

# ON BEHALF OF THE PENN STATE GLEE CLUB

**Dear Alumni,**

I was just speaking with a Glee Club alum who said that there was a moment of absolute magic for him at the last Glee Club Anniversary concert. He was onstage surrounded by 19-year olds in the combined singing of the Penn State songs. He closed his eyes and listened to the music and it was as if he had been taken back in time. He was back at the Penn State of his youth.

On behalf of Chris Kiver and the current members of the Penn State Glee Club, I want to personally invite you to return to campus and have that same moment of magic for yourself on the week-end of April 12-14. Please come join us for the Glee Club's 130th Anniversary celebration.

Chris and I will be conducting the Alumni Glee Club in all our old favorites. Remember singing George Mead's Down in the Valley? And Harvest Due from the Pennsylvania Bicentennial Wagon Train Show of 1976? The Alums will join with the current Glee Club to sing Persichetti's Song of Peace and Bruce's own spirited arrangement of Ride On, King Jesus.

Great lion-hearted Glee Clubber Ray Fortunato (Class of '47!) passed away in 2018 after a lifetime of service to Penn State and the Glee Club. Our concert will open with Ray's spirited Hail! Oh Hail! as a special tribute to this true Penn Stater.

And, of course, we will conclude with that traditional rafter-raiser: the Penn State Football Medley.

Please join us.

And please reach out to those other Glee Club alums with whom you share memories of Homecoming Concerts, Spring Tour bus rides, and Blue and White Concerts. There are some of you who remember the Mother's Day Concerts in Schwab Auditorium when the Hall was packed and people sat on the lawn to hear the concert through open windows. Remind your singing buddies of those days and invite them to join you and us for this April week-end.

Chris and I look forward to seeing all of you again. You were, and still are, the Penn State Glee Club! If you can only attend part of the week-end, come! If you can stay for the entire weekend, come!

I have missed you since my retirement and I want to see you on the stage of Eisenhower Auditorium celebrating a century - and three-tenths - of the great Penn State Glee Club. Come, Brother, sing on!

**Bruce**

