



April 2013 Newsletter

Blue/White Tailgate Party – Again this year, our chapter will attempt to hold (weather permitting) our seventh annual Blue/White weekend tailgate party. Last year's event was postponed because of the inclement weather but we hope to proceed with this year's event. 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.



33rd Annual Pig Roast On the Horizon – The 33rd 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, Keith "The Goon" Conlin, Tim Sweeney 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 33rd Annual Chapter Pig Roast, Sunday August 25, 2013.

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. 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 seventh annual wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at jaredfkohl@hotmail.com.

2013 Spring/Summer Meeting Dates – Chapter meetings for the spring and summer of 2013 have been scheduled and are as follows:

April 3, 2013 – Lewisburg Hotel - Lewisburg
May 1, 2013 – 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 5, 2013 – July 3, 2013 and August 7, 2013 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

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 25, 2013 and the cost of the trip is \$20.00 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 \$30.00 in casino play and a \$10.00 food coupon good at any restaurant at the facility. 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.

Penn State Day at Knoebels – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is proud to be a sponsor of the fourth annual Penn State day at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park. Please see the attached flyer for all the exciting details of this event. 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

2013 Coaches Caravan – On the heels of the highly successful 2012 Coaches Caravan, the 2013 schedule includes a stop in our area. Tuesday May 7, 2013 the Coaches Caravan will stop at Penn College in Williamsport for a noon luncheon. Head football coach Bill O'Brien as well as other head coaches from the university will be on hand to speak during the event. If you would like to register for the Williamsport Coaches Caravan stop, please visit www.alumni.psu.edu/coachescaravan or www.gopsusports.com and click on the link for the Williamsport event to register. Some of the events on the 2013 Coaches Caravan are close to being sold out already so please be sure to take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible.

Family Pool Party – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning our second annual family pool party. This year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday July 13th, 201 at the Northumberland Pool. More details will be available in our summer newsletter.

Syracuse Bus Trip – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be having a one day bus trip to the new Meadowlands Stadium for the Penn State / Syracuse football game this fall. The date of the game is Saturday August 31, 2013 and the one day trip will include transportation to and from the game...and your sideline lower level game ticket. The cost of the trip is \$160.00 per person and reservations are now being taken on a first come...first serve basis. We would like to get an idea of the amount of interest in this trip as soon as possible so if you are interested, please contact DJ Mapes to let him know how many are in your party. Depending on the kickoff time, we may have the opportunity to provide a tailgate for fans on the trip. Other details of the trip will be made available when we get closer to the game. To sign up for the Syracuse bus trip, please contact DJ Mapes at (570) 966-1141.

Winter Sports – Congratulations to coach Sanderson and our Penn State wrestling team for capturing the NCAA National Championship for the third consecutive year. Congratulations to 184 pound wrestler Ed Ruth and 197 pound wrestler Quentin Wright who captured the National Championship in their weight classes to help the Nittany Lions bring home the team championship. Also congratulations to the Womens basketball team for qualifying for the National Championship Tournament for the third consecutive season. The Lady Lions finished first in the Big Ten and have completed play in the NCAA tournament. Congratulations to coach Washington for great season.