



April 2009 Newsletter

Blue/White Tailgate Party – Again this year, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our third annual Blue/White game tailgate party. Last year's event was a huge success with well over 50 chapter members and friends stopping by. The Blue/White game is set for Saturday April 25, 2009 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 2009 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.



29th Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon – The 29th 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, Roger Williams – Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association and Alan Janesch – Director of the Penn State Grassroots Network all in attendance, along with over 425 Penn State Alumni, fans and supporters. Reservation forms and more detailed information will be available in our summer newsletter. We hope to see you again this year for the 29th Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 23, 2009.

Third Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our third annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 26, 2009 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Shade Mountain Winery south of Middleburg on route 104. The cost of the wine tasting event is \$15.00 per person and 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 third annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com.

2009 Spring/Summer Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for the spring and summer of 2008 have been scheduled and are as follows:

May 6, 2009 – 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, 2009 – July 1, 2009 and August 5, 2009 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 988-6615 or Anthony.barnasconi@verizon.net

Happy Hour Social Events – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter continues to hold a highly successful 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:

May 21, 2009 – Damon's Grille, Lewisburg
June 18, 2009 – Front St Station, Northumberland
July 16, 2009 – Selinsgrove Brewery, Selinsgrove
August 20, 2009 – Vic's Pub, Lewisburg

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

Spring Baseball Getaway – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning another spring baseball getaway to the Penn State vs. Minnesota baseball doubleheader on Saturday May 16, 2009 at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. The first game gets under way at 2:05pm with the nightcap slated to begin at 4:05pm. The Nittany Lions are picked to finish as high as 2nd in the Big Ten this spring and this is the last home series of the season, so it should be a great weekend to help cheer on the Blue and White. Tickets should be somewhere around \$5.00 each, although the exact price will be announced once the tickets are purchased. For more information on this baseball getaway weekend, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net.

Football Gametimes – Penn State will begin Big Ten Conference play with a prime time showdown in Beaver Stadium. The Nittany Lions' Sept. 26 contest with Iowa has been set for prime time national TV exposure, with kickoff at 8:00 p.m. ET on ESPN or ABC. The Big Ten also announced that Penn State's Oct. 31 contest at Northwestern will kick at 3:30 p.m. CT/4:30 p.m. ET and air on ESPN or ESPN2. The game is considered to be a prime time game by the television networks and the Big Ten.

Fall Football Bus Trip – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning a bus trip to the Penn State/Northwestern football game this fall, Saturday October 31, 2009. **We would like to take an initial survey of the people interested to see if the trip is feasible and there is enough interest to fill a bus.** The trip would leave Thursday October 29, 2009 and return home Sunday November 1, 2009. All the fine details for this exciting 4 day trip to Northwestern to see our Nittany Lions will be released as soon as they are finalized, however we would like to do some type of group activity on Friday in and around the Chicago area. We will also make available any and all Alumni Association activities for the weekend trip including the pre-game Alumni Association pep rally. If you would like more information about this trip, or to confirm you are interested, please contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141 or email DJ@gsvpennstatechapter.com.