

PURDUE CLUB of Tampa Bay

The PCTB¹ Boilermaker Special Spring Newsletter

Annual Dinner Meeting – Friday, March 21st

Mark your calendars now. You will be receiving your invitation to the Annual Dinner soon via the mail. It will be at the new Clearwater Country Club. If you missed it last year: the food, the service and the facility were a remarkable improvement. If you don't receive an invitation, call Nick at 727-595-6528. Submit your questions for Purdue Trivia with your reservation.

Honoring College Sweethearts – at the Annual Dinner Meeting

If you and your sweetheart were college sweethearts at Purdue or while you were at Purdue, we want to honor and recognize you with buttoners and your photo at the Annual Dinner. Please mark "Sweethearts" on your dinner reservation.

Autographed Footballs and Basketballs will be drawing prizes

At the annual dinner, you will be able to purchase tickets for two footballs one autographed by Leroy and the other by Coach Tiller. Two basketballs will be also be autographed by Coach Keady and Coach Kristy Curry. Donations received from the ticket sales will be added to our scholarship money for Tampa Bay area Purdue Students. **Persons who contribute separately with their dinner reservations to our new scholarship fund will be able to get double tickets for the autographed balls, if they purchase scholarship tickets at the dinner.**

New Scholarships for Tampa Bay area PURDUE students

This year we are continuing an annual tradition in raising scholarship money for local area prospective and current PURDUE students. Several of you may already give money to the Purdue Foundation, to your school, or the John Purdue Club. But since we are 1,000 miles away from campus and may not even know the name(s) of our student recipient, we thought we would get the PURDUE name out in the community through a local scholarship. Working together with PAA or by ourselves, we can select the

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criteria and the student(s) who will receive the scholarship. Donations of \$25, 50 or any amount will get us started. Our goal is to get one more students from our area; cheering "HAIL PURDUE" next fall.

We are inviting this year's recipients Eric Cox of Tarpon Springs and Vivek Gedia of Brandon have been invited to be our guests at the Annual Dinner to give you the opportunity of meeting them.

Need a ride to the Annual Dinner Meeting

Need a ride? Willing to share a ride? In our dinner invitations and again in our survey last May, several PURDUE fans indicated that they would like to come to the dinner, but couldn't drive or didn't wish to drive after dark. Would you help by checking "YES, I'll give a ride to a Boilermaker." We'll do our best to make the ride as close as possible.

New Board Members Needed from the classes of 00's, 90's, 80's

We would love your help in making your PURDUE Club even better. We want to share the leadership and the direction of your Purdue Club. Also, we will need some recent grads to staff the local college day at Tropicana Field next fall to discuss student life at Purdue. Just write, "I will serve on the board." on your dinner reservation.

Check our Web Site

Have you visited our web site purduealumnioftampabay.org? It is one of the best of all the Purdue Clubs. It is easy to navigate with links for game schedules, events and Boilermaker news. Visit it often to get the list of future PURDUE games where we will meet at Damon's on Memorial Causeway to cheer the Boilermakers. How about those nationally ranked Lady Boilermakers !!! Let's follow them through the NCAA finals. Thank you to our web master, Bob Bailey. We appreciate his fine work in keeping our site fresh and the best in all of the Purdue Clubs.

New ideas

We hope that you see lots of new ideas and new opportunities in your Purdue Club. We welcome your ideas; come to the dinner and share yours.

HAIL PURDUE !

GO BOILERMAKERS !

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Nick Fritsch, Secretary

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