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Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association



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A Message from the President

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope 2016 has been good to you so far. The chapter board and I have been busy planning several fun events for the spring and summer – including a cooking class and a service project with the South River Federation. Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter to learn more.

We pride ourselves on being a very active chapter, one that has been named a “Group of Distinction” by the Alumni Association for the last 11 years. As such, we would appreciate your help in making our chapter even better. There are lots of ways you can contribute. You can sit on a committee (to help with the picnic, for example) or let your voice be heard as a member of our board of directors. Feel free to contact me or a member of our board to ask about volunteer opportunities.

Best wishes for a great spring. I hope to see you at an upcoming event.

George '87 '94g

President, ACPSSAA

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The Campus Gate in Bloom—Happy Spring!

2015 Fall Service Project – Wreaths Across America™

ACPSAA Members exhibit a philanthropic resolve

In its third year supporting Wreath Across America™, ACPSAA Membership answered the call in splendid fashion. We raised and donated \$2,650.00 --a 16% increase over our 2014 campaign-- sponsoring 265 of the 2900+ wreaths placed to honor the sacrifices made by the veterans interred at The Annapolis National Cemetery. This was a significant impact on the overall WAA campaign as *this was **the FIRST year** that the total WAA collections funded wreaths for **EVERY** grave in the cemetery!* Additionally, 7 Chapter Members assisted with wreath delivery/unloading, 25+ Members participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony and 16 Members assisted with the January wreath clean-up at the Cemetery.



Wreaths Across America™ is a national charity whose mission is to “Remember. Honor. Teach.” -- remember our fallen heroes, honor those who serve, and teach our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Wreaths Across America supporters sponsor wreaths that are placed on veteran’s graves in all U.S. National Cemeteries at separate, yet simultaneous, ceremonies in December.

Annapolis is home to the U.S. Naval Academy, and many residents are very aware of the commitments and sacrifices made by members serving in our Armed Forces. However, its often easy to forget that a great number of these veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice. Nearly every Annapolitan knows of Arlington National Cemetery, but many are unaware that there are two National Cemeteries right here in Annapolis. One is on the US Navy Academy grounds, the other is adjacent to the intersection of West Street and Tyler Avenues. ACPSAA’s efforts focus on the latter, since over the past 10 years, the Annapolis fundraising efforts of Wreaths Across America™ could yield only about 20% of the wreaths needed to honor the 2994 veterans at rest there.

The money raised and donated by our Chapter over the last three years has had a growing impact on that total --raising awareness of Penn State and its Alumni in the greater Annapolis area. More importantly, 2015 was FIRST time wreaths could be placed at EVERY stone in that place of honor.

You made the difference!



For more information about WAA and ACPSAA:
<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>
<http://psuannapolis.weebly.com/>



Chapter members enjoy the holiday party

Holiday Party

Twenty-five chapter members attended this year's holiday party on December 10th at Union Jacks in Annapolis.

The Chapter had a very successful year in 2015 because of our generous and supportive members. The party was a wonderful way to close out 2015 and to look forward to a year of service, learning, camaraderie and friendship in 2016.

Check out our upcoming events. We hope to see you there.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Hours

Join us on the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 until 8pm for the Chapter's Monthly Happy Hour gathering. The location will be announced via email and the Chapter's website. If you have a favorite pub, please email psuannapolis@gmail.com so we may consider it for future happy hours.

Happy Birthday!

Guess who is having a birthday? WE ARE!

Our chapter will be 20 years young this year and we're going to celebrate. Plans are in the works for an enjoyable fun filled evening with fellow alumni and maybe even a surprise guest. Stay tuned and check back on our website for more details. Tentative date is June 25, 2016.

What's For Dinner?

Come and find out with Executive Chef David Hammer at Turning Leaf Wellness Center in Severna Park on Thursday, May 5th. Our chapter will be hosting an interactive hands-on cooking class with Chef Hammer from 6:30-8:30pm. Participants will learn how to make an easy, healthy 30 minute dinner for those busy nights. Come enjoy cooking and eating what you create in a relaxed dining room setting for only \$35 per person. All supplies and menus will be made available and a glass of wine is included.

Space is limited so please sign up soon on our chapter website www.psuannapolis.weebly.com. For questions please contact Karen Cropper at jkcrop@comcast.net. Turning Leaf Wellness is located at 770 Ritchie Highway Severna Park.

MENU

Spinach stuffed baby portabella mushrooms with mozzarella
Traditional garden salad with fresh citrus vinaigrette dressing
Pan seared chicken Marsala with sautéed mushrooms



Learn how to make this fabulous dish!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meetings

The Chapter Board meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 7:00pm until 9:00pm at the Severna Park Library.

All members are welcome to attend.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is looking for volunteers to select the Chapter's 2016 scholarship winners.

The committee will review applications, interview candidates, and select the finalists. Interviews take place on a week night in late June or early July. Review and selection will take just a few hours of your time.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact George Gayno at psuannapolis@gmail.com.

Spring Service Project

Join us Saturday May 14th from 9:30 am to noon for our annual spring service project. We are partnering with PSU alum Jen Carr of the South River Federation to return native plants and trees to the Broad Creek Watershed. This is a family-friendly event and a great way for kids to earn service hours required for graduation. Meet us at 325 Broad Creek Drive, Annapolis and park on the street. You can bring your favorite gardening tool if you like. Snacks and drinks will be provided!



South River Federation Stream and Wetland Restoration

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What shows your Penn State pride wherever you travel? A Penn State Alumni Association license plate! The plate has been redesigned and now boasts the University shield in Penn State blue!

The cost is a one-time payment of only \$37. For each plate sold, \$12 goes to our chapter's scholarship fund to support outstanding Annapolis-area Penn State students.

Many thanks to chapter members Rich Barrett, who used his computer graphic skills to design the new plate, and Don Nork, who helps us cut through the red tape at the MVA.

To request your plate, please contact Don at norkpsu@gmail.com

Have an idea or want to volunteer? Please contact President George Gayno or any of the board members listed below .

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