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WINTER EVENTS TO WARM YOU UP!

As we all struggle to get through another snow or ice storm this winter, now is a good time to think about getting together with other Penn State Alumni. We have scheduled some bowling, some happy hours, and some community service projects for those of you with a yearning to get out and help others.

See which of these events you can fit into your schedule over the next few months:

Feb. 26th —Free Bowling at Facenda Whitaker Lanes in East Norriton. Cost is FREE for chapter members, \$10 for non-members. You can invite family members or friends that would be interested. Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks provided. Please arrive by 3:45. Bowling starts at 4:00, ends around 6:30. Visit www.psumontco.com/article.html?aid=319 to register.

March 3rd—Happy Hours at PJ Whelihan's in Blue Bell, PA. Stop by and warm up with some free appetizers and connect with other alumni. Happy Hours start at 6:00 PM.

March 16th—Trivia Night at Chap's in Jeffersonville, PA. The fun starts at 8 PM.

April 7th—Happy Hours at MaGerk's Pub and Grill, 582 S Bethlehem Pike in Forth Washington, PA. The fun starts at 6:00 PM, with great Happy Hour specials and free appetizers. Come out and check out the former Bent Elbo!

April 9th —Free Bowling Round #2 at Facenda Whitaker Lanes in East Norriton. This event is so popular that we run it twice! Please arrive by 3:45 PM. Bowling starts at 4:00, ends about 6:30. Visit www.psumontco.com/article.html?aid=321 to register.

NEW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR MONTCO CHAPTER

Our Chapter is developing new ways to stay in touch with members and friends online. While our Facebook group was a good start, we could not use it to push out events reminders to our members. We created a new Facebook "Fan" Page. If you haven't already, visit our Facebook Fan Page (<http://www.facebook.com/psumontcochapter>) and click the *Like*

button. PSU Montco Events will then appear on your News feed, on the right hand side of your FB page under Events.

We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/psumontco) to view event videos!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Penn State Friends,

Happy New Year! 2010 shaped out to be an important one for our Chapter as we looked to diversify our event offerings and provide increased value to our Chapter Members. We were successful in introducing a few new event concepts and look to continue that trend in 2011. Our main goal for this calendar year is to continue to invest and align our Chapter strategy with the intent to provide the highest level of value to our paid chapter members.

As we continue to position and price our events and Chapter offerings, you'll begin to see a re-emphasis on the importance of being an active Chapter Member. These active member benefits will include larger price discounts for events than what will be offered to non-active members. Active Chapter Members will also gain first choice access to hot ticket items such as our homecoming bus trip.

I look forward to a fun and productive year with all of you. If you'd like to discuss anything about our Chapter, please feel free to contact me at president@psumontco.com.

"We are... Penn State!"

Martin R. Cepeda, Jr., '05
President, Montgomery County Chapter
Penn State Alumni Association

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: LISA LOTITO

The chapter is proud to announce that Lisa Lotito is the winner of the Montgomery County Scholarship for 2010. Lisa was chosen from a strong group of candidates. One of Lisa's goals was to teach English in the Middle East. An opportunity opened up this spring, and now Lisa is in Oman, teaching English during the Spring 2011 semester. Lisa plans to graduate in the Spring of 2012.



Below is a picture of Lisa being interviewed in Oman. We wish Lisa good luck and good fortune while she is teaching English overseas!



FROM THE EDITOR

If you are an alumnus with a story to tell or know another alum that you feel should be included in our Member Spotlight, please contact newsletter@psumontco.com.

As you can see, we have a lot going on in the Montco Chapter! Please continue to check the chapter website, as well as Facebook and YouTube, to stay informed and communicate with the Chapter board. We have quite a few outings and events coming up. We hope you will join us!

PSU MONTCO WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Dan Kaufman, Treasurer

Dan graduated in May 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and a minor in Business Law. During his time at Penn State he was involved in the Lion Scouts staffing chat rooms and serving as a tour guide on campus. In addition to serving as Treasurer on the PSU Montco Board, Dan is actively involved in the Penn State Alumni Admissions Program helping to recruit students from South Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania. Dan has traveled to Chicago and Minneapolis over the past 2 years to cheer on the Nittany Lions away from Beaver Stadium. He is looking forward to a visit to Madison this coming season.

Russ Talone, Secretary

Russ graduated in 2002 with degrees in Finance and International Business. Russ is an independent, self-employed Certified Financial Planner and an active Penn State alumnus. He also has served on the leadership committee for the Philly Smeal Business Club. "I am excited to help out with the administration of the chapter

and to meet more of the members. We have a lot of great events planned for this year, and I expect they will be well attended. Its getting harder to make it back to State College with a young family, so I look forward to our chapter serving as an extension of the PSU experience."

Fran Parisi, Social Director

Fran earned a Masters in Education from the Great Valley Campus in 1996. Fran is currently the Vice President of Talent Sourcing for an Executive Recruiting firm in North Wales. "I look forward to a year filled with activities that all members can get involved and have fun with. We will have something for everyone. We welcome everyone to come out and join us at an upcoming event and I ask that you check us out on our website ... WE ARE..."

Jim Blackwood, Public Relations

Jim graduated from Penn State in 1986 with a Masters in Computer Science. He has lived in Montgomery County for 20 years and got involved with the chapter after attending the freshman sendoff with his daughter, Meredith, '11.

PENN STATE FOOD DRIVE SCORES BIG



During the October and November happy hours, the Penn State MontCo Alumni was asked to bring a canned food donation. All food collected was then given to the Penn State Abington Ambassadors to help make a donation to 93.3 WMMR Preston & Steve Camp Out for Hunger. Along with the help from the PSU MontCo Alumni, the Lion Ambassadors were able to make a donation of 2,576lbs of food!

All food went to our area's largest food bank, Philabundance. Next year our goals will be higher as we try to help the Lion Ambassadors reach their goal of collecting 3,000lbs of food.

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 2011

2/26 - Bowling, Facenda Whitaker Lanes

March 2011

3/3 - Monthly Happy Hour, PJ Whelihan's

3/16 - Trivia Night, Chap's

April 2011

4/7 - Monthly Happy Hour, MaGerk's

4/9 - Bowling, Facenda Whitaker Lanes

May 2011

5/5 - Monthly Happy Hour, Chap's

June 2011

6/2 - Monthly Happy Hour, PJ Whelihan's

August 2011

8/4 - Monthly Happy Hour, MaGerk's

September 2011

9/1 - Monthly Happy Hour, Chap's

October 2011

10/1 - TV Tailgate, PJ Whelihan's.

10/6 - Monthly Happy Hour, PJ Whelihan's

10/22 - TV Tailgate, PJ Whelihan's.

November 2011

11/3 - Monthly Happy Hour, MaGerk's

11/19 - TV Tailgate, PJ Whelihan's.

December 2011

12/1 - Annual Holiday Party, PJ Whelihan's.

Details for all events can be found at www.psumontco.com/events.html