



PennState Alumni Association

Triangle Chapter

SUMMER 2018
NEWSLETTER

Annual Chapter Membership Drive Underway

We are very excited to kick off our 2018-29 membership drive. For several years now, the Chapter picnic (included in your membership) has served symbolically as the end of one Chapter year and the beginning of the next. This year was no exception as many former, current, and brand-new Chapter members recently gathered at North Cary Park for some great food from City Barbeque and some even better ice cream all the way from the Berkey Creamery at PSU. While the picnic is a good time to celebrate the many great accomplishments of the previous year, it is also a great opportunity to begin the annual membership drive.

The Chapter board is already busy planning some exciting events and activities for the coming year, many of which are described in the pages of this newsletter. We'll also be raising money for THON, collecting food for the food pantry, and of course,

providing another local student with scholarship dollars to go towards their Penn State education. None of this would be possible without your help, and we hope you will consider supporting our Chapter by joining or renewing your annual membership.

Annual dues will once again be only \$15 per family, with the first \$5 going directly to our Chapter's endowed scholarship fund. If you are a current Penn State student, or a graduate within the last year, your membership is free. To join the Chapter or renew your existing membership, please visit our website or fill out the enclosed membership form and return it with payment to the address provided.

If you have any questions about membership, please contact Membership Chairperson Karen Rhodes (karensrhodes@live.com).

Please renew your membership today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 07/26/2018 Happy Valley Hour
Location TBD, 6:00pm
- 08/09/2018 Durham Bulls Outing
DBAP, Durham, 6:30pm
- 08/11/2018 The Joe We Know Screening
Met Life, Cary, 7:00pm
- 08/16/2018 Chapter Meeting
Moe's - Cary, 6:30pm
- 08/30/2018 Happy Valley Hour
Location TBD, 6:00pm
- 09/01/2018 Football TV Tailgate - App State
Rookie's, 3:30pm
- 09/08/2018 Football TV Tailgate - Pittsburgh
Rookie's, 8:00 pm
- 09/15/2018 Football TV Tailgate - Kent State
Rookie's, noon
- 09/20/2018 Chapter Meeting
Moe's - Cary, 6:30pm
- 09/21/2018 Football TV Tailgate - Illinois
Rookie's, 9:00pm
- 09/29/2018 Football TV Tailgate - Ohio State
Rookie's, time TBD

Check out our website for updated calendar of events!
www.tripsu.org

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As our fiscal year of the Triangle Chapter comes to an end, I look back at the accomplishments we have been able to achieve together, and look forward to the very bright future ahead for our Chapter.

Just in the past year, our Chapter has raised its highest donation to THON and our scholarship fund, and granted our highest scholarship award in the history of our Chapter. We broke the 300-member plateau for the first time in over a decade. We averaged over 100 people at our Football TV Tailgates at our home at Rookie's Sports Park. We held two very successful career development seminars, and welcomed Penn State Athletics to the Triangle several times, hosting events for men's basketball, men's baseball, women's softball, and women's tennis teams, and cheering on local appearances by the swimming and diving, fencing, and club baseball teams. (Our club baseball team won the National Championship in Holly Springs this spring!) We held monthly Happy Valley Hours at bars and eateries all over the Triangle, and enjoyed very successful outings at the Durham Bulls and Carolina Hurricanes. And we just held our annual Chapter picnic where we hosted over one hundred alumni and students and their families, and enjoyed a great BBQ meal and Creamery ice cream!

From my perspective, our greatest highlight has been our Annual Food Drive. Last summer, our Chapter won its first national award from the Penn State Alumni Association, the 2017 Outstanding Service Award, for donating over a ton of food to Urban Ministries of Wake County for the second year in a row. Later that year, after a very successful donation season, we donated over 7,000 pounds to Urban Ministries, more than the first four years of our Food Drive combined! What a great example of what a dedicated and generous group of Penn State alumni can do together!

Credit for these accomplishments must be shared with the very dedicated group of alumni who volunteer their time and effort as a Board member. For those who have decided to move on and make space for a new group of volunteers, I give a sincere "Thank you for your service"!

In the next year, we plan to keep our great momentum going. This fall, we'll get a chance to enjoy watching our highly ranked Nittany Lion football team at our home at Rookie's in Durham, which has updated its menu and has other upgrades planned. Plus, we offer a 50/50 raffle every game to benefit our scholarship fund or THON, and every member is entered for free in a halftime raffle to win lots of cool PSU swag. We'll be refreshing our annual THON event and hosting more career development seminars. And we'll continue our exciting social schedule with a great mix of adult and family-oriented events, yet we're always open to new ideas. So, if there's something you'd like to see us offer as a group, please email me at dontorino@alumni.psu.edu!

For the glory, Don Torino, President

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

Our Chapter has been successful yet again with our philanthropy efforts in 2017-2018. Throughout the football season, our Chapter participates and competes in a local food drive, in addition to fundraising for THON every February.

Our Food Drive donations benefit Urban Ministries of Wake County, who serve the food needs of less fortunate families throughout the Triangle area. For the past two years, Urban Ministries has recognized the Triangle Chapter as a member of the One Ton Club for donating over 2000 pounds of food in 2015 and 2016. This year, the Penn State Alumni Association recognized our Chapter with their 2017 Outstanding Service Project Award for our efforts with the Food Drive. This award also came with a \$500 honorarium, which your Board voted unanimously to donate in turn to Urban Ministries this year.

So, how did we do this year? Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our members (in both food and cash donations), the Triangle Chapter donated 7,104 pounds to Urban Ministries this year. That's right - ***over seven thousand pounds*** of food donated to charity that benefits our local communities! Not only is this number a record for the Triangle Chapter, but it represents more than we have donated in the first four years of the Food Drive Challenge *combined*. That's something we can all be proud of! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our success this year!

The numbers are in from THON 2018! With your help we raised \$2,626.79 through local donations and our annual THON Party and Silent Auction! Way to go TriPSU! Our Chapter met at Dave and Buster's in Cary for our annual THON party, where we enjoyed a buffet lunch, games, and held a silent auction. Thank you to everyone who joined us, we are already looking forward to next year's event!

We are always looking for new ways to contribute to our community. If you have any questions or ideas regarding next year's philanthropy efforts, or are interested in helping on the philanthropy board, please feel free to contact Ashley Acornley at ashleyk1010@gmail.com. WE ARE!

Join the Triangle Chapter for Durham Bulls Alumni Night August 11!

Join your fellow Triangle alumni and represent your Penn State Nittany Lions at the Durham Bulls "Alumni Night" on Saturday, August 11th at 6:35 pm. Wear your school colors to participate in the pregame parade! Following the game, stick around and enjoy some fireworks with your friends and family.

We've reserved some great group-rate seats on the third base side, under the awning, on the shady side of the stadium. All of the Penn State group will be together in one section! Tickets can be purchased directly from the Durham Bulls, and are only \$10.

WHO: Durham Bulls vs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders

WHEN: Saturday, August 11, 6:30 pm

WHERE: Durham Bulls Athletic Park, 409 Blackwell St, Durham, North Carolina 27701

TICKETS: Purchase through the Durham Bulls at: <https://groupmatics.events/event/psutrianglechapter>
Purchase Deadline Aug 10th @ 11:59 PM EST.

"The Joe We Know" Exclusive Local Private Screening

"The Joe We Know," a feature documentary film about legendary Penn State Football Coach Joe Paterno, will be presented on Thursday, August 9th at 7:00 pm at the Met Life auditorium in Cary. Local lettermen Brian Masella '75 will introduce the film and lead the post-film discussion.

Film tickets are free, but pre-registration is required. Additional donations will be accepted to help defray costs. Any monies collected above costs will be donated in Paterno's name to the Triangle Chapter's Scholarship Fund in his honor. The screening will be followed by a producer's talk and audience question and answer period. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

WHEN: Thursday, August 9, 7-9pm, doors open at 6pm

WHERE: Met Life, 101 Metlife Way, Cary, NC 27513

COST: Free, but \$10 donation to scholarship fund suggested

TICKETS: <http://bit.ly/2KN4evn>

(Deadline August 5, limited to the first 100 people)