

The Central Florida Mountaineer Messenger

Fall 2017



Game Watch Central...

Football Season Is Here! Our game watch partner is *Friendly Confines*- 7025 CR 46-A, Lake Mary, located just off of I-4, Exit 101-A on State Road 46-A, just behind the Marriott. We are very excited that they have committed space for our game watch group. Check them out online to get a head start on their menu and opportunity to download their android or apple app for discounts and to join their loyalty club. Their website is at myfriendlyconfines.com; also available through our website by clicking on their icon.

MEET OUR OFFICERS:

President	Joe Abel
V. President	Don Nestor
Secretary	Charla Goff
Treasurer	Stacey Chipman

We always welcome new leadership candidates and volunteers to assist with our operations at game watches and other events and activities.

West Virginia

2017 Football Schedule

Saturday	Sept 3		Virginia Tech
Saturday	Sep 9		East Carolina
Saturday	Sep 16		Delaware State
Saturday	Sept 23		at Kansas
Saturday	Oct 7		at TCU
Saturday	Oct 14		Texas Tech
Saturday	Oct 21		at Baylor
Saturday	Oct 28		Oklahoma State
Saturday	Nov 4		Iowa State
Saturday	Nov 18		Texas
Saturday	Nov 25		at Oklahoma

PLEASE NOTE:

You can now find more info and stay in touch by reaching out to us on our website at wvucfl.com and find us on Facebook at WVU-Central Florida. A huge thank you to Donny Morehouse for building and maintaining our website!

President's Message

Welcome to the Central Florida WVU Alumni & Friends Fall 2017 Mountaineer Messenger. We hope this newsletter provides you with some insight into our local Chapter. We are off to a much anticipated Mountaineer football season, hoping for a great year with a great quarterback and new Offensive coach ready to score big in the Big 12! Let's just hope the defense can find their way as the season moves along.

Hopefully you've been able to make it out to one of our game watches or have plans to before the season is over. Once again we are meeting at Friendly Confines in Lake Mary just off of I-4 and so far we've been experiencing some great crowds. We had 100 folks for our opener and are averaging about 45-50 per week. We'd love to have you join us!

This year, Carmen, one of the owners and our great host of Friendly Confines, has provided us with a Kevin White jersey signed by none other than Kevin himself for our end of season give-a-ways. Other end of season raffle items are a hand crafted, hand blown WV jug made by West Virginia's very own Blenko Glass, along with a hand crafted coal wall hanging in the shape of the state of WV with a flying WV in the middle. More on those give-a-ways in the newsletter, on our website, and in person at our game watches. Carmen has also been kind enough to offer a donation to our scholarship fund of 10% of all food sales during our game watches throughout the season.

As you read the rest of the newsletter, please check out information on our Marilu Adams Student-Athlete Scholarship and our new initiative with our Central Florida Student Academic Scholarship. We're still waiting to receive information on this year's athlete scholarship recipient, but we'll be sure to let you know when we hear.

Also, one of our focuses is to continue to ask folks to step up into a leadership role with our Chapter, so please consider stepping up so we can continue to grow stronger and explore additional opportunities outside of just football and some basketball game watches. Rumor has it, we might be interested in trying to host a state-wide golf outing, but we'll need lots of help for something like that!

In closing, thank you for being part of our Central Florida Alumni & Friends Chapter and we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks and months.

Let's Go...

Joe Abel, President
Central Florida WVU Alumni Chapter

Giving back through our Central Florida Student Scholarships...

During our game watches we hold 50/50 drawings for cash and prizes with the net proceeds from the raffles going directly into the scholarship funds. Also, funds left over from our membership fees collected, after expenses; go directly into the scholarship funds.

Our Central Florida WVU Alumni & Friends have been very fortunate to fully fund our **Marilyn Adams Student-Athlete Scholarship** and fund local Florida athletes for the past several years. To fully fund the scholarship, our chapter agreed to grow the fund to an endowed amount of \$50,000. I am very glad to say that the fund currently has over \$63,000. You can find out more about the fund and how to donate at our website.

Our newest opportunity is starting a new fund that is focused on those Central Florida Students that are not attending WVU for athletics but rather academics. We have named it the **Central Florida WVU Student-Academic Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship will begin funding opportunities once the fund reaches an initial level of \$10,000 and will be endowed at \$25,000. You can also find out more about this fund and how to donate at our website.

End of Season Raffle Prizes...

In addition to the game watch 50/50 drawings for prizes and money we sell raffle tickets for a few higher value items to give away at the last game of the season. Tickets for this year raffle items are only \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets for the end of season raffle will be sold at all of the game watches during the season. This year's prizes are...

A hand-crafted coal wall mount with the flying WV

A signed WVU Jersey w/ certificate of authenticity by Kevin White

A hand-crafted, hand blown WV Jug from West Virginia's very own Blenko Glass



With all that is going on in our world I thought our group could help those in need. Once again we will be taking donations of non-perishable items for Lyman High School. Sadly, there are young adults who do not get 3 meals a day and rely on this service for meals.

For those with furbabies you know how important our 4legged companions are to us. We will be collecting dog/cat food...dog/cat toys...old blankets/old towels to donate to Seminole County Animal Shelter.

So everyone clean out your pantries and linen closets and donate to those less fortunate!
Stacey Chipman

SUGGESTION BOX

We want to hear from you....any ideas for our chapter to get involved in or plan other events or activities other than football game watches. We would like to see our members involved in more activities together. Please bring any suggestions to one of our officers.



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Update...our goal is to reach 150 members to celebrate the University's Birthday!

It's that time of year again, time to renew your membership. Please get your memberships in early and encourage other fans you know to join. Help us make our goal of 150!

You can now join our Central Florida WVU Alumni & Friends Group two ways...

- 1. Fill out the form attached and return it to our group at the address listed below or give to one of the group officers.**
- 2. Go to our website and join online at wvucfl.com**

***Central Florida membership is separate from the WVU-Alumni membership.**



2017-2018 Membership Form

Annual Membership

Individual \$20.00 Dual \$30.00

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cell _____ Email Address _____

(please print and write legible)

Please complete and make checks payable to: **CENTRAL FLORIDA WVU ALUMNI**
Forms can be turned in to any officer or mailed back to:

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