

MERCER COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS



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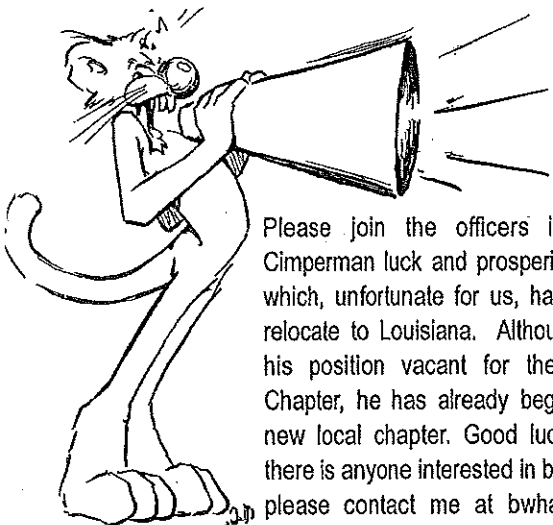
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2011 is proving to be a very critical year for Penn State on several different fronts. As the university is bracing itself for a decision by our governor who is considering an unprecedented budget cut to the university, many of our fellow alumni who are either directly or indirectly affiliated are doing the same. For some it will mean tuition increases and cutbacks, for others it may mean their job so we must pull together and do whatever we can to support our alma mater to ensure a sound and secure future!

Just a quick note on how Penn State impacts our state as a whole, did you know that Penn State contributes more to the state's economy annually than any other industry. In 2008, the University generated \$8.5 billion in direct and indirect economic impact and an additional \$8.7 billion through business services, research commercialization, and the activities of alumni, for a total of more than \$17 billion. This accounts for the generation of more than 2% of the state's business volume or more than \$1 out of every \$50 in the state's total economy! (<http://econimpact.psu.edu>)

In order to pull more of our membership together, we have decided to try something a little different this year! Over the next several months, you will be receiving email notifications of places throughout Mercer County that the alumni leadership and members will meet for an evening involving dinner and good conversation. This will give everyone a chance to come together to discuss issues, make recommendations and to meet your fellow members so keep an eye out and join us if you can. Please also note that the Penn State Shenango Alumni Society and other area Penn State Chapters sponsor many events throughout the year so don't be shy and plan on joining in on these events as well! Please also note that we now have our own website (see online resources within this newsletter) and our Facebook page so stop by and sign up!



Please join the officers in wishing Gary Cimperman luck and prosperity in his new role which, unfortunate for us, has required him to relocate to Louisiana. Although this will leave his position vacant for the Mercer County Chapter, he has already begun to establish a new local chapter. Good luck Gary! Also, if there is anyone interested in becoming an officer, please contact me at bwhamm@hamms.net with your interest!



Penn State Alumni Association Life Membership

Are you a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association? Did you know that the Penn State Alumni Association is the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world? If you are not a life member, join now or convert your annual membership to a life membership. Join by contacting the Alumni Association at 1-800-548-LION or at <http://www.alumni.psu.edu>. When you complete your application to become a life member please indicate the Mercer County Chapter Reference Code AMN on your application. The Alumni Association will pay the Mercer County Chapter \$50.00 for each new life membership.



2011 Penn State Football Schedule



9/3/2011	Indiana State	Noon
9/10/2011	Alabama "White Out"	3:30 pm ET
9/17/2011	@ Temple	Noon
9/24/2011	Eastern Michigan	TBA
10/1/2011	@ Indiana	TBA
10/8/2011	Iowa	TBA
10/15/2011	Purdue "Homecoming"	Noon
10/22/2011	@ Northwestern	7:00 pm ET
10/29/2011	Illinois	TBA
11/12/2011	Nebraska	TBA
11/19/2011	@ Ohio State	TBA
11/26/2011	@ Wisconsin	TBA
12/3/2011	Big 10 Championship	TBA

Football Ticket Lottery

Each year the Mercer County Chapter enters a football ticket lottery offered by the Alumni Association. This is how we are able to sponsor bus trips and other events. Allocations from The PSU Athletic Office has not yet officially released ticket allocations for the 2011 season although we do plan on submitting for at least one home game! If you are interested in participating in the lottery, please fill out the membership form attached to this newsletter and we will make sure you are included!

Alabama @ Penn State Raffle Tickets – The Shenango Alumni Society is having a raffle for 2 tickets and a parking pass to the Alabama vs. PSU football game on September 10th, 2011. The raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Chris Scherer, Mercer County Chapter Secretary @ 330-637-9926 or Sam Bernstine @ 724-944-9169. The winning ticket will be drawn on August 27th, 2011 and the winner notified that night! All proceeds from the raffle go to scholarship funding for PSU Shenango Students.

MEMBERSHIP

The 2011-2012 membership drive is underway! Fill out the attached form and survey, then, make your check payable to: Mercer County Chapter of Penn State. Mail to: Bradley Hamm, 137 Hadley Rd, Greenville, PA 16125. The membership year runs from July 1st, 2011 to June 30th 2012. Please provide an email address if you have one as this is the preferred method of communicating with our membership!

TV Tailgate Parties:


If you are not attending a game there is a good chance that you can catch up with fellow Penn Staters watching the game at Billy's Black & Gold – Sharpsville Ave, Sharon. Be sure to check the web sites of Mercer County, Lawrence County and Shenango Alumni Society for "Official" TV Tailgate parties.

Ticket Exchange:

Have game tickets to sell? Need tickets? Check the web-site for information that may be posted or send an email to one of the Mercer County Chapter officers. Attempts will be made to match up available tickets to those needing them.

Visit us on the web at:
<http://www.alumniconnections.com/ole/pub/PST/cpages/home.jsp?chapter=79>

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Activity Survey

1. What function or activity would you like to see your Chapter organize?

2. Would you be interested in serving as an officer or on the Board of Directors?
 Yes No
3. Would you be interested in chairing a committee, helping to organize an activity, or working at an event?
 Yes No

