



Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Writing this year's message is certainly difficult. It was and is the darkest of times for our alma mater. Penn State is an outstanding institution, nationally renowned for its excellence in academics and research. Penn State's student athletes have achieved many accomplishments over the years demonstrating that academic excellence and athletic achievement are wholly consistent and complementary goals. We need to move forward and work towards improvement and have Penn State emerge as an even stronger and better institution. It is interesting that during the most difficult and scandal scarred year on record, Penn State raised more than \$208 million, the second highest in the University's history and the number of individual donors was higher in 2011-2012 than any other time. More than 191,000 donors gave to the school. Raising money for undergraduate scholarships remains a top priority to keep Penn State affordable. Last year, in-state freshman and sophomores paid more than \$15,000 a year in tuition to attend main campus, while out-of-state residents paid \$27,000. I have previously written about our scholarship effort that is concurrent with Penn State's *For the Future* campaign. Our largest fund raiser is our annual Golf Scholarship Tournament. We have now funded a \$2,500 scholarship for the past four years and continue towards raising funds to establish an endowment for Broward County students. Inside this newsletter you will see a form for you to complete and contribute to our scholarship fund so that we may make tuition more affordable for a few of our local Penn State students. You may also contribute online at www.GiveNow.psu.edu. If you use the online system, select "Other" from the drop-down list and type "Greater Fort Lauderdale Scholarship-SXXUU" on the "Additional Information" line. Please contribute.

As always, we need you to help our Chapter grow. Please step forward - start by attending our first few events of the 2012 season. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and make new friends. Your ideas are welcome.

For the Glory of Old State,
Ken Ortner, President



Get all the information about chapter events at our website

www.psu-ftlauderdale.com

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www.facebook.com/PennStateFortLauderdaleChapter

Interact with fellow alumni club members at:

www.psu-ftlauderdale.com/blog



2012 Football Schedule

09/01/12	vs. Ohio	University Park, Pa.	12:00 p.m.
09/08/12	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	12:00 p.m.
09/15/12	vs. Navy (Military Appreciation Day)	University Park, Pa.	3:30 p.m.
09/22/12	vs. Temple	University Park, Pa.	TBA
09/29/12	at Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
10/06/12	vs. Northwestern (Homecoming)	University Park, Pa.	12:00 p.m.
10/20/12	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	8:00 p.m.
10/27/12	vs. Ohio State	University Park, Pa.	6:00 p.m.
11/03/12	at Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.	TBA
11/10/12	at Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	TBA
11/17/12	vs. Indiana	University Park, Pa.	TBA
11/24/12	vs. Wisconsin	University Park, Pa.	TBA
12/1/12	Big Ten Champion-	Lucas oil Stadium- Indi-	TBA

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

Calendar of Events

- Aug 4, 2012** Student Send-Off Picnic, Snyder Park, Fort Lauderdale, 12 noon
- Aug 9, 2012** Happy Hour - Bokamper's Sports Bar and Grill, 1280 S. Pine Island Rd, Plantation
- Aug 23, 2012** Happy Hour - Tap 42 Bar & Kitchen, 1411 South Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale (back by popular demand)
- Sept 1, 2012** Start of Football Season vs Ohio, World Famous Parrot Lounge 911 Sunrise lane, Fort Lauderdale and every Saturday during the season
- October 5-7, 2012** Chapter trip to Happy Valley-Homecoming
- Oct 13, 2012** Community Service Event (tentative)
- Nov 29, 2012** Lady Lions basketball at University of Miami <http://live.psu.edu/story/59879>
- Feb 2, 2013** Annual Post-Holiday Get Together
- April 2013** Annual Big 10 Picnic
- April 20, 2013** Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament (tentative)

Stay connected with updates and activities on Facebook and by sending your e-mail address to webmaster@psu-ftlauderdale.com and adding the address to your personal address book.

Become more involved in your Chapter!

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

Support the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter's Annual Scholarship Fund Campaign

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association (GFLCPSAA) currently has an annual scholarship and is undertaking a campaign to raise \$50,000 to convert this fund to an endowment to help provide scholarships to students from the Greater Fort Lauderdale area. We would like as many members to participate in this project as possible.

There are four ways to give indicated on the form. Please select the giving option that works best for you. If you are interested in other ways to give, please contact a member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter's Board of Directors.

Please join us in providing opportunities for local students to attend Penn State. Your generous gift to this campaign is greatly appreciated.

Please complete the contribution form and mail to:

Office of Annual Giving

Penn State University

27 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

For more information contact:

Ken Ortner: kaoftlaud@psualum.com

(954) 295-0399

My employer's matching gift form is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cash Gift

Check enclosed payable to Penn State.

Note: Please indicate in the memo of the check **SXXUU or Greater Ft Lauderdale Annual Scholarship Fund**

Electronic Funds Transfer

You can choose to have funds transferred directly from your checking or savings account to Penn State. An EFT enrollment form is available at www.eft.psu.edu.

Three- or Five-year Pledges

I pledge a total gift of \$1,500-\$4,999 and would like to spread the payments over 3 years.

I pledge a total gift of \$5,000 or more and would like to spread the payments over 5 years.

My 1st payment of \$ _____ is enclosed. Please send a reminder in the month of _____

2nd Payment \$ _____ 3rd Payment \$ _____

4th Payment \$ _____ 5th Payment \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Credit Card Gift

Please bill my credit card: MasterCard VISA Discover American Express

Name as it appears on card

Account Number

Expiration Date

SXXUU

Signature



The Chapter would very much like to start an annual event to support THON. If you have ideas and/or want to assist in launching an event, please email events@psu-ftlauderdale.com. THON is now a yearlong effort to raise funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer. The proceeds benefit The Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. THON 2013 will take place from February 15th-17th, 2013.

2012 Scholarship Golf Tournament

We held our 2012 Scholarship Golf Tournament at Inverrary Country Club on Saturday, May 5th. We raised over \$5,000 for our scholarship fund with only 38 players in the tournament. The success of the event was due to our golf committee members who worked hard to get raffle and silent auction items, including foursomes at courses such as Eagle Trace and Fort Lauderdale Country Club and a variety of prizes and gift certificates to local venues. Our alumni volunteers did a fantastic job at the event, and we thank everyone for their time and efforts in making this a successful fundraising event. A special thank you goes to our donors and sponsors for without their contributions our scholarship fund would not be growing. We look forward to a bigger event next year with more players and golf committee participants – location and date TBD!!



STUDENT SEND OFF

The record high continues. As of this writing, 46 students from Broward County plan to attend Penn State as freshmen this summer and fall. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter sponsors a picnic for incoming freshmen living in Broward County. Show your Penn State Pride by meeting some of these new Penn Staters at the Annual Student Send-Off Picnic. This is a wonderful opportunity for freshmen to ask current students and alumni any questions they may have regarding life at Penn State. Bring your advice and encourage the local freshmen as they gear up for a new adventure of living at one of the many campuses. Let's enjoy delicious food, Penn State trivia, and speaking with current students about Penn State.

When: Saturday, Aug. 4th, 2012

Where: Snyder Park-Pavilion 1, 3299 SW 4th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Time: 12 noon

Cost: \$10 members and guests, \$20 nonmembers - includes food and refreshments (Membership dues can be paid at the picnic)

Please RSVP at Events@psu-ftlauderdale.com by July 27, 2012

Do you have a new email address? Are you not receiving our emails? Send your email address to webmaster@psu-ftlauderdale.com. Add our address to your address book.

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

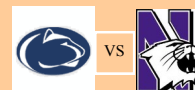


Chapter Holds Fundraiser

On December 21, 2012, the date of Joe Paterno's 85th birthday, a fundraiser was held at the World Famous Parrot Lounge. The fundraiser was part of the "Proud to be a Penn Stater" campaign to raise money for RAINN. RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. We were successful in raising a few hundred dollars. Many thanks to the Parrot who provided a complimentary drink and a full dinner buffet.

Annual Happy Valley Visit

The 2011 Chapter visit to Happy Valley was for the Nebraska game, the weekend no one will forget. Most of us had planned to go because it was the last home game of the season, and we expected that it would be Joe Paterno's last game. Although it was unfortunate that JoePa did not coach, it was a very memorable, albeit surreal weekend and one that we hope will never be repeated in Happy Valley. This year's trip will be for Homecoming on October 6, 2012 when Penn State plays Northwestern. There are a limited number of tickets and rooms still available. For information contact events@psu-ftlauderdale.com.





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BECOME A DUES PAYING CHAPTER MEMBER

Your dues are what keep this organization functioning. Your dues pay for this newsletter, underwrite the freshman student send-off picnic, support the cost of maintaining our website among other things. Our membership fee does not increase with inflation! July 1st marked the official start date for the 2012-13 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. Cost is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chapter Membership Form

Chapter Membership for the 2012-13 year

Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Spouse Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

I have enclosed my dues for 2012-2013

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

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to : GFLCPSAA