

Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program

PROGRAM REPORT

October 17, 2013 **REV 1**

PSACF Meeting

BOARD:

Zones 1 and 3 will each need to hold elections at their Fall Zone meetings to appoint a member to the PA Fair Queen Board of Directors.

EVENTS/PUBLICITY:

2013 PA Fair Queen Rhonda Carl (Schuylkill County)

The PA Fair Queen Rhonda Carl was invited to 23 Fairs in 2013 – 60% more requests than in 2012 and 2011.

There were 4 fairs that neither the PA Fair Queen nor her Alternate could attend.

We will really try hard in 2014 to get the Queen to those fairs.

The Queen Board and Martha Ebersole would like to give a big Thank You to the PSACF Board for budgeting the money to pay for the Fair Queen's mileage to all the fairs. This had a significant impact on the increase of requests for the PA Fair Queen!

Ag Progress Days was a 3 day event held Aug. 13-15 at State College.

Rhonda was there at 9:00am and she stayed until it closed. We had a nice display set up and Rhonda handed out Fair brochures. She had her picture taken with other fair queens, many little girls and some old men. She also attend the Luncheon on Wednesday.

Farm City Day was held at the Farm Show building in Harrisburg on Oct. 3rd. Rhonda helped to give tours to about 1200 school kids. We had a display set up and she talked to the children about fairs - what we are and do. Some of the kids know about fairs, but most did not.

STATE CONTEST APPLICATIONS:

Reminder that November 15th is the postmarked deadline for State Competition applications - NO EXCEPTIONS. We still have 67 contestants - only 5 have sent completed paperwork to date. Saturday Banquet table assignments will be done on a first come, first served basis depending on the order that completed applications are received.

Rules and Intent Forms for the 2014 local Fair Queen contests will be distributed at the Convention.

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FUNDRAISING

Please see the Flyers distributed at the Fall Zone Meeting inviting Fairs and individuals to make monetary contributions or bring a gift basket, auction and raffle item for the Queen's Fundraising Table at convention. Sponsorships are also available. Anyone interested should contact John Berne (McKean County Fair) or Judy Kmetz (Luzerne County Fair) for the information.

A sneak preview of some of the notable items that will be auctioned at the Queen Program's Saturday Coronation banquet include a diamond necklace and an autographed guitar signed by several music artists including Band Perry, Alan Jackson, Trace Atkins, Hunter Hayes, Chris Young, Justin Moore and Florida Georgia Line!

STATE CONTEST

The 2014 Contestant Handbooks will be sent to eligible contestants in early December. Fairs must follow through with registering their Contestants, family/friends and all Fair Board/Committee members for Convention sessions, meals and hotel accommodations.

The Contest schedule will include an Idea Exchange for Queen Coordinators, a Pizza Party for Contestants, an overview session of the PA Fair Queen Program and a panel discussion with former PA Fair Queens.

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