



PA Ag Republican Newsletter

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PA Ag Republicans promoting Farm Family Values in Pennsylvania

Did you know? About the KY Derby . . .

Alternatively referred to as “The Run for the Roses” or “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports,” the Kentucky Derby is a 1.25 mile race for three-year-old thoroughbred horses. The Kentucky Derby draws an average of 150,000 visitors each year, including residents, out-of-towners, celebrities, presidents, and even members of royal families.

To read more go to:
<http://louisville.about.com/od/attractionsevents/p/kentuckyderby.htm>

PA's # 1 Industry is Agricultural



Message from the PA Ag Republican Chair

Greetings,

The PA Ag Republicans are having two major events in April and May. On **April 19, 2017 in the Media Room which is located on the ground floor of the East Wing of the Harrisburg Capitol building. There will be a media event** being held to focus on the agricultural budget items that have been zeroed out of the Governor's budget. The Center for Dairy Excellence, Center for Beef Excellence, All American Dairy Show, Keystone International Livestock Exposition have been zeroed out.

The Center for Dairy Excellence has numerous programs to assist our dairy producers in better management practices as well as educational seminars. Our milk producers are challenged with three years of depressed milk prices. They need help and advice to lower their expenses and be more efficient producers. This is not a time to eliminate a Center that offers services producers need.

The All American Dairy Show as well as the Keystone International Live-

stock Exposition have a strong youth component. The All American Dairy Show had 484 youth exhibitors participating in their 2016 show. In the dairy judging contest, 13 four year colleges, 8 two year colleges, 11 FFA chapters and 15 4-H teams from 18 states competed. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition had 900 youth exhibitors. The livestock-judging contest had 7 colleges, 8 FFA chapters, 9 4-H teams from 12 states competing. The stockman's contest had 81 FFA and 4-H teams that competed. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition awarded \$9,000 in youth scholarships at their 2016 show. These shows have a strong educational value for our youth. There are many success stories regarding the youth that have been part of these shows over the years.

Please contact your legislator to have them support the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, All American Dairy Show, Center for Dairy Excellence and the Center for Beef Excellence in the 2017 budget at the same level of funding as the 2016 budget.

I would like to also invite you to join us for an event that will be taking place **May 6, 2017. The PA Ag Republicans are having a Kentucky Derby Day** fundraiser hosted by Karen Gilliland on her farm. Good food, fellowship as well as an opportunity to watch the Kentucky Derby on a large screen.

I would like to commend Congressman GT Thompson, Vice Chair of the U.S. House of Representative Agriculture Committee for being proactive. Congressman GT Thompson has been having conversations with Trump administration to increase exports of agriculture commodities as well as reviewing the school lunch programs and other nutritional programs.

I would like to thank you for your choice to become a member of the PA Ag Republicans. This is a reminder to pay your 2017 dues. I will be looking forward to seeing you on April 19 and May 6th.

Thank you!
Mike Firestine

PA Ag Republicans met at PA GOP Meeting to Reorganize

The Pennsylvania Ag Republicans met during the January PA Republican State Committee Meeting to plan and organize for 2017.

In order to be effective, roles need to be spread out and volunteers are needed.

We still have open volunteer positions. Would you be willing to serve? Do you know a republican involved in agricultural who would be willing to get involved?

Leaders are needed for committees and help is needed for these leaders.

If you are able to assist, please email paagrepublians@hotmail.com or contact Mike Firestine.

Committees in place:

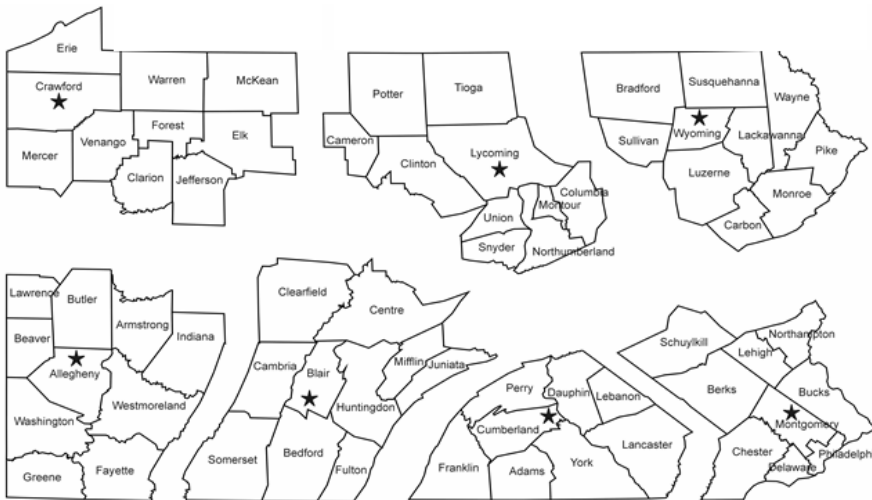
- Membership—Beverly Gruber
- Campaigns—Arnie McClure
- Legislative—Joe Murzyn

Leadership needed:

- Fundraising
- Regional Coordinator Team Leader
- Regional Coordinators—for all regions



Are YOU able to help?



Would you be willing to be a Region Captain for your area?

- ◆ Organize like minded agricultural republicans in your area.
- ◆ Educate others of legislative issues.
- ◆ Organize events or fundraisers.
- ◆ Introduce candidates to voters.
- ◆ Increase PA Ag Republicans memberships.

Conference Calls—keeping members in touch

The PA Ag Republicans met for their annual meetings on the Monday of the PA Farm Show. This meeting is used to hear legislative updates and meet candidates seeking office. The group also meets in conjunction with the PA Republican Committees meetings (Spring, Summer, and Fall). Although these meetings

are great and much needed, they do not give us time for other business and planning. There-

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." -- Phil Jackson

fore, the PA Ag Republicans have started holding conference calls as needed for planning and updates. Meetings have been held on a Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Members are emailed the call in information. Are your dues paid? We would love to have your input at our conference call meetings.



Join the PA Ag Republicans for a KY Derby Race Party!



When: Saturday, May 6, 2017
Where: Gilbrook Farms
 3988 Warriors Mark Path, Warriors Mark 16877
Cost: \$35.00 per person / \$50 per couple
Time: 3:30 pm—6:30 pm
Dress: Dress Your Derby Best

Hat Contest!

Music!

Informative Talks about Thoroughbreds & Racing!

Watch the KY Derby

Visit with horses!

Fellowship !

Fun!

Food!

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RSVP by April 27th, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ County: _____

Checks should be made payable to the **PA Ag Republicans** and mailed to Lisa Nancollas, 25 Somar Drive, Lewistown, PA 17044

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___ Finish Line Sponsor ___ # of tickets-\$35 each or \$50 per couple

___ Mint Julip Sponsor ___ Sorry I cannot attend, please

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Rose Sponsor \$800.00—and above
(includes eight tickets)



Finish Line Sponsor \$500—\$800.00
(includes six tickets)



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(includes four tickets)



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Mike Firestine—Chair
Irene Harris—Secretary
Lisa Nancollas—Treasurer

**Fighting for Farm
Family Values**

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www.paagRepublicans.com

Please visit www.paagRepublican.com and enter your email address to be notified when information is posted.

Did you pay your 2017 dues? If not, please go to the website to download the form and mail the form and check to Lisa Nancollas, Treasurer.

The PA Ag Republican Team needs You!

Together

Everyone

Accomplishes

Must

If everyone gives a little large accomplishments can be reached.

PA Judge Candidates on the May 16th Primary Election Ballot

**We will be voting for one
candidate for PA Supreme
Judge**

Justice Sallie Mundy

Learn more at
www.KeepJusticeMundy.com



**We will be voting on four
candidates for PA Superior
Judges**

Judge Mary Murray

Learn more at
[http://mary4judge.com/](http://mary4judge.com)

Judge Emil Giordano

Learn more at
www.EmilGiordanoForJudge.com

Judge Wade Kagarise

Learn more at
www.JudgeKagarise.com

Judge Paula Patrick

Learn more at
www.ElectJudgePatrick.com

District Attorney Craig Stedman

Learn more at
www.StedmanForJudge.com

**We will be voting for two
candidates for PA
Commonwealth Judges**

Judge Christine Fizzano Cannon

Learn more at
www.FizzanoCannonForJudge.com

Paul Lalley

Learn more at
www.Lalley4Judge.com

