



# PennState Alumni Association Dayton Chapter

## NITTANY NOTES – October 2020

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### President’s Message

WOW! Not quite the year I envisioned. I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy. 2020 in hindsight (ha haa...get what I did there?) has been anything but the best year ever. I miss everyone!! We were on a mission to instill change but it seems COVID-19 beat us to the punch.

The year wasn’t a complete bust. I, along with a few others, attended the Penn State vs Ohio State hockey game on 8 February. Prior to the game we participated in a pre-game mixer with the Central Ohio chapter. We made new friends and proudly displayed our PENN STATE pride at Miller’s Ale House (where the Dayton Flyers fans were yelling “WE ARE”...except not nearly as eloquently as Penn Staters). The game was FANTASTIC! We sat behind the PSU bench watching them beat OSU 6 to 3. Some PSU students were showing Penn State heart – cheering, chanting, waving signs – my favorite “Oh NUTS” which was freely waved when Penn State scored on an empty net.

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John Glaser  
Randy Gallas  
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We had to cancel more events than we liked. Based on guidance from the Penn State Alumni Association we will limit functions this year unless social distancing can be easily accomplished. Fear not!! Your board members are still meeting and working on ways to keep the chapter moving forward. We had to cancel our spring dinner, but our guest speaker, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center’s Dr. Scott B. Armen, is looking forward to participating in 2021. We had to cancel our no host breakfast and no host bowling, but stay tuned as we are planning for the future. We had to cancel our student send off this year too but again 2021 is almost upon us. COVID-19 interrupted our plans for a booth at the Popcorn Festival this year and caused us to cancel our Holiday Party. It may have interrupted our plans, but it can’t interrupt our spirit! **WE ARE** Penn Staters and we shall overcome adversity!

Upbeat ending – despite COVID-19 – we have earned our 1<sup>st</sup> Elm Level Group of Distinction – the highest level conferred upon Penn State Alumni Association Chapters. **WE ARE** making a difference!!



For the Glory!

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## PENN STATE vs OHIO STATE HOCKEY 8 February 2020

### What's New?

**WE ARE** three 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** back to football! However, the Fox & Hound did not survive quarantine. So **WE ARE** looking for a new home to hold football watch parties in 2021. **WE ARE** looking for a place similar to the Fox & Hound where we had a separate room and our own waitresses. Do you have any recommendations? The establishment has to be willing to work with us as game times are not always known far in advance. Let me hear your ideas -- please email me at [Nittany.Lioness.DCPSAA@gmail.com](mailto:Nittany.Lioness.DCPSAA@gmail.com)



**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 19, 2020 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. You can also donate a wreath (\$15) at <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/> Please let Debbie Downes, [downesatmillpond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:downesatmillpond@sbcglobal.net), know if you will join us and/or are sponsoring a wreath. **WE ARE** Penn State Proud as we enter our 3<sup>rd</sup> year supporting this cause.

**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** forced to put Membership Appreciation events on hold until locations with social distancing can be assured for our members. This includes our progressive door prize for football games.

**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](mailto: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 when we get the all clear? 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 has recently inducted two chapter members into our Chapter Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame requires an individual be a member for at least 10 years. They must have been an active member who participated regularly in the chapter events and programs and contributed leadership qualities that may include being an officer, board member or committee or event chair. The candidate's actions demonstrate devotion to the mission and objectives of the University and are marked by initiative, leadership and organization skills. This year's Award recipients are Bob Gehman and Carolyn Spiller (posthumously). Thanks to Award Board members John Glaser, Dennis Reed, and Binod Kumar.

Randy Gallas was nominated for the Philip Philip Mitchell Alumni Service Award. The Philip Philip Mitchell Alumni Service Award recognizes an individual who has significantly contributed in the area of public service by sharing or volunteering his or her talent, time, and resources on behalf of the University. Randy was one of 100 nominees. You are still our #1 choice Randy!!!

### **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 2020 scholarship program before announcing the winners. Emily Wannarka is our first Grad Student to win. She is from Bellbrook, majoring in Supply Chain Management and expects to graduate in August 2021. Joyce Berhold is an Undergraduate from Beavercreek, majoring in Psychology. She expects to graduate and receive her B.S. in Spring 2023. Both students are World Campus Students and received a scholarship for \$2,644.00 each. Since we couldn't have the student send off this year, please join me in wishing them an outstanding year and hearty congratulations!

### **Football Parties**

As I stated above, time to find a new venue. Please help us locate our new home. When we receive the all clear, you can 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 had to put everything on hold but don't fret, we won't forget starting up a Kid's Watch Party (I might just have a few Nittany Lion stories to tell) and we plan to continue with Membership Appreciation.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.psualumnidaytonoh.org), you will see “Membership” on the left side of the page. Or mail in the membership application enclosed in this newsletter. **If there is no application, you have already paid!**

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](mailto:KREIDERFAM@Prodigy.net) or 937-572-6821.

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 19, 2020:** Wreaths Across America, 12:00PM at the Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery. Outdoors, meaningful contribution with easy social distancing!!

**TBD: All other events**