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Location TBA - see website for info

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- Social Activities
- Football Viewing Parties
- Community Service Events
- Freshman Send-Off/Alumni Picnic
- Holiday Celebration

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Email the Editor!
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Franklin, TN 37067
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Greetings from the President!

Fellow Penn Staters:

It has been a good year for the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Alumni Association. Last year our Chapter was officially recognized as a Chapter by the Alumni Association. I want to thank all of you for your support and help in bringing our Chapter back. I have enjoyed meeting many of you throughout the year.

In addition to being reinstated as a Chapter, we received the Award of Distinction from the Alumni Association. This Award is given to Chapters who exceed the annual requirements to be a Chapter. It is my personal goal that we achieve the Award of Distinction every year.

I would like to encourage all of you to continue your support of the Chapter by attending our monthly events, annual picnic, Holiday celebration and football viewing parties. In addition to our events and activities, there are other ways you can get involved. If you are a dues paying member of the Chapter, you are welcome to attend our monthly Board Meetings (dates are posted on the Chapter Website: www.nashvillepennstaters.com). Additionally, I encourage you to join a committee. You do not have to be an Officer or Member of the Board to participate on a Committee. To the left is a list of our current Committees and respective Chairs. I encourage each of you to consider participating in the organization of an event, or suggesting a new event and helping organize it. If you are interested in getting involved in a Committee, please contact the Chair or me (contact information is listed on the Chapter Website).

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our Chapter Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs for their service and dedication to the Chapter and to all of you. Keeping an organization running is no small task and each of these fine people has put forth a significant effort to continue to make the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Alumni Association

a great success. Thank you to each of you!

It is hard to believe but the football season will be here before we know it. Once again, every Saturday that PSU has a scheduled game, the Chapter will meet at the Cross Corner Grill in Brentwood. The gang at the Cross Corner is excited to have us back – we are their favorite group to host



for football viewing!!!!

I know many of you would like to see our group have the larger room for our gatherings, as would myself and Gabe, Manager of the Cross Corner. Having said that, we must keep in mind that the Cross Corner is a business, so they need to make money. The

Florida group averages over \$4,000.00 per week while our group averages about \$900.00. So, in order to get the big room we need to earn it. Gabe has said that if we can average \$2,500.00 per week he will give us the larger room, but we must be consistent in our attendance. This means we need close to 100 people to attend each week. Gabe has, however, agreed to give our group the larger room for any week when the Florida and Penn State games do not overlap, even if we do not meet the attendance requirements.

We will have our Lion proudly posted outside the door each week and we will continue to have our weekly raffle of PSU items. As an added bonus, each week the Cross Corner will offer a gift certificate for food as one of the raffle prizes. To make it even better, for each week we increase our attendance, they will increase the value of the gift certificate!

The final bit of good news is that as of October 1, the Cross Corner will be NON-SMOKING. I hope you will all join us each week. Please invite your families, friends and any friends of Penn State who happen to cross your path.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming PSU Middle TN event!!!

- Suzanne Lord

Chapter Mission Statement

To encourage closer fellowship among the alumni and former students of the University in the Middle Tennessee Area.

Member (noun):
One that belongs to a group or an organization

For those of us who have graduated from dear Old State, we are, by default, members of the extended Penn State family. But have you taken the next step and reached out to join your local "family members" here in Middle Tennessee?

Over the last year and a half, membership in our Chapter has grown to nearly 100 alumni and Penn State supporters. As a member of our Chapter, you can directly affect our growth and direction by electing Board officers and serving on our committees. You can have an impact on helping us achieve our goals and spread Nittany Lion pride throughout Middle Tennessee.

One of the ways your membership helps others in our community is through the Scholarship fund for local Penn State students. Did you know that a portion of your dues go toward growing our Scholarship fund?

Additionally, members will now receive members-only discounts on chapter events. Check out our website to learn about our numerous chapter events, or "family reunions", if you prefer! Why not help us develop and plan these events *and* receive a discount?

Our first chapter reorganization meeting was held on January 24, 2006. Last fall, our young Chapter was awarded the prestigious Chapter of Distinction award by the University, due to the hard work and dedication of our members. Why not become a part of this group which, in less than one year, was reorganized *and* recognized above more established chapters? Join us in our goal to attain this elite status for a second year!

For those of you who are current members, we thank you for your continued support! You will be contacted in the near future regarding membership renewal and opportunities for Chapter involvement.

Please keep in mind that membership in our Chapter is not limited to alumni only. Whether you are related to an alum, or just a proud Penn State supporter, you are welcome to join our family! Also, you do not need to be a member of the main Penn State Alumni Association in order to be a member of our chapter.

For more information on joining our chapter, please log on to www.nashvillepennstaters.com and click on "Join".

Freshmen Send-Off & Alumni Picnic - Aug. 11, 2007

**Mark Your
Calendars!**



The Middle TN Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association will be holding our annual Freshmen Send-Off & Alumni Picnic on August 11th, 2007. Please join your fellow Penn Staters for an afternoon of fun and friendship. At the picnic, we will congratulate the next generation of Nittany Lions as we send local students on to Happy Valley. One of these local Penn State students will be rewarded with our chapter's annual scholarship.

Last year, as our chapters' first major event since its re-organization, the picnic drew more than 30 attendees. The picnic provided a perfect forum to meet new friends and share memories. This gathering marks the beginning of our high season and is a great opportunity to get to know the folks with whom you'll be sharing many football Saturdays.

Freshmen Send-Off & Alumni Picnic
 August 11, 2007
 11:00 AM (food at noon)
 The home of Paul & Lynne Anderson
 651 Post Oak Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027

Members: \$7 per person, \$20 for a family of 5
 Non-members: \$10 per person, \$30 for a family of 5
 You may pay via Paypal on the Chapter Website:
www.nashvillepennstaters.com

Or you may mail your payment to:
 MTN PSU
 3116 Brimstead Dr.
 Franklin, TN 37064

R.S.V.P to CharlesSnyder@PSUalum.com by **August 1st**

The Freshmen Send-Off & Alumni picnic is a family friendly event; there will be a pool and games for entertainment. Sandwiches, sides, soda and stickies will be provided, but please B.Y.O.B, lawn chairs, and memories!

Middle TN Penn State Alumni Chapter 2006 Year In Review

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

FOOTBALL:

Each week 20-50 Penn Staters watched JoPa and his Lions take on their opponents at Cross Corner Bar and Grill. We will again call Cross Corners home each Saturday this fall as Penn State takes on it's opponents!



OTHER ACTIVITIES:

In addition to gathering for Penn State Sporting Events, we cheered on our local sports teams as well. We cheered the Nashville Predators, Nashville Kats and the Nashville Sounds on to victory. We also enjoyed a private docent tour the Schermerhorn Center, home of the Nashville Symphony.



SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

This year Penn Staters participated in Dining Out For Life, which raised money for Nashville CARES! We also had volunteers help LEAD Academy Public Charter at Water Station 13 of the Country Music Marathon.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- July: Wine Tasting on July 14, 2007 @ 1:00 at Sumner Crest
- August: Send-off-Picnic on August 11, 2007 @ 11:00 at the Anderson's Home
 - The cost is \$7.00 for members or \$21.00 for member families (with a max of 5) and \$10.00/\$30.00 for non-members.
 - The Chapter will provide sandwiches (giant subs), snacks, sides, grilled stickies, sodas and such. This is a BYOB event.
- September-October: Softball League - check website for more info
- September-December: Penn State Viewing Parties @ Cross Corner Bar & Grill in Brentwood. We meet approximately 45 minutes before kickoff.
- October: Cancer Walk
- December: Holiday Party



PENN STATE LINKS!



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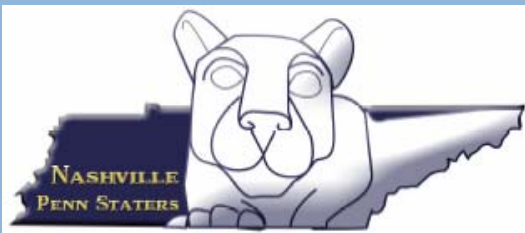
Nittany Lion Club
(www.nittanylionclub.com)

Nittany Lion Inn & The Penn Stater
(www.pshs.psu.edu)

McLanahan's Penn State Room
(www.pennstateroom.com)

The Daily Collegian
(www.collegian.psu.edu)

Centre Daily Times
(www.centredaily.com)



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2007 Football Schedule

Sept. 1	Florida International	TBA
Sept. 8	Notre Dame	TBA
Sept. 15	Buffalo	TBA
Sept. 22	@ Michigan	TBA
Sept. 29	@ Illinois	TBA
Oct. 6	Iowa	TBA
Oct. 13	Wisconsin (HOMECOMING)	TBA
Oct. 20	@ Indiana	TBA
Oct. 27	Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 3	Purdue	TBA
Nov. 10	@ Temple	TBA
Nov. 17	@ Michigan State	TBA

Meet Me at the Corner!

Join us for the games at the Cross Corner Bar & Grill in Brentwood, our official Penn State Football Viewing Party location.

Check out the chapter website for directions and more info!



Cross Corner Bar & Grill
330 Franklin Road
Brentwood, TN 37027
(615) 370-0870

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