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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fair Members,

I want to start this message with a big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers and Fair members. This organization thrives because of **YOUR** hard work and dedication. And it is much appreciated. Thank you all again and I am looking forward to next year!

Another successful Halloween Happening event has completed. Next up is our Christmas Lights event. I look forward to volunteering for this event. It was a fun times last year and I expect the same this year. Please consider volunteering some time for this event.

Clean-up and put away of H.H. is underway and I hope a few extra hands will be available to pitch in. If you have a few moments on the weekends or during the week, please reach out to the H.H. folks or the Christmas Lights folks and they will get you started on what is needed.

I also wanted to again say what a splendid FAIR we had! Great work Sharon G. and all of her committee members! Job well done. And...time to get ready for next year.

At this time of year there are plenty of projects that need to be taken care of. Last minute grounds and building maintenance, putting away and securing any equipment normally left outside, etc. Small projects, big results when completed. Again, reach out and we will get you involved!

With our new LED sign on General's Highway and automated Back Gate, things are looking up. We do have a number of bigger projects on the radar. If you want to get involved, let someone know. We can use your input.

There is still talk about a Special Events permit process at the county level. It will

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happen, but not until after elections into next year. There will be a good bit of turnover in county and state elections, but we have many elected officials that know the value of our Fair and Fairgrounds, and are indeed friends of the Fair. I look forward to working with them in the future.

And Fair Elections! Our Corporate/General Membership Meeting is on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. PLEASE turn out and vote (if you have not already done so by absentee ballot). Social gathering at 7 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. The election slate can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. But, as always, nominations may also be made from the floor on the night of elections.

As always, if you should have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. And, as the holiday season is fast approaching, I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

John H. Faber

President, A. A. County Fair, Inc
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MOTIONS

At the October 11, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****To accept the slate of nominations from the Nominating Committee.**

****To do a feasibility study on the on the Fairgrounds.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLIE!

Charlie Ruby will celebrate his 98th Birthday this month and we all wish him well and many more years! Charlie has served our Fair as its president, vice-president, treasurer and the Photography Chair for many years. Enjoy your birthday Charlie!

MEMBERSHIP

2023 will soon be here and it's time once again to renew your Fair Membership! Membership dues may be paid at any time before August 31st 2023. However, please note that if you wish to be a voting member, dues are due by January 20th 2023 (as per bylaw change of August 2022).

Mitzi Hardy
Membership Chair

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The 2022 Fair Week Committee met on October 26, 2022.

ADVERTISING: Local radio stations worked well. Fair Team needs help with Facebook as that did not go as planned.

BARN: Very quiet but busy. All went well.

BEER: Everything went well with good income. SPCA a big factor in the success. \$34,000 in sales.

CATALOG: Editing was discussed and also the Cover.

CONTESTS: All went well except the person who signed up for the Ducky Game did not show. Fair Ambassador chairs are stepping down and Sydney Henschel Wyvill will be the 2023 chair.

CARNIVAL: Good crowds and all went well. \$64,149.00.

CONTRACTS: All went well except the Labor which did not show and Bathroom Clean-up which had major problems.

ENTERTAINMENT: Went well with a few minor problems which were resolved.

EXHIBIT BLDG: Online registration went well. Wendy Sites dropped out of Martek and will be building co-chair in 2023. Volunteer food was well accepted.

GATES: Credit cards accepted at the Front Gate and will do next year. Recommended we buy a turnstile next year.

OFFICE: We need more help with phones.

RIBBONS/TROPHIES: All good.

SAWMILL: Rich Suhrie happy with all.

SPONSORS: Thanks, Thanks, Thanks.

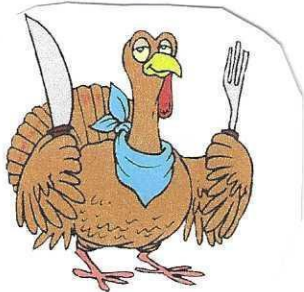
VENDORS: Very organized and quiet. Block off some areas next year due to parking problems



4-H CORNER

The 4-H year is winding down but still a few more dates to remember. On November 5th, the Annual 4-H Turkey Shoot will be held at the Meyer's Station Nature Center in Odenton. It will start at 9 a.m. and you may choose your discipline, either Archery or Riflery.

Breakfast and Lunch will be available and there will be special activities for youth, ages 5-7. And, remember, they will not be shooting turkeys, just paper targets.



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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates on our member that you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Martin Hardy. You may reach Martin by calling him at 443-995-8431, or by email at [caulkhead@gmail.com](mailto:caulkhead@gmail.com)

## ELECTION SLATE FOR 2023

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of nominees for 2023.

Pres: John Faber  
Vice-Pres: Martin Hardy  
Treasurer: Mary Faber  
Asst. Treas: Michelle Cooper  
Rec. Secretary: Gina Degreenia  
Corr. Secretary: Sandy Suhrie

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023, 2024, 2025  
(3 Year Term)

Joddi Akers  
Joseph Degreenia  
Michael Doyle  
Stacy Eckels  
Sharon Gertz  
Debbie Kozenski  
Marilyn Torres

Election will be held on the night of the Membership Meeting, November 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

You may obtain an absentee ballot by contacting Recording Secretary Gina Degreenia at (410) 615-8235 or email her at [busymomofthree@comcast.net](mailto:busymomofthree@comcast.net). Please be sure to return the ballot by the posted deadline.

## RIBBONS

We have taken inventory of our remaining ribbons not used for the 2022 Fair, and we will be ordering the additional ribbons for the needs of the 2023 Fair. If you know of your ribbon needs that would be new or in addition to what you used this past year for the 2022 Fair, please forward your information and needed resource request to Marvin Glass or Joan Mauritzen.

Please return any and all ribbons or ribbon stickers not used for the 2022 Fair or other past fairs, to the back cabinet counter in the Fair Office, if you have not already done so. Having all the ribbons and ribbon stickers will help us to make accurate ribbon counts and appropriate ribbon purchases. We greatly appreciate your support and efforts to help us manage our ribbon inventory. If you have any questions or recommendations for ribbon distribution, please feel free to send them to Marvin Glass or Joan Mauritzen.

Marvin Glass  
Ribbon Chair



## MEMBER UPDATES

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in November:

T.J.Torres - Nov 1  
Mary Jane Knode - Nov 3  
Charlie Ruby - Nov 3  
Jackie Griffin - Nov 7  
Joseph Degreenia - Nov 9  
Patty Seitz - Nov 11  
Mary Henschel - Nov 13  
Alan Rawlings - Nov 13  
Lacy Chenoweth - Nov 14  
Mike Crutchley - Nov 14  
Larry Stach - Nov 15  
Tina Williams - Nov 15  
Andy Eckels - Nov 17  
David Dolvin - Nov 22  
Kelli Knode-Allito - Nov 22  
Dan Sites - Nov 27  
Tommy Boehm - Nov 28  
Amanda Akers - Nov 29  
Amanda Crutchley - Nov 29

Happy Anniversary wishes to those celebrating their happy day in November:

Wendy & Dan Sites - Nov 8  
Paula & Larry Akers - Nov 10  
Fay & Walter Baase are celebrating 61 years on November 18.

Get well wishes go out to Lori Gray and Sharon Shorter.

And, as always, please keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses in your thoughts and prayers.



# 2022 CALENDAR

- Nov 1 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Zoom or Fair Office
- Nov 2 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Nov 8 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Nov 14 - Drive Thru Foodbank  
Donation Fundraiser
- Nov 15 - General Membership  
Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Nov 25, 26 Christmas Lights Display  
& 27
- Dec 1 - Rental Committee
- Dec 2 - Junior Board
- Dec 2, 3, Christmas Lights Display  
9, 10 & 11; 16, 17 & 18

**\*\*Information about the outside events can  
be found at the County Fair website  
[www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)**



## *General Membership Meeting*

***Tuesday, November 15, 2022  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office***

### **AGENDA**

**Fair Week Wrap-Up  
Election of Officers/Directors  
Fall/Winter Events  
Budget**

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# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR YEARLY SCHEDULE

## Christmas Holiday Display:

Nov 25, 26 & 27

Dec 2, 3 & 4

Dec 9, 10 & 11

Dec 16, 17 & 18



Open Weekends 7 to 10 p.m.

\$10 per vehicle

Maximum Vehicle Height is 8 feet

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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.*

# Anne Arundel County Fair Inc.

## 2023 Current Member Dues Invoice

Your 2023 Membership dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and send to the Membership Committee along with your check.

Dues are: Regular Membership (must be 18 or older) - \$20

Associate (Non-voting) Membership - \$10

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you 18 or older? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (optional) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (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

P.O. Box 372, Crownsville, MD 21032

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