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1980

The Board of Directors donated \$12,000 to provide fencing in support of Lincoln Park's Farm in the Zoo



James Goebbert (left), Cook County Farm Bureau president, presented a check to Ed Almandarz, curator of Lincoln Park's Farm-In-The-Zoo during the December meeting of the Cook County Farm Bureau board. The check will pay for construction of new fences around outdoor livestock pens at Lincoln Park's model farm.

Mr. Gordon Fox, Manager, retired and Mr. Alden Kilian was hired as his replacement.

The Carter administration's grain embargo with Russia damaged local and United States agricultural markets.

1981

Conversations were held with the DuPage County Farm Bureau regarding a potential merger of the organizations.

New membership benefits offered to the organization included Censible Life Insurance and the IAA Federal Credit Union.



In Representative John Dunn's office were Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Brandau discussing current legislative issues.

1982



Farm Bureau Directors who worked the entire day at the Civic Center Plaza in Chicago were L to R: Don Zeldenrust, James Goebbert, Nick Skoufes and Ray Nykaza. Not pictured but helping were Greg Stack, University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service and Alden Kilian, Cook County Farm Bureau Manager.

A retirement party was held for retiring Country Agency that manager James Drake who served in the position for 34 years. Mr. Jerry Anderson was hired to serve as North Cook Agency Manager for Country Companies Insurance.

1983



Vic Pohlman in Springfield with Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House.

The Board of Directors donated \$250 to the Illinois Specialty Growers Association to assist in programming.

Don Zeldenrust participated in the Farm Bureau leaders to Washington DC program.

1984

Howard Paarlberg was elected president of the organization replacing Jim Goebbert.

Ray Nykaza and Leonard Schultz were selected to represent the Cook County Farm Bureau on the Food for Thought committee.

Carl Bormet explains the operation of grain farm.



The explanation of soybean production was of interest to visitors from Japan.



Left to right: Emily Stelter, Jan Stuenkel, Lorraine Dunteman, Dorothy Bos and Eleanora Schultz promoting one of the Women's Committee programs at the District Conference in DeKalb. It's a program called "Speaking Out for Agriculture."

\$7500 was donated to the Northern Illinois Horticulture Research Center in St. Charles to support efforts for research to improve vegetable production in northern Illinois.

The Marketing committee developed a roadside stand/U-pick directory to distribute to the public to enhance marketing and access to local farm products.

1985

The organization worked with the Soil and Water Conservation District to sell bare root trees to members.



Cook County Farm Bureau members in attendance at a January Local Government meeting with the Illinois DOC concerning wetlands designations were: (left to right) Alden Kilian, manager, Howard Paarlberg, president and Carl Bormet.

1986

The Women's Committee and the Marketing Committee led organizational discussions about creation of a new "Ag in the Classroom" program to teach kids about agriculture.

The Board of Directors approved offering bail bond cards to members through a new Illinois Farm Bureau program.

1987

The Board of Directors approved a resolution supporting an Illinois Farm Bureau proposal to create differential dues for Voting and Associate members.

1988

\$3500 was provided to the Northern Illinois Research Center to purchase a 2- row planter to assist in research on vegetable production in northern Illinois.

The Board of Directors approved signing a resolution for the Illinois Farm Bureau statewide effort to Change How Illinois Education is Financed program (CHIEF).

Member involvement in the bowling activities as a part of the Illinois Farm Bureau Sports Festival continued to be very popular.



The Illinois Farm Bureau bowling tournament was held March 12 at Strike 'N Spare East in Springfield. Bill Kelch, IFB District 6 Director, presented the first place trophy in the Men's Team (five)-34 and under class to Cook County bowlers (left to right) Randy Van Prooyen, Jack Olthoff, Jay Bulthuis, Wayne Koster and Ed Lueken.

1989

The Ag in the Classroom program reached 3083 students



Two boys compare different farm grains. They identify 13 grains and learn food products that are made from them.

New membership benefits offered included an Encyclopedia Britannica discount, family photo portraits, and County Dental plan. Cook County Farm Bureau implemented a “no smoking” policy in its buildings.

The Board of Directors organized a bus tour to Washington DC.

Plans were underway for a New CCFB headquarters building in the village Countryside.

Max Armstrong, WGN Radio and TV personality spoke to the Farm Bureau Food for Thought Committee.