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Columbus Airport Marriott

Columbus, Ohio

January 27 & 28, 2017

Welcome

Ohio Farmers Union Delegates, Members and Guests,

On behalf of the membership, officers and staff members of the Ohio Farmers Union, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to our 83rd annual convention. As you know, our organization serves an important function as Ohio's only statewide advocate for independent family farmers across a range of policy issues that affect farming families and rural communities. We are proud to do this important work and look forward to continuing the effort with your help.

Over the next two days, we will hear from leaders at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, from the Ohio Legislature, from the research and education communities and from national organizations, with whom we work to bring transparency and fairness to the agricultural marketplace.

Most importantly we will enjoy the fellowship of friends and colleagues as we work to craft the policy platform that will be our marching orders for the coming year.

Once again I thank you for your interest and your engagement in this important function for our grassroots organization.

Sincerely,

Joe Logan, President
Ohio Farmers Union

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Ohio Farmers Union

Friday, January 27, 2017

Starting at 10:00 am

Farmers Political Action Committee
Annual Convention ~ *Wallick II-III*

Ohio Farmers Union Family Farm Center
Annual Convention ~ *Wallick II-III*

Convention Convenes at 1:00 pm
Deshler I-IV

Delegate Registration Closes at 4:00 pm

Starting at 4:20 pm

Committee Hearings Open

Policy Committee Hearing ~ *St. Charles I*

Bylaws Committee Hearing ~ *St. Charles II*

Proposed OFU Bylaw Change
To Be considered at
2017 State Convention
January 27 and 28, 2017

Article VI, Section 1. a.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint for one year a farmer to serve as a full board member representing young farmers. The Young Farmer Representative shall be under 35 years of age and actively farming.

Friday, January 27

1:00 pm **Convene / Call to Order /** ***Deshler I-IV***
Joe Logan, President
Ohio Farmers Union

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome
Shauna Harris, Sales Account Manager
Columbus Airport Marriott

Convention Committees Announced
Joe Logan, President

Preliminary Report of Rules and Credentials Committee
Marvin Thompson, Chairman

Preliminary Report of Bylaws Committee
Ted Finnarn, Chairman

1:20 pm **Financial Report**
Joe Logan, President

1:35 pm **Vice President's Report**
William Miller, Jr., Vice President
Ohio Farmers Union

1:50 pm **Communications & Legislative Report**
Ron Sylvester
External Relations Director
Ohio Farmers Union

2:05 pm **Ohio Department of Agriculture**
David T. Daniels, Director of Agriculture
Ohio Department of Agriculture

2:20 pm **Importance of Water Quality to Ohio and Farmers' Contributions**
Dr. Christopher J. Winslow
Interim Director
Ohio Sea Grant College Program

2:35 pm **Ohio's Newest Land Grant Institution**
Dr. Clarence Bunch, Associate Director
Cooperative Extension Service
Central State University

2:50 pm **Miami University Study of Viability of Non-GMO Feed and Grain Exchange**
Jessica E. Doty, M.En.
Master's Degree - Environmental Science
Primary Author

3:05 pm **Coffee and Tea Break ~ Atrium Level**

3:20 pm **Marketplace Competition and Transparency, including GIPSA Rules**
Mike Weaver, President
Organization for Competitive Markets

3:35 pm **Membership Committee Report**
Mardy Townsend, Chairperson

Consideration and Adoption of Special Orders of Business and Policy
Roger Wise, Chairperson

3:50 pm **Nominations of Candidates for National Farmers Union Convention Delegate**
Tony Giesige, Chairman
Elections Committee

4:00 pm **Delegate Registration Closes**

4:05 pm **Final Report of the Credentials Committee**
Marvin Thompson, Chairman

4:10 pm **Recess**

4:20 pm **Committee Hearings Open**

- **Policy Committee Hearing**
  St. Charles I
- **Bylaws Committee Hearing**
  St. Charles II

5:30 pm **VIP Reception ~ Columbus I and II**
(Farmers Political Action Committee
$20 donation)

6:30 pm **Convention Banquet ~ *Wallick I-III***

Welcome:
Joe Logan, President
Ohio Farmers Union

Invocation

Introduction of Special Guests

Presentation of Awards

Legislator of the Year Award
Joseph L. Schiavoni, State Senator
Ohio Senate
33rd District

U. S. Senator Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
(video presentation)

Keynote Address:
Barbara Patterson
Government Relations Director
National Farmers Union

Farmers Political Action Committee Auction
Don Davis
Auctioneer & Clinton County Member

Saturday, January 30

7:30 am **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wallick II-III

8:30 am **Reconvene / Deshler I-IV**

Invocation

8:35 am **Memorial Service**

8:45 am **Ohio Farmers Union Insurance Programs**
Dave Shindollar
Insurance Representative
Ohio Farmers Union

8:55 am **Financial Management and Farm Succession**
Bob Shipp, OFU Representative
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9:05 am **OFU and Hastings Partnership**
Carl Ridenour, Territorial Manager
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company

9:15 am **NAU Crop Insurance Partnership**
Gene Grimsley, Vice President
Regional Marketing Manager
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9:25 am **President's Report**
Joe Logan, President
Ohio Farmers Union

9:40 am **Greetings from USDA**
Terry Cosby
State Conservationist
USDA - Ohio NRCS

David Drake
Acting State Executive Director
USDA - Ohio Farm Service Agency

9:55 am **What Agriculture Policy Might Emanate From A President Trump Administration**
Fred Yoder, Member
President Donald Trump's Agriculture Advisory Committee

10:10 am **Coffee and Tea Break ~ *Atrium Level***

10:25 am **Election of National Farmers Union Convention Delegate**

Consideration and Adoption of Bylaw Changes

Consideration and Adoption of Special Orders of Business and Policy

11:45 am Break

12:15 pm Lunch ~ *Wallick I-III*

Welcome Remarks

Invocation

OFU Youth Presentations
Joseph Fichter Scholarship
Elizabeth Engel, Defiance County
Peyton Ford, Allen County

Keynote Speaker:
Cliff Hite, State Senator
Ohio Senate
1st District

National Farmers Union Convention Delegate Election Results

Consideration and Adoption of Special Orders of Business and Policy (as needed)

Convention Adjournment

Executive Committee Meeting After Convention

PAC SILENT AUCTION
ENDS AT 10:25 AM
Saturday, January 28

Ohio Farmers Union

2017 Convention Committees

Bylaws Committee

Ted Finnarn, Chairman

Phillip Bresler Duane Shields

Walt Streber

Policy Committee

Roger Wise, Chairperson

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Thank You for Serving!

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Keith Lenz, Ottawa
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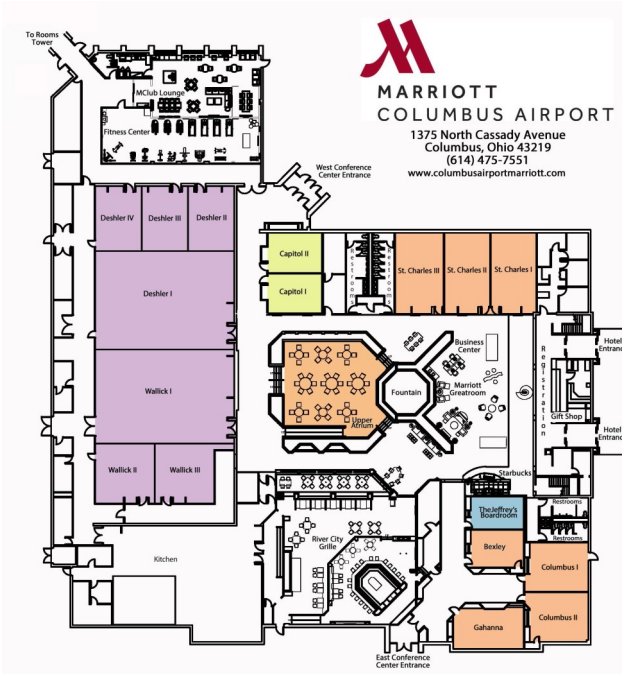
Barbara Stoll, Richland/Ashland/Wayne
Roger Wise, Sandusky/Seneca
Robert Dues, Shelby
Joe Logan, Trumbull
Joe Hertel, Van Wert
Gerry Landon, Williams
Phillip Bresler, Wood
Fred Culver, Wyandot

Full Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 28th - 7:30 am
Wallick II-III

Columbus Airport Marriott
Hotel Map



The Columbus Airport Marriott will have a soup and sandwich buffet available in the River City Grille on Friday for $10.70 per person (includes tax only) from 11 am to 2 pm.

A breakfast buffet in the River City Grille is available for $13.92 per person (includes tax only) Friday from 6:30 am until 9:30 am and on Saturday from 7:00 am until 11:00 am.

Saturday, January 28, 2017
Columbus Airport Marriott
Check Out is 12 Noon

Lobby Day

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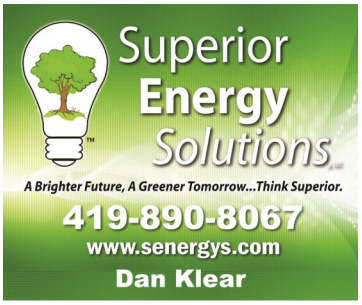

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art!

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on that cross, my burden gladly bearing;
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

Chorus:

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home; what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, How Great Thou Art!

Chorus:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O Beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain. For purple mountains' majesty, above the fruited plain. America! America! God shed His grace on thee; And crown they good, with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

O Beautiful for heroes proved, in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than strife. America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O Beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years; Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears; America! America! God shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamed I held you in my arms
When I awoke dear, I was mistaken
And I hung my head and cried

Chorus:

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy, when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

I'll always love you, and make me happy
If you will only say the same
But if you leave me to love another
You'll regret it all some day

Chorus:

You told me once dear, you really loved me
And no one else could come between
But now you've left me and love another
You have shattered all my dreams

THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW

Chorus:

How much is that Doggie in the window?
The one with the waggely tail
How much is that Doggie in the window?
I do hope that doggie's for sale

I must take a trip to California
And leave my poor sweetheart alone
If he has a dog he won't be lonesome
And the doggie will have a good home

Chorus:

I read in the papers there are robbers
With flashlights that shine in the dark
My love needs a doggie to protect him
And scare them away with one bark

Chorus:

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Chorus:

This land is your land; this land is my land,
From California, to the New York Island;
From the Redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking, that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me, that endless skyway;
I saw below me, that golden valley,
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus:

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds
rolling; As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus:

SIDE BY SIDE

Oh, we ain't got a barrel of money,
Maybe we're ragged and funny;
But we'll travel along, singin' a song, Side by Side.

Don't know what comin' tomorrow.
Maybe it's trouble or sorrow;
But we'll travel the road, sharin' the load,
Side by Side.

Through all kinds of weather, what if the sky should fall, Just as long as we're together, it doesn't matter at all.

When they've all had their troubles and parted,
We'll be the same as we started;
Just travelin' along, singin' a song, Side by Side.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America! Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her.
Through the night, with a light, from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the ocean,
White with form;
God bless America, my home, sweet home.
God bless America, my home, sweet home.