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**EMBRACING THE
CYBER AGE
WITH**



**NOW IT'S EASIER
FOR YOU TO ATTEND
CHAPTER EVENTS
AND PAY YOUR
ANNUAL DUES!**

**YOU CAN SUBMIT
YOUR ANNUAL
MEMBER RENEWAL
AND PAY YOUR
ANNUAL DUES ALL
VIA A SECURE
PAYPAL LINK ON
OUR WEBSITE.**

**YOU CAN ALSO PAY
FOR MANY SPECIAL
CHAPTER EVENTS
VIA OUR PAYPAL
LINK.**

**VISIT OUR WEB
PAGE FOR DETAILS!**

President's Message

As we start our new membership year, I would like to **welcome back** our **returning chapter members**, and **salute** our **lifetime members**.



And if you are a **first-time member**, I can only say **'Congratulations'**. You are now part of a huge extended Penn State family right here in Annapolis!

Your membership supports our many great programs. For example, in the past year we...

- Hosted **15 local Penn State students** at our annual **summer picnic**.
- **Cleaned up an ecologically-sensitive stream** in Odenton.
- Awarded **three \$2000 scholarships** to Annapolis-area undergraduate students.
- Enjoyed an evening with the **Penn State Singing Lions**.
- Received the Alumni Association's **"Group of Distinction"** honor for the 9th year.

Please come out and support our **"Wreaths Across America" service project** in early December.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2014.

For the Glory,

George Gayno '87 '94g



Penn State Trivia

Early in their history, three Penn State campuses occupied mansions that were acquired as sites for permanent campus locations. Name these three campuses.

- Uniontown, Shenango, and Schuylkill
- DuBois, Hazleton, and Wilkes-Barre
- Susquehanna, Bloomsburg, and Berwick
- Mont Alto, Harrisburg, and Allentown

[Answer on page 5]

Fall Service Project: Wreaths Across America

Annapolis National Cemetery on West Street in Annapolis is the final resting place for 2200 United States war veterans that served our country as far back as the Civil War. There is no greater sacrifice than that given by each of these men and women ... and such sacrifice deserves to be honored!



The Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association is helping make that a reality, by purchasing wreaths that we will lay at each grave headstone this December. Our goal is to raise at least \$1000; and at the writing of this article, we've raised about 75% of that goal. Please join your fellow Chapter members and show your gratitude for the freedom that each of these brave men and women helped to provide. **THEY DESERVE TO BE HONORED!**

Sponsor a wreath \$15 =  \$30 =    Any amount is accepted and appreciated.

- ✓ Cash &/or Check donations are being collected at our fall football parties at the Greene Turtle.
- ✓ Make a donation using PayPal via the payment link found on our Chapter website.
- ✓ Mail a check to: ACPSAA, PO Box 693, Arnold, MD 21012.
Make the check payable to "ACPSAA" and write "**2013 fall service project**" on the memo line.

Get Active -- Volunteer

- ✓ Provide an hour's labor helping unload wreaths upon their delivery December 9th, 10th or 11th at Annapolis National Cemetery (specific day TBA).
- ✓ Help lay wreaths at the gravesites and join the ceremony at Annapolis National Cemetery on Saturday, December 14th at noon.
- ✓ Volunteer an hour or two in mid-January to help remove the spent wreaths from the cemetery. (Day and time TBA.)

If you have questions about the Fall Service Project or need more information about making a donation or volunteering, contact **Scott Davis, Project Chairman** at clydescott@gmail.com.

Did you know that Annapolis National Cemetery is one of 14 national cemeteries established in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln?



Annapolis Chapter Board Members

Please feel free to drop in on an Annapolis Chapter Board Meeting. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month (*with a few exceptions*) at 7 p.m. in the Severna Park Library's small conference room. Check our website for details.


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Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

2013

-  November 21st
-  No meeting in December

2014

-  January 23rd

CHAPTER PICNIC AN ANNUAL SUMMER HIT!

Over sixty people – including 15 local Penn State students and their families - attended our **16th Annual Chapter Picnic** on August 18 at the Severna Park Elks club.



Each student received a “goodie bag” of school supplies and some sage advice from our student mentors about surviving the first weeks on campus.

While the students got the 4-1-1 about campus life, the rest of us enjoyed conversation and played a few games – including our own special Nittany Lion version of Bingo – with winners receiving Penn State prizes.



The Chapter would like to express special thanks to this year’s student mentors: **Hope Brooks, Andrew D’Aversa, Bryan Gardiner, Melanie Morone** and **Michael Steel**.

Special request: We are always looking for recent alumni to serve as student mentors at our picnic. If you are (or you know of) a Penn Stater who has graduated within the last five years, please let us know! He or she does not need to be a chapter member.

Why not plan to join us next August!



CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The chapter is proud to introduce our scholarship winners for the 2013-14 academic years. Each student received a \$2000 scholarship!



**MEET YOUR 2013-14
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!**



Hope Brooks is a junior majoring in plant sciences. She is a member of the Schreyer Honors College and was recently inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Alpha Phi honor societies. Over the summer, she interned at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, where she studied the growth cycle of estuary grasses. In her spare time, she enjoys caving with the Nittany Grotto Caving Club. She plans to attend graduate school to obtain her PhD.

William Koffler is an Aerospace Engineering major from Severna Park. He is a member of the Penn State Lunar Lion team, which hopes to win a Google Lunar XPRIZE by landing a spacecraft on the Moon by 2015. He promotes Penn State to future engineering students as a College of Engineering Ambassador. Over the summer, he interned with US Airways in Pittsburgh.

Andrew Kriebel is a senior mechanical engineering major from Millersville. He is a member of the Schreyer Honors College and received the Evan Pugh Award, which recognizes the top 0.5% of the junior class. He has already put his engineering skills to use by designing a solar powered water pump for a small village in Senegal. Over the summer, he interned with General Electric Aviation in Cincinnati.

Congratulations to all our winners!

And many thanks to all of you for supporting our Chapter scholarship program through your donations (high donors are listed in this newsletter) and by participating in our halftime raffles. Since 2003, our chapter has awarded a total of **\$40,000 to forty-five local Penn State undergraduate students!**

Chapter Scholarship Honor Roll

\$100.00 Donors

- 👤 Ron and Linda Bowen
- 👤 John and Ellen Gaston
- 👤 John and Joyce Kersh
- 👤 Jean and Carl Kosch
- 👤 Charlotte Preece
- 👤 Keith and Marty Smith
- 👤 Rochelle Zohn
- 👤 Anonymous

\$50.00 Donors

- 👤 Margaret Besanko
- 👤 Shane Boyle
- 👤 Judith Hoover
- 👤 Kent Huntzinger
- 👤 Ron and Kathy Kolson
- 👤 James and Joyce Mather
- 👤 Jennifer Moore
- 👤 Gary Mols
- 👤 John and Lauren Morone
- 👤 Sheila Proudfoot
- 👤 Kenneth and Janet Rumsey
- 👤 Anonymous

OH, SO MANY THANKS!

We would also like to say ***Thank You*** to this year's scholarship committee members: ***Dick James, Jeanne Kosch, Charlotte Preece, Keith Smith, Vicki Wuest and George Gayno (Chairman).***

Any chapter member may serve on our Scholarship Committee. It requires only a few hours of your time, is lots of fun **and is VERY rewarding!**

What to join the committee next spring?

For more information, please contact us via email at psuannapolis@gmail.com

HOW TO SPOT A LION ON THE MOVE!

Are you a ***Nittany Lion on the move in Maryland?***

Show your Penn State pride wherever you go with your very own Penn State license plate!

The MVA charges a one-time fee of \$25, and our chapter requests a \$12 donation to the scholarship fund. For more information, please contact chapter member Don Nork at norkpsu@gmail.com





PSU Fall Football Parties remain BIG HIT at the Annapolis Green Turtle!

It's season #2 for us at the The Greene Turtle in Annapolis and all are having a great time rooting for our beloved Nittany Lions under second-year head coach, Bill O'Brien!

The special meeting room has plenty of seating, screens in every direction and the GT service staff takes great care of our fans. They have even begun to remember the names (and favorite beverages) of many of our regulars!

And what would game time be without Ed Feen's dancing Lions on the table, his cow bells ringing ... and his **A-H-O-O-O-O-G-A** horn!



It's almost like being at the stadium in HAPPY VALLEY!



There are specials on food and drinks to keep your energy up and keep you cheering throughout the game ... raffles and prizes too!

With a month of games left in the season, why not join your fellow Chapter Alumni, family and friends? We're at the Green Turtle every Saturday at game time!

Because WE ARE ... PENN STATE!

Want ready access to photos from our most recent events, as well as news and other links to Penn State spirit?



Get the latest news, events, and updates from Penn State Annapolis by becoming a fan of our page on Facebook!

ACPSAA recognizes its newest LIFE Members



**Dona Horst
Peggy Besanko
Barbara Noll**



Want to become a Life Member of our Chapter?

For details, visit our website's membership page or contact Karen Cropper, Membership Chair.

TRIVIA ANSWER

Answer: "B"

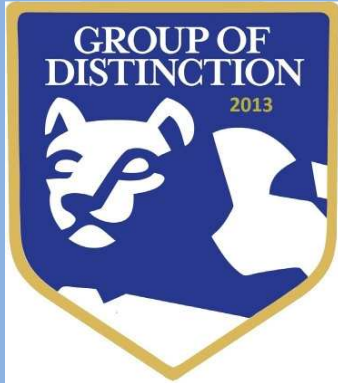
DuBois (the DuBois estate, donated by the heirs of John DuBois in 1938),

Hazelton (the Markle estate, acquired in 1948),

Wilkes-Barre (the Conyngham estate, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson in 1964).

Source:

<http://www.sesquicentennial.psu.edu/answers/answers.html>



WE ARE ... A GROUP OF DISTINCTION

We are proud to announce that the Penn State Alumni Association has named our chapter a **"Group of Distinction"** for 2013.

To become a "Group of Distinction", an affiliate group must meet a number of criteria, including being actively involved in such areas as student support and interaction, networking and fellowship, sports activities, community service projects, membership support and recruitment, communications, volunteer awards program, Alumni Leadership Connections, Homecoming, and THON-related events.

This is our 9th year to be so honored and we will be recognized in an upcoming edition of the Penn Stater Magazine.

To mark this significant accomplishment, we received another patch for our banner.

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Thanks for making our chapter so great!

WE ARE ... **EVERYWHERE!**

"I was shocked how many stopped me on the ship to talk PSU!!"



Chapter Member Debbie Risher shows her Penn State pride in Greece during her recent vacation cruise!



WE ARE ... SOCIAL

CHAPTER HAPPY HOURS

The chapter holds happy hours at a different local venue each month. They are usually (*but not always*) on the first Thursday of the month.



Happy Hours are a great way to relax with your fellow Penn Staters after a hectic work day/week/month. Why not join in, engage in thought-provoking discussion, share ideas, and be social with us?

Be sure to check our web page and Facebook page for times and locations.

If you renew your chapter membership, you will receive e-mail reminders of upcoming happy hours and all other chapter events.

Have a favorite pub?

Send us a quick email and let us know about it. Who knows, maybe your favorite will become a new Chapter favorite!

Email: psuannapolis@gmail.com

Web: <http://www.psualum.com/chapter/annapolis>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACPSAA>



Holiday Party!



Please plan to join the Chapter for family, friends, food, and fun!

We will be celebrating the holiday season this year at the **Azure Restaurant** located in the Westin Hotel Annapolis on West Street.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 11th, from 6:00-8:00pm.**

There will be free appetizers until the food runs out. The evening will involve 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!

For any questions, please contact Mike Long, VP & Social Chair at immike01@hotmail.com or 301-602-1780.

This event is for members only, so don't forget to renew your Chapter membership!