



Newsletter

From the Desk of the President

Daniel M. Kniffen

It has been quite the fall. Weather couldn't have been much better. Crops are slow to dry down and that has presented a little bit of a challenge but at least we aren't fighting snow yet.

We had a great fall meeting. Thank You to the approximately 60 people that attended. This year our Industry Service award recipient was Andy Bater. Andy took the leadership role for our summer golf tournament which proved to be a huge success. Thanks Andy for all of your help.

During the fall meeting the membership reviewed and approved 16 policy recommendations to forward to the fall Annual membership meeting for Pa Farm Bureau. They will be reviewed and voted on at the annual meeting in November for PFB Policy. If you have a day available you might consider attending the PFB meeting in Hershey and take in one or more of the educational programs or come and participate in the health fair.

The fall membership season is upon us remind your neighbors to renew their membership on or before Dec. 31 to continue their free ADD insurance provided to farm bureau members that renew before January 1. ADD insurance begins at \$1,000 and increases \$300 each year you renew before January 1 until it caps at \$3,100. Having to do repeated dues mailings cost the county money we could be using for other programs. Please renew early.

Our 2nd summer golf tournament is scheduled for Monday August 17, 2015. We have had several people step forward to help us organize this event. As plans continue to develop we will still be in need of additional people to help. Please contact Bethany Coursen, valleywidefarm@gmail.com or myself if you have interest in helping bring this project to fruition.

Finally I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the past 4 years. I consider it to be an honor and it has been my pleasure. Your new executive team is: Allen Ishler, President; Dan Kniffen, Vice President; Cody Edling, Secretary and Bethany Coursen, Treasurer. If you have anything to discuss about your County Farm Bureau I know they will be glad to hear from you.

Thank You for your support of your Centre County Farm Bureau. You have built a successful organization. With your continued support we will continue to grow. Please support our local Allied Industries. They always support our efforts.

I hope to see you on down the trail. *Adios*

PFB Provides Health and Safety Fair During Annual Meeting

PFB Health Services will again be offering the Health and Safety Fair during Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Hershey. The Fair, which takes place Tuesday, Nov. 18, is sponsored by PFB Health Services.

“The Health Fair presents a great opportunity to get checked up on your health and screened for possible health problems without a visit to a doctor’s office or a clinic. A quick painless screening could save your life,” said Dave Fleming, PFB Health Services director.

This will be our 16th year for the Health and Safety Fair with more than 60 vendors attending this year’s event. We want to continue to offer expanded health screenings such as stroke assessments.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States killing more than 144,000 people annually. Thankfully, 80 percent of strokes are preventable with a simple annual screening, said Fleming.

Free flu shots will once again be available to Farm Bureau members. Other health screenings available at the fair will include testing for osteoporosis, body mass index, carotid artery stroke assessment, sleep apnea, blood sugar levels, cholesterol, blood pressure, vision impairment, bone density, pulmonary, thyroid and more. In addition the popular chair massages will also return this year. Penn State and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will provide safety information, and health organizations will be available to answer questions.

The Health and Safety Fair is open to all members, whether or not you’re attending the Annual Meeting. All screening are free and we encourage members who live in the area to stop by Tuesday morning to check up on their health. This year’s event will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center’s Blue Room, located off the Great American Hall.

Directions will be available at the Convention Center Registration Desk. The first hour of the Health Fair is reserved for Voting Delegates attending the Annual Meeting. Doors open to everyone at 9:45 a.m.

Membership Drive

We still need help rounding up new members! Our membership kickoff event is Monday December 8. It will be at the Grange office in Centre Hall, starting at 9AM. Donuts will be provided, and we will be looking over the list of members who haven’t renewed yet. Please join us and help Centre County meet our membership goal. If you would like to help, need membership materials or even just have a suggestion for a new member to contact, please let me know! My phone number is (484) 459-6387 or you can email me at EJW194@gmail.com.

Remember... if EACH ONE REACHES ONE, we can tackle this job together!
again from your membership chair, Eliza Walton.

Thanks



Lou Sallie (PFB), Dan Kniffen (CCFB), Glen Thompson (US REP), Andy Bater (CCFB)
Taken at the banquet after the golf tournament at Mountain View Country Club

Thank you everyone that was able to come out and help with our first annual Centre County Farm Bureau Golf Tournament. It wouldn't have been successful without you! We are starting the drive to find sponsors and golfers for next years tournament which will be held on the Monday before Ag Progress Days, August 17, 2015.

If you are interested in helping with this great cause benefitting Collegiate Farm Bureau and the PA Friends of Ag Foundation please contact Andy Bater at (917) 270-5193 or golf@centreCFB.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 17th - 19th : State Annual Meeting (Hershey)

November 23rd - 28th : National Farm City Week

November 27th - 28th : Thanksgiving PFB OFFICE CLOSED

December 8th : Membership Kickoff 9am (Grange Fair Office)

February 6th : Farm Bureau Day