

Western New York Chapter



Penn State Alumni Association

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Dear Fellow Penn Stater:

Autumn is a special time in Academia. While many Western New Yorkers realize that the Summer is drawing to a close and that colder weather will soon be upon us, September brings hope for a new year of experiences, regardless of whether you are a Penn State student, football or hockey fan, or just a seasoned Nittany Lion alumnus. And September marks the time to renew or initiate your membership to the Western New York Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association (PSU WNY).

PSU WNY is the voice of local alumni in the Buffalo and Western New York area. We represent the collective interests of all local Penn Staters within the Penn State Alumni Association and seek to create opportunities for alumni to gather together to cheer on the Nittany Lions, give back to our Alma Mater, and network with and enjoy the friendship of each other because of our common bond. During this past academic year your local alumni chapter has been actively representing Penn Staters from Western New York and supporting Penn State and its students, teams and traditions in a number of ways, including:

- The officers and directors of PSU WNY met on eight different occasions to transact chapter business.
- Three officers/directors represented the chapter at the Alumni Leadership Conference at Penn State in June.
- Members marched in the 2013 Homecoming Parade carrying the chapter's banner.
- Various chapter members, friends, and Penn State fans met to cheer on the Nittany Lion football team for all 12 football games in the 2013 season at Tully's in Clarence.
- The chapter hosted a social event in March visiting five wineries in Niagara County.

For the coming year, we are planning to continue our support of Penn State with a variety of events. The chapter will continue to gather for all Penn State football games at *Tully's Good Times Restaurant and Sports Bar* in Clarence which will continue to serve as our viewing party headquarters. Tully's has been very supportive of our alumni chapter and offers a family friendly environment.

The chapter will again march in the Homecoming Day parade on September 26th and we encourage all PSU WNY members to join us in this time honored tradition. Doug Kellner will be emailing you details on how to participate in the parade and the "after party" at the Hintz Alumni Center.

The chapter has acquired a new member named "Byron" and he is a "Buffalonian" in every sense of the word. In time he will be painted in Penn State Blue & White colors and he will make his homecoming parade debut this month as he rides down College Avenue. The PSU WNY Board determined that we needed to create a special presence in the parade that will remind everyone of Western New York's commitment to Dear Old State. Please see the enclosed information about Byron and our raffle of a Joe Paterno signed football and other memorabilia. All monies from the raffle will be used to pay the adoption fee necessary to acquire Byron and to paint him in Penn State colors. Joe Paterno signed footballs are very difficult to come by and this is your opportunity to own one!

To maintain Byron and our chapter in good stead, we need existing PSU WNY members to renew their local chapter dues and even more local alumni to join in the fun and become new members of PSU WNY. For annual dues of just \$20 for individuals and \$25 for a family, you can support your Alma Mater, meet fellow Penn Staters, and feel connected to the University. These dues remain local and enable us to provide future programming and keep you informed about chapter activities. And your dues may be tax deductible! (Please consult your tax advisor).

Please send in your membership dues payment today along with the enclosed reply card, and let us know if you are interested in getting involved in one of our various committees. Penn State benefits the most when as many people as possible get involved. AND PLEASE BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAFFLE AS BYRON REQUIRES A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT. Thank you in advance for your support.

For the Glory...

*The Officers and Board of Directors
Penn State Alumni Association of WNY*