

# Lehigh County Farm Bureau Holds Meeting

**NEW TRIPOLI (Lehigh Co.)** — More than 110 members of the Lehigh County Farm Bureau met recently for their annual meeting and board reorganization. The event was held at the Seipstown Grange.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the next year were Rodney Schlauch, Slatington, Bruce Watt, Kempton, Bill Boyd, Mertztown, Diane Matthews-Gehring, Kutztown, Fran Smith, Zionsville and Gary Menzies, Zionsville.

Elected as officers for the next year were Rodney Schlauch, president, Arland Schantz, vice president and Beverly Gruber, secretary-treasurer.

The group adopted six policy positions which are to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) for statewide approval at their annual meeting in Hershey in November. They cover ag security areas and easements, DEP investigations, tax initiatives and standardization of antibiotics testing for milk haulers and processors.

Rodney Schlauch, Slatington, president of the Lehigh County Farm Bureau, presented a booklet of committee reports on the activities on a local, state and national basis.

Following the business session, Clarence Berger, state regional director from Bucks County, presented the state board report with the theme "Service is the Key to a Good Organization."

Other program highlights included an award presentation by Don Jones, Nationwide Insurance, Bethlehem and Fay Fulmer, State Women's Committee, Nazareth to Melanie Boyd from Mertztown, winner of the State Senior Poster Contest.

Rodney Schlauch was also given an award for outstanding service as President for the past three years.

Entertainment was provided by the Sine Family from Lansdale. The musical duet accompanied by a chalk board illustration was entitled "Moments of Inspiration."

A delegation of directors is to be attending the annual convention.

The Lehigh County Farm Bureau is an organization made up of 469 farmer members and is an af-

filiate of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation.



Members of the board of directors for the Lehigh County Farm Bureau are, from the left, front row, Roy Romberger, Arland Schantz, Fran Smith, Bill Boyd, and Nancy Semmel. From the left, in the back row, are Brian Dietrich, Howard Shelly, and Rodney Schlauch.

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source of pollution.

Reducing runoff and contamination can be accomplished by the combination of nutrient management, watercourse and runoff controls, pasture management, and streambank protection.

The Chester County Conservation District has resources available for county residents interested in farmstead stewardship. These include valuable information regarding environmentally responsible components of a well managed equine operation.

By providing information and

technical assistance, the district can help solve nutrient management challenges unique to your farm.

The district has available a six-page brochure entitled "More Horse Than You Can Handle" (Farmstead Stewardship: Guidelines For Horse Owners). For a copy of this publication or to have a nutrient management plan developed for your farm, contact the Chester County Conservation District at (610) 696-5126, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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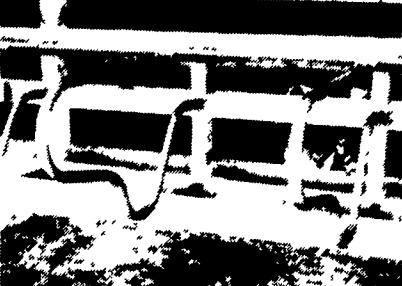
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