



## March 2008 Newsletter

**Chapter to Sponsor Vera Bradley Bingo** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is excited to present our latest fundraising event, Vera Bradley Bingo. This new and exciting fundraising event is planned for Sunday March 16, 2008 at the New Berlin American Legion and benefits our scholarship fund. Our Vera Bradley bingo is open to all chapter members, guests and the general public with the doors opening at 12:30pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes 20 games of bingo. There will be an early bird special, several special games and numerous raffles throughout the afternoon. There will also be snacks and beverages available. Some of the game prizes include a New Baby Bag in Classic Black, a New Metro in Peacock, a Garment Bag in Classic Black, a Miller Bag in Windsor Navy and a Metro Bag in Pink Elephant. Chinese Auction prizes include a Saddle Bag in Houndstooth, a Racquet Cover & Shoe Bag in Capri Melon and several other nice Vera Bradley bags. For more information about the Vera Bradley Bingo, please contact Chapter President Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197.



**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon** – The 28<sup>th</sup> 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, Kenny Jackson & Blair Thomas, Roger Williams – Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association, David Han – President 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 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 24, 2008.

**Blue/White Tailgate Party** – Again this year, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our second 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 19, 2008 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 2008 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.

**Atlantic City Bus Trip** – The chapter is planning our annual bus trip to Atlantic City, on Saturday April 12, 2008. The bus will leave from the SUN Vo-Tech school in New Berlin at 6:00am and head to the Casino's in Atlantic City. You can enjoy a day of gambling, take in the beach, walk the boardwalk or just enjoy a day away. The bus will depart for home at 8:00pm and return to the Vo-Tech school in New Berlin. The cost of the trip is \$35.00 per person and there will be some type of rebate from the casino. The exact amount of the casino rebate will be announced as we get closer to the date of the trip. For more info or to sign up for the trip, contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141.

**Second Annual Wine Tasting Event Planned for July** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our second annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 20, 2008 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 second annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

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

March 5, 2008 – Scarlet D, Mifflinburg  
April 2, 2008 – Selinsgrove Hotel, Selinsgrove  
May 7, 2008 – 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 4, 2008 – July 2, 2008 and August 6, 2008 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 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 has started 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:

February 21, 2008 – Puirseil's Irish Pub, Lewisburg  
March 20, 2008 – BJ's Steak & Ribs, Selinsgrove  
April 17, 2008 – Damons's, Lewisburg  
May 15, 2008 – Scarlet D, Mifflinburg  
June 19, 2008 – Front St Station, Northumberland  
July 17, 2008 – Selinsgrove Brewery, Selinsgrove  
August 21, 2008 – Vic's Pub, Lewisburg

For more information about the chapter happy hour social events, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

**Spring Baseball Getaway** – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning another spring baseball getaway to the Penn State vs. Iowa baseball doubleheader on Saturday May 10, 2008 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Anthony.Barnasconi@verizon.net).

**Football Tailgate Spectacular** – The chapter is currently in the preliminary stages of our first ever Football Tailgate Spectacular to be held on October 25, 2008 for the Ohio State game at the New Berlin American Legion. If you are familiar with our away game tailgate parties, you will surely want to attend this new chapter function. The Football Tailgate Spectacular will feature big screen TV's for watching the game, an all you can eat buffet catered by Ard's Market, beverages provided and your chance to win our grand prize drawing for cold, hard cash. More details will follow in our summer newsletter and will be available on the chapter website once the final details are worked out. We hope to see you on October 25, 2008 for the Football Tailgate Spectacular.