

Dayton Chapter



Penn State Alumni Association

NITTANY NOTES – July 2015

President's Message

For the last 30 years I have managed to avoid serving on the board of the Dayton Alumni Association by pleading “too busy”. Now that I am retired, that excuse sounds fairly lame. So I am now the president. You all will probably recognize me as Edie’s husband, but in my own way, I am at least as avid a Penn State alum as Edie. I am really looking forward to a great PSU football season. The talking heads are all saying we had a great recruiting class this year, though you really can’t evaluate a recruiting class for 4 or 5 years. Hopefully, a good start will bring a big crowd to the TV parties. There is a special extra something to watching the Nittany Lions with a large raucous crowd.

Officers

Bob Kreider, President
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Jim Valeri

In addition to the football TV parties, we have other activities that serve to bring us PSU alums together for fun and socializing.

I am excited about the year ahead! We have several events planned which I am confident you will enjoy, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at them! And please, always feel free to contact me or any Board member with your suggestions and ideas for causes and events for us to support.

For the Glory!

Bob Kreider ‘76, President

Chapter History

The Dayton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association has been active in the Dayton and Greater Miami region since 1970. We started with some 15-20 alumni who were interested in developing friendships, joining in good fellowship, and hoping to promote Penn State in the local community. We currently have over 75 dues paying members.

The Dayton Chapter:

- Provides Penn Staters the opportunity to get together for common purpose
- Serves as a communication link between the Alumni and the University
- Aids the University with local area functions and promotes Penn State in the local community
- Assists in identifying and recruiting scholars, and providing scholarships thereto
- Provides assistance to the Chapter constituents in various ways.

Although our Chapter is primarily a social organization, we also attempt and succeed in working with various community organizations to assist them in achieving their goals/projects. Our activities are varied to meet the needs of the members, and one can participate as much as one desires. We have an annual banquet in the spring with guest speakers from the University. We meet weekly during football season for TV parties at various locations and will do so this year at the Fox & Hound in Beavercreek. We have had bus trips to a football game each fall, our Student-Send Off in August for local students prior to them going to school, and we have a Holiday Dinner to help celebrate the season. These are just a sample of some of our past and current activities. We have volunteered at Children's Medical Center, cheered on the Air Force Marathon runners, volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, and at the Channel 16 Great TV Auction.

Having started in 1970 we are now in our 45th year and with everyone's support we will make it to 50. Come join us!

Membership Renewal (2015-2016)

If you have not become a member or paid your dues this year, we encourage you to do so today. Our chapter is a non-profit organization and your dues help cover our operating expenses for things like this newsletter, our web page and administrative costs. Each year any unspent income over a set amount is donated to the scholarship fund along with the donations earmarked specifically for this. Dues are \$20 per person and \$25 per family. Please take a moment, fill out the enclosed membership form, and mail your check to: The Dayton Chapter Penn State Alumni Association or DCPSAA, 2858 College Hill Court, Beavercreek, OH 45431. Remember that you can always include a contribution to our endowed scholarship fund at the same time. If you are unsure if you have paid your dues, contact John Glaser, daytonpsu@earthlink.net, or Edie Kreider, kreiderfam@prodigy.net. If there is not a membership application enclosed in this newsletter, you have already paid your dues.

Crayons to Classrooms

The Crayons to Classroom mission is to collect and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. Please bring in a generous donation of supplies to support our Dayton Area schools, teachers and our students. If you need more information contact Debbie Downes, downesatmillpond@sbcglobal.net. This is our Chapter's 4th annual school supply drive in support of Crayons to Classrooms. Our drive will be held in conjunction with our Student Send Off Picnic on August 5th. So bring your supplies then. They are requesting the following items in particular:

- Pencils
- Folders
- Pens
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Rulers
- Glue
- Copy Paper
- Filler Paper
- Notebooks
- Construction Paper
- Facial Tissue

Items will be collected at the Student Send-Off.

Scholarship Fundraiser Raffle

Our chapter has compiled a bunch of Penn State memorabilia, some of which was generously donated by Rae Siders, and some of which the chapter has purchased. We are going to try a new way of raffling this off. We will be “raffling” off a basket containing all of the things we have. Beginning with the Student Send-Off, and ending with the Annual Holiday Party, every time you attend an event, you will receive 1 entry into the raffle. Additional entries can be purchased at \$1 apiece, or 6 for \$5. All of these will go into the mix, and at the Holiday Dinner, we will draw one ticket. Winner does not need be present. Any money raised will be added to our yearly chapter donation to our scholarship fund.

Future Newsletters & Chapter Communications

Do you have any news or information you would like to share with the Chapter? If so, please contact Bob Kreider at rook.kreider@gmail.com or any Board member. Our newsletter is published three or four times each year.

Would you like to keep up with all the goings on of the Dayton Chapter? Be sure to visit our award winning website, www.psualumniadaytonoh.org for all the up-to-the minute news and links. Thanks to our webmaster, Dave Erich, for keeping this updated. Also, check out and “Like” our facebook page! You can find it by searching for the Dayton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association.

Student Send Off

It's time for the annual Summer Picnic/Student Send Off. Edie and I are hosting this event for Chapter Members and new and returning Penn State students. It is always an evening of fun and friendship. Here are the details:

What: Annual Summer Picnic/Student Send Off

When: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 6:00 PM til ???

Where: 2858 College Hill Ct. Beaver creek, OH 45431

RSVP: 937-429-5501, or kreiderfam@prodigy.net

The Chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, all paper products, and some beverages. Please bring your favorite dish to share. This promises to be an evening of great food, good conversation, and entertainment with Penn State Alumni, current students, and incoming freshmen!

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Wednesday August 5 @ 6:00 PM: Annual summer picnic/student send off at the Kreider's Home, 2858 College Hill Court, Beaver creek, OH 45431

Football TV Parties Saturdays This Fall: Meet at the *Fox and Hound*, Fairfield Commons, Beaver creek OH.

September 5 – Penn State at Temple, 3:30 PM ET

September 12 – Penn State vs Buffalo, noon ET

September 19 – Penn State vs Rutgers, 8:00 PM ET

September 26 – Penn State vs San Diego State, TBA

October 3 – Penn State vs Army, TBA

October 10 – Penn State vs Indiana, noon ET

October 17 – Penn State at Ohio State, 8:00 PM ET

October 24 – Penn State vs Maryland, TBA

October 31 – Penn State vs Illinois, TBA

November 7 – Penn State at Northwestern, TBA

November 21 – Penn State vs Michigan, TBA

November 28 – Penn State at Michigan State, TBA

December 5 – vs Big Ten Championship Game, TBA

Wednesday December 2 @ 6:00 PM: Annual Holiday Party. Location to be decided.

Carl Stravinski Scholarship

Every year we award a scholarship to 2 continuing students from our area who are attending Penn State. Last year's winners each received \$2,000. Your support of the Carl Stravinski Scholarship fund, endowed through The Pennsylvania State University, will allow us to continue to assist our students, and to increase the amount and /or number of scholarships we can award. There are two easy ways to make your contributions. The first way is to forward your scholarship contributions with your annual chapter dues. Simply designate the amount on your membership form! The second way is to make a PayPal donation on our website, when you are paying your dues. Got to www.psualumnidaytonoh.org, and click on the Membership/Join/Donate link, and follow the instructions. You do not have to have a PayPal account to do this.

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 pm at Deborah Crusan’s (and Harvey Bank’s) home, 1330 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505. You do not have to be a board member to attend. All are welcome.

2015 – 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____ GRAD.YEAR(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE (H) _____

_____ PHONE (other) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Membership year is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Dues are **\$20/person** or **\$25/family**. A portion of your dues will go to the local chapter scholarship fund.

“Don’t let your kids grow up to be Buckeyes!”

Please consider a donation to the Dayton Chapter Scholarship Fund in the amount checked below.

\$25

\$15

other

TOTAL DUES AND DONATION \$ _____

Make checks payable to ***DCPSAA (DAYTON CHAPTER OF THE PENN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION)*** and mail to Edie Kreider, 2858 College Hill Ct., Beavercreek, OH 45431-8543

NOTE: Yes, we’ve moved into the 21st century! We have now made it even easier to pay your Chapter dues, and donate to the Carl Stravinski Scholarship Fund. You can do this thru Pay Pal, and you don’t even have to have a Pay Pal account! For easy instructions, go to our website, www.psualumnidaytonoh.org, and click on the link for “Membership/Join/Donate”. All the info is there. Easy-Peasy!