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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