

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS, INC.

The 129th Annual Convention of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc. was held January 13-16, 2017 at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY. On behalf of the Officers and the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks to each of you for your participation and cooperation. You have made it possible for us to once again experience a successful convention. We hope you enjoyed the convention and we wish you a successful 2017 season!

All Officers, Directors and Committees of the Association **All Associate Members who participated**

Scholarship Auction: All fairs, individuals and associate members who participated, contributed and purchased auction items. The Auction Committee, Duke Dygert, auctioneer and all those who helped with the auction.

President's Reception and Hospitality Room:
Dutchess County Fair Board of Directors and Staff.

Past Presidents' Reception on Saturday – Sponsored by The Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center and Visit Rochester

Signs: Supplied by the Dutchess County Fair, Andy Imperati

Saturday & Sunday Breakfast, Banquet, Saturday Buffet: NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc.

Door Prizes: All those donating door prizes; Board and Staff members of the Dutchess County Fair for distributing tickets and prizes.

Memorial Service & Display: Dr. Marilyn Trainor

Showcase Acts: The One Man Band & Son, Artists & Attractions; Klein's Entertainment for The Martin Family Circus; Variety Attractions for Gord Bamford and Fusion Talent Group for The Great Dubois.

Emcees: John Burr & Glenn Gillespie

Personnel from:
NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets – Phil Giltner, Deputy Commissioner
Visit Rochester – Carol Bartlett & Amanda Pfeil
NICA – Jessica Gotsche, North East Regional Representative
OABA – Debbie Powers
New York Showpeople's Association – Joseph Sofo, Jr., President

Speakers:
Clint Swindall – “Tell me Somethin' Good!”
Juli Burney – “Those Who Laugh, Last”

Breakout Sessions: All speakers and facilitators

Sponsors:

Gold Plus Sponsor Allied Specialty Insurance Inc., Treasure Island, FL; Dreamland Amusements, Lake Tahoe, NV; Powers Great American Midways, Corfu, NY.

Silver Sponsor: W.G. Wade Shows, Livonia, MI

Bronze Sponsor: Coleman Brothers Shows, Middletown, CT, Delaware County Fair, Walton, NY, Erie County Fair, Hamburg, NY; Herkimer County Fair, Frankfort, NY; Lewis County Fair, Lowville, NY, Variety Attractions, Inc., Zanesville, OH, Visit Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Contributing Sponsors: Automated Cash Technologies, Ballston Spa, NY, Boxall's Concessions, Lancaster, NY, North Pole Productions, North Adams, MA, Seneca County Fair, Waterloo, NY.

Acknowledgements:

Badges & Tickets: The Fair Publishing House; National Ticket Company; Visit Rochester, NY; **50/50 Raffle Tickets,** Polar Bear Homemade Ice Cream, Otego, NY;

Lanyards: Zutter Design, Washington Mills, NY; **Sound:** Lloyd Sound Inc. **Audio-Visual:** CMI Communications; **President's Plaque:** Don Peck

Trade Show: Northeast Decorating, Bill Newman; Holly Holevinski and our Trade Show participants. Jeff Wise, Jefferson County Fair, for his Fair display. To those who participated in the "County Fair" Parade and the committee: Nelson Eddy, John Burr, Doug Hanno

Trade Show Luncheon Coupons

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Refreshment Breaks: Upstate Milk Cooperative, Dutchess County Fair, Rhinebeck

Staff of: The Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Radisson Hotel Rochester and the Hyatt Hotel.

Sale of 50/50 Tickets: Melissa Beardslee, Chairperson, and all those who sold tickets.

Registration Desk: Jane Luskin, Norma Saville, and the Visit Rochester staff ; Melissa Beardslee, Treasurer; Recording Staff: Connie Sciolino, Erie County Fair and Lauren Rowland, Saratoga County Fair

For all those who helped to make the convention a success, we truly appreciate it.

Thank you!

Russell L. Marquart, CFE
NYSAAF Executive Secretary

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