

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their start to the New Year! We typically think of this of the year as the "slow" months, but in truth, it never seems to be.

I am putting together a list of "projects" that need completion around the Fairgrounds. These are excellent projects for Scouts or Fair members to tackle. If you have some free time, please reach out and I can get you started.

The rental calendar for 2023 is packed. Your help will be needed in chaperoning these events. We most certainly look forward to your assistance.

Fair Week planning is now heavily under way. Please reach out to the Fair Week Team with any suggestions or offers of help. I know that it will be much appreciated.

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President's Message Continued.....

I hope everyone enjoys the cold weather and please stay safe.

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MOTIONS

At the November 8, 2022 meeting the Board of Directors approved a motion to renew Bruce Bereano's contract for another year.

At the November 15, 2022 meeting of the General Membership, a motion was approved to destroy the ballots from the election of Officers/Directors.

At the January 10, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to award Lifetime Memberships to the Fair to Larry Stach and Lacy Chenoweth.**

****to purchase a pull behind mower from Mullinex.**

****to move forward with the proposed Eagle Scout project.**

****to dispose of the bucket truck.**

****to move forward with the project to put a protective structure around the key pad to the back gate.**



MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates on our members that you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Sandy Suhrie at fringes51@gmail.com.

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Team is in great need to fill the positions of General Labor and Bathroom Detail for Fair Week. If you know of anyone who would be interested in either of these jobs, please email Sharon Gertz at sgaafair@aol.com or call her at 443-223-1245.

The Fair Week Committee Meetings for 2023 will be held in January, March, May, June, July, August, and October. There will be no Fair Week Committee meetings in February, April, September, November, and December.

Members of the Fair Week Team are Sharon Gertz, Debbie Vernon, Joseph Degreenia and Chip Brendle. Please contact any one of them with any questions or information you might have.

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2023





4-H CORNER

Anne Arundel County 4-H members and volunteers are now signing up to re-enroll for 2023. Now is the time for anyone who is interested in joining 4-H or becoming a 4-H volunteer, to contact the 4-H Office and Gretchen Sumbrum at 410-222-3900.

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring its annual 4-H Variety Show on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the Bald Memorial Methodist Church's Multipurpose Hall in Millersville. Skits, songs, instrumentals, there is a lot to see at this annual event which highlights the talents of our county 4-H members. All are welcome to come out and enjoy the afternoon. The Foundation is looking for judges for this event. Anyone who might be interested please contact Joan Mauritzen.

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at 10 a.m. at the Baldwin Early Learning Center in Millersville. The categories for the speeches are Rodio Spot, Prepared Speech, Interpretative Speech and Visual Presentation. Champions will move on to the State Public Speaking Contest in April.



PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Any Fair member may submit a proposed bylaw change that they consider an improvement on what we have now written in our bylaws. Stacy Eckels is the chairmen of the Bylaw Committee and can be contacted for information and assistance on writing the proposed changes.

Our April 18th Membership Meeting is the time to submit any bylaw changes you might have. The proposed changes will be read at the June Membership Meeting, published in the Fair Newsletter in July, and then voted on at the August Membership Meeting.

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## SCARECROW STUFF

Believe it or not, but Spring is just around the corner as January is two-thirds over, and February is a short month, so before you know it March and Spring will be here and it will be time to clean out winter clothes from our closets. The Scarecrow Workshop, held during Fair Week, is looking for long-sleeved shirts, hats, belts, any type of accessory you might want to get rid of, they can use. No pants please! Just drop off at Fair Office or the Information Booth.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS & SAVE THE DATE!

We will be celebrating our volunteers and members at our 2nd Annual "Spring Picnic" on Saturday, April 22nd! Please join us for good food, great conversations with fellow Fair Friends, and fun and games for all :) More information will be shared soon.

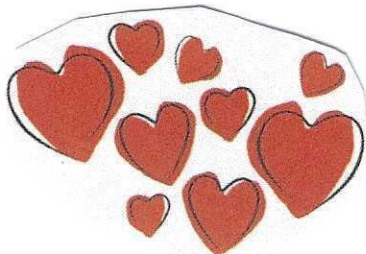
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Now is the time to pay your membership dues!

If you wish to be a voting member of the Fair, your dues of \$20.00 are due by January 20th. Membership dues received after this date are good for the 2023 year, but will not entitle you to vote.

Mitzi Hardy
Membership Chair



MEMBER UPDATES

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in January and February:

Sherry Timmons - Jan 13

Lacy Chenoweth - Jan 14

Pam Gertz - Jan 14

Robert Torres - Jan 18

Mike Carico - Jan 25

Cody Tice - Jan 28

Justin Tice - Jan 28

Denise White - Jan 28

Claudia Ploor - Jan 29

Elizabeth Molino - Feb 6

Valerie Bell - Feb 7

Sydney Wyvill - Feb 8

Denny Greever - Feb 14

Gina Degreenia - Feb 17

Lisa Frisco - Feb 18

Stacy Eckels - Feb 19

Jess Armacost - Feb 21

James Carico - Feb 23

Jennifer Martin - Feb 25

Claire Hayward - Feb 28

Happy Anniversary wishes to those celebrating in January and February:

Donna Herren & Hubby - Jan 24

Michelle & Bill Grimes - Feb 4

Deana & Josiah Tice - Feb 22

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

2023 CALENDAR

- Jan 17 - Membership Meeting
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Jan 25 - Fair Week Committee
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Feb 1 - Junior Board
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Feb 7 - Rental Committee
7 p.m. Zoom or Fair Office
- Feb 14 - Board of Directors
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 1 - Junior Board
- Mar 7 - Rental Committee
- Mar 14 - Board of Directors
- Mar 14 - Hot Tub Expo
- Mar 24 - Gun Show
- Mar 24 - Boy Scouts
- Mar 29 - Fair Week Committee

****Information about the outside events can be found at the County Fair website www.aacountyfair.org**

General Membership Meeting

*Tuesday, January 17, 2023
7:30 p.m. Fair Office*

AGENDA

**2023 Budget
Spring Events
Yearly Schedule**

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR 2023 SCHEDULE

Easter Egg Hunt	April 2
Antique Tractor Pull	April 15
Flea Market	April 15
Fair Membership Picnic	April 22
Antique Tractor Pull	May 13
Flea Market	May 13
Rodeo	June 10
Fair Week	September 13-17
Fair Week Tractor Pull	September 16
Antique Tractor Pull	October 7
Flea Market/Jousting	October 7
Halloween Happing	October 14-29
Christmas Lights	Nov 24 to Dec 17

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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.