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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 want to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. I hope you are doing well and survived our brutal winter unscathed. Spring will be here soon!

Spring is a busy time for our chapter. Brush off those winter doldrums and join us for one of the events we have planned.

Our annual spring community service project will be held on April 25th. For this year's family-friendly project, we will team with the South River Federation to help restore the ecologically-sensitive Church Creek in Annapolis.

We will be organizing this year's scholarship committee soon. Any chapter member is welcome to serve on the committee. We are always looking for new volunteers with fresh ideas.

Did you know Penn State has a Deep Ocean Research Lab here in Annapolis? We will tour the lab on April 11th.

Be sure to attend our monthly Happy Hours. They are (usually) held on the first Thursday of the month.

Get the details in this edition of our newsletter!

We are... PENN STATE!!

—George Gayno '87 '94g

President, ACPSAA

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The Lion Celebrates the End of Winter

Fall Service Project Recap

As we look to this new year and reflect on the one past, I recall how fortunate we all are to live in a country that affords us so many freedoms. These freedoms came at a cost to many and helping to honor those sacrifices has been and is my privilege. However, my participation is only a very small part of the total effort.

So, allow me to take this opportunity to extend my personal **Thank You** to *every individual* who donated to our 2014 Fall Service Project benefitting Wreaths Across America (WAA). Donations this year totaled \$2,275 which funded 227 wreaths.

I also want to thank all chapter members, including family and friends, who assisted with the wreath unloading, participated in the wreath placement ceremony at the Annapolis National Cemetery, and helped with the wreath clean up. Your participation made this year a huge success for both the local and national WAA efforts and the chapter's 2014 Fall Service Project.

Yours in Service,

Scott

C. Scott Davis, '80 Business
Chairman, Fall Service Project



For More Information

If you wish to learn more about the history or efforts of the *Wreaths Across America* organization, visit their website at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>





Top: The Official Cheerleading Table; Right: Raffle Ticket Drawing

Football Viewing

Thanks to all of our chapter members and friends who joined us for Penn State football viewing at the Greene Turtle in Annapolis. We counted over 550 attendees this year, up from 387 last year.

As you know, the Chapter sells raffle tickets at the games with all proceeds supporting the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. You, our extraordinarily generous members, donated over \$1,900. Combined with our special JoePa Print and OSU tickets raffles, we collected nearly \$2800 this year. **Thank you!**



Chapter members cheer on the Lions at the Greene Turtle



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Chapter members enjoy the holiday party



Holiday Party

Thanks to all of our members who joined us for the annual Holiday Party held at Union Jack's in Annapolis. It was an evening of lively conversation, delicious appetizers, and holiday cheer.

The Chapter had a very successful year in 2014 because of our generous and supportive members. The party was a wonderful way to close out 2014 and to look forward to a year of service, learning, camaraderie and friendship in 2015.

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.

Bowie Baysox

The Chapter is planning another night out with the Bowie Baysox in June or July.

More information will be sent out via email, Facebook and the Chapter website. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun-filled event.

Deep Ocean Test Facility Tour

Join us on Saturday, April 11th, at 10:00 for a tour of the Penn State Applied Research Laboratory's Deep Ocean Test Facility, which supports the commercial marine, oil and gas communities as well as the US Navy with expert RDT&E consulting and services, including testing the ability of submarines to withstand the pressure of the deep ocean. The Facility's Director, Joel Patton, will lead the tour.

All chapter members, their family and friends are invited. **Young adults (high-school aged and older) interested in science or engineering are especially encouraged to attend.** After the tour, we will head to Cantler's Restaurant for lunch with appetizers provided by the chapter.

RSVP by April 9th: We will need an exact count for the tour and restaurant. If you plan to attend, please inform chapter vice-president Mike Long at immike01@hotmail.com

Directions to the Facility will be posted on the Chapter website:

www.psuannapolis.weebly.com



Pressure Test of Subsea Blowout Preventer Section

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meetings

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

All members are welcome to attend.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is looking for volunteers to select the Chapter's 2015 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

The Chapter fully supports service to our local community, so please join us on Saturday, April 25th when we assist the South River Federation in the continued development of one of the largest restored confluence wetlands in the country. The South River Federation's mission is to protect, preserve, restore and celebrate the South River and its interdependent living community.

Chapter volunteers will be planting shrubs and herbaceous plants at the Church Creek Headwaters site located just north of Route 665 (Aris T. Allen Blvd). The purpose of the Church Creek Headwaters restoration project is to create several acres of forested stream and wetland habitat.

Chapter members, family and friends are all invited to volunteer! To ensure information reaches you, please email us at psuannapolis@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend. Additional information, including directions to the site, will be posted on the chapter website:
psuannapolis.weebly.com.



South River Federation Stream and Wetland Restoration

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
THE DELANEY/KING FAMILY**

**CELEBRATING
THREE
GENERATIONS
OF
PENN
STATERS!**



**Proud Nana, Tina Delaney
Mom, Lisa Delaney
And pictured above: Delaney and Alexander King**



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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