



## October 2008 Newsletter

**Chapter Endowment Scholarship Fund** – It is with great pleasure and pride that the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association announces the naming of our chapter endowed scholarship fund. Almost 30 years ago, four area Penn State Alumni had a vision of starting an alumni chapter in this area. Over the last 30 years, our chapter has grown to become one of the most active Alumni Association chapters in the country. Our chapter has been recognized by the Penn State Alumni Association with several national awards, including the Networking and Fellowship award in 2006 and the first ever “Honorary Nittany Lion Mascot” award, presented by the Penn State Cheerleading squad in 2007. From our humble beginnings to our present day membership of close to 400 dues paying families, one couple has been instrumental in moving the Greater Susquehanna Valley chapter forward, constantly striving to do what is best for the chapter, our membership and the Pennsylvania State University. Their never ending efforts to build and maintain our chapter relationship with the Penn State Cheerleaders has made the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Annual Pig Roast legendary, attended by University Officials, former football players, alumni, fans and supporters every August. Their honest, sincere love of Penn State should be obvious to anyone whose lives have been touched by this couple. From this day forward, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association’s endowment scholarship awards will be known as **The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Endowed Scholarship in honor of Bob and Edythe Werba** and will be awarded as such in perpetuity.



**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. 17, 2008. 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 17<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 Rothermel 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.

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast a Huge Success** – The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Pig Roast was, again this year, a huge success. The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, 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 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 23, 2009.

**Football Tailgate Spectacular** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is sponsoring a new The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is sponsoring a new and exciting tailgating opportunity the Ohio State game, October 25, 2008. Our first ever Football Tailgate Spectacular will be held at the American Legion in New Berlin and will feature several big screen TV's to watch the game, an all you can eat buffet catered by Ard's Farm Market, beverages and a chance to win cash. Tickets will be available for \$25.00 per person and can be purchased in advance. As part of the ticket price, the chapter will be giving away up to \$500.00 in cash, just for attending the Football Tailgate Spectacular. For more information about this chapter event, 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 on Wednesday December 10, 2008 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 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. Please mail your reservations including number of adults & children, with a check made out to the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter, by December 1, 2008 so we can provide an accurate count to the Carriage Corner.

**2008 – 2009 Meeting Dates** – Chapter meetings for the fall of 2008 and winter of 2009 have been scheduled and are as follows: Nov 5, 2008 – Original Italian Pizza, New Berlin – Dec 10, 2008 – Carriage Corner, Mifflinburg – January 2009 – No monthly chapter meeting – February 4, 2009 – Vinnies Pizza, Middleburg – March 4, 2009 – Scarlet D, Mifflinburg – April 1, 2009 – Forest House, Forest Hills – May 6, 2009 – La Primavera, Lewisburg. If you need any more information about monthly chapter meetings, please contact secretary Tony Barnasconi at 988-6615 or [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 16, 2008—Scarlet D, Mifflinburg – November 21, 2008—Puirseil's Irish Pub, Lewisburg

More information about our winter and spring 2008 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).

**Winter Basketball Getaway** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning 2 Winter Basketball Getaway days to Men's Basketball Games. Sunday February 8, 2009 vs. Wisconsin and Saturday February 28, 2009 vs. Indiana 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 3:00pm and the Indiana game is set for 6:00pm. 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)