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Chester County Ag Council appoints new board members

WEST CHESTER, PA_The Chester County Agricultural Development Council (Ag Council) announces the appointment of three new board members: Aimee Bowers, attorney; Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer, Medical Director at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine; and Bill Shick, Agriculture Program Manager at the Chester County Food Bank.

“We are delighted to have Amy, Barbara and Bill join us on the Ag Council board,” said Ag Council Director Hillary Krummrich. “Their diverse areas of expertise and hands-on farm experience will help guide us as we strive to promote and support the agricultural industry throughout the county and beyond.”

Aimee Bowers is a business attorney and an ally to the agriculture industry. Her experience growing up on a large family farm in Ohio has inspired her work with agribusiness clients on matters related to business, real estate and land use, and business succession. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Agricultural Law Committee and is an active Rotarian. Bowers also served in a volunteer capacity with the London Grove Planning Commission, the Economic Development Council’s AgConnect, and as an Ag Stakeholder for the Chester County Planning Commission’s comprehensive plan update.

Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer is the Medical Director at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine where she specializes in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care of large animals. She and her husband Tom own and operate Meadowset Farm and Apiary in Landenberg. At Meadowset they focus on their bee yard where the honeybees produce honey, pollen, propolis and beeswax. The Schaers were the recipients of the Ag Council’s Farmer of the Year Award in 2016.

Bill Shick has 12 years of vegetable growing experience in both for-profit and non-profit environments. He currently oversees all aspects of greenhouse production, field production, and produce handling at the Chester County Food Bank. Shick and his team of staff and volunteers grow between 150-200,000 pounds of vegetables per year, which are distributed free of charge to those in need throughout Chester County. Recognition of Shick’s work includes eight years of consecutive blue ribbon awards from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for SHARE Food Program’s Urban Farm and the Chester County Food Bank’s Springton Manor Demonstration Garden.

For more information about the Chester County Ag Council’s board members and work program: www.chesco.org/agdev

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