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To All Interested LVAC Supporters:

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Everyone agrees that Coach **Pat Santoro's** return to Bethlehem has paid major dividends for wrestling at Lehigh and in the Valley. Lehigh Valley Athletic Club donations have helped address new critical needs, including stipends to help Pat retain all four assistants for 2008-09, land a new deal for a strength coach, **Tom Koch**, and raise the quality and value of LVAC clinics. We continue to sponsor local high school athletes to the Junior Nationals at Fargo, in a bid to help raise the bar on important regional freestyle successes.

The number of part-time post-grad training roles for clinics and private sessions were greatly expanded in '08-09 and will remain, by definition, fluid. The very popular **Travis Frick** has accepted a new engineering position in North Carolina this Spring. **Jon Trengre** remains involved while beginning work as a full-time HS science teacher in the Parkland district, with significant potential benefits to clinic recruiting and strategic planning.

Still on board for 2009-10: **Jason Kutz** remains LVAC head coach in charge of all clinics; **Matt Valenti** (2x NCAA champ, Penn) who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the April U.S. National Freestyle Open while sponsored by the LVAC; **Pat Cummins** ('08 Olympic Trials 4<sup>th</sup>), one of the nation's top heavyweight mentors and **Mario Stuart** (LU 2x All-American) who is pursuing an MBA. World medalist **Cary Kolat** trained in Bethlehem during '08-09 visits and **Trevor Chinn**, LU '09, is interested in joining the Club while considering post-grad job and academic options.

The Lehigh Valley Athletic Club is determined to do more for wrestling, despite the recession. All arrangements above are steps toward Pat's long term plan to rebuild the area as a Wrestling Center of Excellence. This could perhaps lead to a new facility to help establish the LVAC as an Olympic Regional Training Center, with Bethlehem a leading contender for a possible move by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

In 2007-08 we received a record \$129,875 in gifts, with an ultimate goal of over \$200,000/year. Pat has several additional elite wrestlers interested in joining the LVAC and your contribution will help determine how many of these we can afford. If you're in a position to help, please be as generous as you can. We're sure that Penn State's new hire of Cael Sanderson as head coach last week will raise the bar for wrestling programs regionally and nationally. Your fully tax-deductible gift to our 501(c)(3) organization may be sent in the envelope provided to LVAC to our new address at: **P.O. Box 90207, Allentown, PA 18109**. For questions, please contact me at 610-698-7136 or via email: [dennydiehl@aol.com](mailto:dennydiehl@aol.com)

Sincerely,

**Denny Diehl**

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**NOTE: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual LVAC Golf Outing - Monday, Aug. 17th at Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, PA**

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