



PennState Alumni Association Dayton Chapter

NITTANY NOTES – AUGUST 2021

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President’s Message

It has been 10 months since I last wrote; time just keeps moving on whether COVID tries to slow us down or not. It has been a tough year for the chapter, putting our attempts to instill change into a deep freeze while we all adjusted to the pandemic. Each and every one of you knows, with the heart of the lion, nothing can keep us down. And so, we begin the next chapter in our path to change.

As COVID numbers dropped, we began emerging from our home cocoons. We had the opportunity to visit with some of you at the Student Sendoff on July 28th, but **WE ARE** hungry for more interaction with all the lions and lionesses in the area. **WE ARE** looking forward to seeing all of you at an upcoming football watch party.

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As many are aware, the Fox and Hound did not survive the pandemic leaving us without a home for our football watch parties. We scoured the valley trying to find a home that suited our needs and was willing to host us instead of the poisonous nuts (that would be the Buckeyes). We must have reviewed 20 or more places and only two met our needs. However, due to the difficulty getting waitstaff and cooks (a concern that permeated throughout our hunt), that number dwindled to one with a potential backup location if needed for a particular game. Despite the **Rocky** start, we landed at **Bullwinkle’s!** More on that below.

We have missed having face to face events this past year. **WE ARE** happy to start celebrating Penn State with all our alumni and members. **WE ARE** still working on ways to keep the chapter moving forward. We would love for you to become involved in planning our future. Come join us at the football watch parties; tell me your thoughts – help us build a stronger chapter – **WE ARE PENN STATE!**

And of course every story should have a happy ending -- notwithstanding COVID limitations, we had outstanding support for our Crayons to Classrooms drive. We thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.

For the Glory!

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2021 Student Sendoff



Crayons to Classrooms

What's Up?

WE ARE two months into the new fiscal year – if you haven't paid your dues, please do! Your dues support our scholarship fund, membership appreciation, newsletters, etc. More info below under "Membership".

WE ARE excited to move to our new home at Bullwinkle's in Miamisburg, located at 19. N. Main St Miamisburg. Website is bullwinklestophatbistro.com. Great prices, food, service and atmosphere. Location is fantastic for before and after the game as it sits right by the river and has many shops (PA's very own GrandPa Joe's Candy Shop, antiques, crafts, tea, breweries, etc) within walking distance. Come join the crowd and possibly win the progressive door prize.

WE ARE supporting Wreaths Across America! A great way to spend a few hours outdoors with the family while supporting a worthy cause. If you never participated, it is a fulfilling event (and an emotional one for me). On Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 12:00 PM, Wreaths Across America will be at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. We will be there to lay wreaths – will you join us? Plenty of time to put this on your calendar and come pay your respects to those who fought for our freedom. Please let Debbie Downes, debdowes22@gmail.com, know no later than November 8th if you plan to join us so she can register the group. Come on out in your Blue and White and remember our heroes. You can also donate a wreath (\$15) at <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/>. Since we report to the overarching Penn State Alumni Association regarding events and fund raisers, I would appreciate if you let Debbie Downes know if you sponsor a wreath. **WE ARE** Penn State Proud as we enter our 4th year supporting this cause.

WE ARE on Instagram. You can connect with us @ [pennstatedayton](https://www.instagram.com/pennstatedayton). Going somewhere that would interest Chapter members and would like to post it on our Instagram account – let me know and we can share the account with you for the day.

WE ARE provided guidance from the Penn State Alumni Association stating masks are to be worn for indoor events at this time. Stay tuned for updates.

WE ARE still percolating ideas so if you know of an event or a community service that would interest local Nittany Lions, please let me know at Nittany.Lioness.DCPSAA@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Do you want to participate but aren't sure what help you could provide? You don't have to be an alumnus to belong. You just need to be Penn State Proud. You could simply invite other Penn State fans to join the Dayton Chapter or attend an event, to help acclimate them. Or perhaps you are willing to hold a "No Host" social (breakfast, bowling, happy hour, wine tasting, etc.)? We can work with you on time and place. Would you like to share information about your specialty? We are looking into holding "Penn State Presents" seminars.

If you can spare 2 or 3 hours once every 3 months, we can always use fresh blood on the board, and it looks good on your resume (you have to be a member of the Penn State Alumni Association for a board position).

Scholarship Recipients

While 2020 has been difficult on many, it brought smiles to two Penn Staters. Michael Anthony and his team reviewed several applications for the 2021 scholarship program before announcing the winners. Margaret Riggle is an undergraduate student majoring in Industrial Engineering from Tipp City. She attends the University Park Campus and expects to graduate in May 2022. Ashley Jackson is an undergraduate student majoring in Political Science from Miamisburg. She attends the World Campus and expects to graduate Spring 2023.

Each student received a scholarship for \$2,681.00. Please join me in wishing them an outstanding year and hearty congratulations!

Football Parties

As I stated above, BULLWINKLE'S is the place to be! Please join us as we watch football amidst Penn State's Blue Band music and cheers. In addition, the infamous Lion's Roar will ring out throughout the game. Prepare to have fun! We have invited the Cincinnati Chapter to join us for games. We still plan on the Kid's Watch Party on September 11, 2021 (I might just have a few Nittany Lion stories to tell). Bring your children so they can form new friendships to enjoy during the season. I, with some help, will watch them during Ball State so you can enjoy the game. We plan to continue with Membership Appreciation at a still to be determined game.

Future Newsletters & Chapter Communications

Do you have any news or information you would like to share with the Chapter? If so, please contact me at Nittany.Lioness.DCPSAA@gmail.com or any Board member. Our newsletter is published three to four times each year. Would you like to keep up with what **WE ARE** doing? Be sure to visit our website, www.psualumnidaytonoh.org for all the up-to-the minute news and links. Also, check out, "Like", and share our Facebook page! You can find it by searching for the Dayton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram!

Membership

Come be part of the family!

Is it possible you planned on joining and just didn't know how or it slipped your mind? Grab your phone or your computer and visit www.psualumnidaytonoh.org, you will see "Membership" on the left side of the page or fill out and mail the enclosed membership app. Membership cost is \$20 each per year or \$25 for the entire family per year. If you have questions regarding membership, please contact Edie Kreider at KREIDERFAM@Prodigy.net or 937-572-6821.

Affordable price for a lot of fun! After all, **WE ARE**.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4, 2021: The 1st Football Watch Party of the season at Bullwinkle's. The Nittany Lions take on Wisconsin, a noon time game.

September 11, 2021: The very 1st Kids Watch Party. The Nittany Lions take on Ball State, a 3:30 game.

Various Dates: Football Watch Parties. Watch for information via email, Facebook, and our website

December 1, 2021: Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Dayton Fairborn. Stay tuned for more information.

December 18, 2021: Wreaths Across America, 12:00PM at the Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery. Outdoors, meaningful contribution with easy social distancing!!

TBD: THON Kids Cards. Come fill out cards with encouraging words for the 4 Diamonds Kids and the dancers. Event held in conjunction with a football watch party. Stay tuned for more information.

TBD: All other events