



SPPA BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2011

AGENDA

- Opening – Pledge of Allegiance and Silent prayer - Rowland
- Approval of November 16, 2011 SPPA Speaker meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report – Jackie Ward
 - Jackie Ward review finances
 - Remind 2012 to pay \$50 alumni dues pay now
 - Remind all alumni to pay \$50 – covers 5 years
 - Donations to help cover our football tailgate costs
 - SPPA will donate \$750 Delaware Valley All Services Academies Ball
 - Dark Ages \$300 gift to Maryland Parents Club
 - Review any open issues
- Standing committees
 - Membership – Cyndi Love
 - Class of 2015 – any new members
 - Recognize new members who have moved into our area
 - Need to verify email, phone and addresses of members
 - Class of 2016 – need volunteers to staff this committee
 - Helen and Joe Bartish will work on putting the Class of 2016 handbook on a CD
 - Need people (everyone) to gather contents for 2016 handbags
 - Need to make handbags
 - Need to change membership form on our website
 - What should we do differently?
 - Football Tailgates – Jack Parry & Rowland
 - Report on success of 2011 home game tailgates
 - Discuss future of SPPA participation in tailgates

- Military ball – Debbie Gibbons-Neff –we encourage you to go
 - December 26, 2011 at Union League in Philadelphia
 - Invitations have been mailed this month

- Dine Arounds
 - Wegmans South - Changs
 - Wegmans North – Sally Kane

- Website – Denise Tucker

- Newsletter – Joe Bartish

- Commissioning Week Seminar – Debbie Gibbons-Neff & Carol McGowan
 - January or February 2012 – need date
 - Need volunteers to share their experiences
 - There is a company called Stay Annapolis that handles lodgings from studio apartments to a six bedroom houses for Commissioning Week (or any three night visit to Annapolis). Houses are still available for 2012. Their website is www.stayannapolis.com; their number is 410-263-3262.
 - Firstie parents need to start thinking about whether you want to put a graduation ad in the back of the Lucky Bag yearbook. Information is available at www.gradad.com, 1-866-394-9729. You can send the info in online or hard copy. The local Annapolis Jostens rep is Steve Sweet, 1-877-612-6800.
 - 2010-2011 Lucky Bags were distributed. The yearbook is amazing – 800+ pages of high quality, glossy photos. Additional copies are available by contacting luckybagusna@gmail.com
 - Firstie Parents should checkout USNA.COM (parents tab) for blankets, coins and other items that parents' clubs are selling – lots of cool stuff
 - The DoubleTree Hotel provides discounts to USNA families – 15% off Best Available Rate plus breakfast. You can register by visiting www.usnaparentsclub.com

- Speaker Meeting – February 16, 2012
 - Location – Plymouth Firehouse

- Speaker – need to confirm Dindy’s son Peter’s availability
- Firstie Dinner – April 25, 2012 - we need help! Contact Bruno and Jen Ventresca
 - Chairpersons - Bruno & Jennifer Ventresca
 - Cost - \$25 ?
 - Committee members
 - Flags
 - Letters
 - Coins
 - Caterer
 - Invitations
- SPPA Picnic locations for 2012
 - Class of 2016 – Plebe and Family Picnic – 6/2/2012
 - Location: Ridley Creek State Park – reservations have been made
 - Need committee members to plan this event
 - Class of 2016 and SPPA Family Picnic – 7/14/2012
 - Location: TRYZUB – waiting for confirmation of reservation
 - Need committee members to plan this event
- Army Navy Tickets have been mailed out – 2011 Army-Navy Gala – 12/9/2012 1900-2300 Wash DC Convention Center \$100 per person Dress Blues or Cocktail Attire
 - Anyone have extra tickets?
- Parent Club Officer’s Conference
 - USNA Alumni Association – membership 4,723 brigade parents and 14,857 all parents all years
 - US Naval Institute membership – supports the professional development of men and women of our Sea Services
 - Navy League membership – citizens in support of the Sea Services
 - “A Game of Honor” CBS Showtime show on 12/21/2012
 - Physical fitness getting better – 2012 had best record at end of Plebe summer with 46 who failed UNTIL 2015 only had 13 fail PRT

- Over 19,000 applicants in 2015
- Career assistance programs available on the alumni website helping all grads get jobs

- New Business
- Next BOD Meeting – December 2, 2012 at the Smith’s home
- Adjourn

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
11/16	WED	1830	SPPA Speaker Dinner – all invited – at TRYZUB
11/23	WED	1245	Thanksgiving leave begins after last class
11/27	SUN	1800	Thanksgiving leave ends – report back
12/2	FRI	1830	SPPA Board meeting at Rowland & Elaine’s home – 57 Hemlock Dr Holland PA 18966 – 215-757-0482 or cell 215-205-9318
12/10	SAT		ARMY vs. Navy Game in Landover MD
12/13-20 – 1/6/12			Christmas Leave – begins after last exam (sometime between 12/13-12/20) Leave ends at 1800 on 1/6/12
12/26/11	MON	Evening	All Services Ball - formal dining out event – don’t miss this event
1/18/12	WED	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray’s Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
2/16/12	THU	1830	SPPA Speaker Dinner at Plymouth Firehouse
3/21/12	WED	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray’s Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
4/25/12	WED	1830	SPPA Firstie Dinner – Tryzub – ALL ARE INVITED – You don’t want to miss this event!
5/17/12	THU	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray’s Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
6/2/12	SAT	1300	Plebe Family Picnic – Class of 2016 Welcome Aboard Ridley Creek State Park
7/14/12	SAT	1300	SPPA Family Picnic – Welcome 2016 Families – TRYZUB

Thank you for all you continue to do as it is truly appreciated!

GO NAVY beat army !!!!

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