

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS, INC.

The 130th annual Convention of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc. was held January 12-15, 2018 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 2018 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, Auctioneer Randy Moyer and all those who helped with the auction.

President's Reception and Hospitality Room: Ulster 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., Lewis County Fair, Steuben County Fair and Variety Attractions.

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

Memorial Service & Display: Dr. Marilyn Trainor

Showcase Acts: Jeff Williams Entertainment; Klein's Entertainment for Keith Anderson; Variety Attractions for Emi Shine; Eagle Entertainment for Frankie Justin and Fusion Talent Group for Beverly Belles.

Emcees: John Burr

Personnel from:

Visit Rochester – Alicia Fultz & Amanda Pfeil

NICA – Jessica Gotsche, North East Regional Representative

New York Showpeople's Association – Joseph Sofo, Jr., Past President and Jeff Lloyd

Speakers:

Frank Pastizzo – “Warming Up the Workplace”

Mark & Kristin Kimball – “Motivate Youth”

Breakout Sessions: All speakers and facilitators

Sponsors:

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

Bronze Sponsor: Delaware County Fair, Walton, NY, Erie County Fair, Hamburg, NY; Herkimer County Fair, Frankfort, NY; Lewis County Fair, Lowville, NY, Steuben County Fair, Bath, NY, Variety Attractions, Inc., Zanesville, OH, Visit Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Contributing Sponsors: Automated Cash Technologies, Ballston Spa, NY, Boxall's Concessions, Lancaster, NY, Coleman Brothers Shows, Middletown, CT, Gillette Shows, Pittsfield, MA, Seneca County Fair, Waterloo, NY, The Corner Grill, Altamont, NY.

Acknowledgements:

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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 carnival display. To those who participated in the "County Fair Olympics" Parade and the committee: Gerry Elthorp, Nelson Eddy, John Burr, Doug Hanno.

Trade Show Luncheon Coupons

Sponsored by NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc. & The Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center

Refreshment Breaks: Upstate Milk Cooperative, Pepsi of the Hudson Valley

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

Sale of 50/50 Tickets: Melissa Beardslee, Chairperson, and all those who sold tickets. Polar Bear Homemade Ice Cream, Otego, NY for tickets.

Registration Desk: Jane Luskin, John Luskin, Dolores Dibble, 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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