



Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter of The Penn State Alumni Association

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The latest PSU news in the Hudson Valley

President's Message - Be Penn State Proud in the Mid-Hudson Valley

I am thankful to have had the privilege to lead our local chapter for the past year, and it has been both a challenge and a gratifying experience. As I look forward to the next year, I would like to share my hope for growing the chapter presence in the Hudson Valley. Currently, we are a somewhat small group of Penn-Staters, about 40, who have the spirit to support a local chapter, and we are so grateful for our current members. That is a tremendous help, but it doesn't even cover the expense associated with a mailer of this type. Thankfully the Alumni Association helps subsidize this required mailing.

But we always have some great times when we get together. We have the spring and year-end holiday dinners. The combined membership and freshman sendoff picnic is always inspiring and I do encourage people to join and attend. In the past 2 years, there has been a good interest in viewing some football games as a group. We have worked with O'Shea's Sports Grill on IBM Road in Poughkeepsie and convinced them to subscribe to the Big Ten Network for the football season. Last year's viewings were a lot of fun and I look forward to hosting a couple this fall. (P.S. Steelers fans go there for NFL Network games too. It's a real fun time!)

The one question that has come up this year is - 'What is in it for me to become a member?' I have struggled to answer that. The truth is that it just comes down to how much Penn State pride you have within yourself. As a member you are invited and encouraged to come to the member/sendoff picnic (August 9th). You are connected via our mailing list with other local Penn Staters so that when we call for a football viewing event, you will know. You also have the opportunity to call for a Penn State get-together on your own. Bob Wagner hosted a wine-tasting in February and, from the pictures I saw, it was a fun time. There will be some other events like that, possibly a happy hour on the Newburgh waterfront, and a river cruise in Kingston. I would like to see more of these 'pick-up' type events to get the Penn State faithful together. I hear there were some local collections for Thon, too. Let's all connect, organize, and do that together.

So please, join the chapter, come to the events, and call for other occasions to get local Penn State alumni together! Most importantly, let's be recognized as the Penn State presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley, because....WE ARE...PENN STATE

For The Glory,

- Wayne Morschhauser (wjmorsch@mailcity.com)

Send your Email address

One of the most important aspects of the chapter is our ability to reach alumni across the Mid-Hudson Valley. WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. If you have not been receiving our emails periodically, please send them to Bob Wagner

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Community Service

We will be doing a full meal for 150 - 200 people at the Lunch Box in Poughkeepsie again this year on October 3rd. The cost will be about \$250.

Donations can be made and are very welcome.

Questions to Judie Marsden

(jsmarsden@optonline.net). Thanks

Date	Event	Details
June 12, 2008	Happy Hour	Newburgh Waterfront -Details to follow
June 26, 2008	Membership Drive at O'Shea's	Membership Drive at O'Shea's on IBM Road - Poughkeepsie 5:30-7:30pm
July 20, 2008	Hudson River Cruise	Details to follow
Aug 9, 2008	Freshmen Sendoff Picnic	Bowdoin Park - Pavilion 3 from 1-4pm
Oct 3, 2008	Community Service - Lunch Box	Lunch Box Soup Kitchen - Poughkeepsie Contact Judie Marsden jsmarsden@optonline.net
Dec 4, 2008 (tentative)	PSU MHV Chapter Holiday Dinner	Details to be announced

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Student Recruiting Admissions Committee

One of the activities of our Chapter supports the undergraduate admissions office in recruiting local students to apply for freshman admission to Penn State. The current committee is comprised of about 10 alumni covering the four county Mid-Hudson valley area. The committee receives training, updated information and materials from the admissions office each fall. They attend and represent Penn State at 10 or so high school and college fair events during the fall and spring where they talk with prospective students and their parents about the opportunities at Penn State. Additionally, they each have high schools assigned from the 40+ schools in the valley and as students are accepted for admission, they contact the student to congratulate them and help them with any questions they might have about the University. On average 200-225 students from our area apply for admission each year, 140-160 are offered admission and 40-50 accept and attend Penn State at one of our 20 different campuses. When the committee first started 15 or so years ago, the vast majority of students applied and attended at University Park. As the Commonwealth campus system has grown (and they discounted the tuition there!), the number from our area attending Altoona, Harrisburg and others has grown to where 50% or more of our students now start at the Commonwealth sites. With our Penn State pride and the great experiences that we had at PSU, it is easy and rewarding to meet and talk with the students and convince them to consider becoming a Nittany Lion. We are always looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested in getting involved in this activity, contact Bob Wagner at BOBPSU70@aol.com.

PSU MHV Chapter 2008/2009 Membership Drive Form

(Tear this off and send in with Fee for your membership)

Name(s)/Year: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
email: _____

Membership Type:
 Family (\$25.00)
 Individual (\$20.00)

Make checks payable to:
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