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Nancy's Nuggets

I do hope you all are staying warm this winter as I write this from very warm Florida. But it is time to think about our new organization. As of today, we have 930 members. The latest Illinois member was approved yesterday. We are now at 37 in Illinois. But there is still time to be a Foundation member—the first 1000. I think it will happen before the society has its first anniversary. It is fun to be in at the beginning of something as exciting as this is proving to be. Tell your friends. Everyone has a farmer in his background.

I have spoken at length with our DAR State Regent Sharla Luken about NSDOAF. She was most positive about us. At state conference, we may have brochures and talk to people one on one. She thought that maybe another year we could even plan a little hospitality event or something like that. Also, if we wish to get together for a picture, we may. I would like to. I know that Saturday evening will not work. When will you be there? Let me know. If we can get together even for a short time—in the lobby outside the meeting rooms, somebody can take our picture; or we may even be able to get Josh to do it.



Also, I have been in contact with Jane Schleinzer, and I think we will be on the agenda for Heritage Alliance in September.

We need to plan events. We need to plan activities, and especially we need to recognize our farmers. I've included information with more detail about farmer recognition, scholarships and the new NSDOAF store.

If there are events, festivals or fairs where we could set up a display or table, let me know. We have flyers, a display and whatever we need. Judith Degan will be manning a display at the DUVCW event in April.

Please send your thoughts, suggestions, ideas and plans so that we can share them. Also, please send me recipes—preferably good old family recipes. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Nancy Gillfillan
Illinois Ambassador



NSDOAF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

To date, NSDOAF has awarded ten (10) scholarships. This is from an association that has been in existence for just ten months. The five awarded this spring semester are for \$2,500 each. Attached is an application form. Members are asked/encouraged to go to their nearby colleges that have AG programs and inform them of the availability of these scholarships. The last scholarships were given in KY, TN and OK. Illinois, an agriculture state, should be represented. Any members may approach their nearby colleges. Information is available, and your Ambassador is most willing to assist in any way

About this Scholarship:

- Scholarship is specific to higher education students majoring in an Agricultural field of study
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- A written essay is required (topic will be given)
- A personal interview may be required
- Students may reapply each year that they are in school
- Deadline date to apply is August 1st and January 15th annually

If Awarded:

- Funds are paid directly to the accredited institution and not to the individual
- This scholarship may be accepted in addition to other awards
- Students can be part-time or full-time through each semester/quarter
- For more information, contact Rosalind Grenfell: rosalind_grenfell@hotmail.com



FARMER RECOGNITION

“The American Farmer has been a huge part in the success of America. NSDOAF honors them for contributions in making this country the bread basket of the world.”

Now is the time to begin to recognize Illinois farmers. Members may nominate farmers for recognition certificates. There is no set criteria. The goal is to recognize farmers for what they do—maybe multi-generational farmers, 100 year farms, farmers who have done something unusual or farmers that should be recognized for giving their time and talents in helping to feed the world.

The certificates are beautiful and may be presented by any member. Your Ambassador will be happy to assist. The nomination form is attached.



Above is a sample certificate that is presented to farmers in recognition of their hard work and commitment to our country.

ACTIVITIES, FAIRS, EVENTS

The NSDOAF members are encouraged to meet and enjoy activities together. Suggestions include attending fairs, festivals, tours and the like. Anyone may suggest, plan or even organize such an activity. Send ideas to your ambassador or send plans and they will be shared.

On the right is a list of county fairs for June. Hopefully, this will give members ideas or thoughts. What is happening in local areas? Please share your thoughts—wild or not!



NSDOAF STORE NOW OPEN

NSDOAF now has an online store. Members can go to the website and order on one form for most items and can pay online by PayPal. There are, of course, exceptions. Ancestor bars and the like have to be ordered from CityPride. Items may also be ordered by mail as always.

A number of items have been added—jackets, shirts, caps, aprons and a variety of pins. The choices are changing daily. Some of the new pins include a Foundation bar for the first 1000 members—so far, all Illinois members would qualify. There is a Family pin—where 2 or more family members belong—spouses, children, cousins etc. Take a look. There really is something for everyone.

Order Forms at NSDOAF.com

Pins purchased from NSDOAF may be worn on the official green ribbon with the insignia at the bottom.

Dates	Fair	County	City
Jun-07 - Jun-13	Martinsville Ag. Fair Assoc., Inc.	Clark	Martinsville
Jun-09 - Jun-13	Macoupin Co. Fair & Ag. Assoc., Inc.	Macoupin	Carlinville
Jun-09 - Jun-13	Pike Co. Fair Assoc.	Pike	Pleasant Hill
Jun-10 - Jun-14	Macon Co. Fair Assoc.	Macon	Decatur
Jun-12 - Jun-14	Moultrie - Sullivan Jr. Fair	Moultrie	Sullivan
Jun-14 - Jun-20	Ford Co. Fair Of Melvin, Inc.	Ford	Melvin
Jun-14 - Jun-21	Perry Co. Ag. Society	Perry	Pinckneyville
Jun-17 - Jun-21	Sangamon Co. Fair & Ag. Assoc.	Sangamon	New Berlin
Jun-18 - Jun-21	Piatt Co. Jr. Fair Assoc.	Piatt	Cerro Gordo
Jun-21 - Jun-27	Jasper Co. Ag. Assoc.	Jasper	Newton
Jun-22 - Jun-27	Greene Co. Ag. Fair, Inc.	Greene	Carrollton
Jun-23 - Jun-27	Henry Co. Fair Assoc.	Henry	Cambridge
Jun-24 - Jun-28	Montgomery Co. Fair & Ag. Assoc., Inc.	Montgomery	Butler
Jun-24 - Jun-28	Western Illinois Fair Assoc.	Pike	Griggsville
Jun-24 - Jun-28	Vermilion Co. Fair & Expo.	Vermilion	Oakwood
Jun-30 - Jul-05	Schuyler Co. Fair & Lvsst. Show Assoc.	Schuyler	Rushville