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Conti Returns to Host 7th Annual Benefit Dinner

As anyone who attended last year's dinner would agree, Mike Conti really knows how to put on a good time. Mike returns May 3rd to host another spectacular evening of fun, food, and fabulous wines with his unique blend of expertise and humor.

This year's dinner will feature the food and wines of Spain. Mike admits that Spanish wines are some of his favorites. As a wine educator, Conti is incredibly skilled at selecting great tasting, yet affordable and widely available wines.

The annual dinner, dubbed *A Meal that Matters*, is MOW's largest fundraiser and is critical to providing the needed funds to sustain our home-delivered meal operation for another year. The silent auction will be the most extensive ever and the live auction features four very special items--see the enclosed sheet for auction item highlights.

Please join us in thanking our sponsors (listed at right) for their tremendous support of Meal on Wheels. Together, we make a great team in the fight against senior hunger and for sustaining independence and a higher quality of life.

What better way to support our community? Get your tickets now!

Thursday, May 3, 2012
Social Hour 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm
Nittany Lion Inn
For tickets, call 360-6571



\$5,000 Donated by Northwest Savings Bank

On Wednesday, December 21, 2011, Northwest Savings Bank presented Meals on Wheels with an early Christmas present...a \$5,000 contribution to help defray the costs of our newly renovated kitchen. The project included a complete overhaul of the existing kitchen and the installation of state-of-the-art commercial appliances and equipment. The kitchen is located in the lower level of Grace Lutheran Church on the corner of Garner Street and Beaver Avenue.

The donation check was formally presented by Northwest's Ed Kifer, senior vice president of the Central Region/East District, in a brief ceremony at the new facility.

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2012 Volunteer of the Year



For 34 years, Joelle Ferguson has been part of the March for Meals...*so no senior goes hungry*. Joelle will be honored as the 2012 Meals on Wheels Volunteer of the Year at the Rose Cologne Volunteer Recognition Dinner sponsored by the Centre County Council for Human Services. At the event, which takes place at the Penn Stater on April 26, 37 volunteers from organizations throughout the county will be recognized.

As a driver and visitor, Joelle has helped State College Area Meals on Wheels serve more than one million meals. Her background as a nurse is obvious as she visits the clients on her route and greets them with a cheeful smile.

Joelle is undaunted by the challenges of delivering meals through the hills and valleys north of State College, but one encounter did give cause for concern. While clients often have pets, the animals are usually dogs or cats, so Joelle was surprised to meet a four foot iguana at one client's house. While she of course delivered the meal that day, she did manage to do it quickly!

Mere words cannot describe Joelle's contributions to our organization. As she delivers nourishing meals to her clients, she nourishes their spirits with her caring manner. Thank you, Joelle, and God bless you for your years of dedication to Meals on Wheels.

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: 1-800-737-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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