

Dayton Chapter



Penn State
Alumni Association

NITTANY NOTES – November 2017

President's Message

This will be your only newsletter that will be mailed to you this year. I encourage you to update your email address with Edie Kreider to subscribe to regular updates about the chapter activities. kreiderfam@prodigy.net

Let me highlight some news and opportunities for you.

As President my shirt buttons are popping. Our chapter received two national awards. First, we were recognized at the level of excellence that placed our alumni group in the upper tier of our affiliate groups nationally. The second is that Debbie Downes received the highest honor at the annual Alumni Association for community service, the Phillip Philip Mitchell Alumni Service Award. (See details later in the newsletter on both awards.)

It has been a fun time this year rooting our football team on to victory each Saturday at the Fox and Hound Pub in Beaver creek. Good food, private room and a bunch of Penn Staters. Come and join us for the last couple of games and the bowl game to be announced.

On December 16 we will volunteer to place wreaths on soldier's graves in the Dayton National cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America Program. Our new Vice President, Christine Bahry will coordinate this effort. If interested in participation contact her at cmbahry@gmail.com.

Finally come and enjoy a holiday evening with us on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn on Col. Glenn Hwy. beginning at 6:00 PM.

I would like to encourage more of you to become life-time members of the alumni association. Instructions are on our web page. We will give you a free 1 year local membership if you sign up for a life-time when using our code (AIQ).

John

John Glaser, President

Officers

John Glaser, President
Christine Bahry, Vice President
Deb Crusan, Secretary
Edie Kreider, Treasurer

Board Members

Michael Anthony
Debbie Downes
Dave Erich
Vic Folwarczny
Randy Gallas
Ed Sherman
Carolyn Spiller
Jim Valeri

What's New?

Welcome to our new board Officers -- John Glaser moves up from Vice President to President, Christine Bahry will be our new Vice President, and re-elected to their current positions, Secretary Deborah Crusan and Treasurer Edie Kreider. Thank you for stepping up and continuing to serve our chapter. In addition to our officers, thank you to those members who continue to lead our committees. These include John Glaser, Membership; Dave Erich and Edie Kreider, Communications; Debbie Downes, Community Service; Michael Anthony, Scholarships; and Carolyn Spiller, Student Recruiting. Any of these folks would appreciate your assistance and ideas for their committee work. We are in need of a chair for our social committee, and someone to step up and help our Webmaster on the website.

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. These are just a sample of some of our past and current activities.

- Annual banquet in the spring with a guest speaker from the University.
- Meet weekly during football season for TV parties at the Fox & Hound in Beavercreek.
- Student-Send Off in August for local students prior to them going to school where we award one or two scholarships to continuing students from our area. At the send-off, we collect school supplies for Crayons to Classrooms here in the area.
- Holiday Dinner to help celebrate the season, and collect books and DVD's for Children's Hospital.
- Volunteered at Children's Medical Center, cheered on the Air Force Marathon runners, volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, had a presence at the Channel 16 Great TV Auction, and most recently packed weekend food to be distributed to local students at the Dayton Food Bank.

Awards

On October 20, 2017 the Penn State Alumni Association held their annual Volunteer Awards Recognition Event. Seventeen group awards were presented to various Chapters, Alumni Interest Groups and Affiliate Program Groups. In addition, four individual awards were presented. Debbie Downes '96g was the recipient of the 2017 Phillip Phillip Mitchell Volunteer Service Award. As part of the award there is a \$1,500.00 gift presented in Debbie's name. Debbie selected to support the Lion's Pantry with this gift. "It was really a special evening and an honor to be recognized." At the event our Chapter also received recognition as a Group of Distinction at the Laurel Level. There are 15 criteria that are looked at, and to achieve this level we needed to have achieved 11-13 of these criteria.

Scholarship Recipients

At this year's Annual Student Send-Off, we awarded two scholarships to two continuing students in the amount of \$2,250 each. The winners of this year's scholarships were Miriam Wade and Kallie Rasp. Congratulations to them, and thanks to Edie Kreider and her committee for their work

Football Parties

Again, this year we will be getting together at the Fox and Hound in Beavercreek for every Penn State football game. If you haven't been to one of these, you are missing out on a great time. We have a room reserved with a number of TV screens and it is a blast to watch the games with a bunch of Penn State fans. We are currently 7-1, and are guaranteed a Bowl game.

College Recruiting

Every year we provide Penn State representation at various college recruiting programs. We have a core group of excellent recruiters, but we are always looking for more. If you are interested in a low commitment way to have some involvement in our chapter, the necessary training is all online. Just contact Carolyn Spiller carolynspiller225@gmail.com.

Holiday Dinner

This year's Holiday Dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn, on Wednesday, December 6, 2016. Come enjoy an excellent meal, show off your holiday finery, and start your holiday season with the great camaraderie of the Penn State alums of Dayton. This year's dinner choices will be Pork Roulade or Chicken Scaloppini. Please make your choice and get your reservation in. Cost will be \$36 per person. There is a reservation form attached to the end of this newsletter or you can go on our website and use our PayPal Link.

Future Newsletters & Chapter Communications

Do you have any news or information you would like to share with the Chapter? If so, please contact John Glaser at daytonpsu@earthlink.net or any Board member. Our newsletter is published three - four times each year. Would you like to keep up with all of the goings on of the Dayton Chapter? 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.

Membership

If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2017-2018 membership year, there is still time. The dues are \$20 per person or \$25 per family and go to help defray the operating costs of the chapter, and to help fund our scholarship fund. If your newsletter contains a membership app, please consider filling it out and returning to me. If it does not contain an app, you're already paid for this year. You can also pay thru PayPal, as explained later in this letter. It is a small price to pay to enable our chapter to continue to function. After all, **WE ARE.....**

Pay Pal Option

Yes, we've moved into the 21st century! We have now made it even easier to pay your Chapter dues, make your reservation for the Holiday Dinner, 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 "What's New". Scroll down to "ON-LINE PAYMENTS", and click on the link.

Our Next Event:

- WHAT:** Annual Holiday Dinner,
WHEN: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 6:00 PM
WHERE: Holiday Inn, 2800 Presidential Dr., Fairborn, OH
DRESS: Traditional Business Attire
COST: \$36.00 per person
RSVP: Mail attached form, or thru our PayPal site

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 16, 2017: As a community service project, we will volunteer with Wreaths Across America to place wreaths on veteran gravestones at the Dayton National Cemetery beginning at 10:00 AM. There will be an official ceremony beginning at noon. We will be sending out more information soon, or go to <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?oage=16716>

January 10, 2018: Our second volunteer day at the Dayton Foodbank will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018 beginning at 9am. The mission of The Foodbank is to relieve hunger through the acquisition and distribution of food to hungry people throughout the Miami Valley. Food and related supplies are distributed to pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other charitable programs, all of which support the health and development of food insecure individuals. The Foodbank is located at 56 Armor Pl, Dayton, OH 45417. Contact Debbie Downes at downesatmillpond@sbcglobal.net for more information.

January 17, 2018: Our next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Location TBD. All Board Meetings are open to all local alumni. If you might be interested in getting involved, come check out our meeting. Time commitment is minimal, as Board only meets about 4 times a year.