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MOW Cuts Ribbon on New Kitchen and Celebrates 40 Years

With one snip of the scissors, the ribbon fell and a new era for State College Meals on Wheels (MOW) was ushered in. On October 21st, at a ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church (GLC), the completion of a major kitchen renovation was celebrated in the presence of volunteers, board members, sponsors, and friends. The new kitchen will bring an entirely new dimension to the MOW operation in terms of capability, efficiency, and capacity.

The ceremony also marked the 40th anniversary of MOW in State College and honored all those who have served the organization since its humble beginnings in 1971. Board President Bill Haner and GLC Pastor Steve Lynn shared remarks and applauded the long partnership between MOW and the church.

The new food service equipment includes state-of-the-art convection ovens, convection steamers, two tilting trunnion kettles, a large

tilting skillet, and a commercial grade gas range. A new blast chiller/freezer will provide the ability to flash freeze and preserve meals for later use, which will greatly reduce food waste and increase food safety. In addition, a new walk-in refrigerator/freezer will provide vastly improved food storage.

New work tables, sinks, and a dishwashing machine that can handle large trays and cooking utensils round out the project.

Haner thanked the WalMart Foundation, who in partnership with the Meals on Wheels Association of America, was the source of two grants totaling \$35,000. The grants made it possible for the blast chiller and walk-in storage to be part of this project. Also recognized were all donors over the years that helped make MOW financially strong and able to take on such an ambitious project.

(More photos from the gala occasion appear on page 3.)



Pastor Lynn, left, and Bill Haner, right, share in the celebration as Anna Carol Buffington cuts the ribbon for the updated kitchen

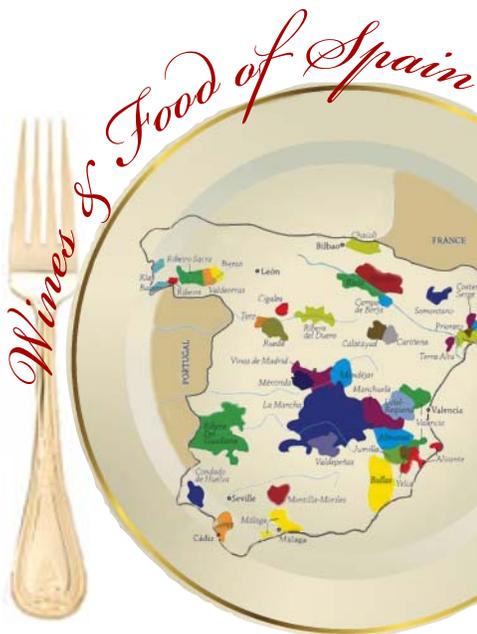
Photo by Ken Kulp

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Please make your tax deductible contribution today to State College Meals on Wheels (MOW) to help keep the wheels turning! Your donation goes directly to the local MOW to purchase food and pay other expenses of this mostly volunteer operation. Your charitable giving supports scores of clients in our community who need a little extra help maintaining their quality of life.

You have the option of paying by check or credit card with the enclosed mail-in donation form. Alternatively, you can donate via the Meals on Wheels Web site (www.scmow.org) with a one-time contribution or you may schedule payments over a designated period (monthly, quarterly, etc.).

Your donation is most sincerely appreciated.



Save the Date

Thursday, May 3, 2012

for a very special

Meal That Matters

Mike Conti returns to share the fabulous wines and food of Spain

Are you a potential Silent Auction Donor?

Enterprising State College residents have found a new way to support Meals on Wheels—they donate personal treasures that they no longer use to the silent auction held in conjunction with MOW's annual fund-raising dinner, **A Meal That Matters**.

For the last six years, MOW has sponsored these dinners at the Nittany Lion Inn each May featuring celebrated dinner speakers and both live and silent auctions. Local stores and businesses have generously donated items over the years; but more recently, individuals in the community have offered to contribute services or asked about donating personal items of value that they no longer need or use.

Jewelry, blown glass vases, original art work, silver and crystal serving pieces, and even antiques have found their way to the silent auction tables the night of the MOW dinner.

In her second year of donating, a Penn State professor gave a pair of brilliant antique garnet earrings, each boasting 32 garnets. "I loved these earrings when I bought them, but I never wear them. It's time for someone else to own them," she said.

A local official donated a gorgeous painting purchased at the Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts several years ago. As she handed over the painting she explained, "I loved this when I

bought it, but I've never really had the right place to hang it so it's been stored in a closet. I feel good about contributing it to Meals on Wheels and now feel a lot better about having bought it in the first place."

Another pair of donors were looking for "good homes" for a number of valuable personal items that neither they nor their children wanted. Before moving to a retirement community they met a Meals on Wheels board member who learned they had beautiful items they no longer needed. Several pieces of sparkling crystal, pewter, and silver found their way to the silent auction tables and were of benefit to MOW.

Other ideas for donations include music, art, or dance lessons; professional services; or use of a vacation home or timeshare. Creative donations are especially welcome: one supporter even donated a cord of firewood—chopped, delivered, and stacked.

We encourage you to consider donating items to the silent auction, which will be held as part of our benefit dinner on May 3, 2012, at the Nittany Lion Inn. No item is too large or too small, and the value of the donation is tax deductible.

For more information about making a donation, contact Kristine Clark at 814-360-4046 or email her at klc5@psu.edu.

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Above, Board President Bill Haner welcomes volunteers and guests to the newly renovated Meals on Wheels facilities at Grace Lutheran Church and congratulates the organization on forty years of service to the community.



Above and to the left, gleaming new state-of-the-art equipment makes the newly renovated Meals on Wheels kitchen more efficient and better able to serve those in the Centre region who are unable to feed themselves.



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Photo, top left: Steve Spencer, president of State College Kiwanis, presents Executive Director Anna Carol Buffington with a check for \$2,000 to help fund the walk-in cooler portion of the kitchen renovation project.



Photo, bottom left: the manager of the new Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Restaurant (located at 215 Colonnade Boulevard) donates 40 pounds of turkey breasts for Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving dinners.

Above, right: State College Meals on Wheels is featured in two national campaigns from the Meals on Wheels Association of America. The message and photo of Anna Carol Buffington and client Emma Persons were sent to MOWs across the country in celebration of Thanksgiving. Anna Carol and Emma also appear in a video on the MOWAA Web site at www.mowaa.org/weAreMealsOnWheelsproject.

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

As we celebrate this holiday with our friends and family, we thank you for being a part of our MOWAA family. **Happy Thanksgiving!**
Sincerely, The MOWAA Staff

A photograph of two elderly women, Anna Carol Buffington and Emma Persons, smiling and embracing each other. They are in a home setting, possibly a kitchen or dining area.

HARRISON'S **Dine-In Fund-Raiser** Wine Grill & Catering *to benefit State College Meals on Wheels*

Dine at **Harrison's Wine Grill and Catering** from **February 27 to March 11, 2012**, and State College Meals on Wheels will receive 20 percent of your purchase. Simply mention to your server when you pay that you would like your meal to benefit MOW.

Harrison's, located at 1221 East College Avenue (in the Hilton Garden Inn), is known for its use of local ingredients. Chef Harrison's love of the seasonal cuisine of California's wine country is evident in the foods served--colorful dishes with layers of flavor from a variety of cultures and food influences. There are also traditional favorites and a Kids Menu--delicious meals to please every palate, all served in a beautiful setting, with plenty of parking right next to the building.

Call (814) 237-4422 to make your reservation.



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Questions or comments about the newsletter may be directed to Newsletter Editor Janet Haner at jhaner@comcast.net.