



# PA Ag Republicans

Fighting for Farm Family Values  
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2019 Newsletter

## A Message from our Chairman

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*Election of Officers  
will be held at the  
2019 Annual Meeting  
at the PA Farm Show*

Greetings,

I trust you had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy Prosperous New Year! I am sure you were just as disappointed as I was with the results of the election. We cannot let this happen in future elections! We need to support our Republican can-



didates. We need to have our rural voice heard. We need to encourage our neighbors and friends to vote. It may mean we give them a ride to the polls. President Trump has given us what he promised. I know you as well as myself have felt the sting of tariffs. But Secretary Sonny Perdue has lessened the pain by giving us an indemnity for our farm commodities. However, the tariffs should have been addressed by past presidents. President Trump needs our support!

I would like to give a big thank you to Congressman GT Thompson and the House Ag Committee

for having milk fat put back into the school lunch program. As a reminder, Congressman GT Thompson is having his annual hearing session at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Pa Farm Show January, 5, 2019.

I wish our newly elected officials encouragement and wisdom for their new term. I hope to see you all at the Pa Ag Republican Annual Meeting on January 7, 2019 at 3:30 P.M. in the Susquehanna Room at the PA Farm Show.

See you at the PA Farm Show,

Michael Firestine, Chair  
PA Ag Republicans

“Agriculture is not crop production as popular belief holds - it's the production of food and fiber from the world's land and waters. Without agriculture it is not possible to have a city, stock market, banks, university, church or army. Agriculture is the foundation of civilization and any stable economy. “Allan Savory

## Annual PA Ag Republican Meeting 2019

Join the PA Ag Republicans for the Annual Meeting on **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 3:30pm in the Susquehanna Room.**



Network with other PA Ag Republicans and legislators. Learn what DC and Harrisburg are doing for you and how you can make a difference.

## Thank you for supporting our values!

The PA Ag Republicans would like to thank all Republican candidates who put their name on the 2018 ballot. Although we were not successful in all positions, many seats were won. Whether you ran on a national, state, county, township, or school district level, we appreciate your support and willingness to represent us and the



Republican principles.

We need good quality candidates willing to represent the party during 2019 elections as many local seats will become vacant.

Please make sure your family and friends are registered to vote. What better birthday gift to give a person turning 18 than an application to register to vote. On Election Day grab your cell phone and go down through your contacts texting and reminding others how important their vote is in making a difference.

## Congressman Glenn (GT) Thompson to hold listening session.

Once again, Congressman Thompson, Vice Chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, has gathered congressional representatives from across the nation, regardless of party, to participate in an agricultural listening session. This is a time for you to be heard by those that represent you. In past years, this session has proven to be edu-

cational to others and a time that you can discuss issues with like-minded people and legislators.

The listening session will be held on **Saturday**, the opening day, of

the PA Farm Show (**January 5, 2019**) in the **Susquehanna and Delaware Rooms of the Farm Show Complex from 1:30 pm — 2:30 pm.**

Come out and share your concerns with legislators. View last year's discussions on the PA Ag Republican Facebook page.

**"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." Bryant H. McGill**

## PA Ag Republican Meeting 2/1/2019

The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee will gather on **February 1st and 2nd, 2019 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA.**

Friday will be a day filled with workshops and meetings. The PA Ag Republicans will meet for a short meeting February 1st.

Watch your email or the PA Ag Republican Facebook Page for details.

The evening will commence with a dinner and speaker. Watch the PA GOP website for details at <https://www.pagop.org/>

Saturday morning GOP will hold their winter meeting.

We hope to see you at the meeting!



## KY Derby Party

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 2018 KY Derby Party/Fundraiser. Everyone had a terrific time!



We look forward to hold the **Third Annual PA Ag Republican KY Derby Party Saturday, May 4, 2019; location to be announced.**

Watch our Facebook or webpage for more information.



## Get involved! This is your organization.

The PA Ag Republicans need your involvement!

- Register Voters
- Knock on Doors
- Work a Phone Bank
- Send Texts
- Place Yard Signs
- Start discussions on social media

If your county has a booth at their county fair, contact Irene Harris, Secretary (570-374-0876) and she will get you PA Ag Republican pamphlets.

Visit with your Congressmen and Senators and let them know your concerns. Be part of the solution by offering resolutions to the issue.

Would you be willing to host a gathering on your farm? Perhaps an ice cream social? Invite a few friends and neighbors to meet with legislators or candidates to talk with them about what is happening with the many regulations and laws farmers must keep up with as they try to earn a living. Contact Mike Firestine, Chair to discuss options in further depth 717-866-4662,

## Did you pay your 2019 Membership Dues? \$25 Individual / \$30 Family / Keystone \$50

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF COMMISSIONS, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATION

**2019 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions .....	February 19
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions .....	March 12
First day to circulate and file nomination papers .....	March 13
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions .....	March 27
Last day to REGISTER before the primary .....	April 22
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot .....	May 14
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots .....	May 17
<b>MUNICIPAL PRIMARY</b> .....	May 21
First day to REGISTER after primary .....	May 22
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 20) .....	May 28
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers .....	August 1
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers .....	August 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary .....	August 12
Last day to REGISTER before the November election .....	October 7
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot .....	October 29
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots .....	November 1
<b>MUNICIPAL ELECTION</b> .....	November 5
First day to REGISTER after November election .....	November 6
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 4) .....	November 12

Note: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.