

Pitt Johnstown Staff Association Council Newsletter

December 2018

Happy Holidays!

May the Holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter.

2018 has been a busy year for SAC, filled with social events, fundraising, community involvement, and giving back initiatives. The best part- was all the memories, fun, and friendships we made along the way.

SAC looks forward to a **new year...new** hopes and **new** beginnings in 2019.

Happy New Year!



February 2018

We started the year off with our annual B.Y.O.B event at the Log Cabin. The evening was filled with dancing, food, and fun! Music was provided by DJ Dancing Dan. **SAVE THE DATE!** This year's B.Y.O.B. is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 from 6-10 pm. Hope to see you there.



WHO IS SAC?

Established in 1993, The Pitt Johnstown Staff Association Council provides representation to all non-union, non-faculty employees at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

The Staff Association Council:

- Works to address areas of interest and concern to Pitt Johnstown staff
- Improves lines of communication among campus departments
- Identifies areas for staff training and development
- Administers the Rose Reesey Memorial Book Award
- Creates a peer support network for new employees
- Participates in community service projects as representatives of Pitt Johnstown staff
- Organizes social and recreational events
- Maintains a close relationship with the University of Pittsburgh Staff Association Council

We Are Here to Help You!

If you have an issue, concern or good news that you would like to have Staff Association address or pass on, please feel free to contact any council member.

2018-2020 Executive Board:

President: Kimberly Lang
Vice President :Susan Devan
Secretary: Dawn Beam
Treasurer: Pam Penatzer
Immediate Past President:
Jackie Ivock

Council Members:

Maggie Borodach
Francine Cooper
Linda Coyle
Courtney Hamula
Gina Thompson
Laurie Voelker

SAC IS ON FACEBOOK



Find us on Facebook.
SAC regularly posts
information regarding
events and activities.

MARCH 2018

DAFFODIL DAYS

SAC once again sold daffodils and raised \$545 for the American Cancer Society. Daffodil Days is an opportunity for everyone to join the American Cancer Society in saving lives, celebrating lives and leading the fight for a world without cancer. Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers this year.



APRIL 2018

DINING FOR DOLLARS

SAC organized it's first *Dining to Donate* fundraiser at Applebee's on Wednesday, April 25. Faculty and Staff enjoyed lunch and/or dinner and SAC earned 15% of the food sales totaling \$78.72. The monies received from this event will help to offset future event expenses.



MAY 2018

STUVER'S GREENHOUSE FUNDRAISER

The Stuver's Nursery coupon fundraiser was a huge success. SAC received \$5 for every hanging basket sold and \$3 for every flat of flowers sold for a profit of \$412.

The coupons were sold just in time for spring and made a perfect gift for Mother's Day.

Thank you to everyone who purchased the coupons and supported SAC.

The Pitt Johnstown Staff Association Council (SAC) is selling vouchers for hanging baskets and flats of flowers.

PLANTING SEASON HAS ARRIVED AT **STUVER'S RIVERSIDE NURSERY**
300 Yards Off Eisenhower Boulevard - Johnstown

HANGING BASKETS \$15.50

FLATS \$12.25

These are the normal price if bought directly from Stuver's Nursery, however, SAC will receive a portion of the sale when you redeem your voucher. So, if you are planning on purchasing hanging baskets and flowers this spring or for Mother's Day, please consider purchasing a voucher from SAC. **Thank you for your support!**

Vouchers can be purchased directly from any SAC Member. Checks payable to: University of Pittsburgh Johnstown.

SAC Members:
Dawn Beam - Biddle Hall
Maggie Borodach - Owen Library
Francine Cooper - Blackington Hall
Linda Coyle - Biddle Hall
Susan Devan - Owen Library
Jackie Ivock - Physical Plant
Kim Lang - Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center
Pam Penatzer - Blackington Hall
Gina Thompson - Engineering & Science Building
Laurie Voelker - Owen Library

Please note vouchers expire June 1, 2018.

JULY 2018

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Family Movie Night was a great success. Over 150 adults and kids enjoyed watching *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* from the campus lawn on a cool, crisp summer night. The movie was projected off of the back of Blackington Hall. Lawn games were enjoyed prior to the movie.

Special thanks Pitt Johnstown's IT Department and to our sponsors Galliker's Dairy and the Pitt Johnstown Book Store. Movie licensing was provided by Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. What a great community event!



WHERE SAC MEETS

The Staff Association Council meets the **second Wednesday** of each month.

The meetings are held in the Student Union conference room next to Brioche Dorée.

All staff are welcomed to attend the monthly meetings.

DID YOU KNOW?

You do not have to use your personal lunch time to attend monthly meetings. Meetings are approved work hours and supervisors are asked to accommodate time for staff to attend meetings.

2019 UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings begin at 12:30 p.m.

- January 9
- February 13
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

GET INVOLVED

Can't make our monthly meetings? No problem.

DONATE YOUR TALENTS

We are in need of some additional hands and creative people for some great projects we would like to accomplish this semester. If you are interested in donating your time and talents please contact a council member. We would love to have you!

HAVE AN IDEA?

We would love to hear from you. SAC welcomes your ideas, suggestions, and feedback. Send us an email at upjsac@pitt.edu.



SEPTEMBER 2018

WINES AND WREATHS

What can be more fun than craft making and wine tasting? Attendees made beautiful custom made wreaths at SAC's first craft event held on Thursday, September 20. Look for more craft events in 2019.



OCTOBER 2018

H2P TSHIRT SALE

On November 14, SAC presented the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center a check for \$475 from the proceeds of the H2Pink shirt sales. 95 shirts were purchased by faculty, staff, students, and alumni.



2019 Upcoming Events

Here are just a few of the events that SAC has started planning for 2019. Hope you can join us this year! *Details to follow.*

February

Annual B.Y.O.B

March

Faculty/Staff Trivia Night
Swarovski Jewelry Making

April

Applebee's Dining to Dollars

May

Washington Zoo Bus Trip

December

Christmas in NY City Bus Trip

Snacks with Santa

We are in need of some additional hands and creative people. If you are interested in donating your time and talents with any of these events, please contact a council member. We would love to have you!

WINE TOUR BUS TRIP

SAC spent a fall day exploring three southwestern PA wineries. The day included lots of wine tasting, food trucks, and music! What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon with good friends!



NOVEMBER 2018

VETERAN TSHIRT SALE

On December 12, SAC presented Dr. Jerry Samples a check for \$379.50 for Semper Fi Outdoor Odyssey. Semper Fi Odyssey, located in Boswell, is an unique transition program for wounded service members. The program is designed to get participants ready for life after military service while preparing them for success. Dr. Samples, a veteran himself, serves as an education mentor for the program.

The funds donated were raised selling red t-shirts in support of Red Shirt Fridays.



DECEMBER 2018

SHARE A PAIR SOCK TREE

You may have noticed the Blackington Hall lobby Christmas tree decorated this year with socks, as part of the Share A Pair Sock Drive. All items collected will be donated to the Salvation Army and distributed to local families.



SNACKS WITH SANTA

SAC sponsors an annual *Snacks with Santa* event in December at the Living Learning Center. Pictures with Santa, festive games, and crafts were enjoyed by children from as young as 8 months of age to 12 years of age. The event is open to all children, grandchildren, family and friends of Pitt-Johnstown faculty and staff.



17th Annual Family Holiday Project

SAC collected funds for the 17th Annual Family Holiday Project and thanks to the generosity from faculty and staff we are able to spread the spirit of the holiday season from the funds collected with two students and one staff member who have been affected by hardship this year.



What a fun and rewarding year!

Look like something you want to be a part of?
Now is your chance!



JOIN US AT OUR FIRST MONTHLY MEETING IN 2019

Wednesday, January 9 at 12:30 pm.
Brioche Dorée Conference Room - Student Union
Lunch is provided.