

A Special Night to Benefit a Worthy Cause

The Rural Urban Dinner held in April at del Lago Resort and Casino in Tyre was a huge success. Executive Chef Andrew Chambers presented a delicious artistically farm to table wine pairing dinner for 119 guests. The meal was crafted around local producers who donated the food and wine for dinner. A special thank you to ***Sweet Land Farms, Muranda Cheese, Lively Run Dairy, Westwind Farm, Autumn Harvest Farms, Rosenkrans Farms, Headwater Food Hub and Good Food Collective, Hosmer Winery, Knapp Vineyards, Finger Lakes Cider House, Wagner Vineyards, Toro Run and 3 Brothers Winery.*** Melissa Nesbitt, of the Waterloo Rotary, headed up the silent auction which was a great addition to the event. The Rural Urban Dinner is a joint effort of Waterloo Rotary, Seneca Falls Rotary, Waterloo Lions, Ovid-Willard Lions and Seneca County Farm Bureau. The annual event is held on the first Monday in April to bridge the gap between our county's rural and urban neighbors and to raise money for FoodLink in Seneca County. ***This year, the event proudly raised \$5,400 for FoodLink.***



*Westwind Farm Yard Egg Yolk
Raviolo made with Ithaca Farms
milk*



Thank you to the ***farms*** that helped make the dinner a success, ***del Lago Resort and Casino*** for their hospitality, the countless ***volunteers*** who took care of the logistics, and ***our sponsors: Waterloo Lions Club, Auburn Party Rental, Barry and Kathleen Porsch, Committee to Elect Donna Cathy Judge, Fleur de Lis Hops Yard, Friends for Dave Ettman for County Court Judge, Gem Lake Farms, Generations Bank, Liquid Products Fertilizer, Ovid Willard Lions Club, Rosenkrans Farms, Rosenkrans Natural Beef Company, Seneca County Farm Bureau, Seneca Falls Rotary, Seneca Meadows Industries, Waterloo Rotary Club and the Waterloo Skoi Yase School.*** We can't wait for next year!

100 Years of Supporting Seneca County Agriculture at the County Fair



*Cutting the cake, from left to right:
John Myers, Jolene Steele, Ann Marie
Heizmann, Dr. Frank Catalano and
Ave Bauder*

Local farms, wineries, distilleries and restaurants came out to celebrate the 100th birthday of Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension and Seneca County Farm Bureau at the Seneca County Fair. Fairgoers had the opportunity to sample local food, beverages, fruits and vegetables that make up the diversity of Seneca County agriculture. Ann Marie Heizmann, Seneca County Farm Bureau president, presented the 100 year farms a special plaque commemorating their rich history. Gem Lake Farms, established in 1797, is the oldest farm and seven additional 100 year farms will receive a tree in the fall that, like them, will be around for another 100 years.

President's Report



Planning is underway for our County Annual Meeting in October. We had an incredible turnout last year. It was such a great night from the atmosphere and food, to the company and quality conversation. ***Thank you to Wagner Vineyards and the Ginny Lee Café.*** They made a huge donation by hosting the dinner at the same rate we paid other venues in the past and we are excited to partner with them again this year. The quality, service and setting could not have been better. Thank you to our membership chair, Missy Oese-Siegel, for stepping in for her husband Emory, county Farm Bureau's vice-president, to read the proposed policies, and to Jeff Kostick, Renee Rose and Melanie Swartley for running the registration table. We are honored each year to have so many local leaders attend our dinner on the state, county and local level. It is a great opportunity for them to hear from our members in an informal setting about life on the farm. It builds lasting relationships that help them better represent us.

We will be sending out a formal invite in the early fall for this year's dinner and again want to acknowledge the team at Wagner Vineyards for hosting us. To help offset the cost of increased attendance, county Farm Bureau member Seneca Meadows Industries has generously offered to be a sponsor. They are a great financial supporter and also a strong policy supporter. Once again, we are requesting you bring a dessert to share. This has become a very fun and anticipated part of our annual dinner. We will also be taking up a collection for the servers, who still receive a 20% gratuity, but since the dinner price is greatly reduced, they are working at a discounted rate. Keep an eye on your mailbox and be sure to like our Facebook page for more details.

We were sad to say good-bye to our long-time Farm Bureau Field Advisor Skip Jensen. Skip retired earlier this summer. We wish him well, but will miss his guidance, dedication and passion for Seneca County agriculture. It was our pleasure to use our May board meeting as send-off for Skip. So many came to help us celebrate including his family, Farm Bureau members from all of the counties he represented, Farm Bureau staff from Albany and local elected officials. Senator Pam Helming and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano presented proclamations commemorating his many years of service. It was a great evening and we hope his next chapter is full of health and happiness.

This year in December, Farm Bureau will be hosting its State Annual Meeting in Syracuse. If you have never attended, I encourage you to come. It is the culmination of the grassroots policy process that starts on the county level next month. The policy resolutions that we vote on at our county annual meeting will then be sent to the state annual meeting for consideration to become 2019 Farm Bureau policy. Last year, our resolution to update the definition of an agricultural building passed and became NYFB policy. If you would like to find out how to become a delegate, please email senecacountyfarmbureau@gmail.com. It is energizing to work with farmers from across the state to develop solutions to benefit every farmer.



Senator Pam Helming (left) presents Skip, with his wife Jennifer (right), with a proclamation that recognizes his contribution to agriculture through his many years of service with NYFB.

Ann Marie Heizmann

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*Seneca County Farm Bureau Board of Directors usually
meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.*

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Mark Your Calendars

Family Picnic and Policy Meeting



September 22 at 2 p.m.

**Building #3 • Cayuga Lake State Park
2678 Lower Lake Road, Seneca Falls**

Please *join us* for a fun, family-friendly afternoon.
Enjoy the company of your fellow Farm Bureau
members in a beautifully scenic location with a
great playground that the kids and grandkids are
sure to enjoy. We will provide the hot dogs, you
bring a dish to pass.

The afternoon will also give us the opportunity to
start the discussion for the direction of Farm
Bureau's public policy for 2019. We want to hear
from you. Your ideas and solutions to everyday
challenges could become agricultural policy. To
learn more about this grassroots process and some
of the issues we will be discussing, see the July
issue of *Grassroots* at NYFB.org (must be logged in).
If you are unable to attend, but would still like to
participate in the policy process, contact any
county Farm Bureau board member to have your
ideas considered.

Please RSVP to jrossi@nyfb.org/315-252-1367.

There is a \$7 parking fee, carpool if possible.

County Annual Meeting October 24 The Ginny Lee Café at Wagner Vineyards

6 p.m. Networking • 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Featured Speaker
Henry Talmage, NYFB

**Dinner is free with RSVP by Oct. 17
\$25 for non-members/walk-ins**

Keep an eye out for a formal invitation

**We are looking for volunteers to work the
registration tables to help streamline the
check-in process. If interested please email
senecacountyfarmbureau@gmail.com**