



## Executive Committee

**Chairman—**  
Mike Firestine

**Vice-Chair—**  
George Greig

**Secretary—**  
*vacant*

**Treasurer—**  
Robert Boyer

**Member @ Large—**  
*Mark Keller*

*Election of Officers will be held at the 2025 Annual Meeting / positions are for two (2) years*

# PA Ag Republicans

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December 2023 Newsletter

## Greetings from the Chairman

It was a very dismal Election Day for our GOP. Our judicial candidates campaigned non-stop to win this election. Unfortunately, it did not happen. It was a big loss for Pennsylvania. Our GOP Judicial Candidates were and would have been a definite asset to the Pennsylvania Judicial Team. That is why we need to focus on the 2024 Presidential, and senate elections. I do hope we do not have short-term memories! The United States of America has had four terrible years of leadership. Leadership is a poor choice of words; it is actually the lack of leadership. The key issues for the past years was the open borders, rising energy prices, rising inflation, as well as rising interest rates, rising crimes and the loss of respect for the United States by foreign countries. These are only a few of the main issues citizens of the United States are challenged with. All of the problems were created by bad decisions. The sad part is no one is held accountable and no one will accept responsibility. What would happen if we have another

four years of poor leadership. It is a frightening thought! But if we sit back and not get involved in the upcoming election, the door is open to four more years of poor leadership.

Strategizing to win back the White House starts now! Let us learn from the 2023 judicial election, sitting on the sidelines is not the answer. What part can you play to help win the Election? If you have friends, neighbors, co-workers that are not registered to vote? Assist them in obtaining a voter registration form and help them complete the form. Discuss the candidates you are voting for and why you are voting for that candidate.

Endorse your candidate by putting a yard sign in your front yard. Volunteer to make phone calls and do mailings for your candidate. These are examples of how you help your candidate.

It is vitally important to win the Senate Race and to elect a competent leader for the White House!

I would like to extend a thank

you to Irene Harris for assisting with the PA Ag Republican Newsletter. Irene has assisted the PA Ag Republicans in numerous events and activities for many years. Thank you, Irene!

I would like to extend a THANK YOU to all the members of the PA Ag Republicans for their support of the number one (1) industry in Pennsylvania, AGRICULTURE.

Wishing you and your loved one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I hope to see you at the PA Ag Republicans Annual Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pennsylvania Farm Show at 3:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room.

Sincerely,  
Michel H. Firestine  
Chair, PA Ag Republicans



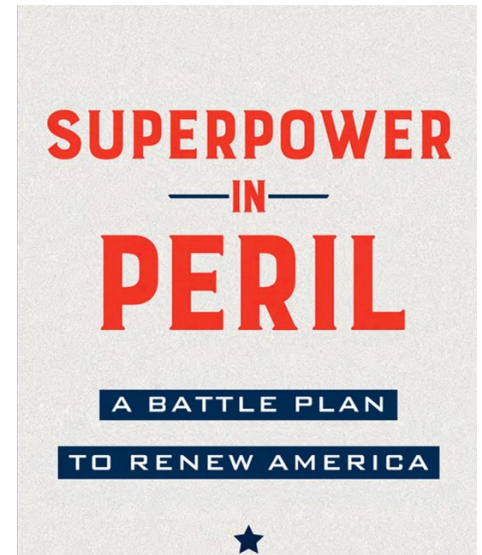
## PA Ag Republican Annual Meeting for 2024

**Date: -  
Monday,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Location-  
Susquehanna Room  
PA Farm Show Complex**

**Time -  
3:00 pm**

**Guest Speaker -  
Dave McCormick,  
Candidate for United  
States Senate**



## We need you for PA Ag Republican Secretary!

The office of Secretary for the PA Ag Republicans is still vacant. If you are interested in filling this position, please reach out to Chairman Mike Firestine at (717) 507-5229



### 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Pennsylvania Ag Republicans held their annual meeting on January 9, 2023 in conjunction with the PA Farm Show. Chairman Mike Firestine opened the meeting.

Megan Martin, Candidate for Judge of the PA Commonwealth lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mark Keller, Member at Large, and former State Rep opened in prayer. Mike thanked Mark Keller for staying involved, although he is no longer an elected legislator, he has put hours into ensure our youth have a future in agriculture.

Representative Dave Zimmerman was unable to attend the meeting due to PA House responsibilities. Pricilla Eberly gave an update on his behalf.

Our guest speaker was Stacy Garrity, PA State Treasurer. She spoke about the importance of agricultural in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is at

an opportunity location, being a two hour's drive to major transportation ports.

Mike introduced everyone to the future of agriculture; Sarah Uhlman. She is a quadruplet, and she and her three sisters are active in agriculture, each attending college next year.

He also introduced members who have an impact on the future of agriculture. The Snyders' Concession and Bartlebaugh's Amusements, members of the PA Showmans Association give back to the youth. An example is the carousel at the farm show, they give the proceeds they take in to the Farm Show Scholarship Fund; and contribute to the Showman's Association Scholarship Program.

Lilly Guthrey, PFB gave a brief update.

The secretary's minutes, were printed in the newsletter, and approved as written. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit with a balance of 7,094.69.

A review of 2022 was given; PLC, KY Derby, Rally at the Rock, and Rally at the River to name a few activities.

A discussion took place on the importance of political yard signs. Signs placed along public highways are not effective. A sign placed in your year is effective; it lets others know who you are voting for and begins a conversation as to why.

It was announced that this year's KY Derby, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, will be hosted at Jana Melot's farm.

Boots Hetherington held the election of officers. Mike Firestine was elected Chairman. George Greig was elected Vice-Chairman. Secretary was left open to be filled by appointment. Robert Boyer was elected Treasurer. Mark Keller was elected Member at Large. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene C. Harris, Secretary

# Who is on the ballot in 2024 on a National Level?

## The President of the United States

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States. Of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four years, and, together with the Vice-President, chosen for the same term may be reelected.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

## Congress of the United States

The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

## US Senator

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

## Annual KY Derby Party

Thank you to Jana Malot, who hosted the 2023 KY Derby Party supporting the PA Ag Republicans.

Jana rolled out the red carpet for the KY Derby Party and for the PA Ag Republicans.



Save the date for the  
2024

KY Derby Party

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Details to be announced

## Did you pay your 2024 Membership Dues? \$25 Individual / \$30 Family / Keystone \$50

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

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

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

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

Check payable to: PA Ag Republicans

Mail to: Robert Boyer, 303 Pine Street, Wernersville, PA 19565

Yes, include me in email notifications /  No, do not include me in email notifications



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**Glenn**  
**Thompson**  
Congress



**The Scott Sechler Family**

**invites you to a reception in honor of**  
**Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson**

Chairman, Agriculture Committee; Senior Member, Education and Labor  
Committee; Dean of the PA Congressional Delegation

**Saturday, January 6, 2024 | 5-7 PM**

**Appalachian Brewing Company | 50 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg,**

**Sponsorships are available beginning at \$1000**

**General Admission: \$150 per person**

RSVP to [Marcie@gthompson.com](mailto:Marcie@gthompson.com) or text 814.321.3689

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