



## July 2019 Newsletter

**40th Annual Pig Roast** – The 40th 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 featuring The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, Penn State dance team and former Nittany Lion great, Mike Irvin, along with over 350 Penn State Alumni, fans and supporters. This year's pig roast will include members of the ticket office and the Nittany Lion Club to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your football tickets or your interest in any other sporting event tickets. Reservation forms and more detailed information is available on our website and will be provided in upcoming e-mails. We hope to see you again this year for the 40th Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday, August 25, 2019.



**Pig Roast Helpers Needed** - As with any event, we are looking for helpers on the day of the pig roast. Set up begins at 8:30 am. We need people to help set up tables and chairs, general clean up, setting up the food buffet area, and any of the other general areas. If you can spare an hour or two, it is truly appreciated. The big benefit, you get first option at setting up your seating area for the festivities.

**2019 Scholarship Recipients Announced at Pig Roast** – Again this year the Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is proud to announce the awarding of our annual scholarships to area students attending Penn State or The Pennsylvania College of Technology. Thanks to the generosity and support of all our members, local businesses and friends, we will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to local students who will be attending The Pennsylvania State University or The Pennsylvania College of Technology in the fall as incoming freshman. The talent of students in this area attending our prestigious institutions of higher learning year after year is truly amazing. These students are among the tops in their classes academically, are young pillars in the community today, and will be among the leaders of tomorrow. We are also excited to announce the awarding of four \$1000 Endowed Scholarships to students from our area already attending Penn State. All of our annual scholarship recipients will be announced and presented with their awards at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast on August 25, 2019. Although we are not from the big city, our small area is rich in talent. We as a Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association are proud to be able to help our young leaders. It is through your support that we are able to award \$8000 in scholarships this year to these young leaders. Through our 39 active years as an organization, we have awarded over \$120,000 in scholarships to local students. We thank you greatly for all the support through the years and continue to look forward to what lies ahead as we continue to support those who strive for excellence at OUR beloved **PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**.

**2019-2020 Membership Dues** - Dues run from July to June at a cost of \$15 per year, per family or individual membership. A portion of this money is used for mailing costs with the balance going directly into the scholarship fund. Dues may be paid at the pig roast or by sending in the attached form on the back page of this newsletter!

**Penn State Football Bus Information** - Hey Penn State fans! It should be another exciting football season with home games against Pittsburgh, Purdue, Michigan and Indiana. If you have tickets and want to avoid the inconvenience of traffic jams and the problems getting into your parking space caused by the new one way traffic patterns, let the driving to someone else and ride in air conditioned comfort on a Catawese Motor Coach. The bus leaves approximately four hours before game time from the old K-Mart parking lot in Shamokin Dam. There is also a possibility of pick up in Lewisburg. There are a limited number of seats available. The cost is \$245.00 per seat for all seven home games. Single game seats are \$40.00 each. For details or to reserve your seat, call John Michaels at 570-286-2335 home or 570-850-6392 cell.

**Season Ticket Information** - Several members of the Athletic Ticket Office and Nittany Lion Club sales team will be on hand at this year's pig roast to answer any questions about or provide information about football season tickets as well as single game tickets and tickets for other Penn State sporting events for the 2019-2020 season. Having worked with the Athletic Ticket office to obtain all our winter sports group tickets, they will provide you everything you need to know about purchasing tickets or answer questions pertaining to your current season tickets. James Grecco and his gang are great people to talk with. They will be available all day throughout the pig roast and we look forward to having them back to our signature event.

**14th Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for April** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Event at the Shade Mountain Winery south of Mifflinburg on Route 104. This event is tentatively being planned for April 2020. 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 graciously donated back to the Chapter Scholarship Fund by Shade Mountain Winery.** For more information about our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

**Adopt-A-Highway** – Our Chapter is a 25+ year participant in this program and our stretch of highway is along Rt 45 just outside of Harleton. We will be picking up trash again this fall and the exact date and time will be sent to all Chapter members via email and will be available on our website. If you can spare a couple hours for this worthy cause, we would greatly appreciate your help! Remember EVERYBODY traveling to Penn State on football Saturdays will see our section of highway and recognize how our Chapter continues to give back to the community. Please continue to be part of the solution. Come out and help.

**Penn State Homecoming** - After a very successful march in the 2018 Homecoming Parade, our chapter will again participate in Homecoming 2019 festivities by marching in the Friday night, October 4, 2019 parade as part of Homecoming weekend 2019. Along with the parade, chapter members are welcome to attend the ice cream social Friday afternoon and the post parade party at the Hintz Family Alumni Center. Participation is open to any and all chapter members and their families who would like to walk in the parade and represent the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter. ***We are looking for a contact leader for this year's event, as Curt Rothermel will be away and unable to handle the duties.*** Responsibility is merely being the contact individual for other parade participants and signing in at the parade itself. For more information on Homecoming weekend 2019, contact President Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197.

**Away Game Tailgate Party** - The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning tailgate parties for our away game venues. All chapter members, guests and fans are invited to come and enjoy cheering on the Nittany Lions with other Penn State faithful from the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter. More details about the location and times of the parties will be announced once finalized. Please contact Larry Weader at [lweader@dejazzd.com](mailto:lweader@dejazzd.com) if you would enjoy joining us for any of these parties.

**Social Media** – Our chapter website...[www.gsvpsc.com](http://www.gsvpsc.com) is completely up-to-date and is your best source for information about chapter happenings and events throughout the year. If you have any information beneficial to our Chapter, please contact Bill Borys at [jbborys@ptd.net](mailto:jbborys@ptd.net). Bill has done an outstanding job of keeping our information up to date and is always looking for new information to share. Our chapter email database continues to grow and anyone who would like to receive our chapter newsletters & mailings via email can sign up with the form on the back of this newsletter or contact Chapter President, Curt Rothermel at [rocktown@dejazzd.com](mailto:rocktown@dejazzd.com). The Chapter also has a Facebook page and recently set up our very own twitter account, @GSVPSC. If you are a Facebook or Twitter user, please follow us for all the latest chapter information. We look forward to sharing all of our great events through the use of social media.



**GSVPSC on Twitter** – I am pleased to announce that our chapter has our very own Twitter account up and running. If you are a Twitter user you can follow us at @GSVPSC to get the latest info about chapter events and happenings. If you aren't a Twitter user...give it a try. We will be sending out a lot of chapter information via this social media outlet as well as other fun stuff...just to make it interesting!

**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 are available for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. First prize is 1 pair of 2019 Football season tickets or \$500.00 cash. Second through eighth places are pairs 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 Michigan or \$70.00 cash**  
**3rd prize—2 Tickets Pittsburgh or \$70.00 cash**  
**4th prize—2 Tickets Purdue or \$70.00 cash**

**5th prize—2 Tickets Rutgers or \$70.00 cash**  
**6th prize—2 Tickets Indiana or \$70.00 cash**  
**7th prize—2 Tickets Buffalo or \$70.00 cash**  
**8th prize—2 Tickets Idaho or \$70.00 cash**

**NOTE: On the printed tickets, 5<sup>th</sup> prize was noted as being a pair of tickets for Maryland. This was an error, as Maryland is away. The correct prize is a pair of tickets to the home PSU/Rutgers game.**

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. If you are able to assist us in selling some tickets, whether it be 10 or 100, every ticket helps the scholarship fund. For tickets, please contact Bob Barnasconi at 570-286-2272. The ticket drawing will be held Sunday August 25, 2019 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 or by bringing them to the Pig Roast.

**Endowed Scholarship Donation Information** - The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter endowed scholarship fund continues to grow and provide scholarships to area upperclassmen students already enrolled at Penn State. Our chapter has made great strides to ensure our ability to award these scholarships for as long as our chapter is in existence. With our recent contributions and rollover interest from previous years, we have positioned our chapter to be able to award a minimum of four endowed scholarships from this point forward. If you would like to make a donation to the chapter Endowed Scholarship fund, please make sure you are using the correct allocation code. The verbiage for this fund is "The Great Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund". Our club allocation code is **SXXGQ**. If you have any questions about donating to the Endowed Scholarship fund, or any other scholarship questions, please contact Curt Rothermel at 570-966-7197 or [rocktown@dejazzd.com](mailto:rocktown@dejazzd.com).

**2019 Fall Meeting Dates** – Chapter meetings for the fall of 2019 have been scheduled and are as follows:

- September 4, 2019 – Chilly Willys
- October 2, 2019 – OIPS (Mifflinburg)
- November 6, 2019 – Lewisburg Hotel

Our summer monthly meetings are family picnic events and are held at Jack Treas Park in Shamokin Dam. The remaining date for this year is Wednesday, August 7, 2019. 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 President, Curt Rothermel at [rocktown@dejazzd.com](mailto:rocktown@dejazzd.com)

## **2019 / 2020 Membership Dues Application**

**Please fill out the information below and send to: GSVPSC, PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dues enclosed @ \$15 per family

Address \_\_\_\_\_ # of Pig Roast adults @ \$12 ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Pig Roast children @ \$5 ea.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

Penn State Alumni Association Member \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to thank our many continued supporters. Without our business associates, patrons, friends and dedicated chapter members, we would not be able to thrive like we have for 30+ years. Please patronize our sponsors, thank our patrons and friends and continue to support our chapter and its efforts in the years to come. Once again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you throughout the 2019-2020 membership year.*