

Regional Director Says Extension Service Can Be Likened To Golden Gate Bridge

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— Penn State's expanding role in cooperative extension doesn't mean shrinking resources, according to the county extension director. On the contrary, according to Lancaster County Cooperative

Extension Director John Schwartz.

"I'm proud to report that we are enhancing and expanding resources rather than shrinking them, as many were afraid of," he told about 150 family and friends of the extension service Thursday night at the annual banquet in the Farm and Home Center.

In fact, noted the Penn State Extension Service Capitol Region Director Dr. Michelle Rodgers, there's a metaphor she wanted everyone at the celebration to take home: The Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco.

The bridge "is a fabulous structure with historical significance, with facilitative significance, managing and moving people," she said—an apt metaphor for the role of the Penn State Extension Service.

The service is "part of the infrastructure here to improve lives, to make lives better," she said.

For the bridge, the work on it is never completed. "When the painting is finished, they have to start all over again," she said of the upkeep needed on the magnificent structure. The same is true of cooperative extension. "Our work to improve lives is never done, is a constant job," she noted.

Like the Golden Gate Bridge, extension is constantly updating itself. Rodgers indicated that in the coming months, significant changes have already been put in place.

First, Leon Ressler, Lancaster County's environmental agent, is working on a wide-ranging, statewide swine odor remediation

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Handing out chocolate milk and passing around the cheese at the annual meeting of Lancaster cooperative extension were, from left, Jill Hoover, dairy ambassador; Audra Wood, Lancaster County dairy princess; and Laura Hess, dairy ambassador.



At the Lancaster County Poultry Association's table, omelets were the hit of the evening. From left, George Georges, Ken Fisher, Clyde Martin, and Paul Wolgemuth take orders.

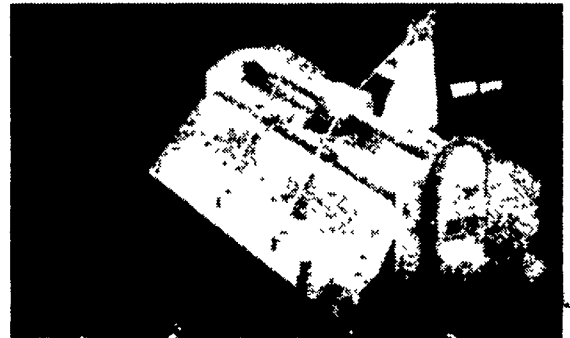


New directors of the Lancaster County Extension Association are Donald Trimble, southern; Gary Dean, southeast; Ed Kilheffer, southwest; Sara Augsburg, northeast; and Karen Wolgemuth, northwest.

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