

Association Continues To Build Positive Image For Lancaster County Poultry

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WILLOW STREET (Lancaster Co.) — Good team work and industry support results in an effective Lancaster County Poultry Association, Nelson Groff said when members gathered for the annual banquet at Willow Valley Convention Center Tuesday evening.

As the newly-appointed president, Groff and team members Jay Shannon, vice president; Andy Bradford, secretary; and Becky Petit, treasurer, believe the association is poised to continue building a positive image for the poultry industry.

Throughout the year, the association organizes and sponsors educational events for the community and for its members. Some of its most notable events include a teachers institute on poultry and egg products; Ag in the Classroom, 4-H embryology school projects, Poultry Progress Day, and many promotional events such as media opportunities, a parade float, and a food extravaganza.

The banquet was the first authorized appearance for recently-appointed Lancaster County and Pennsylvania Poultry Ambassador Rijelle Kraft.

"I've grown up with poultry,"

Kraft said. For several years she has assisted mother with embryology projects in York County schools.

Kraft's mother, Mary Jo, is the York 4-H agent, and her dad, George Jr., raises poultry on the family's York County farm. Kraft also raises fancy fowl and capons for 4-H projects.

The association presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Kraft, who plans to attend Virginia Tech to study animal science and swine production with a concentration in international agriculture.

Clair and Shirley High were applauded for their work in

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Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. congratulates Rijelle Kraft on becoming the Pennsylvania Poultry Ambassador.



Penn Manor Team FFA members, from left, Brian Rankin, Mike Ross, and Andrew Herr, are the eastern regional winners in poultry evaluation and technology. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes congratulates the team.



Clair and Shirley High presented a \$2,740 check to the Association. The Highs oversee the association's fair stand, which grossed \$6,400 this year.



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