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## March 2006 Newsletter

**Notre Dame Bus Trip** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently making plans for a bus trip to the Notre Dame Game this coming September. Availability of this trip is **contingent** upon ticket allotment from the University and will be confirmed at a later date. We are planning on taking a 4-day trip, leaving on Thursday September 7, 2006 and returning home on Sunday September 10, 2006. The cost of the trip has yet to be determined but will include your transportation to and from South Bend, 3 nights hotel accommodations and game ticket.

Because of the high level of interest in this trip, the Chapter has developed a point system to determine distribution. Availability will be limited to two spaces per membership family. Priority seating on the bus will be granted to those who are able to obtain their own tickets.

Those Chapter members meeting the trip criteria will be required to provide a \$100.00 deposit to hold their seat on the bus with the balance due before the trip departs. If you are interested in accompanying the Chapter to Notre Dame this fall, please contact DJ Mapes 966-1141 to get your name on the list.



**Atlantic City Bus Trip** – The chapter is planning our annual pilgrimage to the land of the slot machine, Atlantic City, on Saturday April 8, 2006. The bus will leave from the SUN Vo-Tech school in New Berlin at 6:00am and head to the Sands Casino in Atlantic City. You can enjoy a day of gambling, take in the beach, walk the boardwalk or just enjoy a day away. The bus will depart the Sands Casino at 8:00pm and return to the Vo-Tech school in New Berlin. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person and there will be some type of rebate from the casino. The exact amount of the casino rebate will be announced as we get closer to the date of the trip; however, past trips have received a rebate in the amount of \$22.00. For more info or to sign up for the trip, contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141.

**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 22, 2006 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 2006 Nittany Lions, defending Big Ten champions. 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.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast** – Mark your calendars now, the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter pig roast is scheduled for Sunday August 27, 2006 at the New Berlin American Legion. As in past years, our honored guests will be the entire Nittany Lion cheerleading squad and the Nittany Lion himself. Always the largest Chapter function, over 350 Alumni, supporters and fans were in attendance at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual pig roast last August. For more information on the annual pig roast, contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141.

**2006 Summer Meeting Dates** – Chapter meetings for the summer of 2006 have been scheduled and are as follows – April 5, 2006 at Vinnies Pizza in Middleburg – May 3, 2006 at La Primavera in Lewisburg – June 7, 2006 at the Sand Bridge Picnic Area – July 5, 2006 at the Shikellamy State Park Marina and August 2, 2006 at Hufnagle Park in Lewisburg. If you need any more information about monthly chapter meetings, please contact secretary Tony Barnasconi at 988-6615.

**Annual Christmas Party** – Our chapter’s annual Christmas Party, December 14, 2005, was a huge success with 50 chapter members and guests in attendance at the Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg. Many thanks to all those who attended our Annual Christmas Party and contributed generously through the donation of Christmas gifts in support of Women in Transition this past year. This contribution on the part of all those in attendance helped to ensure MANY kids were able to enjoy a Merry Christmas this past year. Also many thanks to Grass Roots Network Coordinator and GSVPC chapter member, Alan Janesch for his presentation on the Grass Roots Network. We hope to see everybody again at this year’s Christmas Party.

**Chapter Committees** – At a recent monthly chapter meeting, it was mentioned that maybe not all of our chapter members are aware of all the committees within our organization. Below is a list of all chapter committees and their chairpersons. If you are interested in joining or helping on any of our committees, please contact the chairperson and let them know you are interested. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE give us a hand. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. It takes a little help from EVERYBODY to continue our work of supporting PENN STATE and our own young men and women who have chosen Penn State to continue their academic pursuits.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
Scholarship	Curt Rothermel	966-7197
Pig Roast	DJ Mapes	966-1141
Ice Cream Sale	Tony Barnasconi	988-6615
Newsletter	Tony Barnasconi	988-6615
Program Booklet	Ted & Ellen Burr	837-0449
Adopt-A-Highway	Don Sumner	966-1225
Community Service	Mary Depietro	966-0076
Budget & Finance	Ken Jessick	523-1040
Fund Raising	Gabe Depietro	966-0076
Travel & Recreation	DJ Mapes	966-1141
Membership	Sherri Braidic	
Public Relations	Tony Barnasconi	988-6615
Nomination	Bob Werba	966-0496

**Grass Roots Network Update** – The U.S. Department of Defense Appropriations Act for the 2006 fiscal year includes a \$5.1 million appropriation for the Penn State Cancer Institute at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and a cancer research partnership between the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center.

The appropriation was announced by U.S. Rep Tim Holden (17th District, Pennsylvania), who successfully included the funding in the Appropriations Act for the third year in a row. Describing the Penn State Hershey Medical Center as “a proven leader in the area of medical research,” Holden said the funding will help the Medical Center further its mission to “enhance the quality of life and serve the community through improved health, the education of health professionals, and the discovery of knowledge.”

The Penn State Cancer Institute is committed to the prevention and early detection of cancer. The \$5.1 million appropriation will allow the institute to expand the collaborative work already begun by its unique, community-based cancer network. Much of this type of funding is attributable to the work of the Grass Roots Network and the support of ALL Penn Stater’s. For that we applaud you. Thank you and keep up the good work.