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March 2007 Newsletter

27th Annual Pig Roast on the Horizon – Spring is just around the corner and that means it will soon be time to begin preparations for the 27th annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter pig roast and scholarship awards presentation. The date of this years pig roast is Sunday August 26, 2007. As in years past, the pig roast will be attended by the Nittany Lion himself and the entire Penn State Cheerleading squad. Our chapter will also award our annual scholarships to incoming freshmen and our Endowed Scholarships as part of the festivities. Mark your calendar now and plan to join the hundreds of loyal Penn State Alumni, supporters and fans for a great day of celebrating our beloved Pennsylvania State University.



Chapter Website – It is with great pleasure that the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter officially announces the launch of our chapter website – www.gsvpennstatechapter.com. Our chapter website is now the official place for any and all information pertaining to the chapter. Chapter information, scholarship information, membership news, chapter newsletters, upcoming events, committee information, the ticket exchange board, pictures from chapter functions, community service information and many more features are available to current and prospective members of our chapter. Please take a few minutes the next time you are surfing the net and check out www.gsvpennstatechapter.com. For more information about the chapter website, please email secretary Tony Barnasconi at tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com.

Atlantic City Bus Trip – The chapter is planning on taking our annual bus trip to Atlantic City to a casino for the day on May 5, 2007. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for a day of fun and gambling in Atlantic City. The bus will leave the SUN Area Vo-Tech school in New Berlin at 6:00am Saturday morning and depart Atlantic City at 7:00pm for home. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person and will include some type of casino rebate depending on what casino we go to. More information about the casino rebate will be available before leaving for the trip. If you would like more information on the Atlantic City bus trip, please contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141.

2007 Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for 2007 have been scheduled and are as follows – April 4, 2007 at Vinnie's Pizza in Middleburg and May 2, 2007 at La Primavera in Lewisburg. Our summer meeting dates are as follows – June 6, 2007, July 11, 2007 and August 1, 2007. All summer chapter meetings are family picnic events and are held at Jack Treas Park in Shamokin Dam. Chapter members and their guests attending any of our summer family picnics are asked to bring your own table settings and a covered dish. If you need any more information about monthly chapter meetings, please contact secretary Tony Barnasconi at 988-6615.

Happy Hour Social Events – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter has started holding monthly Happy Hour Social events to promote chapter membership and interact with other chapter members in a social setting. Happy Hour Social events are held the third Thursday of every month and are scheduled for March 15, 2007 at BJ's in Selinsgrove, April 19, 2007 at the Front Street Station in Northumberland and May 17, 2007 at Vic's Pub in Lewisburg. We are also looking into the possibility of a Happy Hour/Fundraising event this summer in conjunction with the Shade Mountain Winery. More information on that will follow in our next newsletter. If you would like more information about the Happy Hour Social events, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com or chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com.

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Blue/White Tailgate Party – Again this year, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our annual Blue/White game tailgate party. Last year's event was rained out so we will just try it again this year. The Blue/White game is set for Saturday April 21, 2007 and our tailgate will get under way around 9:00am in the paved parking lot behind the west stands. The chapter will provide snacks and non-alcoholic beverages for everyone. All chapter members and their friends are invited to come out and get a preview of the 2007 Nittany Lions. We hope you join us for a day of fun and spring football. Please stop by, say hello, and have a little snack. For more information on the Blue/White tailgate party, please contact Tony Barnasconi at 988-6615 or tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com.

Spring Baseball Getaway – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning a Spring Baseball Getaway day to the Men's Baseball Game on Saturday May 19, 2007 vs. Ohio State. The Nittany Lion Baseball team plays all home games in the brand new, state of the art facility, Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. If you have not seen a baseball game in this new facility, please join us and check out one of the best baseball stadiums in the country. The cost of the ticket is \$3.00 per person and you would be required to provide your own transportation to Medlar Field at Lubrano Park for the game. First pitch for the Ohio St game is set for 4:30pm that afternoon. If you are interested in tickets for the Penn State vs. Ohio State Men's Baseball game on Saturday May 19, 2007, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at 988-6615 or via email at tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com.

Away Football Game Bus Trip – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is tentatively making plans for bus trips to both the Temple and Michigan away football games this fall. Availability of these trips is **contingent** upon ticket allotment from the University and will be confirmed at a later date. Our tentative plans are for some type of weekend trip to the Big House in Ann Arbor for the Michigan game and a one day trip to Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia for the Temple game. If you are interested in either away football game trip or would like further information, please contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141 or DJ@gsvpennstatechapter.com.

Program Booklet – In conjunction with the annual pig roast and scholarship awards program, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is again putting together our annual souvenir booklet given to everyone in attendance at the annual pig roast. This year we are stepping up the timeframe for placing program booklet ads and patron ads to a June 1, 2007 deadline. If you would like to place an ad in the program booklet or become a patron, please contact chairman Ted Burr at 837-0449 for more information. Program booklet ad forms as well as patron ad forms are also available at www.gsvpennstatechapter.com and can be downloaded, printed out and mailed directly to the chapter for inclusion in the 2007 souvenir booklet.

Adopt-A-Highway – Now that we are heading toward warmer weather, the Adopt-A-Highway committee of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter will again be doing trash pickup along our stretch of highway. The committee will be picking up trash on Thursday April 19, 2007, just before the Blue/White weekend at Penn State. Anyone who can come and help is asked to meet at 10:00am at the forestry building along rt. 45 outside Harleton.

Football Raffle Tickets – Again this year, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter will be selling Football Raffle tickets to benefit the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and will be available starting in April from any chapter member. Also this year we are hoping to sell raffle tickets at area businesses on weekends in May, June, July and August. If you would like raffle tickets to sell or are available to help sell raffle tickets any time this spring and summer, please contact Jane Barnasconi at 286-2272.

Chapter Participates in Homecoming Parade – Again this year our chapter participated in the annual Homecoming parade and festivities in conjunction with the 2006 Homecoming celebration. Over 20 chapter members walked the parade route, passed out candy and took in the atmosphere of homecoming at Penn State. If you have never participated in Homecoming festivities on campus, please mark your calendar now and make plans to join us on Friday Oct. 13, 2007 for Homecoming 2007 weekend. Pictures from Homecoming 2006 weekend are available online at www.gsvpennstatechapter.com.