Annual Summer Picnic and Cornhole Championship at Sharon Woods

By Jason Smith

Our **annual picnic** will be held in the **Great Meadow Shelter** at **Sharon Woods Park** in Sharonville, OH on **Sunday, August 4th**. **Admission is free to dues paying members, current WVU students, and their parents**. Non-members pay a small admission fee. An entire picnic meal and beverages will be provided to all Mountaineers, big and small. The Chapter will also be holding our 17th annual cornhole tournament for both WVU-themed prizes and more importantly bragging rights until next year's champion is crowned. As has become tradition, members and guests are invited to bring their musical instruments (guitars, etc.) as we will tap into our WV musical heritage. Vehicle permits are included with our pavilion rental. The festivities begin at 1pm. Come and join us for this annual family event.

Save the Date: Our Annual Dinner is set for Friday, May 31th! By Jason Smith

Join West Virginia Alumni & Friends for a special weekend dinner event at Valley Vineyards Winery/Brewery located in Morrow, Ohio. The event will feature Dr. Javier A. Reyes, Milan Puskar Dean of the WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics. Dr. Reyes, a graduate of Monterrey Institute of Technology and Texas A&M University, previously served in multiple roles at the University of Arkansas. He has served as Dean of the WVU College of B&E and Vice President of Start-Up West Virginia since 2016.

The evening will be a fun and relaxing way to socialize with fellow Mountaineers, enjoy the summer weather, have a delicious dinner and taste some local wines and brews while Dr. Reyes updates us on the exciting things happening at the College of B&E and at West Virginia University. *(Article *

A Mountaineer Memory
By Susan Ridgeway Jones

In 1984 Don Nehlen and the West Virginia University Mountaineers beat Penn State for the first time since 1955 in Morgantown with a 17-14 upset win. There were 64,879 people in attendance for that night game at Mountaineer Field. It was a rarity in those days for WVU to be in the national spotlight, and this game was televised in prime time on ESPN. I was 10 years old and lucky enough to be at that game with my dad. We had season tickets that year in the very last row of the upper deck. The energy that night was unbelievable. I can still remember the lights, the noise and the excitement around the game. It was like nothing I had experienced before. The game was back and forth affair. Up 10-7 in the fourth quarter, the Mountaineers forced a fumble and would eventually take it in for a touchdown to give the Mountaineers a 17—7 lead. After 29 years of futility we started to hold our breathe and dare hope that that this would be the year the team would not fall apart. **

Midwest Mountaineer Social Media Update

Hello Mountaineers! As many of you know, the chapter strives to keep up with the ever-changing social media l andscape to ensure our members have every opportunity to participate in chapter activities. Get involved in one or all of our social media and email groups to keep up with the latest Midwest Mountaineer happenings.

FACEBOOK GROUP: **Midwest Mountaineers** is one of the primary ways we communicate chapter events such as game watches, Annual Spring Dinner, Summer picnic, etc. It is an easy way to RSVP to events you plan on   attending so that we can get a head count and make sure to have you accounted for!

TWITTER: **@WVUAlumInCincy** has been another tool to communicate game watch festivities. We follow various WVU alumni chapters, WVU athletes, WVU academic programs, and general state of West Virginia accounts to ensure we have a good flavor of interaction with our alma mater.

LINKEDIN: **WVU Alumni – Midwest Mountaineers** A great networking tool for professionals in the area. This has been a great source for meeting new Mountaineers in the area and recruit potential members to grow the   chapter.

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.midwestmountaineer.com We recently upgraded the website and will look for future   upgrades as we progress throughout the year.

EMAIL: The Chapter also uses a Yahoo email group as a method of communication. This moderated list enables Chapter officers to easily update Chapter members. You can add yourself to the email list by simply sending an email to midwest_mountaineer-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Once approved, you'll receive Chapter emails at your e-mail address. To unsubscribe, send an email to midwest_mountaineer-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com. Change your email address by unsubscribing the old address and subscribing with the new one. Just remember to send the email using the address for unsubscribing and subscribing.

Here are our latest social media numbers. We are always looking to expand our reach, so please follow us, join our group, or link in with us ASAP!

355 Group Members: Our goal is to reach 375 members by the end of 2019.

@WVUAlumInCincy: 154 Followers – Our goal is to reach 180 followers by the end of 2019.

WVU Alumni–Midwest Mountaineers: 267 Group Members. Targeting 300 members by the end of 2019.

2019 Football Schedule

Sat., Aug. 31 vs James Madison Dukes

Sat., Sept. 7 @ Missouri Tigers

Sat., Sept. 14 vs. NC State Wolfpack

Sat., Sept. 21 @ Kansas Jayhawks

Sat., Oct. 5 vs. Texas Longhorns

Sat., Oct. 12 vs. Iowa State Cyclones

Sat., Oct. 19 @ Oklahoma Sooners

Thurs, Oct. 31 @ Baylor Bears

Sat., Nov. 9 vs. Texas Tech Red Raiders

Sat., Nov. 16 @ Kansas State Wildcats

Sat., Nov. 23 vs. Oklahoma State Cowboys

Fri., Nov 29 @ TCU Horned Frogs

Sat, Dec. 7 Big12 Champ, Arlington TX

Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter Scholarship

For the past 18 years the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter has provided at least one $1000 per year scholarship to a local student who attends WVU. The scholarship is one of the ways our chapter gives back to our alma mater and to the local community. To date our chapter has given out over $20,000 to help support local students. Our endowment provides approximately $1000 each year in perpetuity for a deserving student in our area to attend WVU. This year we gave out two scholarships (one from the endowment and one funded primarily from annual chapter membership dues). Our goal is to continue to build our endowment so that additional scholarships can be offered. The current value of our endowment is over $40,000. The near term goal to grow our endowment to $50,000 so that we can offer an additional scholarship.

You can help make the goal of additional scholarships a reality by making tax deductible contributions directly to the WVU Foundation. By including the information below any donation sent to the WVU Foundation will be added to our endowment.

Donations can be made via the WVU Foundation website (http://www.wvuf.org/) or by mail using the order form below. Always refer to Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Chapter WVU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund #3Z308 on the check memo line or in the online comments section.

Contributions totaling $3400 were made to the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni scholarship fund by chapter members and local corporations last year. We, and future Mountaineers would like to thank the following members for their generous support: John and Carolyn Ach, Patricia Carey, Deborah Felzien, Andrew Komanecky, Fred Lucas, Rebecca Shale, Jason Smith, Larry Utt, Neal Watzman, and Howard and Ann Withrow.

Support the Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter's Scholarship Fund #3Z308 with a Tax Deductible Gift

Name_____ Class of_____

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Please indicate amount contributed $50 $100 $500 $1000 $other_____

Please make your check payable to *West Virginia University Foundation, Inc.,* and mail directly to One Waterfront Place, PO Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-9939

Specify *"Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter WVU Alumni Association Scholarship 3Z308"* **on the check memo line**

Friday, May31st Dinner with Dr. Javier Reyes (Continued from page 1)

Bring your friends and tell all those who may be interested. We have plenty of capacity at this venue, and are hoping for a big turnout for this event!

The total cost per adult is $35.00 + tax. This includes two drink tickets (each good for a glass of wine or beer), choice of Steak or Salmon which we get the opportunity to grill ourselves, and a buffet full of side options and desserts. Also, for current and future Mountaineers under the age of 21, the following options are available for dinner:

Full meal - 18.95 + tax

Buffet only - 8.50 + tax

Please RSVP by Monday, May 20th so we can ensure the venue holds space for us. **Attendees will pay for their meals at the winery.**

DIRECTIONS:

From Cincinnati – Take I-71 North to Exit 28 (St. Rt. 48); turn left (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.
From Dayton – Take I-75 South to Exit 29. Turn left (east) onto St. Rt. 63 for about 8 miles (through Lebanon) to St. Rt. 48. Turn right (south) on Rt. 48 to

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Knowing the pandemonium that was likely to ensue after the game and concerned about my safety, dad decided it was best to leave a few minutes early. We headed towards town and to a local bar to watch the end of the game. My dad says we went to Gene's, but I say we went to Marios. I just know we watched on television as fans tore down the goal posts after the game and carried them down the streets of Morgantown. WVU went on that year to an 8-4 season with a victory in the Bluebonnet Bowl over future conference mate TCU.

Even though we are now living 300 miles from WVU West Virginia is still home. We still reminisce about that day from time to time and it is still one of my best Mountaineer memories. WVU will renew its rivalry with Penn State on September 2, 2023 in Happy Valley and in Morgantown on August 31, 2024. I hope I am lucky enough to be at both of those games. I have been waiting a long time for this series to be renewed as I have been married to my husband Steve, a Penn State alumnus for the last 15 years.

<u>Spring 2019 Order Form</u>

Please return this form to RSVP for the Annual Dinner, to pay Chapter dues, or to comment to the officers.

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____ Email_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Dinner with Milan Puskar Dean of the John Chambers College of Business and Economics Dr. Javier Reyes; 7:00 Meet and Greet, 7:30 Dinner

<u>Friday May 31st</u>, 2019 Valley Vineyards, 2276 East US 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152

Number attending: _____

Note: Attendees will pay for their meals at the winery

Please respond by **Friday May 24th**

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SUMMER PICNIC <u>Sunday August 4th</u>, Sharon Woods Park

Free to dues paying members, current WVU students, and their parents

Number attending: _____

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CHAPTER DUES for 2019

I wish to become a member or renew my membership with the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association. Dues are $20.00 per individual or $25.00 per family.   Amount enclosed $_____

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BECOME INVOLVED!

Are you interested in helping with events sponsored by the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter? We are always looking for chairpersons and coordinators to help with our fun social activities. It's a great way to meet fellow Mountaineers!

_____Check here if you would like someone to contact you about how you can help

Please return to **Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter, 4091 Reemelin Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45211**. Call (513) 290-7351 or E-mail *jsmithWVU@gmail.com* if you have questions. Make checks payable to the **GREATER CINCINNATI/DAYTON CHAPTER, WVU ALUMNI ASSOC.**