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Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association



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A Message from the President

Dear Chapter Members,

As we begin our new membership year, I would like to thank our returning and lifetime members. And to our new members I say, "Congratulations!" You are now part of the best local chapter in the entire Alumni Association! How do I know? Well, here are a few of our accomplishments in the past year:

- The annual picnic was attended by over 100 people, including 25 students – our biggest picnic ever.
- We raised over \$2000 for our Wreaths Across America service project.
- We were named a "Group of Distinction" by the Alumni Association.
- We awarded \$8000 in scholarships to local Penn State students – the most ever.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2016. Be sure to join us at our annual holiday party at Union Jack's in Annapolis on December 10th.

For the glory,

—George Gayno '87 '94g

President, ACPSAA



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FALL SERVICE PROJECT: *Wreaths Across America*™

Annapolis National Cemetery is the final resting place for over 2900 US War veterans who served our country as far back as the Civil War. Their sacrifice deserves to be honored! Due to the overwhelming member support for the past two years, the Chapter has selected ***Wreaths Across America*™** (WAA) as its 2015 fall service project for the third year.

This year our goal is to raise \$3,000, which would purchase 300 wreaths.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE? Donate and volunteer your time by unloading the wreaths on delivery day, laying wreaths at the Placement Ceremony, or picking up the wreaths on clean-up day in January.



**The Chapter participates in the WAA “3 for 2” option; we get 3 wreaths for every 2 purchased
 **The Chapter will pool all donations for maximum “3 for 2” participation*

SPONSOR A WREATH	VOLUNTEER
1 Wreath = \$15 Donation	Dec 7-11: Wreath Delivery Date TBA
2 Wreaths = \$30 Donation*	Dec 12, noon: Wreath Placement Ceremony, Annapolis National Cemetery
Make Any Donation**	Jan 2015: Wreath Clean Up Day Date TBA



Donations are requested by Wednesday, 18 November, to meet WAA submission deadlines for 2015 donations. Donations will be collected at football viewing parties or you may use the paypal option on our Chapter website. All donations are tax deductible.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Happy Hour

Happy Hours, which take place on the first Thursday of the month, will resume on 7 January and every first Thursday after that.

If you have a favorite pub, please email your idea to psuannapolis@gmail.com so we may consider it for future happy hours.

Football Viewing

Family-friendly football viewing parties are held at The Greene Turtle in Annapolis. We hope you will join us for great food, drinks, and fun.

Our Website

psuannapolis.weebly.com



HOLIDAY PARTY

Join the Chapter for family, friends, food, and fun as we celebrate the holiday season at Union Jacks located at 2072 Somerville Rd. in Annapolis. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 10th, from 6:00-8:30pm**. There will be free hors d'oeuvres until the food runs out and a cash bar. Bring your holiday cheer and Penn State spirit as we celebrate the end of another successful year in the Chapter. We look forward to seeing you all! Questions? Please contact VP/Social Chair Mike Long at 301-602-1780 or immike01@hotmail.com. **This event is for members only, so don't forget to renew your Chapter membership.**

HOPE FOR ALL – This holiday season, our chapter will be collecting new or slightly used sweatshirts and sweatpants along with new underwear or socks for "Hope for All", a Glen Burnie organization whose mission is to provide basic necessities (clothing, furniture, housewares and personal items) to individuals and families in need in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City and the Appalachian region. Please bring a donation to the holiday party. If you are not attending and want to help, please contact Karen Cropper at jkcrop@comcast.net.

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

One of our Chapter goals is to be a leader in community service. Our fall and spring service projects are a means to bring PSU alumni together to help our communities, which aligns with PSU's mission of teaching, research and service.

We need a leader and committee members to plan and carry out our spring service project. This year, members worked on the Church Creek Headwaters Restoration Project. Any ideas are welcome!

Please contact us at PSUAnnapolis@gmail.com to volunteer.



Chapter Members worked on the Church Creek Headwaters Restoration Project

RECAP: Student Picnic 2015

Over one hundred people, including 25 local Penn State students and their families, attended our **18th annual chapter picnic** on August 16 at the Severna Park Elks Club.

The picnic is our way to thank you for your loyal support of the chapter. It is also our way to welcome our local students into the Penn State family. We played several games – including our Nittany Lion version of Bingo. And each student was given a “goodie bag” of essentials, including notebooks and pens.



WE NEED YOU: The picnic is getting bigger each year. **Please consider helping plan next year's event.** Also, we are always looking for recent alumni to serve as student mentors. He or she does not need to be a chapter member. For more information, please e-mail us at psuannapolis@gmail.com. See you next August!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

MEET THE WINNERS

The chapter is proud to introduce its scholarship winners for 2015-16. Each student received \$1600! The total of \$8000 was the ***most ever awarded by our chapter in one academic year!***

Rucha Bhide is a sophomore industrial engineering major from Gambrells who received a President's Freshman award for a perfect GPA her first semester. She is a member of the PSU Society of Women Engineers and the THON Finance Committee.

Sarah Bruce is a junior public relations major from Edgewater. She is a member of the Campus Girl Scouts, which helps young girls earn merit badges. After graduation, she hopes to join the Peace Corps.

Emma Clement is a sophomore civil and environmental engineering major from Crofton. She received a President's Freshman award and is working on a research project to improve sand filters for water purification.

Mary Duggan is a junior graphic design major from Edgewater and a staff photographer for Penn State's Valley Magazine. She helped her sorority, Alpha Xi, raise over \$100K for THON.

Conner Shoop is a sophomore engineering science major from Crownsville and a member of the Schreyers Honors College. He is the proprietor of Dewey Beach Pedicab, which provides rickshaw rides to summer beachgoers.

Congratulations to all our winners!



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Chapter is proud to introduce the five \$1600 scholarship winners for 2014-15.

And many thanks to you - our members - for supporting the scholarship program! We raise money through your generous donations, our halftime raffles, and from surcharges on the Penn State license plate program. Since 2003, our chapter has awarded a total of ***\$58000 to fifty-five local Penn State undergraduate students!***

We would also like to thank this year's scholarship committee members: ***Alyson Figlioli, Dona Horst, Jon Peterson, Marjorie Rawhouser, Keith Smith and committee chair Vicki Wuest.***

Any chapter member may serve on the scholarship committee. ***Why not join us next spring?*** It is only a few hours of your time ***and a lot of fun!*** For more information, please contact us at:

psuannapolis@gmail.com

Help Wanted

The Chapter is in need of volunteers. If you have just a few hours or want to lead a committee, please contact us if you are interested.

Technology: Web, Facebook, Twitter information posts and updates

Spring Service Project :Committee Leader and Planners

Scholarship Committee: Members

Social Events: Spring Member Event Chair and Planners

Student Send-off Picnic Committee Members

Fundraising and Membership: Committee Members

Football Party Greeters, Raffle Ticket Sales

To Volunteer

Contact George Gayno at
PSUAnnapolis@gmail.com

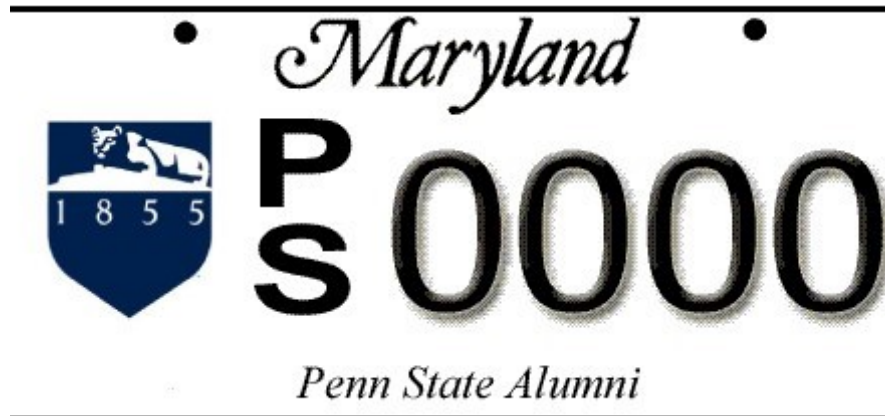
Can't volunteer? You can still help by making a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund. Use PayPal on our NEW website:

psuannapolis.weebly.com

Or mail a check to:

ACPSAA
PO Box 693
Arnold, MD 21012

LEAVE YOUR MARK! VOLUNTEER!



Show your Penn State pride wherever you go! Alumni Association members may order their very own Penn State License Plate. Request information and an application from chapter member Don Nork at norkpsu@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our new membership year is well underway. We want to welcome all new members and thank our returning members for the support you show our chapter. Currently we stand at 148 members strong from all over Anne Arundel County and nearby. We know there are other Penn State alumni in our area who have not enjoyed the benefits of being a member of one of the strongest alumni chapters around. So, please help us and spread the word.

Current members have generously donated over \$2,000 this year towards our scholarship fund which benefits local Penn State undergraduate students. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. In each fall newsletter, we recognize those members who have donated \$50 or more. This year's exceptional donors are listed at right.

The Chapter sponsors many events and service projects. We will soon be planning our spring member event (for ex, wine or beer tasting) and our spring service project (this year we helped clean up a local watershed). We are always looking for new ideas. If you have a suggestion for any event, or would like to volunteer to assist in the planning, please contact any board member listed below or email us at psuannapolis@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Again, welcome to all of our members. We look forward to seeing you at a Chapter event.

SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

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Top: Chapter Members Tour the Applied Research Lab



Middle and Bottom: Members Enjoy Football Viewing Parties



Top and Below: Chapter members work hard during the Spring Service Project



THE YEAR SO FAR...