a concentration in Neuroscience. Beginning in January, Michael began as a Research Assistant for Dr. Peter Arnett, where he is conducting research related to clinical neuropsychological and the effects of concussions on the mind. In

his spare time, Michael is active in the Bronx Aerospace High School's Pen Pal/Mentoring Program and is involved in the Penn State Baseball Intramural league. During his summers in Montgomery County, he volunteers in the emergency room at Chestnut Hill Hospital. Upon graduation, Michael plans to attend medical school or obtain his PhD in Neuroscience.

Alex Leum Han

Alex is currently a junior in the Smeal College of Business and Schreyer Honors College where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Finance with an emphasis in Accounting and Mathematics. At University Park, Alex is involved in many student activities including Korean Students for Christ, the Penn State Investment Association, the Schreyer Honors

College Student Council and is a student mentor for the Smeal College of Business. In 2008, he participated in the Johnson & Johnson Team Case Competition and won 1st place at Penn State and 3rd place in the national competition. He will be doing an internship this summer with PNC Capital Markets in Pittsburgh.

Please join us in congratulating both Michael and Alex!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope you are all staying warm in the recent cold weather before us. This past Penn State Football Season was an exciting one that may not have ended as we all

might have hoped for, but actually brought much promise for the future of our football program. As we embark on a new year, filled with new ideas, new events, and more importantly... new chances to connect with fellow alumni, I'd like to take a step back to highlight some of our 2008 Chapter accomplishments:

1) Joint Activities award recognition for our participation in the Temple/PSU Football alumni tailgate.

2) Group of Distinction award recognition for our alignment to the Alumni Association's core chapter values.

3) Awarded PSU scholarships to two deserving Penn State students from Montgomery County.

4) Filled two vacant board positions.

In 2008, we had the pleasure of welcoming two new members to our Chapter's board of directors. Amy Lettich ('95, HRIM) was elected as our Chapter's Social Chair, responsible for all chapter social event planning and operations. Robert Wolf ('86, Mgmt/Econ) joined on as our Public Relations Chair, responsible for our quarterly newsletter as well as chapter communications.



Amy and Rob join our established board of directors with great enthusiasm and diversity in their ideas that will help make our future Chapter offerings much more valuable to you.

We are in the process of planning our 2009 chapter events. If you have any suggestions for future events, please feel free to email your ideas to me at my email address below. Up-to-date chapter events can be found at <http://www.psumontco.com/events.html>.

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 the upcoming year filled with good times and great memories.

"We Are... Penn State"

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

Its Members like you the make the difference. Bring your fellow alumni on to the team!

I would like to thank you all for your on going support to the Chapter without it we would not be here. Our goal is to support the Alumni Association's mission by serving Montgomery County's Penn State Alumni and friends.



In 2009 we have many different events planned were members can meet other Penn State Alumni

across the county such as bowling events, Happy Hours and TV Tailgates. Know someone new to the area? Bring them along and make them a part of the Chapter family.



As we plan beyond 2009 we want to make sure the Chapter is still supporting you, our members. We want to ensure that being a Chapter member you are seeing the benefits.

Is the chapter meeting your expectations?

Are there any events you would like the Chapter to Organize?

What are some of the reasons why you chose to join the local chapter?

As Membership Chair my goal is to increase membership for 2009, as well as retain our current membership. We as a Chapter want to ensure that our goals are aligned with your interests. As always thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the next event. We want to hear from you. E mail George at membership@psumontco.com

Letter from Editor (Cont.)

chairman in the late 90's. My career is based in commercial real estate where I have been the Chief Information Officer for some major regional firms over the last 13 years and where I now am President of the new firm CREIS.

I attended the Penn State MontCo Alumni Board retreat in late January where I was impressed by the level of commitment that this team has to the mission of supporting a Penn State tradition of reaching out.

In turn I am reaching out to you to become a contributor to the newsletter and website. If you would like to write an article or become a

regular contributor to the newsletter with Penn State memories and articles on Penn State activities contact me at:

publicrelations@psumontco.com

We at the Penn State Alumni of Montgomery County plan to keep you informed and involved with plenty of social and community activities.

Robert Wolf '86
Public Relations Chair



COMMUNITY SERVICE

RELAY FOR LIFE®

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Our flagship community the Society's progress service project is once toward a future where again coming up. The cancer doesn't take the annual American Cancer lives of our friends and Society Relay for Life family.

event helps raise money and awareness for cancer research. It is more than a walk around a track.

Everyone of us knows someone whose life has been touched by cancer. Relay gives you the power to help accelerate

The Penn State team is being assembled and we need participants as well as supporters to help at the event.

For more information email Doug at: community@psumontco.com

Where: Upper Merion High School, King of Prussia

When: May 29-30

For more information on the Event:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=16737&team_id=367643

To get involved: community@psumontco.com

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On Your Calendar

February:

27th through March 1st: Ski Trip to Stowe VT

March:

5th: Monthly Happy Hour at Chiquita Loco, Conshohocken, 6:00 PM, Free Appetizers and Drink Specials

22nd: Manna on Main St

April:

2nd: Monthly Happy Hour at PJ Whelihan's, Blue Bell, 6:00 PM, Free Appetizers and Drink Specials

18th: Free Bowling Event at Facenda Whitaker Lanes, East Norriton. Free Bowling for Paid Members (Shoe Rental \$3 not included) \$12 for Non-Members. Free Appetizers.

May:

7th: Monthly Happy Hour at PJ Whelihan's, Blue Bell, 6:00 PM, Free Appetizers and Drink Specials

29th-30th: Relay for Life at Upper Merion High School, King of Prussia

We have lots of exciting events planned for this summer...stay tuned!

If you are interested in joining the Social Committee, please contact Amy at social@psumontco.com