



## August 2022 Newsletter

**Annual Pig Roast is ON** – The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Pig Roast is ON and we're looking to get ready for another great year of Penn State Football. The Penn State Nittany Lion Cheerleaders have confirmed their attendance and are looking forward to performing in front of their first crowd since the pandemic brought college sports to a standstill. As we continue rebounding from the Pandemic and sadly from the passing of our beloved friend and Chapter Patriarch, DJ Mapes, we are putting this together, learning as we go. Although he is not here to physically enjoy the festivities, his passion and his vision continue to live on through the students we continue to support within the Susquehanna Valley. Festivities get under way at 12:00 p.m. with the meal being served at 1:30 p.m. Guests may arrive any time after 11:30 a.m. As in years past, we will have various raffles to include a new Football Ticket raffle, where you must be present to win and tickets will only be sold at the pig roast. This will be separate from the ticket raffle noted below. The cost of admission is \$15 per adult, \$5 for children 5-11 and under 5 are free. Guests are asked to bring their own table settings and a covered dish or two to share. Please remember, we are taking care of our special guests and want them to enjoy a great Susquehanna Valley pig roast. Any RSVP's to the Chapter website are greatly appreciated. We truly look forward to seeing all of you as we look to get things back to normal and enjoy a new season of Penn State Football.



**Health and Safety Information** – In an effort to support the existing COVID concerns, the Chapter is committed to providing a safe and sanitary environment for our event. While keeping with the history of providing a traditional pig roast and picnic setting, masks will be available along with food service gloves and sanitizer throughout the venue. We hope everybody will come out and enjoy a great time and understand the Chapter is taking any steps available to provide a safe and healthy event.

**SPECIAL 2022 Season Ticket Football Raffle** – The COVID-19 pandemic has caused people to do a lot of things differently and our annual ticket raffle is no different. Because we do not have enough time to sell the traditional raffle tickets, this year we will be selling **100 tickets only at a cost of \$25 per ticket, for a chance of winning a pair of season tickets for all home Penn State 2022 football games.** You do not need to be present to win but you do need to have paid for the ticket(s) prior to the drawing. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Pig Roast on August 28, 2022. To purchase your ticket(s), please contact Mandy Rothermel at 570-490-4307. These tickets are being sold on a first come first serve basis and once gone, no more tickets will be available. Good luck at finding a better chance to win a pair of great seats for all the 2022 Penn State football home games.

**Ticket Office Changes** – For the last number of years, our Chapter, along with a number of our members, has developed a great relationship with our friend James Grecco and the Learfield Ticket Office, which handled a large volume of Penn State ticket sales. Due to a business decision on the part of Penn State, Learfield and Penn State have separated, with all Penn State ticket sales now being handled through the Penn State Ticket Office. The Chapter is currently working to establish a relationship with the ticket office with the hopes we can continue to offer the same opportunities you have enjoyed for the past number of years.

**2022 Fall Meeting Dates** - As we continue to reorganize, we have worked to handle most of our business meetings virtually. We are fortunate to have access to a group chat line that we have utilized to have telephonic meetings. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please contact any Executive Board member for additional information. We would love to have your input and involvement. We are committed to continuing the legacy started by those before us and want to build on all the work that we have previously completed.

**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!

**Adopt-A-Highway** - Our Chapter is a 10+ 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! As we jump start a new football season with 107,000 friends and family strong; let's make sure they can enjoy a beautiful drive by cleaning up a section of highway represented by beloved Chapter.

**Penn State Football Bus** – Stop fighting traffic and waiting in long lines for parking. Season ticket holders come join us on a comfortable motor coach. In and out quickly. NO HASSLES – STRESS FREE. Close to the field, all attractions and downtown. Curb side shuttle service for handicapped and elderly. Pick-ups available in Sunbury, Selinsgrove, Lewisburg and Mifflinburg. Single game ticket holders are always welcome as well. Call for additional information or to make your reservations!!! Gail Fisher 570-274-2594

**2022 Penn State Football Schedule:**

September 1 @ Purdue 8:00pm kickoff  
September 10 vs. Ohio 12:00pm kickoff  
September 17 @ Auburn 3:30pm kickoff  
September 24 vs Central Michigan TBD  
October 1 vs Northwestern TBD  
October 8 BYE WEEKEND  
October 15 @ Michigan TBD  
October 22 vs Minnesota 7:30pm kickoff (White Out)  
October 29 vs Ohio State TBD  
November 5 @ Indiana TBD  
November 12 vs Maryland TBD  
November 19 @ Rutgers TBD  
November 26 vs Michigan State TBD

**Endowed Scholarship** 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 \$1000 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 [rocktown91@yahoo.com](mailto:rocktown91@yahoo.com).

**2022 Going Forward** – As we have all learned from the past 24 months, there has been a variety of changes coming our way. Our Chapter continues to navigate the new world we live; however, we will always build on the past and never lose sight of our mission. This starts with **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. If you have a talent, a skill, an idea or simply some time, please get involved.

As there are still many uncertainties; events we have traditionally enjoyed are still in the infancy stages. Whether it be Homecoming, Hockey games, Basketball games, the Annual Christmas Dinner or in person dinner meetings, we are still working to get things in order. In the event of any e-mail correspondences sent out, your input and responses or opinions will be greatly appreciated. Without your input, we have no idea what can be done to grow and move forward.

**Chapter Communication** – For years the Chapter has contemplated moving from traditional newsletters and information through snail mail procedures, to a more up-to-date e-mail and social medial presence. Due to the increased cost and delayed delivery of the paper mail process, we will no longer be issuing a copy via your physical mailbox. The use of e-mail and social media allows us to put our resources to greater and faster use, specifically scholarships and events to benefit our membership.

**Membership Dues Information** – At the direction of The Penn State Alumni Association, dues will no longer be collected at the local level. It is the hope that people will choose to become members of the home base Alumni Association and with that will automatically have membership in any local chapter world-wide. As such, we will cease from collecting dues from this point forward and anybody wishing to be a member of our Chapter will be welcome and considered to be in good standing status. All we need is your contact information. For more information regarding this innovative membership affiliation, please feel free to contact any of the Executive Board members, but we look forward to your continued involvement with our Chapter.

**Paperless Communication** – As we stated last year, and above in this newsletter, but feel it is important to state again, we are working to cut back on our carbon footprint through less use of traditional paper mail. A combination of new technologies, increasing mail and material costs and overall efficiency, we are trying to enter the newer ages of communication. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this may create but appreciate your continued support in all that we do.

**Social Happy Hour Gatherings** – Please stay tuned as we are attempting to host regular Happy Hour Gatherings to get together with one another, enjoy a drink, have a snack and talk Penn State. These opportunities are advertised both on the local radio and through our e-mail chain. Please contact Larry Weader regarding upcoming events or possible ideas. We'd love to have not only your support but also your involvement.

**Donations / Support** – As mentioned above, we are no longer able to collect and financially support our Chapter through traditional dues. That being said, we look forward to and truly appreciate any support our membership is able to provide through the support of our various events, fundraising opportunities or traditional donations. As we understand COVID and the economy have wreaked havoc on many, your choice to support our Chapter and the true basis of what we do, providing support to local students who have chosen either The Pennsylvania State University or The Pennsylvania College of Technology to continue their education pursuits, has helped to make a difference to so many over the past 40 plus years. Your donations over the years have provided support through our Freshman Scholarship Program and through our Endowed Scholarship Program. Thank you for all you have done, as you have truly made a difference for people in our own backyards, the Susquehanna Valley.

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

***If attending the Pig Roast, please complete and bring along***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues enclosed @ FREE per family: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Pig Roast Adults @ \$15.00 ea.: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Pig Roast Children @ \$5.00 ea.: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Scholarship Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Penn State Alumni: **Yes or No** If yes, Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of National Penn State Alumni Association: \_\_\_\_**Yes / No**\_\_\_\_