

PENN STATE STOCKMEN'S CLUB

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Spring Newsletter

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Spring Dinner Dance

As one of the roughest winters we have had in a while, comes to a close; make plans now to attend this fun annual event. **Note the later than usual date** due to the National B&B Convention being held the second weekend in April. Details are as follows:

Date: Friday, April 25, 2014
Place: Ramada Inn and Conference Center, 1450 S. Atherton St. State College, PA
Time:

Social Hour	6:00 p.m.
Dinner	7:00 p.m.
Program	8:00 p.m.
Dancing	9:00 p.m.

DJ Tor Michaels

Rooms are on reserve for our group for Friday night at the Ramada and will expire at the end of March, so make your reservations by calling 814-238-3001.

B&B Social

Each year, the Stockmen's Club sponsors dinner at a spring Block and Bridle meeting. This is an opportunity for us to recruit new members and network with students. We will be providing dinner at the April 3rd meeting on campus in 101 ASI. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. All Stockmen's Club members are welcome to attend!

96th Little International

The 96th Little I will be held April 26, 2014 at the Snider Ag Arena. The Show Manager is Kyle Kerr from Bangor, PA. The Assistant Show Manager is Clarissa Barton from Bedford, PA. The Little I will begin at 8:00 AM with the horse and sheep show. The Dairy Exposition will start at 10:00 AM, and the beef and hog show will all run simultaneously from that point on. LI judges this year are Beef: Adam Zurin, Swine: Andrew Dice, Horse: Callihan Dice, Sheep: Scott Meyers. Following the show the Little I Banquet will be held at Ramada Inn, State College, PA. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to purchase a ticket through PSSC, you may do so on the enclosed reservation form. Tickets are \$25.

Reunion of Class of 1974

Ruth Ann Peters Carmichael is organizing a reunion of the class of 1974 plus or minus a year. She will be reaching out to graduates from 1973-75. You can contact her at ruthannc22@gmail.com.

Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Lee Johnston from the University of Minnesota has been chosen to receive the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award in Animal Science. Lee has been a faculty member in the Department of Animal Science at UM since 1988 and has reached the rank of Professor. He is located at the West Central Research and Outreach Center in rural, western Minnesota. His current responsibilities include delivering educational programs to pork producers and other industry professionals, conducting swine nutrition and management research, and supervising the West Central Research and Outreach Center's swine research unit. His primary research interests are nutrition and management of the sow, feed ingredient evaluation, and management of systems for pork production. Since 2010, he has served as the Director of Operations at his research center and oversees programs in Dairy Production, Renewable Energy, Horticulture, and Agronomy. Lee received his B.S. in Animal Production from Penn State in 1982, his M.S. in Swine Nutrition from Texas Tech University in 1984 and his PhD in Swine Nutrition and Management from Michigan State University in 1988. Lee and his wife, Judy (1984 PSU grad), live on a small farm in Morris, MN where they have raised Dorset sheep since 1989. They have two children, Justin (24) and Natalie (21). Justin graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Minnesota in 2012 and is currently pursuing a M.S. degree in Meat Science at the University of Minnesota. Natalie is a Junior at the University of Minnesota studying Animal Science. Congratulations to Lee who is long time PSSC member. We are looking forward to celebrating this honor with him!

Winter Business Meeting

The winter business meeting was held January 4th in Harrisburg.

Items of club business discussed were as follows:

- Approved a donation of \$500 to the PSU Beef Quiz Bowl Team.

- Discussed amending the club By-Laws. This was tabled until the next meeting.
- Continued discussion on scanning LI catalogs/club yearbooks. No decision was reached.
- Presentation on Targeting Excellence by Aaron Ott. (See article later in this newsletter.)
- Making Mr. Trent Loos an honorary member

Mr. Scott Sechler, owner of Bell & Evans, was our guest presenter. Mr. Sechler reviewed the history of Bell & Evans and discussed their animal welfare standards. Bell & Evans is an industry leader in humane animal treatment. Members shared an open dialogue with Mr. Sechler and we appreciate his willingness to come share his expertise!

Election Results

The president by progression for 2014 is Mr. Gary Oakes and the new vice president is Mr. Tony Jasienski. Newly elected directors are: Justin Cunfer, Jay Cheran and Scott Rhoads. Melissa Sankey will fill the term vacated by Tony J. Congratulations to them and thanks to the others who were on the ballot. The other current directors are:

2012-2015

Tim Livingston, Ben Wise, Melissa Sankey

2013-2016

Brian Barkley, Kristina McAllister, Mike Miller

Thanks to Tom Pastor, Paul Tuttle and Chrysan Cheran who went off the board. Kristina McAllister has replaced Scott Rhoads as our representative to the College Ag Alumni Society. Thanks, Kristina for taking on this important role!

By-Law Change Update

Dr. Cash has updated the by-laws to include correct gender language and department name throughout in addition to the change in Article IV to split the Secretary-Treasurer position to two offices, a secretary, and a treasurer. This is to distribute the workload of the club operation. This amended version of the by-laws will be posted on our web site later in the month for your review. We will hold a brief

business meeting at the spring dinner dance to vote on this change.

NCBA Quiz Bowl Results

The PSU Beef Quiz Bowl Team was Reserve Champions at the NCBA Convention! The members of the team were: Vance Brown, Kimberly Langhans, Kelsey Morgan and Derek Wasson. Dr. Dan Kniffen and Jana Peters traveled to Nashville with the team. PSU has earned the right to compete by winning the Northeast Student Affiliate contest 19 of the last 22 years. PSU teams have placed first 11 times and second 7 times.

Targeting Excellence

Targeting Excellence, Inc. is a charitable organization whose mission is to unite agribusinesses, production systems, and institutions of higher education in a common cause - to ensure the world's food supply by providing scholarships for students with a career path focused on food animal production. Targeting Excellence scholarships will be supported by annual contributions and fund-raising events. Scholarships will reflect the interest of contributors and participants of the fundraising events. The events will create an environment where students can learn more about career opportunities in food animal production and spend face-to-face time with leaders of our industry. Learn more at their web site targetingexcellence.org. A committee is forming in PA to hold an event later in 2014, most likely in southeast PA. **We need volunteers to help with this effort! If you are interested, contact Aaron Ott at AOTT@cvff.com or 717-413-8717.**

DAS Alumni Tailgate

PSSC will again partner with the Dairymen's Club and the Poultry Science APG to hold the 8th Annual Alumni Football Tailgate. Tickets have been reserved for November 1, 2014 for PSU vs. Maryland. We are exploring inviting the University of MD Ag Alumni. The tailgate will begin three hours before game time with the meal usually served one to two hours before. **We would like some additional help and new faces on this committee!** It is a lot of fun to plan and carry out this popular event. If you are interested, please let Jana Peters know. We will begin planning in June. We do conference calls to assign tasks and the majority of the work falls on the day prior to and of the event.

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