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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

So much has been happening since our last newsletter but I want to mention one that was, to me, the biggest happening: The 409 wins were reinstated to the winningest coach in College Football, our beloved Joe Pa!

The board has been meeting to discuss and plan new events for 2015. (What is working?, What isn't?, and Where do we need to hold events in the Montgomery County area to attract new members while sustaining our current member base?)

Partnering with other chapters/societies will remain high on our radar this year in an effort to allow all PSU alumni, no matter where they call home, to attend an event that may be hosted by another chapter or society. Our hopes are to build a broader sense of community.

For those of you in our local area, we have started with some returning favorites (our bowling event at Facenda Whitaker and our Taking it to the Beach Happy Hour at Horsham Pub) - similar to last year's luau theme.

We will continue to host at least 1, hopefully 2, events each month until the football season starts in the fall.

You will see a calendar of events in this newsletter that will help you plan your social calendar.

On another note, we have had some recent changes to our board over the past several months that I would like to share with you.

Shannon Ehret has left us as our Membership & Community Service Director. Lauren Ricks has moved from Public Relations Director to Community Service Director to assume the position vacated by Shannon. Best of luck to Lauren in this new role.

Also, please join me in giving thanks to Shannon for all of her hard work while in both roles. She will be sadly missed.

Dan Kaufman will assume the Membership Director role in addition to his role as Treasurer.

Currently, the role of Public Relations Director is open. If you are interested in being considered for this role, please contact me directly. (president@psumontco.com) We are always looking for volunteers to help us.

I hope to see all of you at an upcoming event and welcome any and all suggestions to make 2015 a huge success!

Stay tuned for an event coming to a place near you.

For the glory,

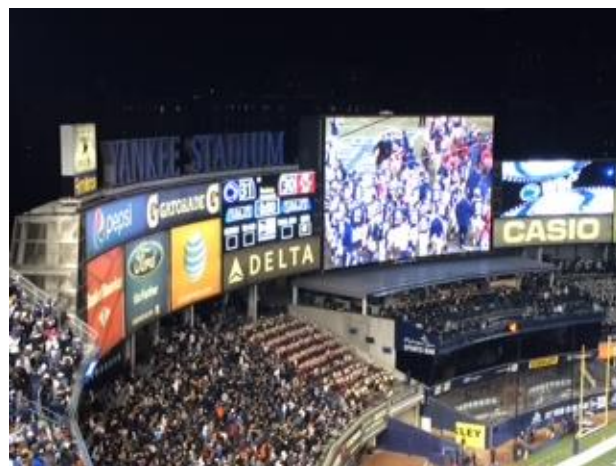
Fran Parisi '96



PINSTRIPLE BOWL

A bus trip to New York thanks to Jason and Carol Goft,
Cliff and Allison Montgomery!
It was a win, win, win for the Montgomery County Chapter,
our guests and Penn State Football.
Over all, we made over \$1800 for scholarship on this trip.

Special thanks to Cliff Montgomery for suggesting the bus
trip, hosting the King of Prussia Bus and securing all of the
food and drinks. Hosting the buses is no simple task!



PSU HOCKEY AT WELLS FARGO



On January 31st over 250 alumni from the Philadelphia area attended the 3rd annual Philadelphia College Hockey Faceoff between our Nittany Lions and the University of Vermont Catamounts. It was an intense game, but we witnessed an impressive come from behind win. Penn State went down 2-0, but then stormed back with 4 unanswered goals including an empty netter to defeat the Catamounts 4-2. It was Penn State's 2nd win in this 3 game annual series. Prior to the game, we hosted over 150 alumni at our pregame event at Xfinity Live. We rented out the entire second level this year and everyone had a great time socializing and enjoying appetizers prior to face-off. We hope to see all of you there for the 4th annual Philadelphia College Hockey Faceoff in 2016.

WANTED

Do you want to be more active with The Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Chapter? We have numerous chair positions that need to be filled. If you would like to get more involved, please write a brief description about yourself and tell us what you feel you can bring to the chapter. Send to Fran at president@psumontco.com

PSU THON 2015

The mission of the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon is to conquer pediatric cancer by providing outstanding emotional and financial support to the children, families, researchers, and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund. Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$127 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

THON 2015 took place on February 20th - 22nd at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Congratulations Penn State!



ROAR ABOUT THIS!



Congratulations! The Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Chapter received a group of distinction award at the Elm Level from the University! This is the highest level possible, which is a tribute to all the members that help make our Chapter a success. Some benefits for this recognition are getting an ad in the Penn Stater January/February edition, priority in the football lottery and an entry into a drawing for a \$1,000 grant to be used towards our group's initiative (program or scholarship).

PAW PRINTS



Making a print in Montgomery County, the Alumni's Membership Card Discount Program continues to thrive for all active, paying members. Cantina Feliz in Fort Washington just joined our long list of sponsors who either offer a percentage or dollar discount. Co-Owner Brian Shiral, is a Penn State Alumnus, who has opened Feliz Restaurants in Fort Washington and Philadelphia. He also co-owns Beast & Ale in Manayunk.

SCHOLARSHIP



If your son or daughter will be a sophomore or higher in the Fall 2015 semester and he or she has a 3.0 GPA or higher, then keep an eye out in June for our annual scholarship application. We are always accepting donations to increase our endowed fund. Our fund is up to almost \$60,000. The more we raise, the more we can continue giving back to the students of Montgomery County.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Cradles to Crayons is moving its Giving Factory this summer. Come support your Alumni Chapter by volunteering your time these last opportunities at this warehouse location. On **June 23rd from 6pm to 8pm**, the Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Chapter will help Cradles to Crayons sort and pack items donated into a KidPack. The KidPacks will then be distributed to children living in disadvantaged situations in the five-county Philadelphia region. After our volunteer commitment, join us at a local establishment in Conshohocken to wind down a great night!

PENN STATE NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

Take me out to the ball game! Come join us for an alumni get together at the Philadelphia Phillies vs. Cincinnati Reds game on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

Wear your Penn State gear and be part of the fun in Philadelphia's finest baseball stadium. This event is hosted by Penn State Abington, Penn State Brandywine, Montgomery County Alumni Chapter and the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter. It is a Phundraising event through the Phillies to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

To purchase tickets visit our website www.psumontco.com.



FREEZE FRAME!



HOCKEY VALLEY

During the month of January, in cooperation with Chester County, we traveled by bus to University Park to watch Penn State beat Ohio State at Pegula Ice Hockey Arena. The frigid temperatures did not dampen the spirits of the 40 members on the trip.



We had another wonderful fall and winter with exciting events for members of all ages. At the second annual Fall Event at Northern Star Farm, our members and their families had a blast with a hayride, corn maze, and campfire. Bowling at Facenda Whitaker in November provided a fun, active family event. Our monthly happy hours continue to be well attended and it is always a pleasure to see new faces. All are welcome, Penn Staters as well as friends of Penn Staters. Tell your friends about us! This year our Homecoming Tailgate at University Park was truly a homecoming with two full buses arriving from Montgomery and Chester Counties. This year the Gofts hosted another fabulous foodfest at their RV. Thank you to all who participated and made the weekend unforgettable. We can't wait until next year. We have already purchased 50 tickets on the 20 yard line and the bus is reserved. Buy your tickets now! Our holiday party in December was held at Normandy Farms. Great food, great company, and a great night! Jay Paterno was kind enough to join us as a special guest. He read excerpts from his new book and autographed copies for our members. Along with our basket raffle, and the silent auction hosted by Cliff Montgomery, we had a successful evening. Looking forward to the spring with exciting events, warmer weather, and good times with fellow Penn Staters!



On July 18, 2015, the Montgomery County Penn State Alumni Association, in concert with the Chester County Penn State Alumni Association and the Brandywine Society, will be hosting the First Annual Leadership Summit. The purpose of this meeting will be to form stronger relationships with fellow alumni and create a larger network so that all of the Southeastern PA Region Alumni will have a better opportunity to attend events that may be closer for them.

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Please come out and join us in the upcoming months for happy hours, 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.

June 4th – Phillies Baseball @ Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia

June 11th - Ice Cream Happy Hour @ Menchie's in East Norriton 6:30-8:30

June 17th - Mini Golf @ Freddy Hill Farms in Lansdale 6:00-9:00

June 23rd – Cradles to Crayons 6:00-8:00 and then somewhere for socializing

October 10th – Homecoming Game Bus Trip, University Park

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.