



## October 2009 Newsletter

**Chapter to Participate in Homecoming Parade** – Again this year the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is planning to march, as a chapter, in the annual Homecoming parade, which is scheduled to begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2009. All alumni groups are encouraged to participate in the parade, as this is one of the elements recognized as being an Alumni Group of Distinction. October 16<sup>th</sup> is full of various activities open to anyone wanting to participate and have fun. The day begins with an Ice Cream Social at 1:30pm at the Hintz Family Alumni Center before the parade. Formation for the parade begins at 5pm with the parade beginning at 6pm. Upon completion of the parade there is an invitation only party being held at the Hintz Center for all parade participants. Please keep in mind that this is a by invitation only event and registration with our chapter is required. Please contact President Curt Roethermel at 966-7197 about any questions or to sign up. If you have never participated in this University sponsored event, it is truly an evening to remember. In addition to all the parade related activities, there is the traditional Guard the Lion vigil and the coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen. Other than the timeline for the parade, this is a very informal event that people can come and go as they please. Just come dressed for a night of Penn State pride. For those concerned about the distance required to walk, DJ Mapes has graciously agreed to drive his “Nittany Jittany” in the parade so that people can take a break throughout the parade walk or simply ride the entire route and enjoy everything the festivities have to offer. Don’t be shy, sign up, and we’ll see you at the PARADE.



**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast a Huge Success** – The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Pig Roast was, again this year, a huge success. The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, Blair Thomas, Roger Williams – Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association and Cheryl Stringer – member of the Alumni Office Staff were all in attendance along with over 380 Penn State Alumni, fans and supporters. Many thanks for your continued generosity benefiting our Annual Scholarship fund. We hope to see you again for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 22, 2010.

**Northwestern Bus Trip** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is sponsoring a bus trip to the Penn State/Northwestern football game this fall, Saturday October 31, 2009. Our chapter has purchased group tickets for the game and will be taking a 4 day trip to Northwestern. The trip will leave Thursday October 29, 2009 and return home Sunday November 1, 2009. All the fine details for this exciting 4 day trip to Northwestern and the Greater Chicago area to see our Nittany Lions will be released as soon as they are finalized, however we would like to do some type of group activity on Friday in and around the Chicago area. We will also make available any and all Alumni Association activities for the weekend trip including the pre-game Alumni Association pep rally. Full details on the pre-game pep rally will be made available as soon as they are released by the university. The trip cost will be \$435.00 per person and includes bus transportation to and from Northwestern, hotel lodging, ticket to the game and admission to any Alumni Association activities that we attend. Space is limited for this trip and seats are being sold on a first come, first serve basis. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required to reserve your seat on the bus. All final details for the Northwestern trip will be provided to everyone with a reserved seat on the bus as well as made available on our website, www.gsvpennstatechapter.com. If you would like more information about this trip, or to make a reservation, please contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141 or email DJ@gsvpennstatechapter.com.

**New York City Bus Trip** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is sponsoring a one day bus trip to New York City on Saturday December 5, 2009. The chapter will provide the transportation to and from New York City and the day will be yours to do whatever you like. December is great for Christmas shopping in the city and there are many opportunities to see a Broadway show or go to Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas show. The cost of the bus trip is \$35.00 per person and the bus will leave from the Big Lots parking lot in Lewisburg at 6:00am. After spending the day in the city the bus will depart for home at 7:00pm. If you are interested in reserving your spot on the chapter bus trip to New York City, please visit our website at [www.gsvpennstatechapter.com](http://www.gsvpennstatechapter.com) and download the New York City bus trip flyer. Print out the flyer, fill out the reservation form at the bottom and send, along with your check for \$35.00 made payable to the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter, to PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855. For more information on this event, please contact Jane Barnasconi at 286-2272.

**Winter Basketball Getaway** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning 2 Winter Basketball Getaway days to Men's Basketball Games. Sunday January 3, 2010 vs. Wisconsin and Saturday February 6, 2010 vs. Minnesota are the dates. The day would consist of going to the game as a group and being recognized as being one of the groups in attendance. The cost of the ticket is \$10.00 per person and you would be required to provide your own transportation to the Jordan Center for the game. Tip-off for the Wisconsin game is 12:00pm and the Minnesota game is set for 2:00pm. If you are interested in tickets for any or all of our Penn State Men's Basketball games, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at 988-6615 or via email at [Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net](mailto:Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net)

**Happy Hour Social Events** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter continues our latest social function open to all chapter members and their guests. Each month the chapter holds a happy hour social event at various establishments throughout the area. The chapter happy hour social events are held the third Thursday of each month and start any time after 5:00pm. Upcoming happy hour socials are as follows:

October 15, 2009—Scarlet D, Mifflinburg – November 19, 2009—Puirseil's Irish Pub, Lewisburg

More information about our winter and spring 2010 happy hour social events will follow in the next newsletter. For more information about the chapter happy hour social events, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

**Annual Christmas Party** – Our chapter's annual Christmas Party will be held again this year at the Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg. We are currently looking at alternative dates for the annual Christmas Party, as there seem to be several conflicts with a Wednesday evening event. Once we have a date set, you will be notified so reservations can be made. We would like to again this year offer a buffet dinner, as opposed to ordering off the menu. The price of the buffet and final plans will be announced as soon as they are finalized. We are also working on a guest speaker for the evening, which will be announced once it is confirmed. Also our annual donation of Christmas gifts for the Women in Transition organization will be collected at this event. If you would like to make a reservation or have any questions concerning this event, please contact President Curt Rothermel at 966-7197.