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Dear Fair Members,

When John K. asked me a few days back if I would write up the President's Message for this month's newsletter, I would have never imagined that I would be reporting on his passing in that same message.

His tireless promotion of our Fair, and fairs across the state, never wavered. He had a love for fairs that is rare in today's world, and he loved our Fair best. John spent many late nights (and early mornings) working on fair matters. I am sure Debbie did not approve of all these late night work sessions, but we are so much appreciative he took those extra efforts for us.

John volunteered because he enjoyed it, and he enjoyed being around other like-minded volunteers. We all spend many hours supporting the fairgrounds, 4H, and FFA, but John supported like no other.

To say John K. will be missed does not even begin to cover what he meant to all of us. Yes, he will be missed, but we still have the memories, joy, and the love of the fairgrounds he instilled in all of us.

Please say an extra prayer for John, Debbie, Peggy, and their families.

God Bless John Kozenski, Jr. and thank you for everything you have done for us.

With most all events for 2020 cancelled, including the Fair itself, our Fair Board will have their work cut out for them. Spending will certainly need to be adjusted to account for the decrease in income. Steps have already been taken to that extent, but tough decisions will continue to be made.

Fair improvements, including much needed bathroom roof repair, siding repair on the Office, and tree removal that are concerning encroaching on existing structures, are moving forward. These improvements have been vetted by the Board and deemed necessary.

Vice-President's Message continued.....

With all the rain, the grass has been growing at an astounding rate. Jimmy Frisco and others have been doing a terrific job in keeping up with the mowing, but need help. If anyone is interested in assisting with this task, please reach out to Jimmy. I am sure he would appreciate the help.

One event that is moving forward is the "First Anne Arundel County Fair Invitational Livestock Show." Due to restrictions associated with the pandemic, the livestock show will be much different than in previous years. Restriction, such as 50 person limits, masks requirement, and 6 feet distancing, will be enforced. The livestock shows will be livestreamed and can be watched online as all shows will be "no spectator" events. Deana Tice or I can provide a show schedule if needed.

The FFA/4H auction, completely separate from the livestock show this year, will be an online auction. New this year in the auction will be 2 Market Turkeys! If you would like more information on the online auction, registration, etc., please contact Deana Tice or Stacy Eckels and they will get you the needed information.

In closing, I want to emphasize to everyone, that not only are we an Agricultural fair, but a Community fair as well. Made up entirely of dedicated volunteers, we support the community in so many ways, and they support us. This does not go unnoticed as I often hear from many folks, including elected officials, how proud they are of our county fair. And yes, it is OUR county fair. We need to continue to work together, as we have done for so many years. We are ALL volunteers, doing the very best we can. We should never lose sight of that.

Stay safe.

John H. M. Faber
2020 Vice-President

MOTIONS

At the July 14, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to cancel the 2020 Anne Arundel County Fair.**

****to have an Anne Arundel County Fair Livestock Show chaired by John Faber, and an Anne Arundel County Youth Auction chaired by Deana Tice, which will follow the MDA Covid Guidelines for Livestock Shows. Premiums to be covered by the Anne Arundel County Fair, and judges expenses by the Livestock Auction Committee.**

****to cancel the 2020 Halloween Happenings event due to the Covid 19 pandemic.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The 2021 Membership Committee will require a dues invoice along with your check or cash. No dues will be accepted without this form, a copy of which will be included in the Fall and Winter newsletters.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS NEEDED

September is here and November is just around the corner and before you know it, we will be electing new officers and directors. This year we will be electing new officers and directors for 7 positions on the Board of Directors. There will be 5 directors elected for a 3 year term, 1 for a two year term, and 1 for a 1 year term. These last two are to fill vacancies that occurred this year and the Board decided to wait for the regular election cycle.

Please think about those people who you think would be capable of helping to run our Fair over the next year. Our bylaws outline the requirements for each position, and you can always check with a member of the Nominating Committee for that information. Nominating Committee members are Sharon Gertz, Tommy Boehm, Joan Mauritzen, Mary Faber and Joseph Degreenia. They would also be happy to send you a nominating form to fill out for your candidates.

The election will be held at our Annual Membership Meeting on November 10, 2020, and you can also vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be requested from the Recording Secretary Gina Degreenia, during the month of October.



4-H CORNER

Although the 4-H Program is beginning to open on a limited basis as outlined in the state's guidelines, our County Office has partially reopened but, by appointment only. The best way to contact anyone there is by email.

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### WORKDAYS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Dear All,

Our beloved Fair may be cancelled, but our Fairgrounds still need to be maintained. Please come join us to help keep our Fairgrounds looking good. Just click on this link to find dates the Fairgrounds will be open for helping. Do sign up on the link so we can get a count of volunteers for each day. Social distances will apply as we can spread out across the grounds to get the work done. Any questions, contact our Fair Week manager, Sharon Gertz, [sgaafair@aol.com](mailto:sgaafair@aol.com).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D49ABA62FA20-aafairgrounds>

I hope to see you all at the Fairgrounds soon.

Thank you,  
Deana Tice

## FAIR OFFICE UPDATE

Our Fair Office has received beautiful new furniture thanks to the wonderful donation of ATG, formerly known as the Windermere Group of Annapolis. We cannot thank them enough for this generous donation that upgraded our office to a professional work environment. This would not have been possible without the volunteers who donated their time and labor to move the old furniture out, and the new furniture in.

Windermere Farms, LLC provided hours and hours of valuable time to make it all possible. Also, our wonderful Fair Manager Sharon Gertz, went back and forth, measuring and planning for weeks. Our officers helped to box up their offices and move everything into their new desks. There are many others to thank, from the installers to the electricians, to the movers and everyone else who came together to volunteer to make this possible. We can't wait for Covid to be over so everyone can see the wonderful results.

Thank you, one and all!





## FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Committee is looking into grants from all sources for all purposes. They meet by telephone and meetings are short and to the point. Email Betsy Massey at [betsymassey@comcast.net](mailto:betsymassey@comcast.net), if you have any ideas and/or would like to help the Committee achieve its goals.

In regard to the grant work from the Chesapeake Bay Fund, they will soon begin working eliminating "The Tree of Heaven," an invasive species on the Fairgrounds.

We did not get the County Community Grant for the front gate sign this year, so we will resubmit to the County again next year.

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MEMBER UPDATES

Please send all member news to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638 or email her at joddia@msn.com.

MEMBER NEWS

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

Gail Yeiser - Sept 1
Kelsey Lawson - Sept 5
Blake Barbin - Sept 11
Falyn Newland - Sept 18
Mary Bowen - Sept 26
Dan Moos - Sept 26

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in September:

Melony Massey & Brian Nosalik - Sept 11
Marilyn & Marvin Glass - September 19

Joddi & Ted Akers - Sept 24
Gina & Todd Degreenia - celebrating 32 years on Sept 24

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Debbie, Peggy, Lori and the rest of the Kozenski Family as we mourn the loss of our president, John C. Kozenski, Jr. Rest in peace John K.

Get well wishes go out to Ruby Schwinn who is recovering from back surgery.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members who are suffering from and are being treated for chronic health conditions. Everyone please take care, be safe and stay healthy.



2020 CALENDAR

- Sep 1 - Rental Committee
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Sep 2 - Junior Board
- Sep 3 - Site/Planning Committee
Telecon Contact Sally
- Sep 8 - Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Sep 17– 19 Livestock Shows and
Livestock Auction
- Oct 1 - Site/Planning Committee
- Oct 6 - Rental Committee
- Oct 7 - Board of Directors



Loveseat was donated by
Jennifer Morris

Membership/Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting
ZOOM MEETING

AGENDA TOPICS

Election of Officers & Directors
2021 Budget
Winter Events
2021 Fair

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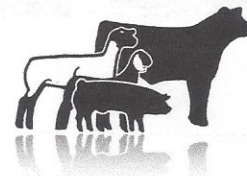
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Davidsonville Vet Clinic
Southern MD Equine Vet Services
Heffner Family

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Anne Arundel
Antique Tractor Club

GOLD LEVEL

Windermere Farms
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Agcens- Phil Hutton
Diane & Larry Grainger
Ferguson Trenching Company
FTC- Aggregate Supply

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Kimberly Hoagwood
KING Equip. Services
The Mill of Bel Air

Knopp Farms
Scapes Inc.
Cara LaVanway
Charlene Stratton
Spots Pride Farm

BRONZE LEVEL

Annie Yessayan	Nancy Cohen
Wayne & Lisa King	Karen Grube
Sharon Gertz	Ilene Caroom
Dan & Marg Kollay	

★**THANK YOU** TO ALL OF OUR 2020 LIVESTOCK
SHOW SPONSORSHIPS WE HAVE RECEIVED THUS FAR...

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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.

ByLaw Changes approved 8/11/2020

Strike-through is deletion
BOLD is addition.

Updated:

ARTICLE I

MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.....MEETINGS:

~~Membership meetings will be held in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting in January, April, June, August, and November. These meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of those months. The November meeting shall serve as the corporate meeting and Election of Officers. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Fair Office unless otherwise stated or informed by mail/email or telephone. (Amended 8/2011).~~

Membership meetings shall be held the third Tuesday of January, April, June, August, and November. The November meeting shall serve as the corporate meeting and Election of Officers. Membership meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at the Fair Office unless otherwise stated or informed by mail/email or telephone.

Updated:

ARTICLE I

MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 6.....NOMINATIONS:

The nominations of Officers and Board of Directors shall be submitted August 1 through September 30 of each year. Nominations cannot consist of nominees that would exceed the total of five (5) fair members belonging to the same non-profit organization, or more than three (3) fair members belonging to a for-profit organization (Amended 8/19/08). **A background check will need to be conducted before any Board of Director is sworn in or access to funds are granted.**

Updated:

ARTICLE II

DIRECTORS

SECTION 8.....VOTING:

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Director is to have one (1) vote. Voting on any specific issue will be done at a meeting ~~and not through telephone communication~~ **either in person, or via video/audio conferencing when available.**

Updated:

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.....REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:

Application for **regular** membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before **regular** membership becomes effective. **Regular** members will be entitled to admission to the Fair as well as full voting privileges. **Applicants for regular membership must be at least 18 years of age.**

SECTION 2.....ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Application for associate membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before **associate** membership becomes effective. ~~An Associate Member does not have any voting privileges.~~ **Associate members may be of any age. Associate members do not have voting privileges.**



SPONSORS NEEDED

Anne Arundel County Invitational Livestock Show

FUNDRAISER

- HELP US REACH OUR GOAL & BECOME A SPONSOR FOR OUR INVITATIONAL SHOW
- INVITED LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS ONLY. THIS EVENT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- RECOGNITION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR FUNDRAISER WILL BE BLASTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AS WELL AS RECOGNIZING AT THE 2021 AACO FAIR.
- FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR JUDGES, PREMIUMS, AWARDS, USE OF GROUNDS, & ETC.

Anne Arundel County Fair Livestock Show Sponsorship Tier



Diamond Level- \$1000

Platinum Level - \$750

Gold Level- \$500

Silver Level- \$200

Bronze Level- \$ Donation of you choice



*SPONSORSHIPS DUE BY AUGUST 24th 2020.

*Contact: Dabeall2@yahoo.com

COVID - 19 the thief, has taken away our "normal". Our schools, jobs, groceries, extracurricular activities, social in-person interactions with friends, family and more. It has put stress on our economy, our families, our healthcare workers, & etc.

The NEED for Agriculture & Farming has been spotlighted during these uncertain times. COVID has PROVEN that we can live without a lot of things, but CANNOT live without farmers.

DON'T LET COVID - 19 TAKE ONE MORE THING AWAY FROM THESE LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS.

August 3rd, 2020
Drew Beall
AACO Fair Fundraising

Dear Sponsors,

Hello, my name is Drew Beall. In a normal year, I am the fundraising chairperson for Harwood 4-H Club, in Anne Arundel County. Youth members of our club range from ages 8-18 years of age. Nationally the goal of a 4-H program is to develop leadership, responsibility and life skills through experimental learning programs and positive youth development approach. Anne Arundel County 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in all kinds of youth programs, from STEM to public speaking to raising livestock. Recently, I have agreed to aid the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in fundraising for an Invitational Livestock Show.

Annually, our 4-H members fill the barns and display their livestock projects at the Anne Arundel County Fair in Crownsville, Md. During fair week each child shows their animal and is judged accordingly. The Anne Arundel County Fair is a huge celebration for our children, and a ton of fun for the community. Our members care for their animals through the year and take great pride in being part of the Fair. The Maryland 4-H Foundation has suspended all in-person 4-H large group activities. In addition, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the AACO Fair Board CANCELLED our beloved Fair. This decision was not made lightly, and was made to protect our community. There will no 4-H participation in this livestock show or in-person livestock auction for 4-H exhibitors in 2020.

Graciously, the AACO Fair Board has agreed to an INVITE ONLY Livestock Show. This OPEN show will be strategically planned and will run through the course of a few days in September 2020. This event will follow all CDC guidelines, as well as the wishes of our elected officials. Following this livestock show there will be an ON-LINE ONLY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION. This gives our annual exhibitors a chance to show and sell their market animal projects.

I am writing to you, seeking your help by SPONSORSHIP for this event. Your sponsorship will aid the Anne Arundel County Fair in providing it's annual livestock exhibitors with a small, safe livestock show. COVID-19 in its entirety has raised a lot of concern for the entire US. Locally, our exhibitors, some as young as 8 years of age have been pushed to make "adult like" decisions while choosing, following through and completing their projects. We are aiming to provide them with a safe opportunity to show their livestock. Of course, no event large or small comes without cost.

We do realize that economically, we as Marylanders, have taken quite a hit. Yet, we find ourselves actively searching for sponsors. As our economy continues to recover we have high hopes that we will be able quickly raise the funds needed. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations. Sponsorship levels are listed below. If a sponsorship level does not suit you or your business, any amount is appreciated and will be designated under our "Bronze Level Sponsorship" Tier. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please contact me. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Funds must be obtained by August 24th 2020.
Our FUNDRAISING GOAL is \$7400.00.
We are offering 5 different tiers of sponsorships.

Diamond Level Sponsors of \$1000

Platinum Level Sponsors of \$750

Gold Level Sponsors of \$500

Silver Level Sponsors of \$250

Bronze Level Sponsorship (Donation of Choice)

Anne Arundel County Fair is a non-profit organization that holds its own 501(c)3. Necessary tax information will be provided upon your request should you choose to sponsor. Sponsors will be recognized appropriately on social media as well as at the fairgrounds to be viewed in 2021.

Best regards,

Drew Beall
AACO Fair Fundraising
dabeall2@yahoo.com

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5707 Willow Run
Lothian, Md 20711

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