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The Tucson Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association

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President's Message

We are starting another year and as your co-president I would like to welcome you to another issue of our annual Penn State Alumni Southern Arizona Chapter newsletter. As everyone knows this has been a most challenging year and it will continue to be one. The COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting our lives and everyday business. I hope all our members, friends and families are well and surviving throughout these stressful times.

Our Southern Arizona Alumni Chapter is continuing and our message remains the same, join and become involved. We continue to look to the future and are committed to the challenge and leadership developing the Penn State Spirit.

WE ARE PENN STATE

Our thanks go out those board members who have committed to serving and helping the chapter grow this last year. THANK YOU. Without their help, time, commitment, and dedication, the chapter would not have been able to continue. The list of board members is included in the newsletter. Please take time to visit with them and thank them for their continued support. The Board is always welcoming new faces and welcomes help and ideas to continue to build the chapter. Please talk to any board member of your interest and become INVOLVED.

This past year due to your support, dues, raffles and donations, the chapter continued financial assistance to area students attending Penn State. Through this great support the chapter was able to give 300 dollars to each student from the area attending Penn State. Please see the article on the following page. Please note financial support this year will only be through your donations and dues. We are not planning any raffle items. Please check the box on the membership form for student support and help them in their college endeavors. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

We are continuing to monitor football news and what is ahead. As you may have read, seen or heard the Big Ten has cancelled the fall football season. There is some speculation that a spring football season may be scheduled? Once we receive additional information on schedule and direction from Penn State we will advise you on plans for watching and gathering location if any.

We are planning to continue our tradition of holding the annual luncheon. This coming year, 2021, the board has once again kept the location at Hacienda del Sol, and the time will be on March 14, 2021. We are excited about the event and welcome all to attend. The speaker has yet to be determined.

We continue to encourage all PSU alumni and fans in Southern Arizona to come and join in the fun, participate in all activities and help our chapter's continued growth. Please take time to fill out the membership form, the dues continue to be 15 dollars for all, individual or family memberships. We need continued input and people to help in planning chapter activities and to serve on the board. We look forward to seeing you at our listed events (if any) and feel free to say hello and give us your input.

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2021 Luncheon

On Sunday, March 14, 2021 plan to join fellow Penn State Alumni at our 17th Annual Luncheon. We are mindful of concerns about COVID-19 and will only hold the event within local, state, and PSU guidelines. More details about the luncheon menu and guest speaker will be posted on our website.

President's Message

Please note it has been an honor to be a part and serve as co-president these last few years. However the time has come for me to step aside and let others take part. My duties will continue to the annual luncheon, March 14, 2021, after which I will no longer be able to continue. I thank everyone for their support and involvement these last years in helping to keep the Penn State Tucson Chapter alive and well.

Jay Knoll, Co-President 2020-2021 WE ARE PENN STATE ROAR LIONS ROAR



Virtual Alumni Events

We all know that this year has been challenging for events. Staying connected to Penn State is one way to boost your mental health. The alumni association has been hosting virtual events that cover a broad range of topics. You can register for events at alumni.psu.edu/events.

Food Bank Donation

Each year we ask your help in collecting items for the community food bank. During the month of November 2019 at our football watching gatherings, our Penn State Alumni chapter once again contributed to the Community Food Bank and the Interfaith Community Services Food Bank.

Thank you for your support and donations. This year there are many people in need in food and your donations are especially meaningful.

We are not expecting to have a food bank drive this year. However we encourage you to donate directly to the support their good work.

Supporting Students

Due to COVID-19 concerns, we expect there will be a shortfall in the amount of money that we raise for Southern Arizona students attending Penn State. The good news is that if every member contributed \$20, we would be able to support students at the \$300 per student level that we have maintained over the past several years. We realize this is a challenging year for many and appreciate any generosity that you can spare for these students.

2020 Luncheon



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Tucson, Arizona a group of 90 Penn State Alumni and Friends gathered for the 17th Southern Arizona Chapter Luncheon held at the Hacienda Del Sol Resort. The "Spirit of Penn State" was evident as cheers of "We Are"... "Penn State" filled the air. A future Penn Stater Isaiah Marmion exhibited his skills at the traditional touchdown pushups. Our speaker Jay Paterno, commented that even though we were miles away from State College, Pennsylvania we still carried on the Penn State Spirit.

How could we not be excited, the name Paterno brings up memories of many of the alums college years. Jay shared insight as to the future of college football as well of news of his family and how State College and the University is growing.

I would like to extend a special "thanks" to Ann, Judi, Kay, Alice, Ernie and Lisa for helping with preparing for the luncheon.
-Jill Coulter

THANKS TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Co- Presidents: Jay Knoll and Dr. Betty Eby Deardorff

Vice President: Jill Coulter

Secretary: James Durgin

Treasurer: Bob Landis

Board at large: Gary Kortyna, Kay Kokwe, Bob Landis, Gail Lawley, Ann Roscoe, Jay Rosenburg, Lisa Teman-Rosenburg, JoAnn Stover, and Halsey Taylor.

Treasurer's Report

During the 2019-2020 year the chapter had 65 dues paying memberships that included 103 members (Some memberships include both spouses). During the year, members contributed 1475 dollars to the student aid fund. In addition the chapter collected 550 dollars in raffle tickets.

Stipends were provided to 7 Penn State Students from the Tucson area: Kaylah Longmore (Berks), Noira Seggel (Harrisburg), Sara Ruth Marie Hawks (UP), Wyatt Michael Bunker (UP), Roman C Brave-Young (UP), Phillip Battinger (UP), and Aspen Ulma (UP). The chapter contributed 125 dollars and 75 pounds of food to the IFC Food bank. -Bob Landis

Fall Events

Football season is normally right around the corner. Of course this is not a normal year. There are not going to be fall football games and we do not anticipate any in-person events.

If it is safe to do so, we may host events in accordance with local, state, and Penn State guidelines during the spring.

