



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA NOLL

We want to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding service of former board member Jessica Noll.

Last year, Jessica was presented with a Nittany Lion Statue, recognizing her contributions to the growth and progress of the Central VA Chapter.

A 1995 Penn State graduate with a BS in Communications, TV and Broadcasting, Jessica has been with a couple of CBS Affiliates TV Stations for over ten years and moved to Richmond in 2003 to join WTVR –Channel 6 as an Executive Producer.

Jessica joined Central VA Chapter and Board of Directors as a Vice President in 2004. She then served the Chapter as President for another two years from 2006 to 2008. She is a native of Lewisburg, PA, and a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

Although she has officially left the Board of Directors to devote more time to her increasing work responsibilities, she continues to be involved with the Chapter and supports several activities and events.

THANKS to Jessica, and all of our dedicated volunteers!



*PSUCVA Chapter
President Peter Goergen
ran as JoePa in the
Monument Ave 10k Race*

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?!?

Chapter members are always needed to help plan or volunteer during activities and events.

If interested, email psucentralva@gmail.com

SHAG DANCE LESSON

On February 22, eight couples from our PSU Central VA chapter put on their dancing shoes and met at the Visions Dance Club at the Holiday Inn for an introduction to the dance known as The Shag. Joan and Kevin Byrnes, champion competitive shaggers and members of the local Richmond Shag Club (www.richmondshagclub.org) were the instructors.

With Blue and White spirit and determination, the attendees worked hard to master the basic steps and were quite pleased with the skills they learned during the brief ninety minute session.

Although not quite ready for primetime *Dancing with the Stars*, all agreed it was a fun Sunday afternoon and looked forward to their next adventure on the dance floor.

PENN STATE STUDENT SENDOFF

On August 2, 2009 we are hosting a sendoff picnic for the class of 2013! Join the chapter as we welcome the newest members into our Penn State Family!

The picnic will be held at Board Member John Boito's plantation home on the James River.

There will be food, fun, and prizes for both alumni and future students.

Details and directions will be emailed to all members in July, and will also be posted on the chapter website.



Downtown Richmond



A Letter from the President

As we have been progressing through 2009, we slow down for a moment to reminisce about our chapter's dynamic 2008 journey. During the March spring break, we hosted the Penn State Singing Lions, who gave a lively performance at Lakewood Manor, celebrating PSU alum ('29) Margaret Carlton's 100th birthday. We hammered home our care for the less fortunate at our April Habitat for Humanity project.

At our annual dinner and auction in May, we were regaled by Assistant Coach, Kermit Buggs. Our student send off picnic last summer was hosted by John and Alice Boito at their spectacular home on the James River, and attracted record numbers of alumni! This past fall, we banded together at Bailey's Smokehouse & Tavern to cheer our Nittany Lions to another Big Ten Championship, while conducting 50/50's to raise money for THON!!

See our year in review and our progress thus far in 2009 by visiting our website (www.psucentralva.org). Check out event photos and our calendar of upcoming events. Our chapter has lots of fun, serves our broader community, and supports local students who have chosen Penn State as their college. I give a special thanks to our board members and officers who have worked so hard to ensure the success of this chapter. If you have been active, I thank you as well! Please keep participating! If you have not been joining us, we would love to see you during 2009!

For the Glory,

Pete Goergen
2009 PSUCVA Chapter President



JOIN US for one of our UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

June 4-7: Class Reunions ('59 & '54)
June 10: Monthly Board Meeting
July 8: Monthly Board Meeting
Aug 2: Student Sendoff
Aug-Dec: Football Viewing Parties
Dec 4: Chapter Holiday Party

Monthly Chapter Happy Hour Dates and Locations TBA

For all event details, locations and updates, visit the chapter calendar at
www.psucentralva.org



Chapter members gathered together for a holiday event

2009 Chapter Board Members

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in the area!!*

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*PSU Singing Lions
performing at a recent
show in Richmond*



Singing Lions bring fountain of youth to two Richmond Retirement Communities

The Central Virginia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association hosted the talented Penn State Singing Lions at two Richmond area retirement communities Saturday evening, March 14, 2009. In addition to housing the 23 Singing Lions students performing that evening, the Central Virginia Alumni Chapter secretary Jeff Cole again recognized a 1929 alumna in front of her fellow residents at Lakewood Manor and Penn State Alumni. She said was very pleased to be recognized again and was glad to see the renowned Singing Lions again. The second performance was at The Hermitage at Cedarfield, where Chapter board member Bob Heilman resides.

The Singing Lions performed several memorable medleys, including a Beatles Medley and the Penn State Medley. Various solos, as well as the recently added Barbershop quartet, were also added to the mix. The group attended a reception hosted by the Central VA Chapter of the Alumni Association at the Cedarfield clubhouse between performances.

The Singing Lions are an amazing group of highly motivated and very talented Penn State students ranging from freshman to seniors. You may have seen them perform at events like the Quarterback Club, winter and spring campus concerts, the annual Penn State football banquet, Hintz Family Alumni Association Center, or in front of the Student Book Store every home football game. They have performed at weddings, memorial services and for some special Penn State VIPs.

Here are some facts about the Singing Lions you may not know:

- The history of this musical group dates back 27 years and were previously called the Penn State Pop Choir, part of the school of music. The music directors of these groups were involved with the Fred Waring Pennsylvanians.
- The group is currently managed by the students themselves!
- There are 20 performers, 10 ladies and 10 men.
- They have a very talented piano and guitar player and drummer to accompany them.
- The group is supported by a student who is the sound and set technician
- They are performing for alumni events on the Florida 2009 Spring Break Tour
- The cost of their tour this year is estimated at \$15,000, the bus alone cost them \$10,000!

The group is made up of students who along with being a Singing Lion are also:

Thesians	Lion Scout	Glee Club	Theatre majors
Blue Band members	THON participant/finalist		

For upcoming performances or more information, visit the Singing Lions website at www.singinglions.org

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Central VA Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association
Membership Application: 2009 Calendar Year

(Membership expires December 31, 2009)

Name: _____ Grad Year: _____ Date of Birth (optional): _____

(if applying for family membership, please complete spouse information)

Spouse Name: _____ Grad Year: _____ Date of Birth (optional): _____

University: _____

Home Address: _____ Business Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ Renewing Member

☐ New Membership

☐ \$25.00 (Family Membership)

☐ \$20.00 (Single Membership)

☐ \$10.00 (Recent Graduate--Within past 2 years) \$ _____

I would like to contribute to the scholarship book award! Here's (\$5, \$10, \$15, or MORE!!) \$ _____

☐ I am interested in being part of the chapter's Board of Directors Total Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to: "Central VA Chapter of Penn State Alumni Assoc."
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. Return membership application and check to:

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