



# Minnesota Chapter Penn State Alumni Association Update

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2007 was a very exciting year for our chapter; we had many wonderful events in which many of our local alumni participated. We started the year with our annual dinner at the end of February where Roger Williams, Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association, spoke. We also raised over \$1000 for the Daniel S. Johnson scholarship fund with our silent auction that evening.

In April, 30 of our alumni and their children participated in Feed My Starving Children at their center in Chanhassen.

The summer was a very busy time for the chapter with many fun events in-

cluding a happy hour, a Saints game, the annual Big Ten Softball Tournament, and our freshman send-off picnic where over 50 alums, students and their families celebrated the end of summer and the start of school for our students.

Fall also brought back football season, and we had many alumni attend our viewing parties at Majors in Golden Valley.

Several alums also made the trip to Ann Arbor to see the Michigan game. Although the game did not end the way we hoped, we still had a great time.

You can read more about all these events within the

newsletter.

One other piece of news I am very pleased and proud to announce is that our chapter has been given the honor as a chapter of Distinction for 2007.

I want to thank the membership that continues to support and participate in our events, and encourage those of you who are not currently active to come out and get involved.

I know that I and the entire Board are looking forward to another great year.

For the Glory

Marilyn Binkley  
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### 2008 PSU

#### Football Schedule:

**August 30 vs. Coastal Carolina**  
**September 6 vs. Arkansas State**  
**September 13 at Syracuse**  
**September 20 vs. Temple**  
**September 27 vs. Illinois (All-University/Varsity "S" Day)**  
**October 4 at Purdue**  
**October 11 at Wisconsin**  
**October 18 vs. Michigan (Homecoming)**  
**October 25 at Ohio State**  
**November 8 at Iowa**  
**November 15 vs. Indiana**  
**November 22 vs. Michigan State**

## 2007 TV Tailgate Summary



2007 brought a change of venue for our Penn State football gatherings. Majors Sports Café in Golden Valley (6440 Wayzata Boulevard) hosted our group for all 12 regular season games and the Alamo Bowl. Majors was able to provide our group with a more isolated area than we had in recent years, and did an excel-

lent job of catering to our needs. The Golden Valley Majors is also the home for the local Michigan alumni group, and regularly had groups from many of the other Big Ten schools, as well. Although the football team did not live up to preseason expectations, the support

shown by our local alumni was very impressive. The attendance at our TV tailgates was way, way up this year. In recent years, it has been rare for our group to get 30 people to watch the game. This year, however, there were only a couple of weeks with fewer than 30 people in attendance. Some weeks

topped 50 and 60. Majors' staff even commented about how enjoyable it was to have our group at their restaurant.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our TV tailgates, please contact Aaron Hofstedt via e-mail at [achof@hotmail.com](mailto:achof@hotmail.com).

## Social Highlights

This year the Penn State Minnesota Alumni Chapter was able to plan a Happy Hour gathering at Rossi State House in downtown Minneapolis. On June 28th 2008, 12 alumni gathered – both the young and the young at heart. It was a lovely time and the jazz atmosphere at Rossi was perfect for reminiscent conversation about Dear Old State and the high hopes for the upcoming football season. The gathering also gave some Penn Staters that were interning in Minnesota a chance to meet some of the local alumni and see that Penn State Pride is all over no matter where you are! Another similar gathering was planned for August but due to the unfortunate accident on I-35W, it had to be postponed. In September, football season was upon us and such a gathering seemed a little redundant

due to the Saturday game gathering at majors in golden Valley. Now that the 2007 football season has ended on a high note with a win at the Alamo bowl, more gatherings will ensue. We are looking to do more Happy Hours, at various locations that are convenient, as well as a possible spring potluck. Be on the look out for the dates following the annual dinner. If you have any ideas or concerns about our social events please feel 100% free to email me.

For the Glory  
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Class of 2006



## Feed My Starving Children Recap



On April 28th, 2007, 23 members of the Penn State Minnesota Alumni Chapter participated in our service event of the year at the Feed My Starving Children facility in Chanhassen. Feed My Starving Children is a Christian-based organization that packs nutritious, shelf-stable meals in the US, then ships them all over the world in an attempt to help fight hunger. Our members packed 7,776 meals in two hours that morning.

Due to the positive feedback from this first outing, the Board made a monetary donation in the amount of \$100 to Feed My Starving Children which will help them make over six hundred more meals.

We have already booked our Spring '08 service event for April 26th 2008. We will be returning once again to the FMSC at the Chanhassen facility.

For those of you who participated the first time, we hope to see you back. For those of you who haven't, we'd love to have you!

Visit our the Feed My Starving Children page on our chapter website at [www.psumn.com/fmcs.asp](http://www.psumn.com/fmcs.asp) for more information about the event.

If you and your family are interested in participating, please contact me.

Sarah Woodling  
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## Big Ten Softball

Once again our Alumni competed in the Annual Big Ten Softball Tournament in late August. Our team tied one game and lost two, and needless to say we did not take home the title. However we did have a really great time competing and socializing with fellow



alums. The team enjoyed a great lunch at the 5-8 club after the game, and I know we are all looking forward to playing again this year.

We are always looking for more players to join us, experience is not necessary, just a positive attitude. If you are interested in playing with us please contact us.

## Daniel S. Johnson Scholarship



We are thrilled to announce that the 2007 MN Chapter Daniel Johnson Scholarship Award recipient is William Oblak. He is a freshman majoring in engineering at University Park. He is a 2007 graduate of Lakeville North High School.

He was one of 8 applicants that were all very

excellent candidates. William is planning to fulfill his 4 year ROTC commitment to his country upon graduation from Penn State. He has an interest in exploring a career that is rewarding and challenging that may or may not be in the military.

William was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Students be on the lookout for our next scholarship application that will be sent out in May.

Penn State Alumni Association Minnesota Chapter Directory

We are going to be putting together the 2008 directory of alumni in the area, but we need your help please fill out the form below and return to Marilyn Binkley at 13537 89<sup>th</sup> Cir N Maple Grove, MN 55369 or you may also email the information to Marilyn at [president@psumn.com](mailto:president@psumn.com)

Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grad year/ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Business: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*if you wish people to contact you for services

Please check here if you are already in the directory and all your information is current



## Upcoming Events:

2/24/08 – PSU Annual Night Out & Ice Cream Social

4/26/08 – Feed My Starving Children Service Project

August – Freshman Send-off

August – Big Ten Softball Tournament

Fall – PSU Football!



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# Penn State Alumni Association-Minnesota Chapter Membership Form 2008

If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership,  
please fill out the entire form and send it, along with your payment, to our  
Membership Chair: **Megan Feeser, 15607 Junegrass Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55347**  
Checks should be made payable to Minnesota Chapter – PSAA  
Membership runs January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008

## **Chapter Membership Dues**

One year membership-\$25 per household \$\_\_\_\_\_

## **Donations**

Additional Scholarship Donation-any amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

## **Total to Chapter**

\$\_\_\_\_\_

## **Member Information (If an existing member, please complete those items that may have changed.)**

First Name:

Spouse First Name:

Last Name:

Spouse Last Name:

Major:

Major:

Graduation Year:

Graduation Year:

Email:

Email:

Home Address:

Spouse Occupation:

Home Phone:

Spouse Employer:

Member Occupation:

Member Employer:

## **Areas of Interest-Please check all that apply**

### **Sports-Related Activities**

- Golf Outing
- PSU Away Football Game Trip
- Twins Baseball Game
- PSU Football TV Party
- Wild or Gopher Hockey Game
- PSU Away Men's Basketball Game
- Ski Trip
- Canoe Trip

### **Culturally-Enriching Activities**

- Theatre
- Night at the Races
- Casino Night
- Wine Tasting Party
- Minnesota Zoo

### **Community Service Activities**

- Relay for Life
- Blood Drive
- Adopt-A-Highway

**Come join us in celebrating our Chapter being  
named a Chapter of Distinction for 2007**

at the  
Penn State Alumni Association of Minnesota  
Annual Night Out & Silent Auction  
with Hor D'oeuvres, and  
PSU Creamery Ice Cream Social

February 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm - 8pm

Majors Sports Cafe  
6440 Wayzata Boulevard  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost is \$30\* per PSAA member and \$35 per non-member.

\* The price includes a \$10 tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund; it, along with all the money raised at the silent auction, will go toward the Daniel S. Johnson Scholarship fund which helps support students from Minnesota and western Wisconsin attending Penn State.

RSVP by: February 10, 2008

Please send this form and a check made out to "PSAA MN" for the total amount to:

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