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Spring 2014 Newsletter

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Annual Benefit Dinner to Feature Sportscaster Steve Jones



*Thursday, May 15, 2014
Social Hour 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm
Nittany Lion Inn*

State College Area Meals on Wheels is pleased to announce that its annual benefit dinner, *A Meal that Matters*, scheduled for May 15 at the Nittany Lion Inn, will feature legendary local sportscaster Steve Jones as speaker. Jones serves as play-by-play announcer for Penn State football and men's basketball, covers a variety of other sports for the University, and does play-by-play for the State College Spikes Minor League Baseball team. He is also active on the Big Ten network, WPSU TV, and WHVL TV, and has filed periodic radio reports on a freelance basis for CBS, NBC, and Mutual Radio. He was recently honored by Penn State alums Richard and Susan Barry, who funded the Steve Jones Student Sports Broadcasting Complex, a state-of-the-art facility that offers hands-on experiences to students pursuing careers in sports broadcasting.

A Meal that Matters offers a wonderful opportunity to share good conversation and great food with friends and colleagues while providing much-needed funding to an organization that feeds those in our community who cannot cook for themselves.

The event begins with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00. At the silent auction, which opens during the reception and continues through dinner, guests enjoy bidding on more than a hundred items from diverse businesses in our community and beyond. The live auction, led by auctioneer Michael Dilliard, includes the most exciting items and the bidding is spirited and fun.

To reserve your seats for the dinner, complete and return the enclosed form with your payment, or contact Bill Haner at 360-6571 or b.haner@comcast.net.



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Just a few of the items to be auctioned at A Meal that Matters...

- Diamond Necklace from **Moyer Jewelers**
- Glider Ride from **Ridge Soaring Gliderport**
- Segway Tours from **Happy Valley Tours**
- Pasta Every Week for a Year from **Fasta Ravioli & Co.**
- Art Class or Child's Camp from **Art Alliance**
- Overnight with Dinner and Breakfast at **Carnegie Inn & Spa**
- Wrestling Lessons with **National Champion Wrestler Quentin Wright**
- Four Park Hopper Passes for **Disney World**
- Getaway Weekend at **Omni Bedford Springs Resort**
- Football Signed by **Coach James Franklin**
- Luxury Suite from **State College Spikes**

New Executive Director Takes the Reins

State College Meals on Wheels is pleased to welcome Christine Tyler as its new Executive director, succeeding Anna Carol Buffington. Originally from Dubois, PA, Christine returned to Pennsylvania in late January after living in Jacksonville, Florida for 27 years. The long and unusually harsh northern winter has not dampened her enthusiasm—she is thrilled to be here and is busy leading MOW into its next era.

Christine has remarked on more than one occasion how impressed she is with the commitment and dedication of the volunteers. “They blow me away,” she says. She is also impressed with the knowledge and proficiency of the two kitchen staff that prepare meal after delicious meal for our clients. Having had the chance to get out on several delivery routes, she was also touched by our clients who depend on MOW for nutritious meals. “Our meal recipients are citizens who have worked all their lives to raise their families and to contribute to our community. They want to remain living in their homes and be as independent as possible.”

Christine brings a wealth of experience with non-profit human service agencies to our organization. Most recently, she worked with the Women’s Center of Jacksonville where she was the director of five distinct community education programs. She has also supervised programs to address the needs of children, low-income and food insecure families, and people with disabilities. Her extensive grant writing experience and willingness to take on new and creative approaches will undoubtedly pay huge dividends in the future as we face uncertain economic times and an aging population likely to increase MOW’s client numbers.

We are thrilled to have such a talented and experienced director and look forward to many years of successful service to our clients and the community.



Christine Tyler

Enhance Your Donation Through Centre Gives

For the third year in a row, the Centre Foundation is offering **Centre Gives**, a 36-hour online giving event designed to support the work of nonprofits in Centre County. Donations made through this program receive prorated matching funds.

From the wee hours of Tuesday, May 6, starting at 12:00 a.m., and running 36 hours until Wednesday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m., donations will be accepted online at CentreGives.org. Proceeds go directly to the participating nonprofits, including State College Meals on Wheels. The Centre Foundation is providing \$100,000 in matching funds and \$25,000 in prizes. Matching funds are prorated based on the total amount of funds donated.

Last year, Centre Gives raised \$550,000 from 4,100 donations and benefited 82 participating organizations.

To donate, go to CentreGives.org during the dates/times listed above and choose Meals on Wheels as the recipient.



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Executive Director Christine Tyler

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Why not ensure the hungry in our community are fed?

Volunteer to package a meal, deliver a meal,
or contribute to provide a meal.

To volunteer, sign up online at scmow.org or call
814-237-8135. Drivers and visitors are especially needed!



Notice of Registration: A copy of the official registration and financial information for State College Meals on Wheels may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania: 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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

Scenes from last year's dinner
A Meal That Matters
May 16, 2013



Vic Campbell Named MOW Volunteer of the Year

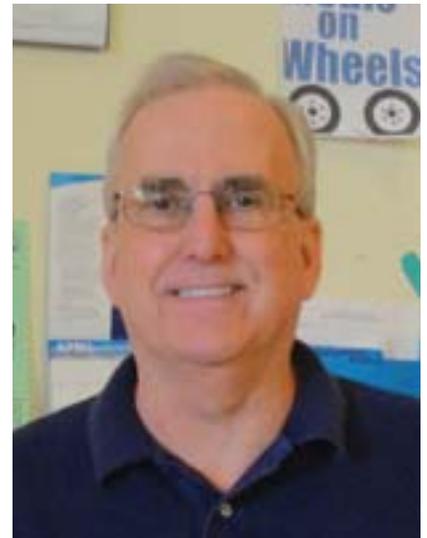
We owe our thanks to Ellen Jarrett (Monday volunteer coordinator) and Mike Conti (past president) for urging Vic Campbell to start volunteering for Meals on Wheels fifteen years ago. As neighbors, they knew Vic would be an outstanding addition to the MOW volunteer corps.

A Navy veteran with 23 years active duty service as a Surface Warfare Officer, Vic brings a wealth of leadership and practical skills to his volunteer service. After retiring and moving to State College, he started as a volunteer substitute. For the past nine years, he has worked as a “regular” on Fridays, helping to pack the hot and cold meals for the day’s deliveries. Then off he goes as the delivery driver on Route 5. His example is a

model for other volunteers and has been a major factor in MOW’s smooth operation. He also was part of the recent search committee for MOW’s executive director.

“MOW has provided me with an opportunity to meet and get to know a great many people in the Centre Region. The clients that we deliver to have become special to me and the crew that prepares the meals on Friday have become good friends,” says Campbell.

Fiercely community-minded, Vic also volunteers with Special Olympics and Toys for Tots. MOW is grateful for Vic’s commitment, dedication, and long-time service and is pleased to honor him as our 2014 Volunteer of the Year!



Meals on Wheels Night with the State College Spikes

Enjoy Spikes baseball with **Meals on Wheels Night, Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 7:05 p.m.** The Spikes, an affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, will play the Auburn Doubledays, who are affiliated with the Washington Nationals. Volunteers, clients, staff, and friends are all welcome to join in the fun!!

As part of our group, you will receive:

- \$1.00 discount on your ticket
- Early entrance to the ballpark
- 10% discount in the “Off the Rack Outfitters” Team Store

In addition, the group will be recognized over the public address system and on the video board. July 24 is \$1:00 Beer Night with domestic drafts for only \$1.00 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Our tickets, located in the Field Box area, are just \$9.00 each. To reserve yours, email Janet Haner at j.haner@comcast.net or complete the form below and mail in with your payment. Deadline to order tickets is July 1, 2014.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Tickets Needed _____ X \$9.00 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

Please enclose check for payment (payable to “Meals on Wheels”) and mail to:
State College Area Meals on Wheels, Attn: Spikes Game, P.O. Box 1367, State College, PA 16804