

Penn State Alumni Association

GREATER JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER NEWS

Message from the President:

To begin, a big THANK YOU to President Bill Dusack, other officers, committee members, and Board members for their dedication and service to the chapter during the past two years. Thanks too to the spouses and families who support these folks. Our group has benefited from their leadership and we will continue to work hard to grow the chapter over the coming months.

In this regard, I am pleased to share that our Chapter has been named a Chapter of Distinction. We are always looking for new ways to celebrate and share a piece of Happy Valley here in the Sunshine State. Read inside for information on Dining with the Lions, Social Activities, and our Spring Banquet. We hope you will join us for many of these events. The Spring Banquet will be a great evening with awesome food in a wonderful setting and of course, some of the best people in NE Florida.

While we are always happy to look forward to getting together and making new friends, sometimes we have great folks who need to leave. I am sad to report that Jodie and Gary Davis will be moving to Detroit in July. Jodie, Gary, and Megan, have been invaluable in their support of the Chapter and we will dearly miss them. Please be sure to send them your good wishes. Best of Luck to the entire Davis family and come back soon. This opens up our Vice President slot on the Board. We are open to any and all volunteers with some interest in helping the Chapter. Please call Josiah, 646-3357, if you have any questions or need additional information. Filling vacancies is critical to our Chapter's well being.

Remember to get on our email list and to check our website, www.psujax.com, on a regular basis for information about Chapter activities because **WE ARE PENN STATE!**



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Annual Spring Banquet Fast Approaching! Space is Limited, so Register Today!

Join your fellow alums on Saturday, March 19th at the Glen Kernan Golf & Country Club for our annual Spring Banquet and General Membership Meeting! The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with cocktails in the bar followed by dinner at 7:00 pm in the main dining room.

This year's dinner buffet menu includes Hand Carved Prime Rib, Chef's Specialty Chicken, Carolina Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Iced Tea. Dessert includes both Butterscotch Pie & Bourbon Pecan Torte and Coffee Service.

We will once again have several raffles for great prizes! The first raffle will be tied to our local chapter's membership drive. If your 2005 - 2006 membership dues are paid current (look on your mailing label to see the date your dues expire or contact our Treasurer, Bob Streightiff at 221-4111 for more information) by the Spring Banquet on March 19th, you will be entered in a drawing for a Special Prize. You do not need to be present to win! The second raffle will be open to everyone that attends the Spring Banquet. You will need to be present to win. Best of all, you can double your chances of winning by making sure your dues are current and attending the Spring Banquet.

We will also be distributing a survey at the banquet so that you, our members, can tell us what type of volunteer projects and activities you would like the chapter to sponsor in the coming year. Your input is very important to the Board, so take a few minutes to think about the sort of activities you would like to participate in.



WHO: All Greater Jacksonville Chapter Members and Friends of Penn State

WHEN: Saturday, March 19, 2005
6:00 pm - Cocktail Hour
(Alcoholic drink tickets must be purchased, see sidebar)
7:00 pm - Dinner
8:30 pm - General Membership Meeting & Speaker

WHERE: Glen Kernan Golf & Country Club
4590 Glen Kernan Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida
904.646.1116

DRESS: No denim allowed in clubhouse; Men must wear a collared shirt; Business casual blue and white apparel is always acceptable!

COST: **\$30.00 per person**, includes dinner, tax and gratuity.
(Alcoholic drink tickets must be purchased, see sidebar)

RSVP: Reservations required by **MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005.**

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Alcoholic Beverages

Tickets for alcoholic beverages can be purchased in advance (see Spring Banquet Reservation Form attached to this newsletter) or at the door with cash.

Drink ticket prices for alcoholic beverages are as follows:

Beer - \$3.50*

(Domestic Bottles & Draft)

Wine - \$6.00*

(Bel Arbor)

Liquor - \$5.75*

(Well)

*Tax & gratuity included in above drink prices.



1. Pay Your Dues! Pay your 2005 - 2006 annual dues before or at the Spring Banquet and receive a chance to win a special prize. You do not need to be present to win.

2. Attend the Spring Banquet! Attend the Spring Banquet and receive another raffle ticket. Must be present to win.

DOUBLE YOUR CHANCES! Pay your dues and attend the Spring Banquet and double your chances to win!

Contemplating Becoming a Life Member?

The Penn State Alumni Association is introducing a new life member recruiting program for Penn State Affiliate Groups. Under the new program, if a member of the Greater Jacksonville Chapter signs on as a life member, our group will be awarded \$50.

If you would like to become a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, contact Josiah Pritchard, President, at 646-3357 for an application or write our chapter's unique three-digit code (CAT) on the application mailed from the University.

We look forward to growing our base of committed members and receiving additional chapter funding! It's a win/win situation! 

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Greater Jacksonville Chapter Calendar of Events



- MARCH 18** **Monthly Luncheon**
Location TBD, Noon
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- MARCH 19** **Spring Banquet**
Glen Kernan Golf & Country Club
Please RSVP by **March 14** to
Jodie Davis at 762-9173!
- APRIL 15** **Monthly Luncheon at**
Location TBD, Noon
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- APRIL 16** **Dining with the Lions**
Athens Cafe, 7:00 pm
RSVP to Jodie Davis at 762-9173
- MAY 20** **Monthly Luncheon at**
Location TBD, Noon
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- MAY 21** **Dining with the Lions**
Longhorn Steakhouse, 7:00 pm
RSVP to Jodie Davis at 762-9173
- JUNE 17** **Monthly Luncheon at**
Location TBD, Noon
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- JUNE 18** **Dining with the Lions**
Lemongrass Restaurant, 7:00 pm
RSVP to Jodie Davis at 762-9173



Monthly Luncheon

THIRD Friday of each month at noon. Contact Rich Holtz at 281-4484 (w) or 730-9906 (h) for location and reservations or email him at richardsholtz@yahoo.com to be added to the monthly email reminder list. 🐾



We Need YOU!

As I sit here writing this article it has been almost 5 years to the day since my husband and I moved to Jacksonville from Tallahassee. We received a newsletter in the mail from the local Jacksonville Chapter announcing their annual banquet. Coming from Tallahassee, as you can imagine, we didn't have a very active local Penn State chapter. We didn't even get together to watch the football games. Michael and I used to go to the local BW3s (because it was owned by a couple from Ohio State and they were sympathetic to other big ten fans) and we could get our Nittany Lions on one small TV, with no volume. But to us this was better than NO TV coverage. Michael and I signed up for the dinner, figured out where NAS Jacksonville's Officers Club was, and went. Ok, it helped that Kyle Brady was speaking but that's not important here. At the dinner, Michael and I met many wonderful people and almost all of the current officers. My husband, as loving husbands do, "volunteered" me for a position on the board. I had the standard excuses that we all use; I just moved here; I don't know anyone; I don't have the time; My job is too stressful, etc. but in the end agreed, hesitantly, to take on the position of secretary. I want to let each and every one of you know that I am so glad Michael volunteered me that day! My husband and I have participated in almost every event put on by the chapter in the last five years and along the way, we have built many life-long friendships the scope of which make the few hours of attending board meetings or mailing newsletters pale in comparison. So, I would like to challenge each and every one of you to step up and support your local chapter! We currently need people to serve on our Social Committee to make arrangements for our "Dining with the Lions" dinner series. We need someone to update our chapter website. We need volunteers to participate on our Volunteer Committee. We need a Communications Chair to ensure our chapter events get published. We need people to help recruit new Penn Staters at the local Career Fairs. Our chapter needs to replace hard-working board members like our current Social Chair, Jodie Davis, or it will not survive. Volunteer today to serve on your local Jacksonville Chapter Penn State Alumni Association Board; You won't regret it!

For the Glory,

Danielle Howard, Secretary 🐾

Dining with the Lions is Picking up Again!

After canceling our bowling with the Lions in January, a small but fun group descended on JJ's Bistro de Paris on Saturday, February 19th. We enjoyed a VERY leisurely but excellent dinner at this small bistro on Gate Parkway. Those that were there would probably encourage everyone to try it out! There is also one located in Ponte Vedra.

After the Spring Banquet, we will be meeting again to try out the Athens Café on April 16th, followed by the Longhorn Steakhouse on May 21, and wrapping things up at the Lemongrass Restaurant on June 18th.

An email will be sent out with details closer to each of these dates! If you have any questions, please contact Jodie Davis, Social Chair, at 762-9173 or at garyandjodie@comcast.net. See you soon!

Are you receiving e-mail updates?

If not, send your current e-mail address to secretary@psujax.com and we will add you to our e-mail distribution list.



This is a great way to stay current on Chapter events and save the Chapter excess postage!



**Spring Banquet Reservation Form
Reservation Deadline - March 14, 2005**

attending spring banquet _____ x **\$30.00 per person*** = \$ _____

*children 6 years old and under eat FREE

_____ **YES**, I would like to purchase drink tickets in advance:

Beer (# of tickets) _____ x \$3.50 (includes tax & gratuity) = \$ _____

Wine (# of tickets) _____ x \$6.00 (includes tax & gratuity) = \$ _____

Well Liquor Drinks (# of tickets) _____ x \$5.75 (includes tax & gratuity) = \$ _____

(Drink tickets will be available for purchase at the door with cash or personal check.)

_____ **YES**, I would like to pay my annual chapter dues to be registered in the special raffle prize drawing:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name (s) _____

Are any children 6 or under attending? If so, how many _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Would you like to be added to our e-mail distribution list? _____ **YES!** _____ No thank you!

Please make the check for the Spring Banquet payable to **Penn State Alumni Club of Greater Jacksonville**
and mail by **March 14, 2005** to:

Bob Streightiff, Treasurer, 1312 Queens Island Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225

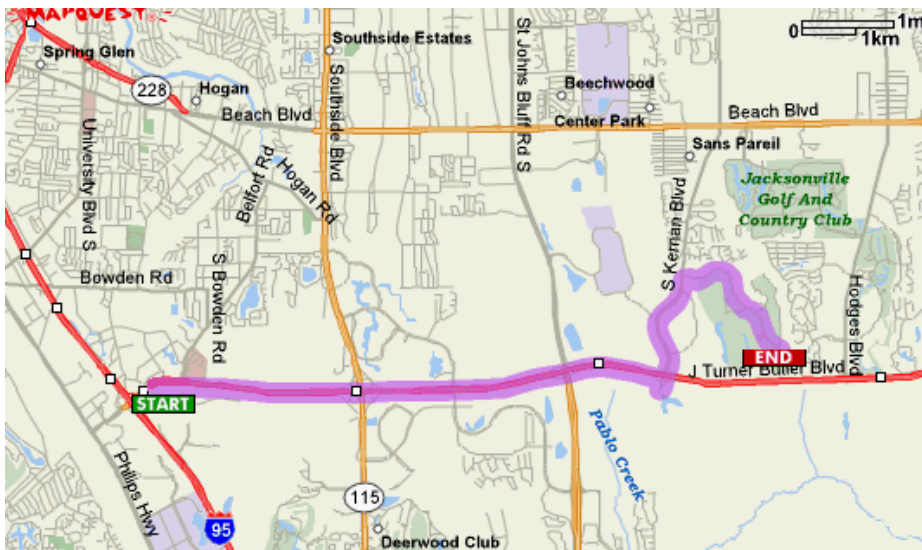
If you have any questions, please contact Jodie Davis, Social Chair, at garyandjodie@comcast.net or 762-9173.

Directions to Glen Kernan Golf and Country Club

4590 Glen Kernan Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida
904.646.1116

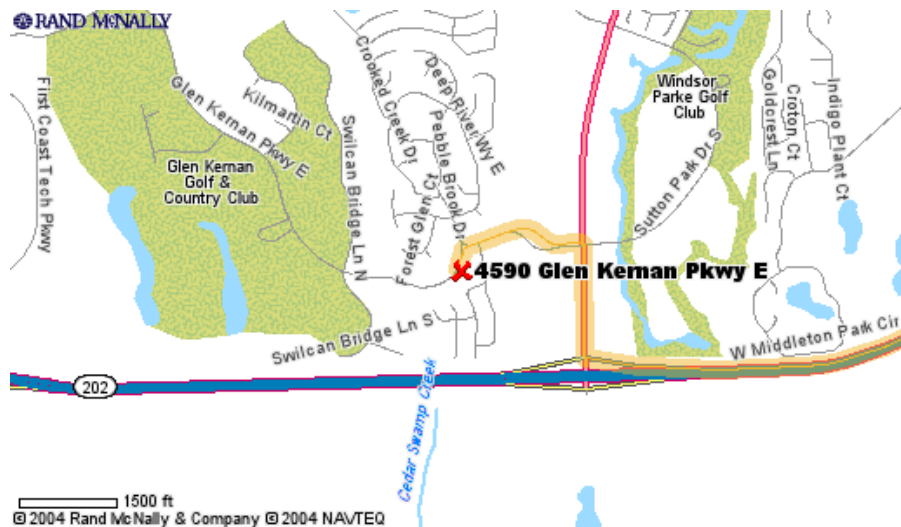
From J. Turner Butler Blvd. traveling East:

- Take J. Turner Butler Blvd to the Kernan Blvd. Exit
- Take Kernan Blvd. North towards Beach Blvd.
- Right after you pass AOL on the right, Kernan narrows to 2 lanes.
- The Glen Kernan Golf and Country Club entrance will be on your right immediatly after the road narrows.
- Turn right onto Glen Kernan Parkway N.
- At the gate let them know you are there for the Penn State Spring Banquet at the Clubhouse.
- Go 1.4 miles and the Country Club will be set back on the right.



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(Membership valid from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006)

Yes! Please sign me up for membership in the Penn State Alumni Association, Greater Jacksonville Florida Chapter. Membership is not restricted to Penn State graduates and Alumni Association members. To join, all you have to do is love Penn State, or love a Penn Stater!

I would be interested in serving on the:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Career Fair Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List) | |

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (\$10 PER YEAR)

Member Name _____

Are you a (choose one):

Alumni Association Status (choose one):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni of Penn State | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Year of Graduation _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Penn State | <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Current Penn State Student | |

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$15 PER YEAR)

Member Name _____

Are you a (choose one):

Alumni Association Status (choose one):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni of Penn State | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Year of Graduation _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Penn State | <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Current Penn State Student | |

Spouse Name _____

Are you a (choose one):

Alumni Association Status (choose one):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni of Penn State | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Year of Graduation _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Penn State | <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Current Penn State Student | |

Please list names of other family members you want included in membership _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Make checks payable to Penn State Alumni Club of Greater Jacksonville and mail to:

Bob Streightiff, Treasurer, 1312 Queens Island Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225

If you have any questions regarding your annual dues please contact Bob Streightiff at 221-4111.

2005-2006 ANNUAL DUES FORM

