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Pony Up for ALP! — Attend 2010 Auction

The 13th Annual ALP Benefit Auction is fast approaching. This year's auction will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center...home of the Indianapolis Colts!

In honor of this special venue, the auction will feature a sports theme. Dress will remain business casual. The doors open at 4 p.m. with the silent auction, and the live auction and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Be sure to arrive early for tailgating fun and special photo ops. There will also be opportunities to support your favorite sports teams.

The Benefit Auction promises to be a fun event as well as a great networking opportunity. Classes are encouraged to contact their fellow class members and make the event a class reunion. Also, you can join in welcoming the ALP Class 14!

Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity to



support the Agrilnstitute! Look for your invitation in the mail or register now. Registrations are accepted by phone (317.745.0947), fax (317.745.0956), e-mail, or online at <http://www.agriinstitute.org/events.php>.

The Agrilnstitute would like to thank Indiana Farm Bureau for providing the great new venue. Also, a special thanks goes to the auction planning committee members—**Mike Honeycutt** (Class 13), **Bill Malle** (Class 10), **Peggy Naile** (Class 12), **Shelee Padgett** (Class 13), **Danielle Tolan** (Class 13), and **Sarah Yeager** (Class 12).

2010 ALP Auction Highlights

We are excited about the items already pledged to the 2010 ALP Auction. To support the auction, plan on bidding on one of these items or consider donating an item of your own— there is still time. Below is a partial listing of the great donations we've received:

- **One-week stay in luxury Grand Cayman condo** from Beck's Hybrids;
- **Jeff Saturday autographed jersey** from Mike & Raylee Honeycutt;
- **Dow AgroSciences Suite at Conseco for 2010 IN Pacer Game** (15 tickets & food);
- **10" netbook, mouse & case** from Maple Leaf Farms;
- **Four 2010 Purdue Football season opener tickets** from Beck's Hybrids;
- **Four quarts of Pike County maple syrup** from John Dudenhoeffer;
- **Delta aluminum truck toolbox** from Rabo Agrifinance;
- **\$100 Sullivan's Steak House gift card** from Kenda and Brian Friend;
- **On Golden Pond dinner and cruise** from Nola Gentry & Ned Derhammer;
- **Stone Cabin Inn Bed and Breakfast overnight** from Tom and Kerry Dull;
- **Gift Basket with \$200 St. Elmo's gift card** from Farm Credit Services of Mid-America;
- **Colts Game Tailgating** (2 tickets & food/drinks) from Jim and Maggie Hurst;
- **Insulated backpack gift set** from IN State Poultry Assn.;
- **Four Pacers vs. Rockets tickets** (4/4/10) with parking pass from Beck's Hybrids;
- **Down blanket** (your choice of size and color) from Maple Leaf Farms.

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A leadership development and people capacity building organization that facilitates the network of agriculture and non-agricultural communities.

Calendar These Events

February 16, 2010

Media Training Session

Shrine Building

Kosciusko Co. Fairgrounds

Feb. 21-March 4, 2010

ALP Class 13 Foreign Travel

Hungary, Czech Rep., Slovakia

March 20, 2010

ALP Benefit Auction

Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center

April 8-10, 2010

ALP Class 13

Seminar 12, Indianapolis

Check Out :

The History Channel's **Modern Marvels: Eggs** episode. This show will highlight modern egg production in the United States. It features Indiana-based Rose Acres Farms. To learn more about the show or find out when you can watch it, visit www.history.com/content/modernmarvels

Indiana Farmers Feed Us

read about the farmers involved in this program and how consumers can win free groceries for a year at

<http://farmersfeedus.org/in/our-farm-families/>

*Donor Spotlight:***Mike Yoder**

Mike Yoder (Class 6) is an enthusiastic support of AgrlInstitute and the Ag Leadership Program (ALP) because he firmly believes we need more well-trained leaders in ag organizations and state and local government in Indiana.

Mike and his wife, Rhonda, live near Middlebury in Elkhart County. In addition to running a farm operation with 450 head of dairy cattle and 350 acres of crops, he keeps himself busy serving as an Elkhart County Commissioner. In fact, he is currently starting his second term in this role. He believes his ALP experience has helped him be a more effective commissioner.

"The Ag Leadership Program has built a very strong leadership network around the state, with numerous graduates serving in local leadership positions," said Mike. "We can call upon each other. Too many leaders in the state are not part of such a rich network. It has helped me make better decisions as a community leader."

In fact, Mike credits the ALP experience with broadening the knowledge and world view of participants, allowing them to be more effect leaders.

"In my experience in government, we do not have a surplus of good leaders who are well-trained with a good variety of experiences," said Mike. "People grow up in a community and that is all they know. Having that broader knowledge of what other communities, the state, the nation and the world are like is very essential."

Because he values the lessons he learned through the ALP program, he faithfully contributes to the program each year.

"Class members need to consider that none of us paid the entire cost of the ALP program. Supporters of the program subsidized our experience," said Mike. "We have an obligation and responsibility to give back and invest in the program, even if it's just \$50."

Thank you Mike Yoder for being partner in cultivating ag leadership in Indiana!



Mike Yoder (r) currently serves his as an Elkhart County Commissioner. He credits the ALP with expanding his network of resources.

AgrlInstitute Class Challenge

In an effort to build the base of annual individual contributors to AgrlInstitute, our board is issuing a challenge to the Ag Leadership Program (ALP) classes— be the top contributing class to the AgrlInstitute.

Led by Board Members Telynda Hendrickson and Brian Buchanan, AgrlInstitute is asking leaders in each class to energize their classmates and encourage them to give to AgrlInstitute in 2010. The class contributing the greatest support by March 8 will be recognized at the AgrlInstitute's annual dinner and benefit auction.

Currently, approximately 30% of the past participants of the program regularly make an annual contribution to AgrlInstitute. Through the Class Challenge, the Board's goal is to increase this level to 80% of past participants making some sort of annual contribution to our organization.

The AgrlInstitute board is extremely grateful for the many past participants who regularly support the program. However, we realize that we must increase support from individuals who have benefited from the ALP program first hand to maintain a strong and viable organization.

**Dull Family Farm Wins Campbell's Contest**

Thanks to the outpouring of support from members of the AgrlInstitute network and others, the barn on the farm owned by Tom Dull (Class 2) and his family will be renovated through Campbell's Soup Help Grow Our Soup campaign. Through this program, Campbell's identifies 10 barns throughout the nation that are eligible for restoration. The top five, as determined by on-line voting, are being renovated throughout the coming year.

Thanks to all of you who voted for the Dull Family Farm. This is a great example that those of us involved in agriculture can make an impact via social media.

The impact of our ALP network is great. Three hundred and thirty individuals have participated in the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program since 1984. Seventy four of Indiana's 92 counties are home to at least one of our ALP Network members. In addition to Indiana, members of our Network are living and working in 15 other states across the U.S. The leadership service of our Network can be felt in numerous local, state, national and international endeavors. We encourage you to share of your time, talents and treasure to grow the ALP Network and its impact on the World.

AgrInstitute Hosts Media Training for Network Members

Agriculture is facing numerous challenges, leading many members of our industry to say "we just need to get out and tell our story." But how many people feel truly equipped to prepare for and participate in a media interview? Not many.

In an effort to meet this need, AgrInstitute is hosting a media training session for network members and ag leaders. The training session will be held from 6-8 p.m. on February 16 at the Shrine Building on Kosciusko County Fairgrounds (1400 E. Smith St, Warsaw, IN 46581). Refreshments will be available at 5:30 p.m., so the session may begin promptly at 6 p.m.

This session, which will be conducted by Wilson Group Communications (www.realworldmediatraining.com/realworldmedia.html), will cover a number of topics including how to prepare for an interview, how to determine what you want to say, and how best to say it. A few individuals will even get the opportunity to practice what they have learned through mock on-camera interviews.

AgrInstitute is proud to offer this opportunity. If you plan on attending the event, please RSVP to Beth by February 10. Thanks to Maple Leaf Farms for sponsoring this.

Class 14 Recruitment A Resounding Success

Thanks to the great recruiting efforts of our network members, AgrInstitute received more than 45 applications for Class 14 of the Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP).

"We are very pleased with the interest that we had in Class 14," said Executive Director Beth Archer. "It shows that ag leaders in our state recognize the tremendous value and experience they can gain from the Ag Leadership Program."

Each ALP class is limited to 30 participants. Therefore, the class participants will be selected through an interview process in February and announced at the annual meeting and auction in March.

"We would certainly encourage anyone who was not accepted into Class 14 to apply again," said Beth. "We were blessed with a large and high quality candidate pool and simply cannot select all the qualified candidates that showed interest in the program."

Class 14 will kick off its ALP experience with its first session in July 2010. If you are interested in helping to coordinate or sponsor one of their sessions, please contact Beth.

ALP Network in the News

Chips Everhart (class 10) may not have gotten "top billing" for the Modern Marvels: Eggs production, he was instrumental in bringing all the expertise and appropriate partners together to make this show a reality. He says "the ALP Network should never underestimate the power or benefits of networking." Kudo's to Chips for his great work on this show.

Bill Rice (class 5) has been awarded a PhD from Purdue University College of Education in Dec. 2009. His dissertation topic was "Attitudes of Purdue Extension Field-Based Professionals and County Extension Board Members Towards the Internationalization of Extension. Congratulations Bill!

Stay Tuned about an opportunity to help the ag industry build a Habitat for Humanity House on the IN State Fairgrounds for display during the 2010 IN State Fair..... More information will follow.

ALP Network Updates

Matt Moorman (class 12) has new cell number, 260-388-4413

Dave Booher (class 8) began his new position with Dow AgroSciences mid January. He is the group leaders for Oils, new email address is dbooher@dow.com

Isaac VanNice (class 12) has relocated to the corporate offices of Grain Processing Company in Muscatine IA. And is now the superintendent of the Starch Division. His new work phone number is 563-264-4879. Anyone wanting his new home address may contact the AgrInstitute office.

Please help find these ALP Network Members: As our life evolves, sometimes we lose touch with important individuals, and that is the case with the following ALP Class members. If you know how to contact any of these folks, we would appreciate your help.

Nick Gagliano (class 8), **Paul Rawlins** (class 6), **Nancy Newman** (class 2), and **David Holloway** (class 4).

February Birthday Roster

Class 1: Fred P'Pool, and John Finke

Class 2: Art Nor

Class 3: Duane Drockelman, and Dan Batta

Class 6: Tom Hooper and Jeff Quyle

Class 7: Dan Meagher and Dennis Carnahan

Class 8: Daryl Warren

Class 9: Dave Henderson, and Mike Maroney

Class 10: Janelle Deatsman, Tom Knollman and Bill Malle

Class 11: Jay Berry

Class 12: Gary Haynes, Wayne Belden, Brian Furrer, Eric Schilling and Stephen Biddle

Class 13: Joe Farmer and John Dudenhoeffer

Happy Birthday to each of you.

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Please help us update our records and notify us
of your correct mailing and e-mail addresses.
Thank You!

Class 13 Headed on Foreign Trip

ALP Class 13 will be heading to Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic from February 21 - March 4, 2010.

The group will depart from Chicago and travel through Zurich en route to Budapest, where they will spend a couple of days visiting cultural sites and learning about agriculture.

Class 13 will then travel on to Zvolen and Bratislava, Slovakia. While in Slovakia, the group will learn more about the area's cattle and feed production, wine operations and forestry industry. Sessions will also focus on their education system, ag banking and credit systems, veterinary administration and food safety systems. It will also include a cultural evening event.

The group will then travel to Prague, Czech Republic, for a couple of days and visit some farms, a brewery and cultural landmarks before returning to Chicago.

The April edition of the AgrInstitute newsletter will feature reports from Class 13's experiences, so that we can all share in their experience.

Directions to 2010 ALP Benefit Auction

Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center
7001 West 56th Street - Indianapolis, IN 46254

From Chicago

- Take I - 65 South to Indy
- Exit at the Exit 124
- Turn Left onto 71st St
- Turn Right onto Lafayette Rd
- Turn Right onto 56th St

From Fort Wayne

- Take I-69 South to Indy
- Merge onto I-465 W
- Follow I-465 W to I-465 S
- Exit I-465 S at 38th St exit
- Get back on I-465 N
- Take the Exit 19
- Turn Left onto 56th St

From Richmond

- Take I-70 West to Indy
- Merge onto I-65 N (Exit 83B)
- Take Exit 121
- Turn Right onto Lafayette Rd
- Turn Left onto 56th St



From Louisville

- Take I-65 North to Indy
- Take Exit 121
- Turn Right onto Lafayette Rd
- Turn Left onto 56th St.

From Terre Haute

- Take I-70 East to Indy
- Merge onto I-465 N (Exit 73)
- Take Exit 19
- Turn Left onto 56th St.