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President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying this much cooler weather! It has been tough this year for our Fair. With the passing of Fair members, COVID19, and the cancellation of most events, I will take the change, even if it is just the weather.

We will be winterizing at the end of November. This will include moving the picnic tables and benches under-cover. Tractor drivers will be needed.

Committee and department heads need to submit their budget requests for 2021. Your Board will approve a draft budget at the December BOD meeting for approval at the January Membership meeting. Please submit your budget requests to jfaber4711@aol.com.

The Chesapeake Bay Grant tree planting project that Betsy Massey has been working diligently on, is under-way. The trees already planted around the smaller pond look great. The planting should finish up towards the end of November, weather permitting.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Commercial Building. Social hour to begin at 7 p.m. Dress accordingly! Please turn out and vote for your new officers and directors.

Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holidays!

John Faber
2020 Fair President

2020 MAAFS VIRTUAL CONVENTION

This year the MAAFS convention will not be held at a scenic location somewhere in the State of Maryland. As with almost everything in the fair industry, it will be a virtual convention and will be held Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7, 2020, concluding with the annual meeting and election of 2020-2021 officers.

This year's inspiration is the movie, "Mary Poppins" and the lessons that can be learned from it:

*We Need to Learn Our Own Measurements.

*Laughter Can Cure Almost Anything.

*It's Fine for Life to Get A Bit Messy.

*Actions Have Consequences.

*Always Take Time to Fly a Kite.

Come to enjoy the fellowship, if only remotely, and a group of fabulous speakers and you will learn the meaning of....

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Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge. If you would like to sign up, please contact John Faber at jfaber4711 or call him at 410-867-7820 so he can get you registered.

MOTIONS

At the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to expunge the bylaw concerning background checks for the Board of Directors, as it was not valid due to the membership status of the person submitting the proposed change.

At the September 23, 2020 special meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to allow the Anne Arundel Food Bank use the Fairgrounds as a parking area as a donation.

At the September 30, 2020 special meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to state that the Anne Arundel County Fair Board of Directors formally acknowledges and seats John Faber as the Anne Arundel County Fair president for the remainder of the 2020 term of office. Additionally, the Anne Arundel County Fair Board of Directors will fill the vacancy of vice-president with Debbie Wolford-Kozenski, for the remainder of the 2020 term of office, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, of the Anne Arundel County Fair bylaws.

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## JOHN K'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

"The sun may nay always shine, but the rain will not always fall either"

Well, the rain fell on Friday and the sun shone warm and bright on Saturday, October 17th. What a natural tribute to our beloved Fair President John Kozenski Jr., who passed from us in August.

After having your temperature taken by Ms. Joddi at the ticket gate, one entered the Lower Stage area. The stage front was decorated with mums, pumpkins and bales of straw. A solo pianist played soft background music, and all the while a huge portrait of John K. looked out, observing us as everyone safely and cautiously mingled while wearing their masks.

Roughly 60 people attended John K.'s memorial that day. Guests got up on stage to praise John's love of the Anne Arundel County Fair, and of the fair industry as a whole. From AACF members to MAAFS members, even our County Executive Stuart Pittman, praising the love and dedication John so passionately had.

After John's wife Debbie wiped away a tear or two, all were treated to a catered feast of fried chicken, ribs, mac & cheese, seasoned greens and string beans, prepared by one of John's favorite Fair vendors, Cutty's.

Yes, the rain may not always fall, but the memories and the sun did so graciously shine that Saturday, October 17th for our friend John Kozenski, Jr.

Rest in eternal peace, my friend.  
You will surely be missed.

Tommy Boehm





## 4-H CORNER

## 2020 ELECTION SLATE

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation has chosen its 2020 winners of the Terry Cooper Unsung Hero Award. In the adult category, the prize goes to Ruth Heffner, from Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club, and in the youth category, the winner was Delia Fishburne, also of Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club. Congratulations to both. Ruth graciously donated her prize money, \$50, back to the Foundation.

Congratulations to Jennifer Eisinger, who was chosen as 2020 Miss Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau. Jennifer is a member of the Kinder Farm 4-H Club.

The Anne Arundel County 4-H All Stars recently announced that their two academic scholarship recipients this year are Marina Karides and Amelia Sim.

Marina was a member of the Anne Arundel Dairy Leasing 4-H Club and is attending the University of Maryland, College Park. Amelia was a member of the Linthicum Hi-Riders and Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Clubs and is attending the University of California-Davis.

Both were also teen leaders at our county 4-H resident Camp.

### PRESIDENT:

Andy Bates  
John Faber

### VICE-PRESIDENT:

Andy Bates  
Martin Hardy

### TREASURER:

Mary Faber

### ASSISTANT TREASURER:

Martin Hardy  
Debbie Wolford-Kozenski

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Joddi Akers

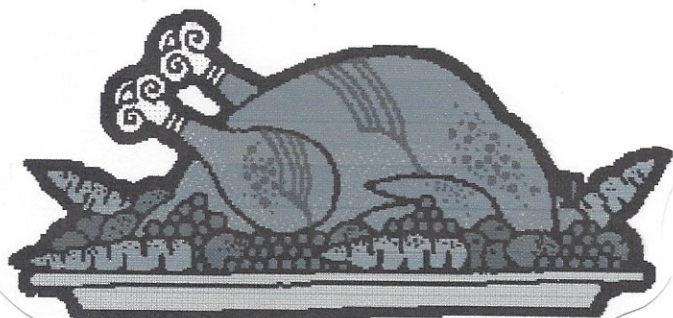
### RECORDING SECRETARY:

Gina Degreenia

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(Vote for seven (7))

Andy Bates  
Michelle Cooper  
Christopher Dean  
Andy Eckels  
Stacy Eckels  
Mary Faber  
Nikki Greever  
Lori Gray  
Linda Hall  
Sydney Henschel-Wyvill  
Denise Jones  
Wayne Shorter  
Sally Simpson  
Rich Suhrie  
Debbie Wolford-Kozenski  
Gail Yeiser





## CHESAPEAKE BAY FUND GRANT

The Chesapeake Bay Fund along with the Arundel Rivers Foundation recently had a tree planting work day at the Fairgrounds. The group of volunteers from that organization, members of the community and Girl Scout Troop #1778 planted 170 native trees and shrubs down by the pond area.

The Fair would like to thank all of the participants that worked so diligently to accomplish this task. They adhered to all the Covid19 guidelines and then some for the protection of everyone.

The grant is for the removal of invasive trees and plants as well as the planting of native trees and plants.



Girl Scout Troop #1778

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in November:

T. J. Torres - Nov 1  
Mary Jane Knode - Nov 3  
Lillian Ryan - Nov 5  
Joseph Degreenia - Nov 9  
Katie Carico - Nov 12  
Aimee Everd-Haneke - Nov 12  
Lacy Chenoweth - Nov 14  
Mike Crutchley - Nov 14  
Andy Eckels - Nov 17  
David Dolvin - Nov 22  
Dan Sites - Nov 27  
Tommy Boehm - Nov 28  
Amanda Crutchley - Nov 29

CHARLIE RUBY—HAPPY 96TH  
BIRTHDAY ON NOV 3

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

Wendy & Dan Sites - Nov 8  
Linda & Ray Brenneman - Nov 17  
Fay and Walter Baase - celebrating 60 years on Nov 18

Our deepest condolences to the Shorter Family on the loss of their mother and Fair Member Annie Shorter. Also to the Joseph Family on the loss of their son and brother and Fair member, Peter Joseph,

Please keep our members who are undergoing treatment or suffering from chronic illnesses, in your thoughts and prayers.



## 2020 CALENDAR

- Nov 1 - Budget Requests Due  
Mail in or Pres's mailbox
- Nov 3 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Nov 4 - Junior Board
- Nov 5 - Site/Planning  
Telecon—call Sally
- Nov 10 - Board of Directors  
Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Fair Office
- Nov 17 - Membership/Board  
Election of Officers  
Social
- Nov 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Dec 1 - Rental Committee
- Dec 2 - Junior Board
- Dec 3 - Site/Planning Committee
- Dec 8 - Board of Directors
- Dec 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

## *Membership/Board Meeting*

*Tuesday, November 17, 2020*

*7 p.m. —Social Gathering  
7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting*

### AGENDA TOPICS

Election of Officers & Directors  
2021 Budget  
Winter Events  
2021 Fair

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# 2021 DUES INVOICE

Your 2021 Membership dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and send to the Membership Committee along with your check for \$10. Dues are \$10 per year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

(Optional)

May we send your newsletter by email? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and your check to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.

ATTN: Membership Committee

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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.*