

NITTANY NOTES – January 2020

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President's Message

Here we are in a brand-new decade. I feel we have just walked into what is going to be our best year ever! While it is a new calendar year, we are at the mid-point of our fiscal year. **WE ARE** in the process of change regarding your chapter.

Based on feedback I've received (keep it coming!!) we are livening things up a little bit.

- You said "Why go to the Fox & Hound to watch a game I can watch in my own home?" The answer – it is more than just watching – **IT IS FAMILY**, it is a mini stadium atmosphere with all the cheers and roars found sitting on the 50-yard line with the additional benefit of food/libations throughout the game and replay cameras (how else do you get to continually bash the ref for bad calls). Some of us even sing the alma mater – I still don't know those gosh darn words!

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- You said "I won't enjoy watching the game if I have to keep my eyes on my child." **WE ARE** working on a solution – this coming year we will have a "Kid's Watch Party Game". Everyone bring your children and grandchildren. Let them get to know each other. We will keep an eye on them and provide some entertainment, but for the most part they are good at self-entertaining (see the collage on next page). They will make friends to play with during future games.

We have had a good year overall. We had fun and met a lot of new people. We gave out two scholarships at the highly successful Student Sendoff. We supported Crayons to Classrooms. We held our first ever Membership Appreciation event. We engaged in a new community service and had a blast doing it – Kid's Cards for Mail Call at Thon. We fed the Thon Pig. We started giving out Fox & Hound gift cards to the person lucky enough to have picked the correct square upon arrival. We participated in Wreaths Across America, laying wreaths at the Dayton National Cemetery. We had a successful Holiday Party with the best dessert ever – PENN STATE CREAMERY Peachy Paterno and Vanilla ice cream. We celebrated birthdays. We won the Cotton Bowl with a very boisterous group watching from our seats at the Fox & Hound. Let's continue the upward trend!!

For the Glory!

Christine

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1. Nittany Lion graces us with his presence at the Minnesota game.
2. Celebrating Jim Valeri's birthday.
3. Cake – Awesome cake kids!!
4. Cotton Bowl Champs!
5. Last Iraq Air Force F-16 leaving Tucson AFB – sometimes it pays to know the pilot.
6. **WE ARE** 2019 Laurel Level Group of Distinction.
7. Wreaths Across America at the Dayton National Cemetery
8. Future Nittany Lion paced the whole game calling out **WE ARE** as appropriate.
- He was heard to say during a commercial “I needed a break”.
9. The Gang at the Cotton Bowl Watch Party
10. Cards for Kids activity at the Michigan Watch Party
11. **WE ARE!**
12. Holiday Party Dessert
13. The Thon Pig – Feed the PIG!! Seems he liked the Bloody Marys even with bacon.

What's New?

WE ARE mourning the loss of **Carolyn Spiller**, who transitioned to heaven peacefully on November 3, 2019. In addition to being a proactive member of the Dayton Chapter's board, Carolyn was also very active as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in protective custody for many years. Jane Novick, CASA Program Manager for Montgomery County Juvenile Court stated "Carolyn was such a warm, kind and giving person. We think of her quite often. She was such a special person; I am honored to have known her." Carolyn will be recognized during the CASA Recognition Dinner, May 19, 2020. Carolyn was also passionate about helping animals and volunteered with Paw Patrol.



<http://www.routsong.com/obituaries/Carolyn-Wishart-Spiller?obId=8701391>

WE ARE half way through the fiscal year and there are still so many of you I haven't had the opportunity to meet. Please don't wait too long to meet me as we never know what tomorrow brings.

- This Lioness is planning a "**No Host**" **breakfast** for a Saturday or Sunday in the February/March timeframe. As I work out the details you will receive an email or two with time and place. Get out of the winter doldrums and join me for breakfast! If you have a preference for Saturday or Sunday reach out and tell me, I'll accommodate if I can - Nittany.Lioness.DCPSAA@gmail.com

- Watch your email for **Bowling with the Chapter!** Debbie Downes will be setting up a "No Host" bowling event. Come out and have fun – nobody will bowl worse than I do.

- **PSU vs Michigan 2020** -- Interested in attending a game with fellow alumnus? Bryan Egner is looking into a possible Chapter trip to the Michigan game, October 3, 2020 in Ann Arbor. If you might be interested in attending, please let me know at email above and indicate if you are willing to stay overnight as Bryan is looking into B&Bs as well as the game. If there is enough interest, we will need a firm commitment with payment in the April/May timeframe so we can buy the tickets.

- Trying to keep up with all of the **PSU sports activities** can be daunting. However, you can get a composite view of all activities for a particular day by checking out the sports calendar @ <https://gopsusports.com/calendar.aspx>. Interested in attending an event (e.g. Hockey at Ohio State) and looking for people to join you? Let us know and we will put your request out to the Chapter. Keep in mind, it does not have to be sports related and you could be helping out another member who really would like to attend but didn't have anyone to go with them.

WE ARE on Instagram. You can connect with us @ **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 going to continue with **Membership Appreciation** events. This includes our new progressive door prize for football games. We start out with a \$10 gift card to the Fox & Hound on week 1. Each week we add \$10 until we have a winner. Once a winner is named, a new \$10 gift card will be in play. You must be present to win. **WE ARE** open to suggestions from you for other Membership Appreciation events and community service ideas.

WE ARE going to hold our very first **Kids Watch Party** at the first mid-afternoon football game this season. That would be the first game with a 3pm-ish start – hopefully a mid-afternoon start will occur after your children’s soccer, football, cheer, etc extracurricular activities.

WE ARE preparing for our **Spring Dinner Party!** Grab a friend or come single (I do) and enjoy a fun and informative evening. Tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2020, location TBD. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm. This is not a formal event. Dress code is Business Casual (no jeans). I am sure our **guest speaker, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center’s Scott B. Armen**, will bring you a quality presentation.,

Dr. Armen is Hershey Medical Center’s Vice-Chair of the Department of Surgery for Quality and Patient Safety, Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosurgery, Chief of the Division of Trauma, Acute Care and Critical Care Surgery, and Medical Director of the Level I Adult Trauma Program.

In addition, as a US Army Reservist, Colonel Armen presently serves as the US Army Reserve Trauma and General Surgery Consultant to the Surgeon General and Chief Surgeon for the 629th Forward Surgical Team. He has recently returned from a combat tour. His deployments include Chief Surgeon for the 629th Forward Surgical Team in Khost, Afghanistan in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, to Iraq as the Chief of Surgery for the Task Force 256th Combat Support Hospital in Operation New Dawn and as a trauma and critical care surgeon with the 345th Multi-National Forces Combat Support Hospital in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Armen participates as an active member of multiple trauma and critical care organizations including the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Western Trauma Association, the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. His clinical and research interests include thoracic and vascular trauma, shock resuscitation, sepsis, and surgical quality improvement. Dr. Armen is also an avid Penn State football fan.

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? We can work with you on time and place. 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).

Awards

Our Award Board is actively reviewing nominations for the **Chapter Hall of Fame** and the **National Award**. Thanks to John Glaser, and new Award Board members Dennis Reed, and Binod Kumar who put fresh eyes on our award board. Awards will be announced at the Spring Dinner Party.

Scholarship Recipients

Michael Anthony and his team are preparing for the 2020 scholarship program. Applications are due in the June timeframe.

Football Parties

If you haven't been to one recently, you will have to wait for next season to witness the addition of Penn State's Blue Band music and cheers. In addition the infamous Lion's Roar rings out throughout the game. Prepare to have fun! Don't forget this coming season we start with Kid's Watch Party and continue with Membership Appreciation.

College Recruiting

Every year we provide Penn State representation at various college recruiting programs. We lost a core member of our recruiting program with Carolyn's passing. If you are interested in helping us honor Carolyn by continuing recruiting at her outstanding level, please contact John Glasser @ daytonpsu@earthlink.net. This does not require a high commitment level but allows you to have some involvement in our chapter. All necessary training is online. We participate in a 1-3 recruiting events at local facilities per year.

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. Membership cost is \$20 each per year or \$25 for the entire family per year. Or mail in your check with the enclosed membership application. 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

TBD: No Host Breakfast (Feb/Mar 2020): Stay tuned for more info.

TBD: No Host Bowling (TBD): Stay tuned for more info.

April 4, 2020: Spring Dinner: Enjoy a fun and informative night out with your Penn State family and our guest speaker. Location is TBD, Cocktail hour begins at 6pm. Dinner to follow.

July 30, 2020: Student Send-Off: (tentative date). Bring a covered dish and have a picnic. Send-off new and returning students. Stay tuned for more info.

October 3, 2020: Michigan Road Trip – Watch the Nittany Lions take on the Wolverines in MI. Let us know if you are interested. Information above in "What's New?".