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President's Message

Autumn is here!

The change in the weather, cooler temperatures, and geese flying far overhead, it even feels like fall!

The Fair is still healing from the loss of our President, John Kozenski, Jr. Big shoes to fill, but if we all contribute and work together, we can carry on as John would want us to. And we have a lot of work to do!

With Fair Week cancelled, along with most events, it is time to start planning for next year's Fair Week. Please let Sharon Gertz and I know of any ideas or improvements we should consider for next year.

The Fair did host a livestock show! With over 60 exhibitors, and over 250 entries, it was a HUGE success. I wanted to again personally thank the Board of Directors for allowing this event to take place. The exhibitors were ecstatic to be provided the opportunity to show their livestock projects that they worked so hard to complete!

Halloween Happenings, which would just be starting in a normal year, will also be missed. Hopefully we will see this event again next year. No doubt, this is one of John K.'s favorites.

The Rental Committee continues to work hard on both rentals and other

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opportunities that allow the Fair to contribute to the community. We need to support the community the same as they support us. I look forward to hearing of other events that the Rental Committee is considering.

Along with the Fall season, we have elections! If you should have any nominations to make, please get them in. The Fair Board elections are Tuesday, November 17, 2020, the third Tuesday of the month, at the Fairgrounds, during our Annual Membership Meeting. (Note: The date of November 10th in the September newsletter is incorrect). Please attend and cast your ballot!

It is also time to start thinking about our 2021 budget. Please turn in all event and department requests, either by mail, dropped off to the office mailbox for president, or mailed, ATTN: President, by the November 1 date for fundraising consideration.

Another member of our Fair Family, Peter Joseph, passed away this week. Mr. Joseph lost his fight with Covid 19. Mr. Joseph, owner of Jolly Shows, has been a long time supporter of the Fair and has contributed greatly over the years. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

In closing, I would like to inform the Membership that the Anne Arundel County Fair Board of Directors unanimously acknowledge John Faber as the Fair President for the remainder of the 2020 term. The Board of Directors also unanimously selected Deborah Kozenski to the Vice-President seat for the remainder of the 2020 term.

Stay Safe,

John Faber

MOTIONS

At the August 11, 2020 meeting of the Membership/Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to approve the 2020 Fair Budget as revised.**

****to upgrade/renovate an existing building, or design a new building based on the recommendation from the Site Committee.**

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## 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.

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WORKDAY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

There will be a work day at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sharon Gertz is coordinating so please let her know if you can attend.

A CELEBRATION OF JOHN K.'S LIFE

We will gather together on Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 1 until 4 p.m., in our amphitheater by the lower stage to celebrate the life of our longtime Fair president, John C. Kozenski, Jr.

Seating will be provided but due to the state's rules covering the pandemic, it will be limited to 250 people. Mask and distancing rules do apply.

For additional information please contact Lori Gray at lorigray1031@gmail.com.

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## MAAFS JUDGING SCHOOL CANCELLED

Due to the continuing pandemic, the MAAFS Fall Judging School has been cancelled.

The organizers hope that our situation will improved and that the Spring Judging School can be held as usual.





## 4-H CORNER

Due to the continuing pandemic, the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation has cancelled its Fall fundraisers, the bus trip to New York City and the Breakfast with Santa at Applebee's.

Our County 4-H Program has opened on a limited basis as outlined in the state's guidelines. Our County Office in Gambrills has partially reopened, but by appointment only. The best way to reach someone there is by email.

### ~~~~~ RENTAL COMMITTEE

This has been a challenging year for our Rental Committee as most of the events were scheduled after the pandemic hit and were cancelled. Lori Gray has struggled all Spring and Summer, trying to find events that would be able to comply with the state's rules and regulations regarding Covid 19.

We have had a few events and now that the year is winding down, we would like to thank Lori and the Committee for all of their efforts. We can all hope for a better year in 2021 as rentals are a big part of our Fair's income.

## ELECTION/ABSENTEE BALLOT

The election of Fair officers and directors will take place at our November Annual Membership meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The meeting will be held outside at the Fairgrounds so please dress for the weather. State pandemic rules apply.

The Nominating Committee has checked out the availability and eligibility of those individuals who have been nominated to assume officer and director positions. We be electing all six officers and 7 directors, 5 for a 3 year term, 1 for a 2 year term, and 1 for a one year term. The 1 and 2 year terms are to fill vacancies that have occurred over this past year. A list of nominees is included with this newsletter, and nominations may be made from the floor on the night of the election.

An absentee ballot is also available if you prefer that method of voting. Simply request an absentee ballot from our Recording Secretary Gina Degreenia, fill out your choices and mail back in to the Fair, ATTENTION: RECORDING SECRETARY.

If you decide to vote this way, request your absentee ballot right away as absentee ballots must be postmarked by November 1, 2020. Any absentee ballot postmarked after that date will be considered invalid.

Gina can be reached by email at [onebusymomofthree@comcast.net](mailto:onebusymomofthree@comcast.net) or call her at 410-615-8235.





## FUNDING COMMITTEE

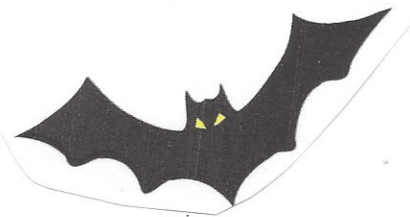
The Fair's GOFUNDME page that was set up to raise funds to purchase defibrillators to place in several locations around the Fairgrounds, as well as updated First Aid Kit is still in effect. We need your support, so please try to contribute at least \$1.00 to help support this worthy cause. Here is the link to the page:

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

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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 October:

Dan Overstreet - Oct 2
Fay Baase - Oct 10
Tara Dunn - Oct 10
Don Gertz Jr. - Oct 12
William Carico - Oct 16
Jeanette Newland - Oct 20
Nikki Lawson - Oct 23
Chris Dean - Oct 25
Robert Fleshman - Oct 25
Lori Gray - Oct 31

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in October:

Brooke & Nick Wilson - Oct 1
Mary Henschel & Spouse - Oct 3
Jonathan Brown & Spouse - Oct 6
Joan & Jim Mauritzen - Oct 13
Loretta & Bernie White -
celebrating 58 years on Oct 13
Sharon & Don Gertz - celebrating
49 years on Oct 17
Lisa & Dan Overstreet - celebrating
18 years on Oct 19
Lisa & Jimmy Frisco - Oct 29

Once again, we have suddenly lost a member of our Fair Family. Peter Joseph passed away recently and our sympathy to the entire Joseph Family. The Josephs are the owners of Jolly Shows.

Also, our condolences to the Trimmer Family on the passing of our friend Velma Trimmer who was chair of the Sewing Dept for many years.

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

- Oct 1 - Site/Planning Committee
Telecon Contact Sally Lung
- Oct 6 - Rental Committee
7 :30 p.m. Fair Office
- Oct 7 - Junior Board
- Oct 13 - Board of Directors
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Oct 17 - John K.'s Celebration of
Life 1-4 p.m. Lower
Stage Area
- Nov 1 - Budget Request Due
- Nov 3 - Rentals
- Nov 4 - Junior Board
- Nov 5 - Site/Planning
- Nov 10 - Board of Directors
Meeting
- Nov 17 - Membership/Board
Election of Officers



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: _____

(Both are optional)

May we send your newsletter by email? Yes _____ No _____

Send this form and your check to:

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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.

2020 NOMINATIONS

President:

Andy Bates
John Faber

Vice-President:

Andy Bates
Martin Hardy

Treasurer:

Mary Faber

Asst Treasurer:

Martin Hardy
Debbie W-K

Corresponding Secretary:

Joddi Akers

Recording Secretary:

Gina Degreenia

Board of Directors:

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