

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**  
**Holiday Inn, Grantville**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

7 am – 11 am	Executive Board Meeting
9 am – 6 pm	Registration & Hospitality Room Open
9 am – 11 am	Media Blitz, Weis Markets
10 am - 11 am	Award Contestant Interviews
11 am	Board Buses for Lunch
11:30 am-1 pm	Lunch at Ono Fire Hall
1 pm – 4 pm	Tour Fort Indiantown Gap and Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority
1 pm – 4 pm	Optional Ladies Flower Arranging and Antique Mall
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Spokesperson Contest Speeches (all welcome)
6:30 pm	Banquet and Entertainment
9 pm – 10 pm	Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010**

8 am – 6 pm	Registration & Hospitality Room Open
8 am – 9:30 am	Past PYFA Officers' Meeting
8 am – 9:30 am	Chapter Advisors' Meeting
9 am – 4:30 pm	Ladies Program
9:30 am to 11:30 am	PYFA Delegate Session
11:45 am to 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm- 3:45 pm	Educational Workshops Room # 1: E & E Solar, Dairy Reproduction Efficiency and PDMP Silage Room # 2: Corn and Soybean Contest tips for high yields and Cover Crops Room # 3: Grain Marketing and Ag Law Recent Updates
6 pm – 10 pm	Awards Banquet and Auction

**Thursday, February 4, 2010**

8 am	Depart for Tours
8:30 am – 12 Noon	Tour #1: Wen-Crest Farms, Steve and Bonnie Wenger Brian and Amy Boyd Farm Jeff and Karen Zuck Dairy Farm Tour #2: Wengers of Myerstown Brian and Amy Boyd Farm Jeff and Karen Zuck Dairy Farm (Wenger, Boyd and Zuck farm homes will be open for those who would like to tour these beautiful farm homes.)
12 Noon	Closing Luncheon, Holiday Inn

## **LADIES PROGRAM ITINERARY**

The women of Cedar Crest Young Farmer Chapter welcome the wives of the PYFA members attending the Winter Conference. Following a luncheon with the men at the Ono Fire Hall on Tuesday, the women's program that afternoon will feature a flower arranging demonstration by Amanda Furmanski, followed by an optional trip to the Annville Antique Station.

On Wednesday, the ladies will tour two historic homes in the area. **Tulpehocken Manor** dates back to 1769. On three occasions George Washington reportedly slept in this 27-room Victorian home. The first through third floors will be open to tour participants.

We will then visit the **Patches Family Creamery** featuring their farm fresh pasteurized, homogenized milk and homemade ice cream. The facility includes the processing area and retail store. Stephanie and Mark are also welcoming ladies to tour their 1850's stone and frame home which features a remodeled kitchen area and which, to quote Stephanie, "is a lived-in house." Stephanie home schools the oldest five of their six children, so she obviously is a very busy farm wife and mother.

After lunch in Palmyra the women will have their choice of destinations in Hershey. Chocolate World features a free Hershey's Great American Chocolate Tour aboard a train that takes visitors through a simulated rainforest and continues through a chocolate factory, where they will see, feel, smell and hear the story of bean to milk chocolate. There are also shops and an optional 3D show. Another option is The Hershey Story, the museum on Chocolate Avenue where, with breakthrough technology from start to finish, visitors are placed inside the imagination of Milton Hershey as his life is traced from humble beginnings through bankruptcy to brilliance. There is a charge for the museum. Ladies can also opt to visit the Hershey Outlets.

The Cedar Crest wives hope you'll have an enjoyable time with them.

## **TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Tuesday Tours:**

#### **Fort Indiantown Gap**

The group will visit the Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Site. Built in the 1930's before World War II, Fort Indiantown Gap is a little over 17,000 acres or 33 square miles and is the primary training site for the PA National Guard. While on the military post, we will visit the PA National Guard Military Museum. After the museum, the group will conduct a short driving tour around the base seeing the various historic and static displays. The tour will end at the Unit Training Equipment Site. We will see various current military vehicles.

#### **Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority**

The authority operates a 3.2 megawatt landfill methane gas-to-electricity plant. The gas fuels two Caterpillar engines that produce 25.2 million Kilowatt hrs. per year or enough electricity to power 2,500 homes in Lebanon County. It's equal to planting 38,000 acres of trees. The GLRA was recognized for its environmental stewardship, not only once, but twice in 2009.

## **Thursday Tours**

### **Wen-Crest Farms, LLC**

Owned by Steve and Bonnie Wenger, the operation consists of 1,500 acres of owned and rented cropland planted in corn, beans, wheat and hay. Custom farming and seed sales are additional sources of income. They also raised 600,000 turkeys in 2008, producing over 8 million pounds of turkey. With their eye on the environment, Wen-Crest Farms has implemented many best management practices over the years. They're currently working on a solar panel project to produce their own electricity.

### **Wengers of Myerstown**

What began with a young nickel man in 1946 has turned into the story of a very successful family-owned and operated business. This Cinderella story belongs to Carl I. Wenger and his family. Carl began his business career in 1946 at the age of fourteen, serving as the nickel man at local auctions, purchasing power tools and carpenter supplies that needed repairs. He would repair them and resell them at his family's general store. Wengers of Myerstown employs approximately 60 loyal and highly qualified people in Ag Equipment Sales, Farm Tractor Parts, Machining Services, and Trailer Sales. They also own Wenger Farms which has been in the registered "American British White Park" cattle business since 1995.

### **Brian and Amy Boyd Farm**

Brian and Amy have recently completed construction of a new operational farmstead on 14 acres. In just one year they built two broiler houses, a large family home and a 60 x 100 ft. equipment storage building with heated portion to work on field equipment. Brian has a full-time job as manager at Mark Hershey Farms, Inc., and somehow finds time to operate his custom planting business.

### **Jeff and Karen Zuck Dairy Farm**

Jeff and Karen have made great strides in improving the facilities and management practices since they began renting this dairy farm in 1993. They purchased the farm in 2002. The Holstein herd increased from 48 to 104 after they built an extension in 2004. Also, a concrete manure storage was constructed along with tunnel ventilation and sand bedding. The current DHIA production is 25,700 lbs. milk on twice-a-day milking. Crops on the 160-acre farm include corn, soybeans and double crop ryelage. They have hosted Young Farmer meetings as well as elementary school groups for Farm City Tours.