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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours in good health. Please let Joddi Akers, our corresponding secretary, know of any member news you may have. [joddia@msn.com](mailto:joddia@msn.com) or 410-923-6638. This is a time we should come together for each other. With a membership our size, I am sure many of us will be affected directly somehow by this pandemic. We send prayers to the family of Robert (Bob) Joseph of Jolly Shows, longtime supporter of the Fair, who recently passed away from the virus. He had been fighting and recovering from several ailments this year before contracting the virus. The Fair's thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

I would like to give you a few Fair updates. All events in May have, of course, been cancelled. Committee meetings have mostly been cancelled until after the Governor's executive order is lifted, but a few are meeting via phone or video. The Board, at least those who can, are meeting via Zoom, a computer/Smart Phone application, for now. During this time if you are not signed up for email newsletter delivery, you will probably not be getting a newsletter until it is again safe for our volunteers to have the copies printed and mailed out. The Board is also considering that it may be time to stop mailing them out due to the cost and additional work. Most members and Fair Friends are on the email list, some on both. The Board will be deciding on the fate of the June 13th Flea Market at its May meeting if the executive order is not

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extended, making it for us. The Rodeo has been officially moved from June 13 to September 12th, the Saturday before Fair Week. Hopefully, things will be better by then and it will be a good kickoff for the Fair. Posters are available on the website. We have moved forward on our new website as the new design upgrade has launched. Updates or corrections should be sent to committee chair Martin Hardy at [caulkhead1@gmail.com](mailto:caulkhead1@gmail.com). The next Membership meeting is scheduled for June 9th, Social at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Office. I am hoping we all can meet again by then. Pay attention to the state issued executive orders for meeting sizes. We may have to have it under the pavilion or one of the buildings for social distancing. We will see. Hopefully, we will know more before the next newsletter goes out.

Remember we still need volunteer help to maintain our Fairgrounds, whether open or closed to the public. Social distancing should not be a problem on our large Fairgrounds. The grounds always need mowing, trimming, picking up trash, filling in holes and weeding. Please email Jimmy Frisco at [jimmy.frisco@aol.com](mailto:jimmy.frisco@aol.com) if you can help. Buildings need sweeping and cleaning to get ready for when the season of usage returns. If you can help, contact me or Lori Gray at [lorigray1031@gmail.com](mailto:lorigray1031@gmail.com). Thank you all for continuing to support your Fair. I am looking forward to

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## MOTIONS

At the March 10, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

**\*\*to accept the proposal for an Eagle Scout project from Cody Tice to build holding pens for the pig show.**

**\*\*to have the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer be trained by the Auditor to work with Quickbooks.**

**\*\*to put an ad in Equiery magazine for four months.**

**\*\*to pay Reliable Contracting now instead of waiting for the grant money to come in.**

**\*\*to allow vacant positions on the Board of Directors to remain open until the November election.**

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President Message continued...

getting back to business again. Wishing you all a great month. Stay healthy my friend.

**John Kozenski Jr.**

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## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Team met on April 26th.

**ADVERTISING:** No updates

**BEER/WINE:** We are accepting Buck and will be at two locations.

**CATALOG:** Need thoughts by Board Meeting.

**CONTESTS:** All lined up. Will discuss moving the talent show to Friday night at the next meeting.

**CARNIVAL:** Contracted through 2021.

**COLOR RUN:** No interest so will cancel it for 2020.

**CONTRACTS:** All confirmed except Bathrooms, Parking and Security.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Will discuss anything new at the Board meeting.

**EXHIBIT BUILDING:** Need someone to do volunteer food. Will use AADC men to clean areas and will meet when safe again.

**GATES:** Will be getting help from Barn.

**4-H DEPARTMENT:** Gretchen Sumbrum new educator.

**RIBBONS/TROPHIES:** Ribbons are in and Sharon ordered sashes for contests.

**VENDORS:** Contracts have been sent out.

If anyone has any updates for Fair, please contact me as soon as possible. The next Fair Week meeting will be a Zoom meeting, so if you have not been included in a Zoom meeting to date, please send me your email address. Next meeting will be on May 27, 2020.

Sharon Gertz

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However long the Night, the Dawn will Break

....African Proverb





## 4-H CORNER

The University of Maryland Extension 4-H Program has extended the suspension of all in-person 4-H events, practices, club meetings, and programs through June 30, 2020, for the health and safety of our communities. We will let all know what happens after that date. 4-H Resident Camp has also been suspended for the year.

Our new educator, Gretchen Sumbrum, had a Zoom meeting recently, with nine of our county 4-H members. They talked about what they have been doing over the shutdown and what projects they are now working on in their clubs.

Keith Ivey from Kinder Farm Park 4-H, gave a presentation on how to make dill pickles and Mary Flores dissected an owl pellet, for the edification of all watching. 4-H'ers never give up!



## 2020 EVENTS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, all events to be held in May 2020 have been cancelled because of the covid-19 virus. Listed below are the remaining events scheduled for 2020:

June 13 - Flea Market  
13 - Rodeo  
Sept 16-20 - Fair Week  
Fall TBA - Volunteer  
Appreciation BarBQ  
Oct 3 - Tractor Pull  
Oct 3 & 4 - Craft  
Show  
Oct 16-18/ 23-25; 30  
& 31  
Halloween Happenings

Of course, this schedule is tentative and will be based on what is happening in our state and county. We will let you know as soon as any decisions are made.



## GOFUNDME

The Fair is trying to raise funds to purchase defibrillators to place in several areas around the Fairgrounds, as well as updated First Aid Kits. We need your support, so please try to contribute at least \$1.00 to help support this worthy cause. Here is the link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/aa-co-fair-defibrillator-gofundme>

Also, the Fair will accept mail in donations. Make check payable to and mail to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc  
P.O. Box 372  
Crownsville MD 21032

Please note donation to Defibrillator Fund on your check and envelope.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send member updates to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638 or email her at [joddia@msn.com](mailto:joddia@msn.com).

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthday in May:

James Miller - May 2  
Ann Anderson - May 3  
Annie Shorter - May 5  
Tom Lahdelma - May 7  
Sharon Bramble - May 8  
Heather Jones - May 11  
Betsy Massey - May 15  
Chris Aist - May 18  
Samantha Sullivan - May 19  
Eric Wilinski - May 19  
Sharon Gertz - May 20  
Tara Baldwin-Jacobs - May 22  
Riley Newland - May 29

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating their happy day this month:

Stacy & Andy Eckels - May 9  
Sandy & Rich Suhrie - May 15  
Katie & Mike Carico - May 24  
Gail & Rusty Yeiser - May 25

We are so saddened and send our heartfelt sympathy out to the Joseph Family on the recent loss of their husband, father and our dear friend, Robert Joseph.

Get well wishes go out to all of our members who are being treated for chronic health conditions.

# 2020 CALENDAR

- May 3 - Rentals  
CANCELLED
- May 6 - Junior Board  
CANCELLED
- May 7 - Site/Planning  
CANCELLED-Maybe a  
Telephone conference  
call
- May 12 - Board of Directors  
Zoom Meeting
- May 16 - Flea Market  
CANCELLED
- May 16 - Antique Tractor Pull  
CANCELLED
- May 27 - Fair Week Committee  
ZOOM Meeting

These scheduled meetings are  
also subject to cancellation.

- June 2 - Rentals
- June 3 - Junior Board
- June 4 - Site/Planning
- June 9 - Membership/Board of  
Directors
- Jun 13 - Flea Market
- June 24 - Fair Week Committee

## *Membership/Board Meeting*

*Tuesday, June 9, 2020*

*Social: 7 p.m.*

*Meeting 7:30 p.m.*

*Location: Fairgrounds*

### Agenda Topics:

- \*Reading of proposed bylaw  
changes.
- \*Summer Events
- \*Fair Week

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Lean on Me"

Sometimes in our lives  
We all have pain, we all have sorrow,  
But if we are wise,  
We know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you're not strong  
I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,  
We all need somebody to lean on.

Lean on me when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

...Bill Withers

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*Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair*

*To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.*

*To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.*