



Dishing up food at the Rescue Mission is Poultry Ambassador Kendra Weaver, second from right; Pa. Deputy Secretary Zoann Parker, right, and board members of the Lancaster County Poultry Association.

Poultry Association Serves Luncheon Fit For The Governor

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— It was a luncheon fit for the governor.

Although the governor did not show up at the luncheon sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association, about 140 people did.

The luncheon was held on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Water Street Rescue Mission.

According to John Mattilio, president of the Association, the luncheon is held in lieu of presenting a basket of poultry products to the Governor during the state Farm Show.

Because the Governor is inundated with gifts, the Association

felt it would more appreciated to give of their time and money to those who are really in need. The Water Street Rescue Mission depends upon the generosity of others to help meet the daily demand for meals for the homeless and those down on their luck.

Poultry Ambassador Kendra Weaver presented a certificate to Gov. Tom Ridge during Farm Show festivities. The certificate stated that the Association was giving a luncheon at the Water Street Rescue Mission in his honor.

Although the Governor was unable to attend, the administration was represented by Deputy Executive Secretary Zoann Parker, who donned a hairnet and helped serve

the luncheon to patrons.

Dr. John Schwartz, county extension director, and Poultry Ambassador Kendra Weaver and her mother helped board members of the Association serve the luncheon. Board members included Liz Martin, Tom Fox, Carl Rohrer, John Swartz, Rich Roejnic, Doug Mentzler, Ron Duvall, George Georges, and Mattilio.

The Association solicited donations and purchased some of the items to serve a menu that included Pennfield baked chicken legs, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, applesauce, hard boiled eggs, drinks and three varieties of ice cream from Turkey Hill.

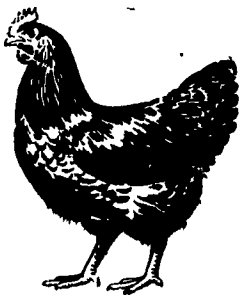
Mattilio said, "Serving food at Water Street Rescue Mission encourages others to give time, food, and money to an organization that survives by donations. The Rescue Mission is a self-help organization that is incredibly well organized. Although it is right in our (Lancaster's) backyard, it is not a charity that most people traditionally think of helping. We hope this will encourage others to become involved."

The Association wants people to remember that the occasional offensive odors of poultry farming is greatly offset by the nutritious poultry products available to consumers everyday. Poultry is considered one of the most appealing, nutritious, and economical protein sources available.

The Association offers educational seminars to the farmers, holds an annual banquet for county home economics teachers to update them on available poultry products and proper handling and cooking to ensure food safety, provides materials and speakers for the Ag in the Classroom programs, and sells poultry products at the Ephrata Fair Booth.



John Mattilio, president of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, dishes up ice cream at the Water Street Rescue Mission. It was the second year that the Association served a luncheon in honor of Gov. Thomas Ridge. The luncheon is given to replace the traditional basket of poultry products presented to the Governor as a reminder of the poultry products produced in Pennsylvania.



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