

ON BEHALF OF THE PENN STATE GLEE CLUB

Dear Glee Club Alumnus,

I am excited to see and hear many of you at the upcoming reunion to mark our 130th Anniversary. Having led the Glee Club since 2005, this will be my third reunion - a time of rousing singing, good humor and joyous, genuinely warm socializing with friends old and new. It is always a treat to watch alumni from similar classes reunite, sometimes after many years, but most heart-warming is to observe the interactions between current members and alumni. I know the current Clubbers greatly value opportunities to mingle with alumni. The thing that brings us all together from April 12-14 is a shared love of singing and fellowship - values that originate from the very first meeting of the Glee Club and Banjo and Mandolin Society on 8 December 1888, hopefully continuing for (at least) another 130 years.

As well as the Saturday night concert in Eisenhower Auditorium, I look forward to welcoming all of you at the Friday night reception, and the Sunday morning brunch - always a special occasion. The Nittany Lion Inn always provides a great brunch, and current students are mixed among alumni further strengthening the bonds of our beloved organization.

Led by Bruce and me, the alumni will join with the current Glee Club to perform Ray Fortunato's evergreen, "Hail, Oh, Hail" (both verses!); "Penn State Forever"; the sonorous "Spaseñiye sodélal" by Pavel Chesnokov; Vincent Persichetti's haunting "Song of Peace"; Bruce's rousing arrangement of "Ride on, King Jesus," the stirring, "Avenging and Bright" arranged by Alice Parker, and of course, our beloved "Alma Mater."

The combined Hi-Lo's will sing "Johnny Schmoker," "Little 'Liz" and "It's a grand night for singing" by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Be sure to register, and reach out to classmates who you would like to join in the festivities and help reminisce about memories from Penn State concerts, Spring Break tours, exchanges with other choirs, making recordings for radio, TV and CDs and performing in wonderful venues across the United States and overseas.

Spread the word, and I look forward to seeing you on campus in a couple of weeks.

Brothers Sing On!

Dr. Chris Kiver

Director of the Penn State Glee Club

