

Schenectady County Farm Bureau News September 2019



To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING ~ CALL TODAY, RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

SCHENECTADY COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 2019

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3304 AMSTERDAM RD., SCHENECTADY, NY

6 P.M. GATHERING * 6:30 P.M.— DINNER * 7 P.M. — MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER — DAVID VALESKY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,

NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS

COST \$30/PERSON, PAYABLE AT THE DOOR.

RSVP BY OCT. 4 TO ANNE VERNOOY AT:

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MENU

ASSORTED CHEESE, PEPPERONI AND GOURMET CRACKERS

ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS

& BLUE CHEESE SLIDERS

BLACKENED SHRIMP AVOCADO BITES

ANTIPASTO SKEWERS

BOURBON MAPLE GLAZED MEATBALLS

SLICED TURKEY SERVED ON CORN BREAD WITH

CRANBERRY MAYO AND MICRO GREENS

GRILLED MARINATED VEGETABLE PLATTER

TOLL HOUSE COOKIE PIE & BOURBON PECAN PIE

FARM BUREAU IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE ACTIVITY LEVEL OF ITS MEMBERS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WITH YOUR FELLOW FARMERS. SHARE IN THE FELLOWSHIP AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AGRICULTURE ACROSS THE COUNTY, STATE AND COUNTRY. THE GUEST SPEAKER IS SURE TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE TRIUMPHS AND THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE FACING AGRICULTURE ACROSS THE STATE. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT COURSE FARM BUREAU AND AGRICULTURE ACROSS THE STATE SHOULD BE TAKING.

Diversity in Agriculture, Diversity in Ideas

The agricultural landscape of Schenectady County has changed over the past few decades. I am sure this is not news to anyone reading this. While the agricultural commodities in the county have changed, some have disappeared, and others have been emerging. These changes are inevitable and benefit the county as a whole. In business if you are not moving forward and changing with the times, you are in fact moving backwards. As agriculture in the county has changed, so has the face of Schenectady County Farm Bureau. The board of directors almost mirrors all the different aspects of farming in the county. There are young and old, men and women, conventional and organic, and traditional and contemporary farmers on the board. All these different views bring a

great wealth of ideas to the county. Each commodity in the county is well represented and none are forgotten. The biggest component that the county could use is greater input from our membership base. Please let us know what your concerns are, what activities we should be conducting and supporting, and what types of legislation we should be supporting or opposing. It is your support, advice and guidance that really drives Schenectady County Farm Bureau. Please reach out to any of the board members listed on this newsletter to let them know how you feel and what your thoughts and ideas are.

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Advocacy in the Digital Age

The main purpose of Farm Bureau is to advocate for agriculture. In the past, that meant you had to pick up the phone, write a letter or drive to your legislator's office to speak to them personally. In the digital age, we have an even easier way to push for better agricultural legislation—E-Lobby. By going to NYFB.org and clicking on the "E-Lobby—Take Action" button you can instantly send a letter to all of your legislators regarding a number of different issues affecting agriculture.

