



April 2012 Newsletter

Blue/White Tailgate Party – Again this year, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our sixth 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 21, 2012 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 2012 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.



32nd Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon – The 32nd 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 32nd Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 26, 2012.

Sixth Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our sixth annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 22, 2012 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. For more information about our fifth annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com.

2012 Spring/Summer Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for the spring and summer of 2012 have been scheduled and are as follows:

April 4, 2012 – Slattery's Olde Village Inne – 21 Broadway St in Milton

May 2, 2012 – La Primavera, Lewisburg – please see additional information in this newsletter about this monthly chapter meeting.

Our summer monthly meetings are family picnic events and are held at Jack Treas Park in Shamokin Dam. Those meeting dates are June 6, 2012 – July 11, 2012 (because Wednesday July 4th is the holiday) and August 1, 2012 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

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 26, 2012 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 third 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

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 15, 2012 for the Blue/White weekend. Our second trash pickup will be Sunday August 19, 2012 before the first home game and again on Sunday September 30, 2012 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 our second annual family pool party. This year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday July 14th, 2012 at the Sunbury Community Pool. More details will be available in our summer newsletter.

May 2012 Chapter Meeting – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be having a very special guest speaker for our May 2012 monthly chapter meeting at La Primavera in Lewisburg. Steve Jones, the voice of the Nittany Lions, will be our feature speaker for our chapter meeting. The chapter will be selling tickets to both chapter members and the general public for this event and dinner that evening will feature the La Primavera pasta buffet, along with one chicken item, salad and bread on your table and bruschetta and fresh fruit for an appetizer. The price of tickets for our May chapter meeting, featuring Steve Jones, is \$25.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child. This chapter event is by reservation only and you MUST make your reservations before April 27, 2012 to attend our May chapter meeting. Tickets can be purchased by contacting chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at (570) 850-1372 or Anthony.barnasconi@verizon.net.

Winter Sports – Congratulations to coach Sanderson and our Penn State wrestling team for capturing the NCAA National Championship for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to 149 pound wrestler Frank Molinaro, 165 pounder David Taylor and 174 pounder 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 second consecutive season. The Lady Lions finished first in the Big Ten and are still alive in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament. Congratulations to coach Washington for great season.