



November 2010 Newsletter

Annual Christmas Party – Our chapter's annual Christmas Party will be held again this year at the Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg on Thursday December 16, 2010 at 6:00pm. We would like to again this year offer a buffet dinner, as opposed to ordering off the menu. The price of the buffet is \$15.00 per adult or \$7.50 per child. Small children may order off the menu if so desired. The cost of the buffet includes dinner, dessert and beverage. We are also pleased to announce our guest speaker for the Christmas party, Sascha Skucek, a Penn State student from Mifflinburg. 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. Please mail your reservations including number of adults & children, with a check made out to the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter, by December 09, 2010 so we can provide an accurate count to the Carriage Corner.



Winter Basketball Getaway – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning 2 Winter Basketball Getaway days to Men's Basketball Games. Saturday January 8, 2011 vs. Michigan State and Saturday January 29, 2011 vs Wisconsin 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 adult and \$5.00 per student and you would be required to provide your own transportation to the Jordan Center for the game. Tip-off for the Michigan State game is 1:00pm and the Wisconsin game is set for 4:00pm. 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 (570) 850-1372 or via email at Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net

2011 Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for the winter of 2011 have been scheduled and are as follows: January 2011 – No monthly chapter meeting – February 2, 2011 – Hotel Middleburg, Middleburg – March 2, 2011 – Scarlet D, Mifflinburg – April 6, 2011 – Lewisburg Hotel, Lewisburg – May 4, 2011 – La Primavera, Lewisburg. If you need any more information about monthly chapter meetings, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at (570) 850-1372 or 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:

February 17, 2011—Damon's Grille, Lewisburg
April 21, 2011—Vic's Pub, Lewisburg

March 17, 2011—Garfield's, Selinsgrove
May 19, 2011—Scarlet D, Mifflinburg

For more information about the chapter happy hour social events, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com.

30th Annual Pig Roast a Huge Success – The 30th Annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Pig Roast was, again this year, a huge success. The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, Blair Thomas, Zack Mills, Roger Williams – Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association and Alan Janesch – Director of the Grass Roots Network 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 31st Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 28, 2011.

Blue/White Tailgate Party – Again this coming spring, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our fifth annual Blue/White game 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 16, 2011 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 2011 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.

Fifth Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our fifth annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 24, 2011 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Shade Mountain Winery south of Middleburg on route 104. The wine tasting event includes one bottle of Shade Mountain Winery wine with each ticket purchase. The chapter will provide light refreshments and live entertainment by local musician, Greg Burgess, throughout the afternoon. For more information about our fourth annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com.

Chapter Endowment Fund – Thanks to a very successful pig roast and the generous contributions of friends and chapter members, our chapter was able to reach the \$50,000 level of principle in our chapter endowment fund, set forth by the University for all local Alumni Chapters. With our most recent contribution of \$6,000.00, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter has ensured ourselves the ability to provide scholarship monies to deserving area upperclassmen well into the future.

Adopt-A-Highway – Again this year our chapter will be participating in the state Adopt-A-Highway program. Several times a year, we maintain our stretch of highway along Rt 45 on the way to Penn State. Our trash pickups are generally held on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm and start at the Forestry Building along Rt 45. Our first trash pickup of the season will be the weekend before the Blue/White game and more details will be available in our spring newsletter.

New York City Bus Trip – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is sponsoring a one day bus trip to New York City on Saturday December 4, 2010. 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 contact Jane Barnasconi at 286-2272.