



PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG FARMERS WINTER CONFERENCE

**FEBRUARY 6-8, 2001
SHERATON HOTEL**
Route 30 East
100 Sheraton Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

Early Bird Special - Paid by January 12, 2001 — \$70
(includes 5 meals, 2 tours and ladies program)
Ladies Luncheon and Workshop

Please Make Reservations Early!

Full package after January 12 but before February 1 - **\$85**
(includes 5 meals, 2 tours and ladies program)
Ladies Luncheon and Workshop

No. of Tickets \$ Amount

Total

Total

**Registration by event
Tuesday, February 6, 2001**

	No. of tickets	\$ Amount
Lunch	_____	_____
Dinner	_____	_____

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Lunch	_____	_____
Ladies Luncheon and Workshop	_____	_____
Awards Banquet	_____	_____

Thursday, February 8, 2001

Lunch	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Please make checks payable to **Berlin Brothersvalley Young Farmer Chapter** and mail to:

Doyle E. Paul
193 Broadway
Berlin, PA 15530

Make Room Reservations directly with the Sheraton Hotel:
Phone - (724) 836-6060
Single-Double - \$64.00 + tax

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Paul Kemerer, Region 5 PYFA Vice President along with the Berlin Brothersvalley Young Farmer Chapter is hosting the 2001 PA Young Farmers Association (PYFA) Convention to be held at Four Points Sheraton Hotel Greensburg, PA. The convention dates are February 6, 7, and 8, 2001. We are excited about this opportunity to show others our beautiful Westmoreland County in Western Pennsylvania and we are asking for your cooperation and support.

More than 250 farmers and wives from across the state will attend and benefit from the educational tours and workshops. There will be business meetings with the state officers and delegate meetings for young farmers from each chapter. The women will enjoy crafts and educational programs.

Please accept this letter as an open invitation for your organization/business to participate in this conference either educationally, financially or both. We offer the following options for your consideration:

- Educational Exhibit** - Set-up in main lobby at Sheraton - cost \$100.00
- Financial Sponsor** - Financial contribution of \$500.00 or more. Conference will recognize the individual, group or business in the printed program as a sponsor of one of the meals.
- Financial Donor** - Financial contribution of \$200.00 or more. You will be provided one free educational exhibit space.
- Financial Contributor** - Contribution of \$100.00 to \$200.00
- Financial Supporter** - Gifts of \$99.00 or less.

All parties making financial contributions will be listed in the proper category in the program booklet. Please complete the form below if you or your business will be willing to contribute to one of the options listed above. Make check payable to Berlin Brothersvalley Young Farmer Association. Your room reservations can be booked by calling the Greensburg Sheraton Hotel at 800-909-2918.

CONVENTION QUESTIONS
CALL 724-423-4491, Mr. Kemerer or 814-267-3763, Mr. Paul

Doyle E. Paul, BBYF Advisor
1025 E. Main Street
Berlin, PA 15530

-----Detach and return-----

I, _____ representing _____ Company would like to contribute a monetary gift of _____ to help defray the expenses for the 2001 PYFA Winter Convention. We would/would not (circle one) be interested in an exhibit at the convention. Meal Reservations: Tues Lunch _____ Tues Banquet _____ Wed Lunch _____ Wed Award Banquet _____ Thurs Lunch _____

Signature _____ Address _____

Grace Hoppes
PYFA President
It has been a short year, but also a very good year. I have had a lot of support from all the officers and advisory staff.

We have gone to Wyoming for the 2000 National Institute and will report on the delegate session at the coming winter convention.

The 41st PYFA Winter Convention will be Feb. 6-8 at the Sheraton Hotel in Greensburg. I hope to see some new faces in

February. The Derry and Berlin chapters have put together a great convention with tours, educational workshops, and a wonderful ladies program. I am looking forward to sitting back and taking it easy after the convention.

Thank you to everyone across the entire state, the officers and support staff for your support and the progress of PYFA. See you in Greensburg!

PYFA WINTER CONVENTION PROGRAM
Tuesday, February 6, 2001

9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration	
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Tours	* St Vincent Archabbey Basilica * Richard Stoner & Sons Dairy * Gristmill and Mine Reclamation
6:30 pm	Opening Banquet	
Wednesday, February 7, 2001		
6:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast	On your own
7:00 am	Executive Breakfast	
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration	Visit Exhibits
9:00 am - 11:30 am	PYFA Business Meeting	
9:30 am	Ladies Program	* Basket Weaving - Patty Klingensmith * Lunch at Ligonier Country Inn * Southern Allegheny's Museum of Arts
12:00 noon	Luncheon	
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Educational Workshops	* Stress Management * Farm Safety * Pesticide License Certification
6:30 pm	PYFA Awards Banquet	
Thursday, February 8, 2001		
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast	On your own
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Tours	* The Auen Farm Feedlot * Wayne and Hope Frye Dairy
12:00 noon	Closing Luncheon	

PYFA CONVENTION TOURS

Tuesday, February 6, 2001

Richard Stoner and Sons Dairy

- Located in Unity Township, Westmoreland County
- Owned by Richard and Dorothy Stoner
- Operated by Richard and Dorothy along with their sons Richard and Sam, and Sam's wife Mary and son Brett
- An all-family operation. Holstein herd consisting of 100 milk cows and 60 young stock
- Feed consists of haylage, corn silage, high moisture corn and cottonseed mixed in a TMR with various supplements
- Cows are milked in a double 6 parallel parlor

St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica

- Celebrating over 200 years of service to the Faith Communities of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Land purchased in 1790 and newly constructed brick church dedicated in 1835 in honor of St. Vincent de Paul
- First Benedictine monastery in the United States started in 1846
- Construction of present church began in 1891 and was completed in 1905

Gristmill and Mine Reclamation

Tuesday's tour will end with a tour of a gristmill and a mine reclamation area.

Thursday, February 8, 2001

Auen Farm Feedlot

- Owned by Stanley Auen of Saltsburg, PA
 - The main barn and manure pit were built in 1988
 - Main barn consists of 5 pens - 60 x 70 feet each
 - The manure pit is 56 x 300 x 8 feet deep
 - Bunker silo was built in 1988 with a 4000 ton capacity
 - Harvester silo was built in 1991, measures 30 x 90, with a 56,000 bushel capacity
 - The 60-ft truck scales were built in 1996
 - We also use the 100 x 32 revamped dairy barn with outside lot
- Set-up.**
- Stan buys 700 lb Steers and finishes to grade choice at 1250 lb
 - The main feed ingredients include shelled corn, corn silage with anhydrous ammonia and wet brewers grain from the Rolling Rock Brewery

- Farm operation consists of 4500 acres with 2200 acres in corn, 2200 acres in soybeans, 20 acres of mixed hay and 40 acres of pasture
- Roasted beans were started in 1999
- Incoming cattle are implanted wormed vaccinated weighed, back poured and ear tagged with alternating colored tags
- Pens are scraped every other day with roof drainage adding to the manure pit
- Manure is both injected and spread
- Bunks are scraped clean and limed daily
- Feeding is done twice daily in hot weather

Hope and Wayne Frye Dairy

Hope and Wayne Frye are the owners of 140 acres that they purchased in 1975. They rent an additional 400 acres. They started with 30 cows, added 25 more in 1977 and in 1988 went to 85 cows. During this year they put up a free stall barn 250 x 63 feet with a drive through feeding alley. They are milking 120 cows now and hope to milk 160 cows in the near future. Wayne and Hope have 4 children: 2 boys and 2 girls. One son is married.

Ladies Program

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

The Ladies Program will begin at 9:30 am with a demonstration on basket weaving by Patty Klingensmith. You will have the opportunity to weave your own basket (a future Longenberger?) The group will leave the hotel at 11:15 to go for lunch at the Ligonier Country Inn and afterwards tour the Southern Allegheny's Museum of Arts. Come join us!

Officer Candidates Wanted

Are you interested in helping the PYFA grow and at the same time gain strength in your leadership skills? If so then become an officer candidate. It's simple, just contact Carl Keller Jr, President Elect, at 717-334-7894.

Support your local Young Farmer chapter. Get involved. Be a member, not just a dues payer!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 12, 2001	-	Convention Early Registration DUE
February 6-8, 2001	-	PYFA Winter Convention Greensburg, PA
January - March	-	State & National Dues Payable PYFA - \$ 8 Spouse - \$ 4 National - \$15
July 17-18, 2001	-	PYFA Summer Conference State College