



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Winter Newsletter - 2004

Message From the President:

Happy New Year!! Although our football season wasn't what we wanted or expected this past year, it was great seeing so many of our members out to cheer the team on. We can only hope that 2004 will be a GREAT NEW BEGINNING for our Lions.

I'd like to have a Mid-Winter Reunion. We usually only see each other during football season, so this spring we're going to try a casual lunch meeting on February 21st at *Damon's* in Pensacola. More details will follow via email. Hopefully, Stan will have the latest on the team and we'll also have a video of an ESPN special that aired last fall on Joe Paterno.

If everything goes as planned, we'll try to get together again in April for the Blue-White game. Last year *Sidelines* in Pensacola Beach pulled the game in for us and a few of the stalwart fans came out to watch the spring game. We'd like to see a bigger crowd and again; it's a chance to see each other and socialize.

Stan and I flew up to State College in November to accept the National Service Week Award. There was a lovely dinner and we were so honored to represent our Chapter and meet other folks from other Chapters around the country. Next year we're submitting an entry for the Community Service Award. As you know I asked for monetary contributions for clothing. In addition to some really great clothes donations (special thanks to Linda Irwin) we collected \$350 to purchase clothing!!! The principal at C.A. Weis was so grateful for these donations. We were also able to purchase some coats this year, which many of these kids need when the weather gets cold. THANKS to ALL of you for making this a success!!!!

In December 2003, the Emerald Coast Chapter signed into a "Partnership Agreement" with Escambia County School District at C.A. Weis Elementary School. I was proud to represent us again for the second year. Of course, we still have Kathy Sabata's Special Ed class to help with. I will be looking for volunteers to chaperone a field trip this spring for our National Service Week project. If you have never done this before, it takes only a few hours and really is A LOT of FUN!!! Kathy and I will be deciding on where to take the children this year and I hope to announce where we'll be going at our February meeting. We also provided gifts and candy to the class this Christmas. Your Chapter purchased several hardcover books for each child as well as jigsaw puzzles.

So, you can see that we have been very busy this past year. Of course, I always look for some folks to come out and help. Thanks for all your support!!

Tonie Allsopp '82

Annual Meeting

Sure, it's a 'long way off'. But never too far out there to not plan. Right now, we're looking at holding our annual meeting in conjunction with our first football game as usual. So put a mark beside September 4th, when our team opens against Akron. Time and place to be determined.

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Mid-Winter Reunion

We'll be holding a Mid-Winter Reunion at Damon's in Pensacola February 21st, starting at 12 noon. In addition to showing a video special on Joe that ESPN aired last year, we hope to have some information on the Class of 2008, our recruit class that signed their Letters of Intent February 4th. There's also been lots of rumors about the staff, and we hope to have some information on that as well. However, the primary reason for getting together is just that – getting together! We'll have some appetizer plates hosted by the Chapter, and you will be able to order from the menu as you desire as well. Mark down February 21st on your calendar now, and plan on joining us!

++ SPORTS SHORTS

- Lady Lion basketball player Kelly Mazzante recently broke the Womens' Big Ten all-time scoring record. She currently has 2,594 career points, just 20 shy of passing the all-time overall Big Ten scoring record held by Indiana's Calbert Cheaney. There's virtually no doubt that she will do that too!
- The sixth-ranked Penn State wrestling team posted its best finish in six years at the Cliff Keen/NWCA National Team Dual Championships as the Nittany Lions brought home a fourth-place finish Sunday from the 16-team event in Cleveland, Ohio.
- The men's basketball team, under new Head Coach Ed DeChellis, is holding their own with an 8-6 record so far, 2-1 in the Big Ten.
- Coach Rene Portland's 7th ranked Lady Lion basketball team is running roughshod through the Big Ten with a 13-3 overall record, and 6-0 in conference.
- The ACHA defending National Champ Icers Men's Div-1 Ice Hockey team continues to hold down the #1 ranking this year with a 22-2 record.
- The #5 ranked men's gymnastics team recently defeated the-#3-ranked Illinois in the Big Ten opener for both schools.
- For the fifth time in the last six years, The Penn State Football Story has captured a regional Emmy Award for "Outstanding Sports Series."
- **And finally.....all reports are that the football recruiting year has been outstanding to date! Looks like another Top Ten class coming in!**

Clothing Drive

Many thanks to the following members whose donations made the Clothing Drive a major success!

Linda Irvin- 6 bags of children's clothing
Stan & Tonie Allsopp- \$50
Linda & Jim Fedyk-\$100 Gift Certificate (Lad's & Lassies)
Gail & Gene Gentzel- \$10
Al & Marianne Habersbusch- \$20
Tom & Jean Hancock-\$50
Tim & Debbie Hauck- \$50
Maurice & Bonnie Hutton- \$25
Terryjean & Tom Jenkins- \$20
Margie & Pascal Law- \$25
William & Hannah Messner- \$50

Have a new idea? ... Want to help?... Here's who to contact!!

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