Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program

PROGRAM REPORT

October 18, 2012 Updated October 19, 2012 **PSACF Meeting**

BOARD:

Zones 2 and 4 need to hold elections this month for PA Fair Queen Directors.

EVENTS/PUBLICITY:

Ag Progress Days: PA Fair Queen Drew An Brubaker attended all (3) days

<u>Farm-City Day</u>: PA Fair Queen attended, but there were only (7) local queens. This is significantly down from the (20) queens that attended in 2011. Travel costs seem to be the primary cause for the decreased participation.

STATE CONTEST APPLICATIONS:

- 62 Letters of Intent for the State Competition were received by the deadline.
- 5 completed Application has been received to date.
- The completed Application deadline is Nov. 15th postmarked to Bitsey.
- Coronation Banquet Table assignments are made based on a first come, first served basis, so get those paid reservations in as soon as possible! This includes directors, fair board, parents, friends, etc. So get those Convention registration forms in early if you want a good table!
- Special code QUEEN2013 is required to reserve hotel room for contestants.
- 2013 Local Fair/2014 State Competition Information Packets will be distributed at the Convention near the Queen Program's fundraising table. Pickup signature will be required.
- 2013 Letters of Intent will be due postmarked by FEB 28. Then Application Packets
 will be distributed at Spring Zone meetings to Fairs that respond by Feb 28 (same
 as Baking Contests). Pickup signature will be required. Otherwise packets are mailed
 to fair.

FUNDRAISING

So far have received \$500.00 in monetary donations from Fairs. Also have commitments for (15) Baskets so far from people that Judy Kmetz has contacted. Flyers about the fundraisers will be included in the Convention Packets.

We welcome any help selling 50-50 or help at raffle table. Anyone interested should contact John Berne (McKean County Fair) or Judy Kmetz (Luzerne County Fair).

2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS:

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STATE CONTEST:

- 2013 Contestant Handbooks will be mailed to all contestants who submit a completed application by the November 15 postmark deadline. Handbooks will be mailed first week of December to contestants and their coordinators.
- 2013 contest schedule updates:
 - Friday Young Women's Leadership" seminar at 11:00 and again at 2:30.
 Presented by Denise Yoho and sponsored by Washington County Ag Fair.
 - Friday Queen Coordinators' Idea Exchange on Friday at 3:30 pm. Moderator is John Berne
 - Friday "Pizza Party" 7:30 pm as part of the Queens' Party. "Drum The Bucket" (entertainers) is sponsoring again. Fairs should not purchase Showmen's Banquet tickets for their Queen contestant since the Pizza Party will be held at the same time Friday night.
 - Saturday NEW! seminar entitled "PA Fair Queen Program Overview". The purpose will be to introduce the board and committees, explain the Program's timeline from initial rules packet to state contest, and then allow each committee to explain their particular areas of responsibilities and processes.
 - Saturday NEW! Our normal "Fair Queen Activities and Responsibilities" table topic is being replaced by a panel discussion at 10:45 am titled "Living the Fair Queen Experience" featuring a few of our past PA State Fair Queens including Casey Hall, Nicole Clemson, Jana Duttry Davidson and Denise Yoho.

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