

Greetings, retiring Penn State employees!

We want to bring to your attention a convenient and enjoyable way to maintain association with retired friends, both faculty and staff, from your Penn State days. You are invited to join the **Penn State Retired Faculty and Staff Club**, a group that meets six times a year for informative, entertaining, and social purposes. There are few, if any, groups that you can join for such an economical cost – only \$15.00 for three years of membership, and that includes your spouse or partner as well. On top of that, for new members we give you the first year free, so you receive four years of initial membership.

We all know that Penn State has one of the best health care benefits plans available from an employer. Each year, our November meeting is devoted to an update on changes that will occur in the next calendar year, and this is perhaps the most valuable practical benefit for many members. We also have two noon ‘meal’ meetings a year, in May at which we elect officers for the next year, recognize those members who have passed on during the preceding year, and enjoy hearing from a special speaker, and in September when we have a less formal meal at Rock Spring Agricultural Center along with a short program. In January, March, and July, we have a speaker of interest. In recent years, we have also toured local facilities such as AccuWeather, WPSU studios, or Pegula Arena at different times. Our meetings usually begin with a half hour of social time, with light refreshments for which we may have a very nominal charge to cover direct costs. On Wednesdays, the Nittany Lion Inn gives Members a special all-inclusive price for both the cold plate and hot plate buffets along with an area in which we can gather; a number of Members take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a meal with friends.

The Club has a modest assistance fund, supported entirely on a voluntary basis by members, that on occasion helps members who have encountered temporary financial hardship; strict confidence is maintained relating to all such assistance. More information of interest to retirees is available on our web site, <http://www.psu.edu/org/retfsclub/index.html>, which is currently undergoing revision.

We invite you to join the Club. You will be added to our mailing list, and receive notices in advance of each meeting. On July 20, our next meeting, we will hear from Joe Humphreys, a world-renowned fly fisherman who holds catch records, taught many years at Penn State, has fished competitively and for pleasure around the world, and in his younger days was both an intercollegiate wrestler and a coach at both high school and collegiate levels.

Please return the attached application form, along with your check for \$15.00, to the address noted on the form. We look forward to welcoming you to membership.

Alan Cameron, Vice-President