



Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture **Society Notes** February 2020



Getting Ahead of the Crisis in the Ag and Food Workforce at March Meeting

PSPA member, Dr. Scott Sheely, will present a timely topic at the March 5th meeting at the Union League on the current state of ag workforce challenges.

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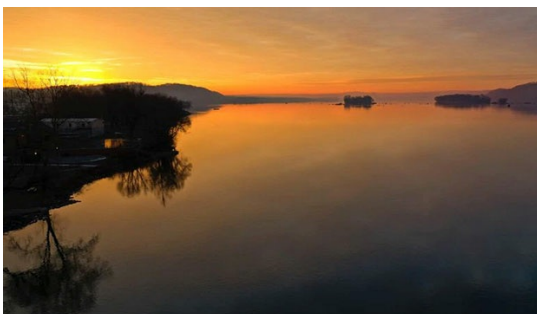


Firestine Impresses with Big Picture at February Meeting

Society member, Mike Firestine, covered the big picture of ag financing while mixing in his own vast experiences in the field with a lively, fast-moving presentation.

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RECENT NEWS



Baltimore Sun: PA Farmers Trying to Improve Chesapeake

PA farmers say there are doing what they can to stem pollution flowing to the Chesapeake Bay. They also say they don't



PSPA Members' Son Inventing Ag Robotics

The "Burro" could be a game-changer in robotics for agriculture. As labor problems plague the hand labor fields, this company

get the credit they deserve. [MORE>](#)

is about to shake things up. [MORE>](#)



Farm Journal AG Pro: Deere Shows Its Tech Side at Consumer Electronics Show

Deere Corp. Shows Ag Tech at largest consumer electronics show and informs the general public about the role of technology in modern agriculture. [MORE>](#)

Upcoming Events at the Science History Institute in Philadelphia

Thanks to PSPA member Keith Wing for sharing these great events coming to the Science History Institute in Philadelphia. [MORE>](#)

MEMBER UPDATES

PSPA Member Database Updated

The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture's Memoirs VI, printed in 1939, contains a consolidated list of PSPA members from 1785 to 1939. In it, the Committee on Activities details the sources from which the names were gathered, notably the Germantown Telegraph, which provided "a number of names elected" in the second half of the nineteenth century.

One of the current projects of the Historical and Library Committee has been to list names of members elected since 1939. An initial start was made by simply typing a list, but Lynne Farrington, who curates the Society's collections at the University of Pennsylvania, saw the limits of such activity. Instead, Lynne designed a spread sheet that would list name, city, date of election, type of membership, and office held. Then she assigned the project to a student, Ryan Morgan, who in a short period of time completed a consolidated list of all PSPA members since 1785.

The Society expresses its appreciation to Lynne and Ryan for a project that will be of great use in the years to come.

[Click here for Historical Membership List](#)

How to Use the PSPA Library Online

Last year the Historical and Library Committee worked on some reorganization of the online access to the PSPA Library and set-up some clear directions for use. On www.pspaonline.org's website, click "Resources," then "[Library and Archive](#)." You will see a collection of options. Click "[How to Search the Penn Libraries Online Catalog](#)" and the instructions for use will come up. If you wish to learn more about the collections, on the website, click "Resources," then "Library and Archive," then "[Introduction](#)."

IMPORTANT DATES

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March 5, 2020 - **Getting Ahead of the Crisis in the Ag and Food Workforce**

April 2, 2020 - **Field Trip: Schuylkill County**