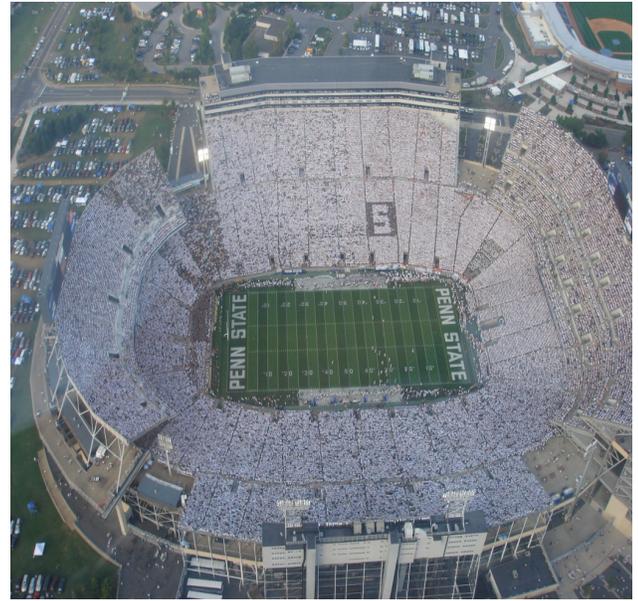




November 2012 Newsletter

Annual Christmas Party – Our chapter’s annual Christmas Party will be held again this year at the Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg on Wednesday December 12, 2012 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 \$18.00 per adult or \$9.00 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, Lou Prato, retired curator of the Penn State All-Sports Museum. 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 5, 2012 so we can provide an accurate count to the Carriage Corner.



Winter Basketball Getaway – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is planning 2 more Basketball Getaway days to Men’s Basketball Games. Saturday January 26, 2013 vs Ohio State and Sunday March 10, 2013 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 Ohio State game tipoff is at 12:00 noon and the Wisconsin game is set for 12:00pm also. 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

2013 Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for the winter of 2013 have been scheduled and are as follows: January 2013 – No monthly chapter meeting – February 6, 2013 – McDonalds, Lewisburg – March 6, 2013 – Hotel Middleberger, Middleburg – April 3, 2013 – Lewisburg Hotel, Lewisburg – May 1, 2013 – 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.

125 Anniversary Football Event – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter in conjunction with Rippon Family Restaurants D/B/A McDonalds held a small ceremony to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the first football game ever played by Penn State on November 12, 1887. The November 12, 2012 event at McDonalds in Lewisburg unveiled a special framed print to identify an old painting of Bucknell University that hangs in the North Atrium. The painting depicts the Bucknell campus in 1887 and features a football game being played on the old field, believed to be the first ever football game played by Penn State against Bucknell – Penn State won 54-0. In attendance were chapter members, guests, Penn State supporters, Steve Kelly from Senator Toomey’s office, State Representatives Linda Schlegel-Culver and Fred Keller, Roger Williams and Cheryl Stringer from the Penn State Alumni Association. Our chapter would like to thank our many supporters, including Thom Rippon and Bob Schmieder (who’s idea initiated this event), for their continued support of our events and activities.

32nd Annual Pig Roast a Huge Success – The 32nd Annual Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Pig Roast was, again this year, a huge success. The Penn State Cheerleaders, The Nittany Lion, Tim Sweeney, Keith Conlin, 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 33rd Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 25, 2013.

Blue/White Tailgate Party – Again this coming spring, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our seventh annual Blue/White game tailgate party. Last year's event was cancelled because of weather so we are hoping to be able to have this event again in 2013. The Blue/White game is set for Saturday April 20, 2013 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 2013 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.

Seventh Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our seventh annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 21, 2013 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 musicians throughout the afternoon. Our annual Wine Tasting Event benefits our chapter scholarship fund and Shade Mountain Winery donates 30% of all wine sales during the event back to our chapter scholarship fund as well. For more information about our seventh 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 \$60,000 level of principle in our chapter endowment fund. With our most recent contribution of \$7,000.00 and a long term goal of contributing \$5,000.00 a year for the next 3 years, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter has ensured ourselves the ability to provide scholarship monies to deserving area upperclassmen attending Penn State 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.

The Joe We Know Movie Event – On October 3, 2012 The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter presented the only area showing of the movie “The Joe We Know”. The movie, originally started as a belated birthday present for Coach Paterno, has been shown to chapters throughout the United States and continues to be a great way to remember our beloved coach. Our movie event at the Campus Theatre in Lewisburg was a huge success with close to 300 people in attendance. The event was attended by many of the movie associates including Dan Leri, executive producer and Eric Porterfield, movie director. Many thanks to everyone from the movie staff who helped make our event successful. The chapter would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make the event a success, without dedicated chapter members like our volunteers, we would not be as successful as we are. Special thanks also goes out to Jack Curry for introducing the movie and REW Insurance & Financial Investments for being out title sponsor. We Are...because He Was!!!

Chapter Website – Don't forget to check out our new chapter website at www.gsvpsc.com. The chapter website is up to date and the best source for information about events and happenings for the Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter.