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PSU Connecticut Valley Chapter Newsletter

March, 2019

Annual Spring Dinner & Scholarship Fundraiser May 2, 2019 at 6:00PM

We are excited to announce our Annual Spring Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser this coming May 2nd at the Wethersfield Country Club. Our theme for 2019 is Penn State Entrepreneurship! We will have local entrepreneurs speaking about their experiences running their own businesses and new insights into all the exciting entrepreneurial experiences available at Penn State.

Doors open at 6pm with dinner starting at 6:30. The cost of the event is \$40 per person, non-members \$45 per person. Recent alumni (within the last 5 years or current or prospective students are \$35). The event will include a silent auction to benefit our Freshman Scholarship Fund. We will also have raffle prizes, great food, AND..... Creamery Ice Cream!!

- Cash Bar Available (no credit cards accepted at the bar)

Lisa Sands

Alumni Admissions Coordinator



Did You know

The Local Alumni recruit students for PSU?

Alumni Admissions

2018 was another great year for the CT Valley Alumni Admissions Volunteer Recruitment program. We began a new partnership with Jerica Shuck, who is our Penn State Admissions contact for Connecticut. Together with Jerica and the PSU Admissions team, our alumni volunteers participated in high school college fairs around the region along with Prospective and Accepted Student Receptions held at area hotels. In addition, our chapter hosted the annual Freshman Sendoff picnic in August, which is attended by area alumni, incoming students and their families. If you would like to become a part of our chapter's Alumni Admissions Volunteer team, please check the box on the membership form or contact our chapter's Alumni Admissions Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Currie Sands, at sands151@yahoo.com or call/text Lisa at 978-314-8120. Share your Lion Pride by helping to recruit future Penn Staters!

Jerica Shuck
PSU Admissions Rep



A Note From The President, Jessica Tucker

They say a picture is worth a thousand words so we thought there was no better way to show you what's been going on this past year than with a bunch of photos. Whether we're bowling, cheering on PSU or just getting to know each other, it's always a great time with the CT Valley Chapter. I am so grateful to our amazing leadership team and hope that you'll join us for some of our exciting events in 2019!



Upcoming Chapter Events 2019

Thursday, May 2nd Annual Spring Dinner & Scholarship Fundraiser

6:00-10:00pm Wethersfield Country Club
76 Country Club Rd., Wethersfield, CT

April 13, 2019—Prospective Students Reception

June (Date TBD)

Career Networking Happy Hour.....Details to Come!

Sunday, August 18th Freshman Sendoff

1:00PM

Northwest Park, Windsor CT

We have several new committees such as Membership, Social Events, and Admissions, among others. There are opportunities to volunteer for one of the committees or even on a single project. You can check your interests on the enclosed membership

THE CT VALLEY BUS PROGRAM

For the 20th consecutive year, the chapter coordinated a bus service that brought local PSU students to and from school at Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring breaks. Greg Malone took over the coordinating duties from Dean Delach this year and roughly 450 students took advantage of the service.

Check out our website at www.psuctvalley.org. Outreach, Bus for information regarding the 2018-19 school year and note the profits made from the bus are either put towards our freshman scholarship fund or used on activities to support PSU students.

2019 Football Schedule

Please Join the Chapter at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1267 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield Ct each football Saturday for Penn State Football Viewing Parties

<i>8/31 Idaho</i>	<i>10/5 Purdue</i>	<i>11/9 Minnesota</i>
<i>9/7 Buffalo</i>	<i>10/12 Iowa</i>	<i>11/16 Indiana</i>
<i>9/14 Pittsburgh</i>	<i>10/19 Michigan</i>	<i>11/23 Ohio St.</i>

PSU BOARD MEMBER BIOS – 2019

Glenn Zinn - Board member Glenn Zinn hails from Wilkes-Barre, PA and, although quite familiar with dear old State, decided to apply after his brother had attended the Scranton Campus majoring in Computer Science. Glenn soon followed in his footsteps and graduated with a degree in Computer Science in 1983. Since graduation, he has spent most of his career at Lux Bond and Green Jewelers in West Hartford where he started in 1985 as Computer Manager. Glenn now works as IS Manager for the company where he is responsible for maintaining all the computer systems, security systems, website, phone systems for all six stores and the corporate office.



While at Penn State, Glenn remembers long nights writing code and using punch cards. His more recent PSU memories include running in the Paterno 5K and attending the OSU football game in 2016 when his daughter joined him and later decided to attend Penn State just like her Dad! Daughter Joy Zinn is currently a Sophomore and loving life in Happy Valley!

Glenn has been an active board member for the past two years and has volunteered for a variety of events including the Accepted and Prospective Student Receptions, the Freshmen Sendoff and Freshmen Mentoring Program, and represented our chapter at Alumni Leadership Conference.

Glenn and his family enjoy cheering on Penn State at local sporting events such as women’s volleyball, women’s basketball, men’s gymnastics, and field hockey. Glenn and his wife, Bonnie, are regulars at the football TV watch parties and enjoy talking with prospective students and their families to lend their expertise as proud PSU parents.

WE ARE means to Glenn that you are connected to a community both locally and globally whether you graduated from University Park or a Commonwealth Campus. For him, being active in the chapter and giving back to his alma mater and the community means giving of yourself – and, as a CT Valley Board Member, he certainly has done just that!

Jeff Gartman – Jeff is from the Big Apple and remembers his first trip to Penn State –the stadium coming out of nowhere as they approached campus, the buzz downtown and on campus. And then when he found the Information Sciences and Technology (IST) program that was new at the time, and he knew Penn State was the place for him. Jeff graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences and Technology (IST).

Life brought him to Connecticut after graduation, as he opted for a career development program at Cigna in IT. Almost eleven years and several roles later, he is still there and enjoying every day of it! He is currently an application development director, responsible for stability and support of customer-facing mobile apps and websites for both US and international markets.

Jeff has many great memories of Penn State, both as a student and as an alum. As a student, he remembers being involved in IST Student Government and extracurricular activities. He joined the Alumni Association CT Valley chapter in 2013 and started by redesigning the website. Some of his favorite activities include planning and attending events such as the annual Spring Dinner and helping with admissions activities. He has served as the chapter’s vice president since 2017 and represented the chapter at Alumni Leadership Conference.

WE ARE means for Jeff that he can go anywhere and either find a Penn Stater or meet people who have an appreciation for Penn State. There’s something special about being a Penn Stater and connecting with other Penn Staters who have had the same college experience as you did.

Another reason he stays involved is for his two kids – Lilah (8), and Levi (6). Jeff enjoys sharing his Penn State pride with them.



They’ve had Penn State gear since they were born, and the “We Are” chant was taught at an early age! He has brought them to campus once (we’re overdue for another visit!) and hopes one or both will decide to attend Penn State just like Dad!

Connecticut Valley...

A Chapter of Distinction



ELM LEVEL

PSU CT Valley Chapter achieved the highest level evaluation in its activity levels, outreach and supporting programs, giving us A Chapter of Distinction at the Elm Level! The participation of the alumni of our chapter made this possible.

Connecticut Valley Chapter
Penn State Alumni Association

Terry Schnure
34 Broadleaf Circle



*Bringing a Bit of
Happy Valley to the
Connecticut Valley*

This is our annual newsletter mailing to PSU alumni in the CT Valley chapter area. Part of the mailing is paid for by the Penn State Alumni Association. We keep members informed about our activities by e-mail the rest of the year, so please send your e-mail address to Jessica Tucker at jat5351@gmail.com if you'd like to be on the distribution list and are not already. Our website and/or Facebook pages contain a chapter membership form, officer contact information, news about upcoming events and student bus service, and more. Costs for many of our events such as the football TV parties and freshmen sendoff are supported by annual dues from members, so please

If you would like to join the over 300 alumni and friends with official Connecticut Penn State license plates, please contact Glenn Zinn at: glennzinn@yahoo.com to receive an application. The vanity plates feature a PSU shield and "WE ARE PENN STATE" slogan and a portion of the proceeds generated go towards our freshman scholarship fund.



Penn State CT License Plates