

# Dayton Chapter



## Penn State Alumni Association

### **NITTANY NOTES – April 2016**

#### **President's Message**

I am starting my second year as President and 37th year as a Dayton located Penn Stater. I am looking forward to another year of good times and fellowship. Once again we are going to start the year with our annual Spring Banquet. We will also meet every football day at Fox and Hound in Beavercreek. This year we are going to try to arrange a bus trip to the Pitt game. I really would love to see us get back to having a bus trip every year. They are a lot of fun, but we need a certain amount of commitment in order to make it affordable. Again we have a lot of fun things lined up for this year. Read on for the details, and remember to regularly check our website for all the updates on the chapter..

For the Glory!

Bob Kreider '76, President

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## 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 47th year and with everyone's support we will make it to 50. Come join us!

## Spring Banquet

It is time again for our Annual Spring Banquet. The Banquet will be held at NCR Country Club on Saturday, May 7, 2016. There will be a cash bar from 6:00PM to 7:00PM with a plated dinner served at 7:00. There will be a **brief** board meeting, and then our speaker presentation. Our speaker will be Josh Brandwene, the women's ice hockey coach. Josh is a PSU alum, who played on the men's club team from 1987 to 1991. Following his graduation from Penn State, he moved around as a men's and women's hockey coach at high schools, prep schools, and ACHA level universities before returning to his alma mater. So, mark your calendars, send in your reservations, and help us welcome Josh to Dayton!

## **Football Parties**

Again this year we will be getting together at the Fox and Hound in Beaver Creek for every Penn State football game. If you haven't been to one of these, you are missing out on a great time. It's not as good as being in Beaver Stadium, but it's as close as we can get. We have a room reserved with a number of TV screens, friendly wait staff, and of course and abundance on Nittany Lion Spirit. It is a blast to watch the games with a bunch of Penn State fans.

## **Bus Trip**

We are trying to arrange a bus trip this year to the Pitt/Penn State game. As we all know, this has been a huge rivalry through the years, and of course, we're hoping for a win. We need to order the tickets in June, for the September 10<sup>th</sup> game. In figuring out the costs, we base it all on 40 tickets, and try to make it a break even event. The cost will be approximately \$150 per person, and we will only order game tickets if we have at least 30 prepaid reservations. We will be sending out more info in the very near future. Please contact Edie, at [kreiderfam@prodigy.net](mailto:kreiderfam@prodigy.net), if you are interested so that she can get a rough count.

## **College and Career Night**

Carolyn Spiller submitted the following report on our ongoing area student recruiting:

We attended the Centerville High School/Sinclair Community College College and Career Night on March 8th. The following represented our Alma Mater: Bob Gehman, John Glaser and Jamie Simpson. We'd like to welcome Jamie as an Alumni Admissions volunteer, Word is "he's a natural at this" and did a fantastic job! We spoke with over a hundred prospective students and their parents and distributed literature to many more. Once again, a very successful event for us. Many thanks to those who participated and made it the success it was.

## **Community Service = Channel 16 Auction**

Each year in April, ThinkTV, aka Channel 16, does an on-air auction. It is their largest fund raiser of the year. This is a very large event involving hundreds of volunteers. Without volunteers, the station could not have this event. This year the auction is Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23. It is held at the TV station in downtown Dayton, 110 S Jefferson St. This is a live on-air auction, with groups of items shown and described. Viewers phone in their bids. Bids are sorted and the high bidder is selected. The high bidder is called to inform them. Groups of items are sold like this throughout the evening. This year the Penn State alumni group is again helping in the "Confirmation Section". We help call the high bidders, get their information, and make sure they know how to pick up their item. The confirmation volunteers are a dedicated group that put in a long night, arriving at 6:00 PM and staying until every high bid has been confirmed, usually finishing around 11:30 or midnight.

## **Student Send-Off**

Our annual Student Send-Off will be held on Wednesday, August 3, at the home of Bob & Edie Kreider. This the time of year where we award some of our returning Penn State students from the area a scholarship from our Carl Stravinski Scholarship Fund, introduce students, incoming and returning, to each other, and connect with there parents, and our alums. Mark your calendars, and watch your e-mail for more info.

## **Upcoming Events at a Glance**

April 20 and 21: Channel 16 Auction.

May 7: Annual Spring Banquet.

August 3: Annual Student Send-Off.

September 10: Bus Trip to Pitt game. (Tentative)

Fall Saturdays: TV Football Parties at Fox and Hound.

## **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](mailto:rook.kreider@gmail.com) or any Board member. Our newsletter is published three to 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.psualumnidaytonoh.org](http://www.psualumnidaytonoh.org) for all the up-to-the minute news and links. Also, check out and “Like” our facebook page! You can find it by searching for the Dayton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association.

## **Dues and Banquet Applications**

Attached to this newsletter, you will find an application for your dues for the 2016-2017 membership year. Also attached, is the application for the Spring Banquet. Please fill them both out and return with your check payable to the DCPSAA(Dayton Chapter Penn State Alumni Association). Please mail your Banquet Reservation so that it will reach Edie **No Later Than** April 30, 2016. You can also pay your dues, banquet reservation, and even make a donation to the Carl Stravinski Scholarship Fund through our website’s Pay Pal Link. Go to our webpage, [www.psualumnidaytonoh.org](http://www.psualumnidaytonoh.org), click on the link for “What’s New”, scroll down to “ON-LINE PAYMENTS”, and click on the link. Easy-Peasy!