



PennState Alumni Association Dayton Chapter

NITTANY NOTES – MAY 2022

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President’s Message

Where has the time gone? 9 months....**9 MONTHS** since I last wrote. It doesn’t necessarily feel like yesterday, but I’m shocked at how fast time is moving. It seems we have had more challenges as a group as COVID has ebbed and flowed throughout our area. I’m really hoping everyone is healthy and ready to start interacting as a club again.

WE ARE looking forward to seeing more of you this year. We had a good crowd of approximately 30 people at our football watch parties, including several new faces – it was fantastic to see them. However, we still had a Rocky season as Bullwinkle’s couldn’t guarantee our room every week. So, while we all loved Bullwinkle’s and their food/libations, we are still searching for a more permanent home.

Officers
Christine Bahry, President
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Edie Kreider, Treasurer

Board Members
Michael Anthony
Debbie Downes
Bob Kreider
John Glaser
Randy Gallas
Jim Valeri

We did donate to THON again this year and appreciated those of you who supported the cause. In addition, we participated in Wreaths Across America, by laying wreaths at two local cemeteries. We also purchased over 25 wreaths between the chapter and individual members. It truly is a humbling experience I hope you will consider joining us this year on December 17.

WE ARE still planning on holding events for those who wish to participate in non-sports related activities. Lookout for email notifications from myself or Edie Kreider announcing a Southern Ohio Brewery social and/or Brandeberry Winery social this summer. Perhaps we will even hold a “This isn’t Penn State Ice Cream” event at Young’s Dairy. Enjoying sunshine and fresh air with local lions and lionesses sounds like a great way to spend an afternoon or early evening.

WE ARE happy to announce some exciting news for the operation of the chapter. This year, The Penn State Alumni Association (PSAA) has begun a new program where local chapter membership dues are paid by the PSAA. Therefore, we are not asking for dues this year. However, part of your dues was used towards our scholarship program. Since **WE ARE** not allowed to use the PSAA funds to support our scholarship program, **WE ARE** asking if you would consider donating to the Carl Stravinski Scholarship effort. More info can be found in the newsletter.

WE ARE looking for a Chapter Vice President and new board members if you are interested. More info can be found in the newsletter.

For the Glory!

Christine

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What's Up?

WE ARE proud of Beavercreek native, Kaitlyn Buell! Kaitlyn is a sophomore majoring in Kinesiology- Movement Science, with minors in Psychology and Rehab and Human Services. She also is a novice member of Penn State Crew. As part of the crew (see what I did there?), Kaitlyn also participated in THON this year. She is making lifelong memories during her time at University Park.



WE ARE having our **2022 Student Sendoff** on Wednesday, **July 27th**, 5pm at the Kreider Residence (more info by email as we get closer to the event). Come enjoy some food, icy beverages, and camaraderie while sharing true (cough) Penn State stories with the PSU students from the local area. It will be an exciting day as we announce the winners of the Carl Stravinski Scholarships. (**Mark your calendars!!**)

WE ARE supporting Crayons to Classrooms again this year. If you would like to donate notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, colored paper, colored pencils, crayons, etc., please reach out to Debbie Downes, debdownes22@gmail.com. We will post a list of items on our website, and in our emails. **WE ARE** happy to find a meeting place to retrieve your donations or you can deliver them in person at the 2022 Student Sendoff.

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 provided guidance from the Penn State Alumni Association stating masks are no longer required!!

Scholarship Applicants

We expect a list of eligible scholarship applicants from PSU in the late May/early June timeframe. Michael Anthony will provide applications to all who are eligible. Last year our two winners, Margaret Riggle and Ashley Jackson shared a total scholarship of \$2,681.00. Students, keep an eye open!

WE ARE still looking for events that interest you! 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 to the chapter. 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 (breakfast, bowling, happy hour, wine tasting, etc.)? We can work with you on time and place. Would you like to share information about your specialty? We are looking into holding "Penn State Presents" seminars.

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).

Football Parties

Stay tuned for this year's meeting location. No matter where it is, we would love for you to 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 have invited the Cincinnati Chapter to join us for games. We haven't set the date yet for the Kid's Watch Party this year, but last year's was a definite success. Bring your children so they can form new friendships to enjoy during the season. We plan to continue with Membership Appreciation at a still to be determined game.

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. If you have questions regarding membership, please contact Edie Kreider at KREIDERFAM@Prodigy.net or 937-572-6821.

Thanks to the new program, membership is **FREE** – what a great price for a lot of fun! After all, **WE ARE**.....

Scholarship Donations

As I mentioned up front, scholarship donations have always been taken out of the dues you paid. Now that we do not collect dues, we are asking everyone to **please** consider donating towards the Carl Stravinski Scholarship. You can donate at www.psualumnidaytonoh.org or reach out to Edie Kreider at KREIDERFAM@Prodigy.net or 937-572-6821.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2022: Carl Stravinski Scholarship applications due. Watch your email for more information if eligible.

July 27, 2022: Student Sendoff. Help us wish the PSU students a successful school year beginning at 5pm.

July 27, 2022: Last day to provide donations for Crayons to Classroom.

Sep 1, 2022: First football game Penn State @ Purdue

Dec 17, 2022: Wreaths Across America 12:00 Noon

TBD: All other events