



Accent on Agriculture

Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau

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The Coronavirus has changed our plans . . .

This space was originally filled with news about the

Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau
Picnic and Fall Banquet

(however, because of “Social Distancing”
regulations with the Coronavirus,
CDCFB has had to cancel those plans).

*Who knew that “Social Distancing”
would be an everyday addition to our vocabulary?*

CDCFB planned a “Meet the Candidates” event
to be held prior to the 2020 election this fall,
(and, that too was cancelled).

As in the past, CDCFB planned to present awards
to their 2020 Scholarship winners
during the CDCFB Picnic;
(instead, the scholarship awards will be mailed).

However . . .

CDCFB’s Policy Development meetings
will be held in August as “virtual” meetings.

See details below.

Policy Development Meetings

Once again it is time to shape the legislative direction of Farm bureau. Being a grassroots organization, that direction may come from any member. Now is the time to bring your ideas for changes to laws and regulations, so a policy may be developed.

CDCFB is planning on having the following two Policy Development (PD) meetings in August. However, those PD meetings will be held “virtually” via a teleconference call. See information below:

- Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

Use the following numbers to access the conference call meeting:

Phone: 800-768-2983 Passcode: 4387130

Also, please feel free to send any ideas or policies to me at:
Hreyburn@zoominternet.net, or by phone at: (717) 572-7957.

Thanks,

– Howard Reyburn, CDCFB Policy Development Chairman



Message from CDCFB President Daniel Miller

As I write this letter spring planting is in full swing. Farmers are anticipating a good growing season and are full of enthusiasm for another bountiful crop. This is a recurring theme from year to year in the agricultural industry and spring always gives everyone hope for a better future for their farming enterprise. It is the way the world should be for those of us involved in agriculture.

Covid-19 has disrupted everyone’s life – even life on the farm. As PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding says, “This is not business as usual.” I’m sure the pandemic has disrupted your life in ways that we never would have thought possible.

Although life probably is much the same when you’re out in the field on a tractor, there are probably things that have changed for your operation that you didn’t expect to have to deal with. And if you have employees, things get more complicated as you try to keep your family and employees safe from the virus.

Farm Bureau has experienced a totally new set of circumstances also. Very rapidly the focus for Farm Bureau has moved to supporting agriculture on how to deal with the realities of the pandemic and its effects on agriculture. PA Farm Bureau has had conference calls with Secretary Redding and other government officials that are open for all members to participate.

Due to the quickly changing circumstances related to the virus, members are notified via email as to timing of conference calls and updates on changing regulations and opportunities for financial help. Things have changed so rapidly over the past few months that printed materials are obsolete by the time they reach our members. Please send us your email address at chestercountyfarmbureau@gmail.com if you are not getting notification of these updates and would like to receive them.

Farm Bureau, on the state and national levels, has been advocating for agriculture from the start of this pandemic to seek programs and solutions from both levels of government. Please go to the PA Farm Bureau website at PFB.com. There you will find a Covid-19 update page which has all of the up-to-the-minute information relating to agriculture.

It is very important for farmers to stay current with the changes occurring and opportunities available to agriculture due to the virus. Market forces resulting from processing plant shutdowns and supply chain problems may affect your operation even though your own operation is running smoothly.

One thing that was pointed out to me is how livestock farmers have long thought about how to raise their animals to prevent disease from spreading from animal to animal. We now need to use those same thought processes to prevent the spread of Covid-19 through our families, friends and employees. Farmers know how to do this so I believe agriculture has a real advantage over the general population in staying healthy because of the way we farmers think about disease prevention.

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CDCFB Awards Scholarships to Students in Ag-related Careers

The Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau Board of Directors is proud to announce that the following five students will be awarded agricultural-related scholarships this year:

- ♦ Vedha Viddam, Downingtown East High School, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Penn State University's College of Ag Science.
- ♦ Rylie Hannis, Owen J. Roberts High School, to receive a \$1,000 award to attend Penn State University, and major in Plant Science.
- ♦ Kara Taylor, Sun Valley High School, \$1,000 scholarship to University of Delaware to study Wildlife Ecology/Conservation.
- ♦ Daniel Wethey, Bayard Rustin High School, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Penn State University for an Ag major.
- ♦ Jason Minch, Sun Valley High School, a \$500 scholarship to attend Williamson College of the Trades with major in Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Management

Hayley Koller, Pennocks Bridge TCHS Student, Receives CDCFB Scholarship

Hayley Koller, who was a veterinary student at the Pennocks Bridge Technical College High School (PC-TCHS) during this past school year, has also received a CDCFB scholarship.



Hailey served as the FFA Chapter Sentinel at TCHS-Pennocks Bridge. As a high school junior, she was inducted into the NT Honor Society. She has also been part of the team caring for "Yukon" – the Chester County retired police K-9 dog that had visited the PC-TCHS school this past year.

Hayley plans to be a veterinarian and has been accepted into the Veterinary Medical Technology program at Wilson College

President's Letter . . . [continued from first page]

Many of the agricultural events that Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau has supported over the years have been cancelled for 2020. We are hopeful that some events can be held in late summer and fall but we intend to follow the Centers for Disease Control and State Health Department guidelines as events are being planned – and if they need to be cancelled, they will be.

Our main goals are to help keep our members as safe as possible and to support our members during this trying time. Please reach out to any of the directors listed on the back of this newsletter if there is anything that you think we might be able to help with.

Please stay safe and thank you for being a member of Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau!

Sincerely,



Future CDCFB Scholarship Programs to be Named in Honor of Janet and Howard Robinson

The Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau Board of Directors at their June board meeting voted to name the organization's scholarship program in honor of Janet and Howard for their years of service to the organization. Howard and Janet have always promoted education so the board felt that this token of appreciation was the best way to honor the Robinsons' tireless efforts for promoting agriculture in our counties.

The board of directors would like to thank Janet for her years of service as treasurer and newsletter editor for our organization. Under Janet's watchful eye, the organization has been able to maintain a balance in the treasury which has enabled the organization to provide scholarships to high school and college students as well as fund a host of efforts to support and enrich the agricultural community in our counties.

Janet had also served as secretary of the organization for many years. She continues to serve as membership processor. Janet and her husband Howard have been members of Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau for many years and have served the organization in a host of positions over the years.

Howard had been the membership chairman for many years and, with the couple's hard work, the organization has seen Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau become the largest county Farm Bureau in the state. Howard currently serves on the PA Farm Bureau Board of Directors representing our district. We thank Howard for all of his efforts to promote the well-being of the organization.

When you see Howard and Janet, please take a moment to say thank you for their dedication and years of service to the organization.

– submitted by Dan Miller, CDCFB President

2020 National Junior Angus Show Has Been Re-located from Harrisburg, PA to Tulsa, OK

Because of the coronavirus, the 2020 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to be held on July 5-11 has been moved from the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"This show, which travels to a different state every year, is the largest single-breed show in the entire world" says Kaitlin Bell from Oxford who is the Executive Committee Co-chair of the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association (PJAA).

"For the last year and a half, our PJAA team has been organizing and preparing for this spectacular 52nd annual NJAS show which was planned to be held here at the PA Farm Show complex," Kaitlin said. "We were disappointed that the event was moved from Harrisburg to Tulsa this year."

"However, the American Angus Association is planning to hold next year's 2021 National Junior Angus Show here in Harrisburg. As co-chair, my team will be working on fundraising for that 2021 show to be held here in PA." For more information, you can contact Kaitlin by email at kaitbell@gmail.com or by phone at: 610-470-8026.

FYI: Earlier this year Kaitlin made history by being the first person at the PA Farm Show winning both the heifer and bull categories as Beef Cattle Supreme; plus, she also received the honor of being the first person having both the heifer and bull winners that were bred and owned on her family farm.

Corona Pandemic Effect on CDCFB Activities

As with many other organizations and agencies across the United States, the Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau Board of Directors have had numerous cancellations and/or changes to their annual events scheduled because of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Some of those cancellations included PA Farm Bureau's State Legislative Conference, FARMER dinner, Ag Literacy Program, "Silo" movie viewing for the public, etc.

See "Farmers Care" outreach in response to the Covid-19 pandemic elsewhere on this page.

CDCFB Honors Senator Dinniman with Gift to the Chester County Food Bank

Recently the Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau made a donation of \$1,000 to the Chester County Food Bank. "This gift was made in recognition and appreciation of the dedication and service of Senator Andrew Dinniman to the farming community of Chester County," said CDCFB President Dan Miller.

Dinniman, who serves on the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, will be retiring at the end of this year. Dinniman said he was honored by the gift from Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau and presented to the Food Bank – both entities have been an important part of his endeavors.

"I grew up on a dairy farm, so agriculture has always had a special part in my heart," Dinniman said. "A gift to the Chester County Food Bank is especially close to my heart. To help solve the hunger problem in our county 20 years ago, I initiated the Chester County Gleaning program."

"With the wonderful farmland in Chester County, combined with our great farmers and their skills to provide food, what more could we ask for with the best source for helping those in need? Pete's Produce Farm was a catalyst to help the program initially by donating two rows to the Gleaning Program, followed by many others who contributed continuously. Soon schools were growing raised-bed gardens and donating food; some teachers also with their students were delivering the food."

"The successful Gleaning Program later morphed into the Chester County Food Bank. To recognize me with a gift to the Chester County Food Bank is so special," Dinniman continued, "especially now during the COVID-19 public health crises."

Thank you From the Lighthouse Youth Center

We are grateful for the Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau for their financial donation to help us purchase food supplies. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, programs in the Lighthouse Youth Center have been canceled . . . but our mission to serve the Oxford youth has not!

To bless our Lighthouse children at this time we are providing food and supplies; connecting with our youth to assist with their needs; and shining the LIGHT and LOVE of Jesus Christ to the Oxford area youth.

In March, we started to deliver food to 40 Lighthouse Youth Center families. When we saw that there was a greater need in the Oxford community, we converted our building into a food distribution center.



During a week, there are individuals, churches and businesses who drop off food and paper supplies to us. On Thursdays, families come and pick up a Lighthouse Food Blessing Bag from us. This program has grown from 40 families to over 130 on a weekly basis.

We are also grateful for the following partners with the Lighthouse Food Blessing Bags: Chester County Food Bank; Chatham Financial (chefs making lunches); Cross Penny Farm; FEMA Food Bags; Flowers Baking Company of Oxford, Inc.; Herr Foods, Inc.; Hy-Point Farms with Tom and Shirley Herr; Neighborhood Services Center; and Sunny Dell Foods Inc.

We are planning to continue our Lighthouse Food Blessing Bags during the summer. If you would like to donate to this program, please contact Buzz D. Tyson, Executive Director at buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org or 484-880-2018.

– Buzz Tyson, Lighthouse Executive Director



Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau for your "Farmers Care" donation of \$500. Your generosity helps the Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) ensure that every one of our neighbors has access to real, healthy food during this time of crisis.

As the central hunger relief organization in the county, the CCFB provides an essential service to the community. We are adhering to the recommended Covid-19 precautionary measures for the health and safety of all.

CCFB is an aligned partner with the Chester County Health Department following their recommendations as the authority in this critical time. Thank you again for partnering with us.

– the Chester County Food Bank

Thank you Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau

Thank you for choosing to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities (Philadelphia Region) with your donation of \$500 through your "Farmers Care" program. The health and safety of our guest families is our highest priority as we all deal with the uncertainty surrounding the spread of the coronavirus/Covid-19.

Because of your generosity, we are still providing our families with vital services and social support with each and every day. Thank you for being part of our community and offering your support in uncertain times.

With gratitude – Susan Campbell, CEO

Message from Hans Herr FFA

Thank you, Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau, for your continued support of our FFA program. FFA events, like the National FFA Convention trip, are foundational to the success of our members seeking a career in the agricultural industry. Your financial support makes it easier for our members to take advantage of these opportunities.

Our students also enjoy the events put on by CDCFB. It is rewarding to have our FFA members witness the parliamentary procedure skills taught in class modelled at Farm Bureau meetings. Thanks again, for your support of the Hans Herr FFA!

– Ryan King, Hans Herr FFA Advisor

I want to also thank you, on behalf of my FFA classmates, for supporting our trip to the National FFA Convention. Attending the Convention was an amazing experience and we all had a great time learning about the agricultural industry and developing our leadership skills. Thanks again for supporting our trip.

– Hannah Kirk, Hans Herr FFA Reporter

Lyme Disease Awareness Month: May 2020

PA House Resolution #760 recognizes

the **Month of May 2020** as

“Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month”
in Pennsylvania

The Origin of CDCFB’s Efforts Regarding Lyme Disease Awareness

Donald Hannum and his wife, Louise, were first introduced to Lyme disease when they attended a Lyme Disease program in 2008, sponsored by Pennsylvania State Rep. Arthur Hershey, at the Cochranville Fire Company. The program was “standing-room only” and several had to be turned away.

Don Hannum writes . . .



We were so impressed by the presentation and audience comments and questions that we decided to take Lyme Disease as an education project for the future.

I was a member of the Chester-Delaware County Farm Bureau (CDCFB) Board of Directors, and whenever I could, I brought Lyme Disease into the discussion. So much so, that the CDCFB Board decided to form a committee and I would become the Chair.

We had the complete support of CDCFB, but would solicit the cooperation of the Chester County Health Department (CCHC) and the Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern PA to collaborate in our effort. The Chester County Commissioners were contacted for the support of CCHD, and they offered their cooperation without hesitation.

Doug Fearn, one of the presenters at Cochranville, was asked to join the committee along with Dan Miller, Joe Fecondo, Janet Robinson, and members of the Chester County Health Dept. This was the beginning of Pennsylvania Lyme Disease Awareness Committee (PLDAC) of Chester-Delaware County Farm Bureau in collaboration with Lyme Disease Assoc. of Southeastern Penna, Inc. (now LymeBasics.org) and Chester County Health Department. Our very first meeting of PLDAC was in May 2009, and we have had monthly meetings ever since.

I recently had to relinquish my position as Chair for health reasons. The Chair is now Doug Fearn, who has been an advocate for Lyme disease awareness throughout his life having the disease in his family. He is the President of LymeBasics.org (formerly Lyme Disease Assoc. of SE PA, Inc.), author of “Lyme Disease and associated diseases The Basics”, and author of many articles for LDA.

Some of the many varied support Doug offers are: Advisory to several Federal Lyme Disease committees, active in County Lyme Disease Support Groups in Penna., New Jersey and other states, presentations to Lancaster Nurses in training at Community College, active in ILADS (International Lyme And Related Diseases Society).

The PLDAC Committee will continue to thrive with education and legislative support for Lyme Disease. Thanks is given to all who make PLDAC what it is today and wish Doug good luck and success in the future. Any time that I can help, I would be more than glad to do it.

– Don Hannum, Former Chair, PLDAC

Chester County Health Department Message

Stay-at-home orders brought by the COVID-19 pandemic have led Chester County residents to enjoy the great outdoors even more than usual. Family walks, hiking the trails, starting a backyard garden; all are wonderful ways to ease stress and stay active during these uncertain times.

As we recognize Lyme Disease Awareness Month in May, we also want to take time to think about ways to keep our families and pets safe from tick bites while we enjoy the great outdoors.

- Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted through the bite of a deer tick. The signs and symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, aches and chills, and sometimes a bullseye rash on the skin. If undiagnosed, symptoms can progress to neurological distress, extreme fatigue and arthritis. Contact your physician if you start to feel sick with flu-like symptoms, especially if you spend time outdoors or have pets that could bring ticks inside. 
- Children ages 2-14 years are at the greatest risk for tick bites and contracting Lyme disease. Sports, summer camp, and spending more time outside in general can contribute to that heightened risk.
- Chester County has a high Lyme disease rate. Arming yourself with the correct repellent is instrumental in preventing tick bites. Look for repellents containing Deet (20-30%), Picaridin (20%), or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (30-40%). An insecticide like permethrin can be used to treat outdoor items like hammocks, backpacks, socks and hats.
- Wash your clothing and take a shower after outdoor activities. Check for ticks on your body, especially in warm, damp spots of the body like armpits, belly button, behind the knees, and groin. Don't forget to check your pets for ticks too!

Join our committee! The PA Lyme Disease Awareness Committee (PLDAC) composed of members of Chester-Delaware County Farm Bureau, The Chester County Health Department, and the lymebasics.org (formerly Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern PA, Inc.) remain dedicated to improve awareness, prevention and treatment of tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease.

– Lindsay C. Smith, Public Health Educator
Chester County Health Department

PA Game Commission Sets Sundays as Part of Seasons and Bag Limits

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has identified three Sundays in November for new hunting opportunities during the establishment of seasons and bag limits for the 2020-2021 season.

Sunday hunting will be open for deer archery season on Nov. 15 and for rifled deer season on Nov. 29. In addition, Nov. 22 will be open to bear hunters as part of the bear firearms season.

The two-week rifled deer season will open on Nov. 28, a Saturday, marking the second year in a row that the Game Commission has opened the season on a weekend instead of the traditional Monday open.

Seasons and bag limits as well as other rule changes were set by the Game Commission at a meeting held in early April. Commission members met remotely due to concerns over COVID-19.

Read more about the Game Commission's recent actions at <https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Game-Commission-Details.aspx?newsid=382>

PA Friends of Agriculture Golf Outing Has Been Rescheduled to September 8th

Due to the coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic, the 28th Annual PA Friends of Agriculture Foundation's (PFAF) Richard Prether Golf Classic has been rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 1:30 p.m., at the Hershey Country Club (East Course).

The PFAF Golf Outing begins at 11 a.m. with registration, a putting contest and lunch. Shotgun Start at 1:30 p.m. including various contests. Dinner, with awards presentation, at 5 p.m.

PFAF, a charitable organization created in 1986, depends on donations, grants and proceeds from events including the Golf Outing to fund our many programs, including the Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab, Ag on the Go, Educators Ag Institute, Ag Literacy Week, and various scholarships.

Reservation Deadline: August 21. Space limited to 124 golfers. Cost for individual golfer: \$175. Sponsorships available.

For more information and/or to participate, please register at www.pfb.com/golf. Mail checks made payable to: PA Friends of Ag Foundation., P.O. Box 8736, Camp Hill, PA 17001.



Farm Bureau Members Make Masks during Pandemic

Kay Reyburn, student at Oxford Area High School and daughter of Stanley and Jessica Reyburn, longtime CDCFB members, started sewing face masks when a Montgomery County Grange friend shared her pattern and asked others to join the project. Kay quickly made 25 masks (see photo of Kay's mask above) without even knowing where they could be donated. Her mother asked a few nurses about donation points and one said that PA Farm Bureau was collecting masks.

During this same time, CDCFB member, Desi Burnette, contacted Ethan Howard, our Regional Organization Director, asking about where to get masks for the Ag workers she works with. Ethan followed through with a mass email to all of our members, and the rest was history. The outpouring of help from our members has been tremendous!

"We are close to having 1,000 masks donated at this point, to Ag workers, farmers, and agribusinesses, which all happened because our members stepped up and helped out," said Ethan. "I always believed that our members cherished the power of their strong communities, and this mask campaign has definitely proved it to me."

Kay emailed Ethan, the PFB contact person, and received a response within an hour, and mailed the masks the next morning. She received an email saying her masks were being distributed to farmers/farmhands in the Mechanicsburg area.

The very next day, Kay received an order for 50 masks from a local convenience store. She was out of elastic, but the store owner delivered 20 yards of elastic to her back door. Once that order was filled, Kay continued to sew masks and placed 47 of them on a table in her front yard (both adult and child sizes). They were gone in less than three hours! Anyone needing a mask can call or text 717-572-0010.

Kay intended to provide all these masks for free, however everybody gave her some kind of donation. She decided to put the \$\$ donations towards her high school American Music Abroad trip to Europe that is planned for next summer.

"We've had great success with the mask campaign," Ethan added. "If you or someone you know can help out with the masks, go to our website at: <https://forms.gle/sTZWULDCvRBCLPs89>. The need for face masks is near endless and any help would be greatly appreciated."

What These Challenging Times Can Teach Us

Perhaps it has to take a situation such as we are facing at the moment when our attention has to focus on getting food to show us how lucky we are with the availability, reliability, safety and affordability of our food supply.

It has been challenging – for even the colors and promise of spring has not been able to make up for the challenges of our current restricted coronavirus environment. These times have been an opportunity for us to recognize the complexity of our food delivery system. We are fortunate in a system that provides us with safe, varied and reasonably priced food.

Agriculture produces all our food – so our industry is critical for life! It all starts on the farm. Our fewer and fewer farmers in the USA have been able to be so productive. One U.S. farm feeds 166 people annually in the U.S. and abroad. 87% of the agricultural products sold are produced on family farms or ranches.

The typical consumer spends only 10% of their disposable income on food. However the farmers and ranchers only receive 15 cents out of every dollar that consumers spend on food at home and away from home. We have to remember that, according to USDA, the off-farm costs in the complex chain between farm and final destination – Marketing, processing, storage, distribution and retailing account for the remaining 85%. One dollar out of every \$5 of net farm income is from export markets.

The record of farming has been impressive as our farms are more productive, use less land, less energy, less water and produce fewer emissions. However farming has not been without its challenges in recent years from climate change to heavy reliance on export markets.

There are several factors which are likely to influence the future. Consumers are more concerned about the safety of their food and how it is produced. There is increasing interest in local food and for understanding of how sustainably it is produced. Forty percent of all food grown and produced in the U.S. is never eaten. Could this change?

Could production be more regionalized to reduce the 1,500 miles our food travels typically from farm to store? The U.S. is the largest exporter of farm products but this depends on having good trade relationships with our major importing countries – China, Canada, and Mexico. It is critical that investment in science/research and education in the farming industry is maintained at the highest level.

We can be sure that the Farm Bureau will be playing its usual critical role in making sure that the interests of farming and farming are properly reflected in overall U.S. government policy.

– submitted by Duncan Allison

Submit a Photo to Celebrate 70 Years of PFB

This year, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is celebrating 70 years of advocating for agriculture and rural communities. To commemorate this milestone, PA Farm Bureau is freshening up their office walls with photos taken by our members from across the Keystone State. Their goal is to showcase the beauty of farming and rural life in the Keystone State across all four seasons.

To submit a photo for consideration, please fill out an online entry form & submit photo at www.pfb.com/PhotoSubmissions. The photographer's name, county, title of photo, year the photo was taken, and optional photo description of 50 words or fewer will be displayed with the photograph, if selected. The deadline for entries is November 1.

Be sure to also share your photo on social media and use the hashtag #PFB70.



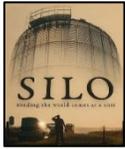
Did You Know. . .

. . . that Agriculture is Pennsylvania's top industry, contributing more than \$135 billion (nearly 20%) of PA's economy and have involved more than a half million workers, including 280,500 direct jobs?

. . . that the FFA has expanded to over 700,000 members with 8,612 chapters reaching across our nation and around the world?

. . . that 25% of all farmers in the U.S. are "beginning" farmers (in business less than 10 years with an average age of 46)?

. . . that about 8% of the U.S. farms market their foods locally through direct-to-consumer or intermediated sales?



"SILO" Movie to be Rescheduled

One of the first events that CDCFB had to cancel because of the Covid-19 pandemic was the "SILO" movie viewing in March. There was much interest and anticipation for this event. The movie, a first-ever feature film about a Grain Entrapment will definitely be rescheduled when large gatherings of people are once again permitted to meet.

Special thanks to the following sponsors of the film:

Nutrient Lending; Risser Grain; Univest; Cochranville Ag; Fulton Bank Ag; Syngenta; Automatic Farm Systems; Hooper Inc.; Breck-A-De Farms; Hostetter Grain; Farm Credit; Century Ag; and Corteva/Pioneer

The CDCFB Board of Directors look forward to once again being able to plan for the Silo movie to be shown locally.

– Douglas B. Lapp

Thanks for the Memories!

My time spent being actively involved with Farm Bureau has been a huge part of my life since the mid-1970s when I was asked by the Chester Delaware County Farmers Association president – Harold Martin, to serve as their Newsletter Editor. [One criteria for the job was that I attend the county monthly board meetings to receive the information I needed for the job.]

I accepted that challenge and have been actively involved ever since serving at various times as Membership Processor, Board Member, Secretary, Treasurer, and also on committees. I recently decided that I should give up most of those responsibilities and have more time to concentrate on other important facets of my life, including my wonderful family.

Thanks to all of you for the support you have given me. My husband, Howard, and I were privileged to have met many of you through our membership work. You are our friends and we will always cherish the memories we have made with you.

Howard and I were overwhelmed when we received the news about the CDCFB Board of Directors' decision to name the organization's scholarship program in our honor. We thank the Board for their thoughtfulness and recognition.

– Janet Robinson

CDCFB Rescheduled Events:

- **Golf Tournament** rescheduled to September 8, at 1:30 p.m., at Hershey Country Club – East Course. (Details on page 5)
- **SILO Movie viewing** (date to be determined)
- **Educators Ag Institute Virtual** (date to be determined)

Welcome, New Members

Jeffrey Annaballi, Downingtown
 Laurie Brundage, Oxford
 Aaron Guidotti (Phila. Farm & Co.), Philadelphia
 Steven Hamilton, Phoenixville
 Gwendolyn Hemer, Spring City
 Cheryl Higgins, Phoenixville
 Edward B. Jenny (Schoolhouse Farm), Coatesville
 Josh Maxwell, Downingtown
 Christopher Meszaros, Phoenixville
 Marian Moskowitz, Malvern
 Thomas Patrick (Atlantic Tractor), Oxford
 Todd Pride, Avondale
 R & V Mushroom, LLC, Oxford
 Ann Resnik, Philadelphia
 Roza Mushrooms, Oxford
 Luke A. Ruch (Wedgewood Gardens), Glen Mills
 Jill Stoltzfus, Downingtown
 Robert Sullivan, Phoenixville
 Michael Vorauer (Stargazers Vineyard), Coatesville
 Kirk Williard, Downingtown
 Jacob R. Yohe (Spring Hope Farm), Nottingham

Message for Young Ag Professionals

– Raleigh Masters, PA Farm Bureau YAP Chair



2020 started off strong for us when we hosted the YAP Leadership Conference in Lancaster; we had one of the highest attended conferences to date. Thanks to all of you who participated and also to our dedicated sponsors for their generous support.

Plan to attend our YAP Summer Picnic at Knoebels Park which is still being planned for July 19.

Check our Facebook page [@PAYoungAgProfessionals](https://www.facebook.com/PAYoungAgProfessionals) for any possible changes. Certainly, COVID-19 has set up a few hurdles in our path. Many of our district events over the past few months have had to be canceled or postponed, but we hope to come out of this pandemic stronger and, ultimately, more united.

[Raleigh Masters manages Haz-Wald Farms, a 2,000-acre grain and potato operation in Sugarloaf, Luzerne County]

Use the Farm Bureau Discounts When Travelling

Save up to 20% on Choice hotels by using PFB's savings code **(00209780)** when booking. Choice Hotels include Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, Clarion Hotel, Econo Lodge and more.

Members receive 10% off the best available rate at Wyndham hotels and Wyndham-owned brands such as Ramada, Days Inn, Super 8 Motel, Howard Johnson and more. Use PFB's savings code **(8000002941)** at booking.

Both Choice and Wyndham require advance reservations made either via their 800 numbers or online. Log in to the PFB webpage's Members Only site for details.

For travel, PFB members can save on car rentals from Avis and Budget. Save 5–25% off daily, weekend and weekly Avis car rentals with PFB's Avis Worldwide Discount code **(A298838)**. Save up to 20% with Budget by using PFB's Budget Customer Discount code **(Y775738)**.

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