



Support Network at Penn National

Neighbors helping neighbors live actively, safely and comfortably at home

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A Message From the Executive Director

During this holiday season, my wish for all of you is good health and happiness today and everyday in the coming years. I want to thank the SNaP Board of Trustees for their enthusiasm and action during this past year. I especially want to thank all of our dedicated volunteers for their service to SNaP members and their assistance with ongoing programs. I have enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to working with you in the future. SNaP would not be where it is today without each of you. *With heartfelt thanks, Donna Crissman*



Holiday Performance



December 14 — Penn National Harmony Singers

7:00 P.M.

New Guilford Brethren In Christ Church

To get in the holiday spirit, join our fellow SNaP members and other residents who will be singing their hearts out at this performance. Members in need of a ride should call 352-2612.

Looking Ahead to 2011

January 19 — Membership Drive Kick Off

Beginning at 3 P.M.

Penn National Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Ray Ficca

RSVP by January 12 to Dick Kiel at 352-4033,

Don Weber at 352-4840 or Howard Lutz at 352-8818

This event is open to the Penn National Community. Plan to attend and enjoy our wine and cheese, pastries and Starbucks coffee. Local businesses have contributed gift certificates, door prizes, and gift cards worth over \$1,000 for this event.

Members, sign-up a new member and both can celebrate! Gift certificates or gift cards will be awarded to members and their friends and neighbors who join SNaP during this event. One lucky ticket holder will receive a \$50 gift card to the Orchards Restaurant.

Come and discover for yourself the benefits of being a SNaP member and how SNaP is making our community an even better place to live!



Visit us on the web at www.snappn.org for more information about services and activities.

Looking Ahead to 2011 *(continued)*

February 9 Home Safety Presentation

3 p.m.—5 p.m.

Penn National Clubhouse

Everyone is welcome.

Non-members \$2 per person

RSVP by February 2 to David Wells at 352-4937

Safety both inside and outside your home will be the main focus of this program. Learn how you can make that home you love as safe as it is beautiful, as well as what resources exist to help you make it happen.

A representative from Lowe's will be available to discuss with you home safety products and to answer questions. Our own home maintenance volunteers will also be available to discuss home inspections. As an added bonus, handouts will be available for all attendees, as well as gifts from Lowe's to the first 20 persons to arrive for the presentation.

How many of these questions can you answer?

- What is a living will? Is yours up to date?
- Who can execute a living will? Is it forever?
- What is guardianship and why is it needed?
- Do I need a letter of instruction?
- Do I need a power of attorney?
- Do I need a health care directive?

Better yet, how many of these documents do you have?

March 17 Legal Documents—Preparing and Updating Important Documents

3 p.m.—5 p.m.

Grove Family Library

Presenter: Clint Barkdoll, Attorney

Everyone is welcome.

Non-members \$2 per person

RSVP by March 10 to Donna at 352-2612

Welcome to Our New Members

Paul and Eloise Lawrence

Floyd and Patricia McGraw

Jerry and Elizabeth Neessen

Carolyn Holzer

Anne Lynott

James and Jean Shoemaker

Pecans—Another Successful Sale



Pat and Floyd McGraw
Delivering pecans



Jayne Gamble
Letting individuals know that they can pick up their pecans



Don Weber

Did You Know?

The Mont Alto Ambulance Association and Fayetteville Fire and Rescue request that you

- Place green reflective address signs near the end of your driveway to make finding your home easier in the event of an emergency. Address signs are available at the Fire Hall for \$10.
- Keep your medical information (Mont Alto File of Life Information) or your SNaP Medical Emergency Information Card updated and in view for medical personnel.
- Request wheel chairs and other assistive devices in advance.

Window Clings



Many members received a SNaP window cling when they picked up their pecans. These clings will be available on January 19 at the membership kick-off to members who have not yet received them. You can also pick one up at the office at your convenience. New members will receive a window cling upon joining.



Preferred Providers will also receive a window cling for the front door of their business or window of their vehicle.

Peel and paste on inside of your front door
or window.

They Wish They Could Join

SNaP memberships are increasing and renewals are staying steady. But sometimes we hear comments like “I don’t need the services now” or “I don’t use the services.” These comments lead us to wonder if the word is getting out about what the program offers in its entirety.

Well, the word is getting out—and out beyond the Penn National community. Since the recent article in the *Active Living Section of the Public Opinion*, the SNaP office received two calls from persons wanting to know more about the program and wondered if they could join. Several were also received wanting to purchase pecans.

Naturally, we fulfilled the requests for pecans. However, much as we would welcome new memberships, we had to explain that only residents of the Penn National community are fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of the SNaP program now. So, those of you *inside* the community—if you haven’t already done so, consider signing up for the benefits that persons *outside* the community would love to have available to them.

Sunny Greetings



Sally McEwen has graciously offered to send cards to members who are a bit under the weather. If you know of a member who is ill, recovering from surgery, or in need of a bit of sunshine, please leave a message with Sally at 352-3242.

Ten Tips for Making Charitable Donations

Did you make a donation to a charity this year? If so, you may be able to take a deduction for it on your 2010 tax return. Here are the top 10 things the IRS wants every taxpayer to know.

1. Charitable contributions must be made to qualified organizations to be deductible. You can ask any organization whether it is a qualified organization and most will be able to tell you. You can also check IRS Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations, which lists most qualified organizations. IRS Publication 78 is available at IRS.gov.
2. Charitable contributions are deductible only if you itemize deductions using Form 1040, Schedule A.
3. You generally can deduct your cash contributions and the fair market value of most property you donate to a qualified organization. Special rules apply to several types of donated property, including clothing or household items, cars and boats.
4. If your contribution entitles you to receive merchandise, goods, or services in return – such as admission to a charity banquet or sporting event – you can deduct only the amount that exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received.
5. Be sure to keep good records of any contribution you make, regardless of the amount. For any contribution made in cash, you must maintain a record of the contribution such as a bank record – including a cancelled check or a bank or credit card statement – a written record from the charity containing the date and amount of the contribution and the name of the organization, or a payroll deduction record.
6. Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. For example, if you pledged \$500 in September but paid the charity only \$200 by Dec. 31, your deduction would be \$200.
7. Include credit card charges and payments by check in the year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year.
8. For any cash or property contribution of \$250 or more, you must have written acknowledgment from the organization to substantiate your donation. This written proof must include the amount of cash or a description of any property you contributed, and whether the organization provided any goods or services in exchange for the gift, including a good faith estimate of the value of the goods or services you received.
9. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must complete a Form 8283, Non-cash Charitable Contributions, and attached the form to your return.
10. An appraisal generally must be obtained if you claim a deduction for a contribution of noncash property worth more than \$5,000. In that case, you must also fill out Section B of Form 8283 and attach the form to your return.

For more information see IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, and for information on determining value, refer to Publication 561, Determining the Value of Donated Property. These publications are available at IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Links:

[Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations](#)

Publication 526, Charitable Contributions ([PDF](#))

Publication 561, Determining the Value of Donated Property ([PDF](#))

A Few Great Benefits

- 10% off the Mont Alto Ambulance Association Membership Fee
- Snow removal —several providers offer discounts
- \$10 off massage at Penn National
- Financial and estate planning discounts
- 10% off general and cosmetic dentistry
- 20% off installation of solar and fade control window film
- 20% off plumbing/heating/air conditioning
- 20% off window and gutter cleaning
- 10% off auto maintenance, oil change, tire rotation
- tax deductible donations

And much more!

SNaP Membership

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Become a Member and a Volunteer

Recent Contributors

The Support Network at Penn National recognizes individuals and organizations who make contributions throughout the year. These tax-deductible contributions can be made “in honor” or “in memory” of a loved one or friend. Contributions may be made anonymously.

Platinum

Richard Kiel

Silver

F & M Trust, Chambersburg

Joyce Etzler (In memory of “Roy Etzler”

Bronze

Kirk and Debbie Diehl

Amelita Koller

Jack and Lorie White

Cynthia Woofter

Thomas and Mary Saitta (In memory of “Denny” Serravalle)

The Gould Family (In memory of “Denny” Serravalle)

Thank you to all our contributors for your generosity and continued support.

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