

Penn's Agri-Women Elects Officers

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YORK (York Co.) — Penn's Agri-Women elected new officers at the annual meeting held October 28, at the York Extension Service.

Patricia Sueck of Airville will head the state organization that is affiliated with American Agri-Women. Sueck, former vice president, will fill a two-year term. Becky Gross of Manchester was elected vice president and Martene Firestine of Lebanon, treasurer. Helen Musser, Manchester, continues as secretary.

Outgoing president Carol Ann Gregg reported on a trip to Maine where she helped establish a chapter of Maine Agri-Women.

Members discussed the success of the Ag Day Reception held in the Capitol Rotunda. They plan to explore the possibility of holding the reception at a more secluded spot so that they can better relate to legislators and their staffs without the problem of public intrusion. The purpose of the reception is to have an impact on agriculture policy in the state.

Ag in the Classroom has been one of PAW's projects. The membership is also active in the Foundation for Better Living.

Sueck said one of her goals during her term of office is to see more women join the organization.

"Being part of AAW brings a wealth of information and a wonderful exchange between legislatures and the organization," said Sueck who participates in the Washington Fly-In when members

meet with Congress and lobby on positions pertaining to agriculture.

Membership is open to any individual or agricultural organization that desires to promote agriculture for the benefit of the American people and the world.

PAW believes that America's economic health depends on successful and profitable agriculture, and that members working together can magnify its political influence to educate consumers and school children on the needs of agriculture.

"We don't ask for a lot of time, but we do need numbers to continue to have an impact on agriculture policy," Gregg said.

For the \$10 membership fee, members automatically become members of American Agri-Women and receive the newsletter and information about happenings in the state. PAW members generally meet twice annually.

Those interested in membership, should send the \$10 fee to Pat Sueck, R.D. 1, Box 43, Airville, PA 17302.

Members voted to support financially the American Agri-Women, the national coalition of farm, ranch, and agribusiness women with 48 state and national commodity affiliates, FoodWatch, and the Animal Husbandry Foundation.

After the business meeting, members made grapevine centerpieces for the American Agri-Women convention, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on November 12 through 16.




Penn Agri-Women officers, seated from left, Helen Musser, secretary; and Pat Sueck, president. Standing: Martene Firestine, treasurer; and Becky Gross, vice president, holding son Nevin, 11 months.



Gall McPhearson holds one of the centerpieces, made from grapevines, dried flowers and fruit, which will be used during the annual American Agri-Women convention.

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