



## April 2014 Newsletter

**2014 Coaches Caravan** – On the heels of the highly successful 2013 Coaches Caravan, the 2014 schedule includes a stop in our area. Tuesday May 20, 2014 the Coaches Caravan will stop at Penn College in Williamsport for a noon luncheon. Head football coach James Franklin as well as other head coaches from the university will be on hand to speak during the event. If you would like to register for the Williamsport Coaches Caravan stop, please visit [www.gopsusports.com](http://www.gopsusports.com) and click on the link for the Williamsport event to register. Some of the events on the 2014 Coaches Caravan are close to being sold out already so please be sure to take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible.



**34th Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon** – The 34th Annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Pig Roast is just around the corner and it is never too early to start making plans to attend. Last year's pig roast was a huge success with The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, Trey Bauer, Ross Muir and Alan Janesch – Director of the Penn State Grassroots Network all in attendance, along with over 425 Penn State Alumni, fans and supporters. This year's pig roast will include members of the ticket office in attendance to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your football tickets. They will also be available for people wishing to purchase football season tickets. Reservation forms and more detailed information will be available in our summer newsletter. We hope to see you again this year for the 34th Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 24, 2014.

**Eighth Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our eighth annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 27, 2014 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Shade Mountain Winery south of Middleburg on route 104. Always a well attended event, the chapter will again this year be having local music flavor and you will receive your choice of one bottle of Shade Mountain Winery wine with each ticket purchase. The chapter will provide light refreshments throughout the afternoon. **30% of all sales at the Wine Tasting Event are donated back to the chapter scholarship fund by Shade Mountain Winery.** For more information about our eighth annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

**2014 Spring/Summer Meeting Dates** – Chapter meetings for the spring and summer of 2014 have been scheduled and are as follows:

April 2, 2014 – Lewisburg Hotel - Lewisburg

May 7, 2014 – La Primavera, Lewisburg

Our summer monthly meetings are family picnic events and are held at Jack Treas Park in Shamokin Dam. Those meeting dates are June 4, 2014 – July 2, 2014 and August 6, 2014 and anyone planning to attend is asked to provide their own table setting and beverage along with a covered dish for the picnic. If you need any more information about monthly chapter meetings, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at [Anthony.barnasconi@verizon.net](mailto:Anthony.barnasconi@verizon.net)

**Horse Racing and Casino Bus Trip** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is planning our annual spring bus trip this year to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs casino. The date of the trip is Saturday May 24, 2014 and the cost of the trip is \$20.00 per person. The bus will leave from the Big Lots Parking Lot in Lewisburg at 3:00pm and depart from Mohegan sun at 11:00pm to return home. Mohegan Sun is offering a rebate of \$30.00 in casino play and a \$10.00 food coupon good at any restaurant at the facility. They also feature live harness racing with post time at 6:30pm. If you would like to join us for a fun day of horse racing and gambling, please contact DJ Mapes at (570) 966-1141 to make your reservation.

**Penn State Day at Knoebels** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is proud to be a sponsor of the fifth annual Penn State day at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park. Please see the attached flyer for all the exciting details of this event. Please note that reservations are REQUIRED to attend and you can fill out the enclosed reservation form to sign up. For more information on this exciting opportunity to interact and network with fellow Penn State supporters, please contact Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197 or rocktown@dejazzd.com

**Football Raffle Tickets** - The Penn State Chapter of The Greater Susquehanna Valley is ready to kick off our annual football raffle ticket sale to benefit the Scholarship fund. Tickets will be available in May and are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. First prize is 1 pair of 2014 Football season tickets or \$500.00 cash. Second through eighth place are a pair of tickets for an upcoming Penn State home football game, or \$70.00 cash, and are listed below:

**1st prize—2 Season Tickets or \$500.00 cash**

**2nd prize—2 Tickets Ohio State or \$70.00 cash**

**3rd prize—2 Tickets Michigan State or \$70.00 cash**

**4th prize—2 Tickets Northwestern or \$70.00 cash**

**5th prize—2 Tickets Maryland or \$70.00 cash**

**6th prize—2 Tickets Massachusetts or \$70.00 cash**

**7th prize—2 Tickets Temple or \$70.00 cash**

**8th prize—2 Tickets Akron or \$70.00 cash**

This past year the scholarship fund awarded eight \$1,000.00 scholarships to area Penn State students, four incoming freshman scholarships and four endowed scholarships. Tickets can be purchased from any chapter member or at the annual pig roast. Ticket drawing will be held Sunday August 24, 2014 at the pig roast. Please help support the scholarship fund by selling or purchasing tickets and returning the stubs to the chapter at PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855.

**Rutgers Bus Trip** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be having a one day bus trip to the Penn State / Rutgers football game this fall. The date of the game is Saturday September 13, 2014 and the one day trip will include transportation to and from the game...and your game ticket. The cost of the trip will be determined as soon as all arrangements are made and reservations are now being taken on a first come...first serve basis. We would like to get an idea of the amount of interest in this trip as soon as possible so if you are interested, please contact DJ Mapes to let him know how many are in your party. Depending on the kickoff time, we may have the opportunity to provide a tailgate for fans on the trip. Other details of the trip will be made available when we get closer to the game. To sign up for the Rutgers bus trip, please contact DJ Mapes at (570) 966-1141.

**Winter Sports** – Congratulations to coach Sanderson and our Penn State wrestling team for capturing the NCAA National Championship for the 4th consecutive year. Congratulations to 165 pound wrestler David “Magic Man” Taylor and 184 pound wrestler Ed Ruths who captured the National Championship in their weight classes to help the Nittany Lions bring home the team championship. Also congratulations to the Womens basketball team for qualifying for the National Championship Tournament for the fourth consecutive season. The Lady Lions finished first in the Big Ten and have completed play in the NCAA tournament. Congratulations to coach Washington for great season. In addition, our Penn State Fencing team won their 13<sup>th</sup> National Championship making them the winningest program in collegiate history. Did you know...since joining the Big Ten in 1993, Penn State has captured 26 national championships...more than twice as many as any other school in the Big Ten!