



April 2015 Newsletter

35th Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon – The 35th 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 with The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, Trey Bauer, Ross Muir and Alan Janesch – Director of the Penn State Grassroots Network all in attendance, along with over 425 Penn State Alumni, fans and supporters. This year's pig roast will include members of the ticket office in attendance to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your football tickets. They will also be available for people wishing to purchase football season tickets. Reservation forms and more detailed information will be available in our summer newsletter. We hope to see you again this year for the 35th Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 23, 2015.



Ninth Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our eighth annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 26, 2015 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Shade Mountain Winery south of Middleburg on route 104. 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 donated back to the chapter scholarship fund by Shade Mountain Winery.** For more information about our eighth annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com.

2015 Spring/Summer Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for the spring and summer of 2015 have been scheduled and are as follows:

April 1, 2015 – OIP - Lewisburg

May 6, 2015 – La Primavera, Lewisburg

Our summer monthly meetings are family picnic events and are held at Jack Treas Park in Shamokin Dam. Those meeting dates are June 3, 2015 – July 1, 2015 and August 5, 2015 and 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 secretary Tony Barnasconi at Anthony.barnasconi@verizon.net

Penn State Day at Knoebels – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is proud to be a sponsor of the sixth annual Penn State day at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park. Please see the attached flyer for all the exciting details of this event Saturday May 16, 2015. Please note that reservations are **REQUIRED** to attend and you can fill out the enclosed reservation form to sign up. For more information on this exciting opportunity to interact and network with fellow Penn State supporters, please contact Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197 or rocktown@dejazzd.com

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 will be available in May and are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. First prize is 1 pair of 2015 Football season tickets or \$500.00 cash. Second through eighth place are a pair 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 Rutgers or \$70.00 cash

4th prize—2 Tickets Illinois or \$70.00 cash

5th prize—2 Tickets Indiana or \$70.00 cash

6th prize—2 Tickets San Diego State or \$70.00 cash

7th prize—2 Tickets Buffalo or \$70.00 cash

8th prize—2 Tickets Army or \$70.00 cash

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. Ticket drawing will be held Sunday August 23, 2015 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.

Social Media/Website Coordinator – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is in need of the services of a volunteer to help update and maintain both our chapter website and our social media outlets. Our chapter website is currently up to date but as you all know, information changes rapidly during our busy months and after a very successful Coach Bingo, advertised mostly through social media, we would like to expand the use of our Facebook page, develop a Twitter following and look into any other avenue available to us to help spread the word. If you are internet savvy and have a few hours a month you could devote to this project, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at Anthony.barnasconi@verizon.net.

Coach Bingo – A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support our chapters latest fundraising effort...Coach Purse Bingo. The chapter had almost 150 bingo players at the New Berlin American Legion on Sunday March 1, 2015 and the day was nothing short of spectacular. After all expenses were paid, the chapter was able to show a nice profit to put toward our scholarship fund. Many thanks to Mandy and Tracy and Denise and everyone involved in making this project a great success!

Horse Racing and Casino Bus Trip – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is planning our annual spring bus trip this year to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs casino. The date of the trip is Saturday May 30, 2015 and the cost of the trip is \$25.00 per person. The bus will leave from the Big Lots Parking Lot in Lewisburg at 3:00pm and depart from Mohegan sun at 11:00pm to return home. Mohegan Sun is offering a rebate of \$25.00 in casino play and a \$5.00 food coupon and they also feature live harness racing with post time at 6:30pm. If you would like to join us for a fun day of horse racing and gambling, please contact DJ Mapes at (570) 966-1141 to make your reservation.



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 spring 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!