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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed the summer as much as I did. We are having quite a banner year with our membership numbers on the rise and seeing an increase of people attending our events. The rest of our 2013 planning will contain some new and different events, including a float in the homecoming parade, a moonlight hayride, and a craft festival as well as some favorites like Cradles to Crayons, TV tailgates and our ever popular holiday party (once again being held at the Valley Forge Casino). I look forward to a great fall/winter season and hope to see all of you at a future event! I would also be remiss if I failed to mention how extremely happy I am that the sanctions against us have been reduced and five scholarships have been added.

As always, WE ARE...

Fran Parisi



A huge PSU Roar to member, Jes Borkosky, who designed this WE ARE... cake for the PSU Freshman picnic in August.



SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to sophomore, Katie Ali, and junior, Rachel-Paige Mumenthaler, on becoming the 2013 Montgomery County Chapter scholarship recipients. After our scholarship committee reviewed the many applications and essays, these two students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships. Katie and Rachel-Paige were in attendance at this year's freshman picnic to share their experiences with incoming freshman.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every quarter we give our time and efforts to **Cradles to Crayons**. Montgomery County Chapter volunteers have sorted donations for distribution and filled orders for several agencies. Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth to age 12, living in low income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive at home, at school and at play.

Free gift wrapping services were provided again at **Barnes and Noble for Father's Day**. In total, we collected over \$200 from donations towards our scholarship fund.

SOCIAL

Suburban Networking Event Along with PSU Career Services from the University Park and Abington Campuses, our Montgomery County Chapter hosted a very special evening for alumni from the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area at the Valley Forge Casino on August 14, 2013. Special guests included Cheryl Bonner, Director of Penn State Alumni Career Services, and Michael Paul, Penn State Space Systems Engineer/Team Leader of the Lunar Lion Project. We were also joined by the Delaware & Chester County Chapters along with Smeal College of Business Alumni, and the Penn State Professional



Women's Network. All attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, Creamery ice cream, and grilled stickies throughout the night. Door prizes were awarded from University Park Career Services along with 100 tickets donated by VF Casino for an upcoming boxing event. In addition, attendees were given \$20 in free slot credit compliments of the Casino. With almost 220 registered attendees, we are happy to say this was one of the largest and most successful events for Penn State Career Services and the

Montgomery County Chapter. We have already begun plans for the next Networking Event this winter.

SOCIAL cont.

Young Alumni Happy Hour On July 16, 2013 we held a summer Happy Hour at Baggataway's in West Conshohocken. We had an excellent turnout of recent and young alumni. The night was spent getting to know new people over great food and drinks while sharing past Penn State memories and creating new ones.



Ice Cream Socials There's no better way to beat the heat than to spend a summer evening with your Penn State friends while enjoying an unlimited amount of yogurt & toppings at one of our favorite sponsors, Menchie's in East Norriton!

Montgomery County Chapter Supports The LUNAR LION TEAM



Penn State has joined the Google Lunar X Prize competition to land a privately funded space craft on the moon by 2015. The launch and execution of Penn State's craft-the Lunar Lion-will be the culmination of a multiyear, interdisciplinary effort to meet the requirements of the competition and vie for its top rewards....\$20,000,000. A commercial launch vehicle will carry the Lunar Lion into space and place it on a trajectory to the moon. After 5 days of space travel, the Lunar Lion will execute a controlled descent to the lunar surface. During the mission the space craft will transmit high resolution photographic images and video to "Mission Control" at Penn State. In this exciting mission, the Lunar Lion team, led by Michael Paul, aerospace engineer, will compete against 28 other teams to accomplish the first moon landing in more than 30 years. We are proud to say that Penn State is the only University competing in the race. WE ARE...landing the first University-built space craft on the moon.



Lunar Lion Team (pictured above) with Carol Goft, Board Member of Penn State Alumni Association Montgomery County

ROAR ABOUT THIS!



Several months ago we started the Membership Card Discount Program for all active, dues paying members. The chapter has partnered with several businesses located within Montgomery County to offer our members either a percentage or dollar discount on their products and/or services by presenting their membership card. A full list of participating businesses can be found on our chapter's website. If you or someone you know has a business and would be interested in participating in the Membership Card Discount Program, please contact a board member.

PAW PRINTS



Chapter Secretary & Social Chair, Carol Goft, provided a helping hand to a Montgomery County resident when her dog went missing. Upon returning the dog to its rightful owner, she was wearing a Penn State t-shirt. What a great feeling to not only do a good deed, but to help out a fellow Penn Stater. If you have a story that would make us smile relating to PSU within Montgomery County or anywhere, don't hesitate to submit it to a board member for our next newsletter.





FALL INTO FUN!



Please come out and join us in the upcoming months for happy hours, tailgates, community service, outings and fun! Additional events will be added so be certain to check the chapter's website. Our objective is to participate in a community service project each month, but we need your help! Please consider volunteering your time to help us help others! Also, please consider donating to our Scholarship Campaign.

October 11th - **HOMEcomings PARADE:** Walk in the parade with Penn State Alumni

Association Montgomery County Chapter, the Lunar Lion Team, and Isabella

October 12th - **PSU vs. Michigan: Tailgate @ University Park** - Hosted by Chapter Board Members Carol & Jason Goff

October 19th - **Moonlit Hayride & Bonfire @ Northern Star Farm 7:00-9:30pm**

October 26th - **PSU vs. Ohio State: TV Tailgate (TBA)**

November 2nd - **PSU vs. Illinois: Tailgate @University Park** - Hosted by Chapter Board Members Carol & Jason Goff

November 9th - **Cradles to Crayons Community Service Event & PSU vs. Minnesota: TV Tailgate (TBA)**

November 10th - **Craft Fair @ North Penn VFW Post: Hosted by PS Alumni Association Montgomery County Chapter**

November 30th - **PSU vs. Wisconsin: TV Tailgate (TBA)**

December 6th - **Holiday Party @ Valley Forge Casino (Dinner, Bar, & FREE \$20 Slot Credit)**

December - **Holiday Gift Wrap @ Barnes & Noble (Date TBA)**



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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.



1st ANNUAL PSU ALUMNI CRAFT FAIR



On **Sunday, November 10th** come out from 11:00-4:00 for our 1st PSU Alumni Craft Fair at the North Penn VFW, 2519 Jenkintown Road, Glenside, PA. Artisans and vendors with varied crafts will be there to sell the items you are trying to find for yourself and holiday gifts. Shop early with fellow Penn Staters and Fans.

Tables are available by contacting Carol Goft (space is limited) - secretary@psumontco.com.



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