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## April 2011 Newsletter

**Blue/White Tailgate Party** – Again this year, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our fifth annual Blue/White weekend tailgate party. Last year's event was a huge success with well over 75 chapter members and friends stopping by. The Blue/White game is set for Saturday April 16, 2011 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 2011 Nittany Lion Football Team. We hope you join us for a day of fun and spring football. For more information on the Blue/White tailgate party, please contact Tony Barnasconi at [Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net](mailto:Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net).



**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon** – The 31<sup>st</sup> 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, Roger Williams – Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association and Alan Janesch – Director of the Penn State Grassroots Network all in attendance, along with over 425 Penn State Alumni, fans and supporters. Reservation forms and more detailed information will be available in our summer newsletter. We hope to see you again this year for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 28, 2011.

**Fifth Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our fifth annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 24, 2011 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 musician Greg Burgess to provide the music 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. For more information about our fifth annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

**2011 Spring/Summer Meeting Dates** – Chapter meetings for the spring and summer of 2011 have been scheduled and are as follows:

May 4, 2011 – 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 1, 2011 – July 6, 2011 and August 3, 2011 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 the new Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs casino. The date of the trip is Saturday May 28, 2011 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 \$20.00 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 second 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 new and exciting opportunity to interact and network with fellow Penn State supporters, please contact Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197 or rocktown@dejazzd.com

**Adopt-A-Highway** – Our chapter, a ten plus year participant, will be picking up trash again this year as part of the state Adopt-A-Highway program. Adopt-A-Highway trash pickups are held 3 times a year with the first one being Sunday April 10, 2011 for the Blue/White weekend. Our second trash pickup will be Sunday August 21, 2011 before the first home game and again on Sunday October 9, 2011 before Homecoming. Anyone willing to participate is asked to meet at the Forestry Building on Rt. 45 at 2pm on those Sundays and if you need more information you can contact Linda Bollinger at adnil@dejazzd.com.

**Family Pool Party** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning a new family function, our first ever family pool party. The event would consist of the chapter renting a local pool and having a family picnic/swimming outing for all chapter members, their families and guests. More details will be available in our summer newsletter.

**New York City Bus Trip** – Our chapter is in the early planning stages for our annual bus trip to New York City. This year we would like to offer the option to purchase group tickets for the Radio City Christmas Show along with the trip to the city. The date of our trip is Saturday December 3, 2011 and the cost of the ticket for the Radio City show would be in addition to the cost of the bus. If you are planning to go on this annual bus trip and would like to go to see the Christmas show also, please contact Jane Barnasconi at (570) 286-2272 so we can get a count for the group tickets. We would like to have an accurate count by June 1, 2011 so we can get the best group seats available.

**Winter Sports** – Congratulations to coach Sanderson and our Penn State wrestling team for capturing the NCAA National Championship for the first time since 1953. Congratulations to 184 pound wrestler Quinten Wright who captured the National Championship in his weight class to help the Nittany Lions bring home the championship. Also congratulations to both the Mens and Womens basketball teams for qualifying for the National Championship Tournaments. The Lady Lions finished second in the Big Ten and lost to DePaul in the second round of the tournament. The Mens Basketball team also finished second in the Big Ten Tournament and lost a heartbreaking opening round game to old rival Temple. Congratulations to both teams and coaches Washington and DeChellis for great seasons. Finally, congratulations to Mens Basketball player Talor Battle for becoming the all time leading scorer in Penn State history. Talor passed Jesse Arnelle and finished his career with 2213 points averaging over 20 point a game over his stellar career.