



Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association

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Last year I reported that our database had the names and addresses of over 1,100 alumni. As of June 30, 2010, our database now exceeds 1,450; however, for many we only have an address. Our primary means of communication is email and I encourage alumni to forward us their email address. Applications-128, Offers-108, and Acceptances-28, to Penn State from the Fort Lauderdale area continue to be at an all time high. We awarded our 2nd annual scholarship and again had sufficient funds to give \$250 gift cards to the students attending the Student Send-Off Picnic. I am pleased to announce our new Board of Directors. There is a brief biography of each director inside this newsletter. In 2009-2010 we continued gathering at the World Famous Parrot Lounge for football games, held happy hours, attended a hockey game, attended the Capital One Bowl Game, and participated in the Waterway Clean-Up. 2010-2011 is already looking to be a much more active year. In addition to what was done last year, we plan to participate in the homecoming parade, hold a Thon fundraising event, host a (post) holiday party, and bring back the Annual Golf Tournament. We lost a valuable board member due to relocation, **Dave West**. Dave founded our golf tournament, planned many social events, and organized an enormous Orange Bowl tailgate. He will be missed. Special congratulations to board member **Patrick and Kelsey Dougherty** for their recent marriage. We are always looking for alumni from all classes to volunteer and help organize events. Please feel free to call or email.

For the glory,

Ken Ortner, Chapter President (954) 763-9441

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Our Chapter Needs You and Your Ideas

We are recruiting volunteers. We need people with ideas, people to step forward to organize events and activities and people to volunteer to help. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people, especially people that are as Penn State Proud as you are. Committees needing help are: membership, golf tournament, social, communications, website, alumni admissions volunteer, and scholarship. Young Alumni Committee members are needed to organize our most recent graduates and to jump-start a Thon fundraising event. Please contact Ken Ortner at kaoft-laud@psualum.com or (954) 763-9441.

BECOME A LIFE MEMEBR OF THE PENN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Membership in the Penn State Alumni Association is all about pride—pride in Penn State and pride in being affiliated with the best alumni association in the country. Upgrade your annual Penn State Alumni Association membership to a life member or join and become a life member and your Fort Lauderdale Chapter will receive \$50 from the Alumni Association. The Penn State Alumni Association still ranks as the world's largest dues-paying Alumni Association.. Individual membership is \$600 (or 20 monthly payments of \$30); Joint membership is \$750 (or 25 monthly payments of \$30); and age 60+ membership is \$300 (or 20 monthly payments of \$15). You can join online at www.alumni.psu.edu/membership/ and indicate Fort Lauderdale Chapter as your Alumni Chapter. Applications can also be obtained by calling 800-548-LION. On the application in the bottom right corner, please indicate our three digit code, CAP.



2010 Football Schedule

September 4, 2010	vs Youngstown	12 noon
September 11, 2010	at Alabama	7 p.m.
September 18, 2010	vs Kent State	12 noon
September 25, 2020	vs Temple	TBA
October 2, 2010	at Iowa	8 p.m.
October 9, 2010	vs Illinois	12 noon
October 16, 2010	Bye	
October 23, 2010	at Minnesota	TBA
October 30, 2010	vs Michigan	8 p.m.
November 6, 2010	at Northwestern	TBA
November 13, 2010	at Ohio State	TBA
November 20, 2010	vs Indiana(FedEx field)	TBA
November 27, 2010	vs Michigan State	TBA

We view all games at the World Famous Parrot Lounge on Fort Lauderdale Beach

Calendar of Events

July 30, 2010	PSU Happy Hour - Tarpon Bend, Ft Lauderdale, 5:00 p.m.
July 31, 2010	Student Send-Off Picnic, Snyder Park, Fort Lauderdale, 12 noon
Oct 8-10, 2010	Homecoming Trip to Happy Valley
March 2011	Community Service Day - Waterway Cleanup
April 2011	Annual Big-10 Picnic
April 30, 2011	Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

STAY CONNECTED. WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. We send many e-mails all year with updates and upcoming activities. This newsletter is the only one sent by regular mail. Please send your e-mail address to webmaster@psu-ftlauderdale.com and add this address to your address book.

2010-11 Board of Directors Bios

Jessica Beyer. Jessica graduated in 2009 with a BA in Telecommunications. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and was Vice President of Communications for the Chapter. Jessica is a Design Assistant at Xquisite Events, a full service floral and event decor production company in Boca Raton, FL. Jessica is participating in the planning of the annual golf tournament.

Carol Burbeau. Carol graduated in 1984 with a BS in Special Education and has an MBA from University of Phoenix. She is originally from Long Island, NY. Carol works for FedEx as an International Account Executive. With the Ft Lauderdale chapter, Carol has organized happy hours, wine tastings, and other outings and has volunteered for the Golf Tournament.

Mike Carr. Mike graduated in 2005 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He is from Toms River, NJ and attended University Park Campus. Mike was the former Chapter Treasurer in Tallahassee and is a Senior Staff Engineer with Langan Engineering and Environmental Services.

Terri Chadderton, Treasurer. Terri graduated in 1979 with a BS in Architecture and in 1980 with a BARCH. She was a member of Alpha Rho Chi fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Terri is a Registered Architect in the State of Florida, and she is a Project Manager for Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. Terri has planned our community service events and holiday parties, and has been involved with organizing the Annual golf tournament.

Patrick Dougherty. Patrick graduated in 2009 with a BS in Finance from the Smeal College of Business. While at Penn State, Patrick was involved in the Penn State Investment Association/Nittany Lion Fund, LLC as well as THON. He is currently employed at Comerica Bank as a Credit Specialist in their Private Banking Division. Patrick is originally from Lancaster, PA and currently lives in Boca Raton with his wife Kelsey.

Amanda Grossman, Secretary. Amanda graduated in 2008 with a BS in Supply Chain and Information Systems with an International Business minor. Amanda was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and was involved with THON, Learning Edge Academic Program (LEAP), and the Smeal College of Business Academic Quality team. During her Junior year at Penn State she studied abroad in Seville, Spain. Currently Amanda works for a medical device company in Coral Springs and teaches aqua aerobics at LA Fitness for fun.

Gregory Martin, Vice President. Greg graduated in 1996 with a BS in Computer Science and has an MBA from the University of Florida. He is from Greencastle, PA and attended Mont Alto, Harrisburg, and University Park campuses. Greg and his wife Cindy have nine children. Greg is a Senior Manager at Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Greg has been maintaining our Website.

Ken Ortner, President. Ken graduated in 1975 with a BS in Accounting and has an MS in Taxation from FIU. At Penn State, Ken was very involved in student activities and was a member of Skull & Bones. Ken has his own CPA practice in Fort Lauderdale and is certified in California and Florida. Ken is from Cheltenham, PA, is married and has two daughters. Ken is very involved with several Fort Lauderdale community organizations.

Victor Sedaka. Vic graduated in 1989 in Political Science/Marketing. He was a member of AEPi Fraternity, IFC Secretary Treasurer, and danced in Thon. He is from Pittsburgh, PA and has two children. Vic is the immediate past president of our Chapter. He is a Project Manager for FIS Global. Vic has planned our Student Send Off Picnic and will be participating in fundraising for the Student Scholarship Fund.

Vincent Yarina. Vince graduated in 1992 with a BS in Earth Sciences and has an MS in Engineering Geology from Drexel University. He is a Professional Geologist in Pennsylvania and Florida and is an Associate with Langan Engineering and Environmental Services in Miami, where he leads Langan's environmental consulting practice in Florida. Vince lives in Plantation and is married to Lena. They have two children. He has organized our Chapter's softball team for the All College Tournament.

Board Members Attend Alumni Leadership Conference

On May 1st, 2010, members of the GFLCPSAA attended an Alumni Leadership Conference in Daytona Beach. The event was put on by the Alumni Association staff from State College. The purpose was to bring together members of different chapters in the region and present ideas and information to them in areas such as event planning, connecting with other alumni and fundraising. The conference touched on the University's current \$2 billion Campaign for the Future (of which \$1 billion has been raised) and the different ways that alumni chapters are able to make an impact in this area. It showed that connecting with alumni is not as simple as it used to be. Social media has opened up many new avenues to make connections. Our Chapter's implementation of its Facebook page was highlighted to the group. Going forward, this will play a bigger role in the daily communication of various chapter events as well as current PSU news. The board members in attendance came away with a lot of great ideas and a new focus for the coming year. Expect to see information soon about upcoming events and ways in which you might be able to get involved in the Chapter. WE ARE...PENN STATE!!

Become more involved in your Chapter!

Contact Ken Ortner at psu-president@psu-ftlauderdale.com or telephone (954) 763-9441

2010 Community Service Event

On March 6, 2010, our Chapter participated in the Waterway Cleanup at Birch State Park. We spent a few hours carrying large plastic trash bags, wearing plastic gloves and picking up trash in the park and along the Intracoastal Waterway. We had 14 of our members participate in this community service event, and the weather was fantastic with sun and a blue sky. Following our cleanup, we headed over to the World Famous Parrot Lounge for some food and cold drinks. Our servers were happy to see us and we sat outside enjoying the new streetscape. Watch your emails for next year's Waterway Cleanup.



Happy Hour Success



Happy Hours are held throughout the year in east and west Broward. There are Happy Hours for Penn Staters and friends and there are Big 10 Happy Hours. The date, time and place are announced via email, so be sure to join our email list. Here are two examples: A Big Ten Happy Hour was held September 30th at Morton's Steakhouse in Fort Lauderdale and had a turnout of 60 Big Ten alumni. This is a great social networking event. The Big Ten Happy Hours are set up around the tri-county area, so every 3 months there is one in Broward. Come out and show your Penn State Pride at the next gathering! Old friends and new ones enjoyed a PSU Football Season Happy Hour on October 16th at Lulu's Bait Shack on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. Lulu's was one of our Golf Tourney sponsors. Ocean views, good food, and good friends made this Happy Hour memorable. Penn State Happy Hours were also held at Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill in Plantation and at the new Primanti Brothers in Sunrise. Please join us on 5 p.m., July 30th at Tarpon Bend in Fort Lauderdale.

Chapter Tee Shirts Available Soon

Last year's initial offering of a Chapter Tee Shirt was an incredible success.

The shirts are 100% cotton. We have a variety of sizes - women's small and medium have the shorter-cut sleeves and the remainder are L, XL, and 2XL. We also have 2 colors and designs - colors and designs are the opposite of last year's - the WHITES have the Nittany Lion Mascot on back, the BLUES have the Nittany Paw on back. We will have a limited quantity available. If you wish to pick them up in Fort Lauderdale and pay in cash, they are yours for \$12/shirt. If you wish to use PayPal and have them sent to you in the mail, they are \$16 total. Be sure to specify the size and color when ordering. To view last year's shirt or to order by mail, visit our Online Store at www.psu-ftlauderdale.com Email cburpeau@fedex.com with inquiries or come to a PSU football game at the World Famous Parrot Lounge to pick one up!



Scholarship Golf Tournament 2011

Save the date! Our next Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 30, 2011 at Inverrary Country Club. The shotgun start will be at 1:00 PM. Sue Zabowski has volunteered to head up the golf committee for the tournament, and we are getting off to an early start planning this event. We need to get the golf committee organized, so anyone who is interested in participating should email golf@psu-ftlauderdale.com. We will need committee members as well as volunteers for the day of the event, so let us know how you can help us in making this a very successful event.

Annual Trip to Happy Valley

Our 2009 trip to Happy Valley was in late September for the Iowa game. Despite the non-stop rain and loss to Iowa, the weekend was filled with fun and memories of days past. Keeping with tradition, there will be a 2010 annual Chapter trip to Penn State. This year's weekend will



be Homecoming. The Chapter will make its 3rd appearance in the Homecoming Parade and attend the Illinois game. Plans for this trip were made last January, and this trip is offered only to paid members of our Chapter. There are no remaining hotel rooms or tickets available, so become a paid member of the Chapter and make plans to travel with us in 2011. Didn't know that plans were being made for this event? Send your email address to webmaster@psu-ftlauderdale.com and add this address to your personal address book so that you are kept informed of all of our activities.

For the future: The Campaign for Penn State Students

The University has kicked off an amazing fund raising effort planning to raise \$2 Billion by 2014. Our Chapter is doing its part. We recently awarded our 2nd \$2,500 scholarship to a Greater Fort Lauderdale Penn State student. We plan to raise more funds so that we may increase our annual giving and create an endowment. Our source of funds continues to be the annual golf tournament and individual contributions. You will soon be receiving information about making direct contributions to the scholarship fund as part of your Penn State giving. If you would be interested in volunteering to help this effort, please contact Ken Ortner at (954) 763-9441 or psu-president@psu-ftlauderdale.com. The 2010-2011 scholarship recipient is Brittany Anna Sala, a junior, majoring in Elementary Education. She wants to teach grades first through third in the future. Brittany recently participated in a program known as Consortium for Intercultural Reflective Teachers (CIRT), by spending fall semester in England and Spring semester in Sweden. She is involved with Phi Beta Sigma, a national honor society, and THON is her favorite charity! Brittany works while attending the University at a pre-school on campus.



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BECOME A DUES PAYING CHAPTER MEMBER

Your dues are what keep this organization functioning. It pays for this newsletter, it underwrites the freshman student send-off. It supports the cost of maintaining our website. How far will \$15 or \$20 get you this year? Not too far. It will pay for one year's membership to your local PSU Chapter. Our membership fee does not increase with inflation! July 1st marked the official start date for the 2010-11 GFLCPSAA membership "season". Whether it's taking part in our annual football trip to Happy Valley, attending local social/cultural events, or attending a bowl game... we offer a variety of activities for all ages! Visit our website to sign up and view the complete list of benefits: www.psu-ftlauderdale.com or complete and mail the attached form with a check. You can also pay your dues when visiting the World Famous Parrot Lounge to watch football games.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter Membership Form

Chapter Membership for the 2010-11 year

Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Spouse Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

I have enclosed my dues for 2010-2011

I would like to help plan an event.

\$15.00(Individual) \$20.00(Family) \$ _____

I would like to contribute to the Chapter _____

Return this Application to : GFLCPSAA

Scholarship Fund \$ _____

1613 NE 5th Ct

Total \$ _____

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Make Checks Payable to : GFLCPSAA