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International Agri-Center® & World Ag Expo® Volunteer Newsletter



WORLD AG EXPO® 2024 CHAIRMAN'S KICKOFF DINNER

The 2025 World Ag Expo® season was kicked off by Show Chairman, Connie Conway, on Sunday, September 22nd. Hosted at the International Agri-Center®, the annual "Kickoff Dinner" was attended by volunteers, staff, and invited guests. The event provides the opportunity to gather and enjoy fellowship while setting the tone for the coming show. The 2025 show theme is "Paving the Way for Ag & Technology."



World Ag Expo Volunteer Meetings

We're excited to announce our upcoming volunteer meetings! Join us to pick up your volunteer guide, hat, and pin. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just starting out, your voice matters. We can't wait to see you there!

Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, January 14 at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER® STAFF UPDATE

Conner Burkhalter, Exhibit Sales Coordinator



Please join us in welcoming Conner Burkhalter, our new Exhibit Sales Coordinator! Conner was born and raised in the Central Valley. Before joining International Agri-Center®, he worked in the banking industry as a universal banker. In addition, Conner attended Cuesta College where he received a degree in Business Administration. He began playing sports at an early age and continued through high school. Furthermore, he enjoys spending time with family, getting together with friends, traveling, going to the gym, designing clothes, and more. We are so excited to have Conner as part of the team!

Cyntia Randolph, Sponsorship and AgVentures! Coordinator



Hi, I'm Cyntia Randolph. I live in Visalia with my wonderful husband and our five amazing children, ages 19, 15, 14, 9, and 7. Over the past decade, I've dedicated myself to being a stay-at-home mom while also earning two associate degrees and a bachelor's degree in education. Now, I'm excited to re-enter the workforce, especially within the agricultural community, where I look forward to making a positive impact and continuing to grow both personally and professionally.

Jennifer Rupp, Sponsorship Manager



I take great pride in calling the Bay Area my hometown, where my love for horses and ranch life began at an early age. My journey with horses has been a lifelong passion, evolving from showing them as a child to becoming a trainer as an adult. I've been fortunate to own horse ranches in both the Sacramento area and Arizona, where I raised my two wonderful sons. One has built a successful career in Tulare County, while the other is currently pursuing a business degree in college.

Twelve years ago, I relocated to Tulare County to pursue a corporate career and have had the privilege of serving as a Purchasing Manager in the safety products industry. Now, I'm excited to transition into the role of Sponsorship Manager at the International Agri-Center®. I look forward to connecting with everyone and contributing to our organization's success!

INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER® UPDATES

THE AGVENTURES!® GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS A HIT!

The 2024 AgVentures!® Golf Tournament is an amazing and fun event that supports the AgVentures!® Learning Center. A huge thank you to all our participants and sponsors for making the AgVentures!® Golf Tournament a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



IN REMEMBRANCE

Past Chairman & Volunteer

Joe Raney

Joe Raney, past World Ag Expo® and California Antique Farm Equipment Show™ Chairman, and volunteer since 1995 passed away on September 25, 2024. We offer our greatest condolences to the friends and family of Joe Raney.

THANK YOU
VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
★★★

Happy Veterans Day to our heroes! Your courage and sacrifices make a difference every day, and we are forever grateful for your service.

WE WISH YOU
a happy
& Blessed
THANKSGIVING DAY

Our office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after, reopening on Monday, December 2. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Franklin Arcure
Trevor Barton
Bill Bennett
Cheryl Borba
Lucie Brown
Luke Bryson
Robert Burciaga
Ron Bustamante
Linda Caraveo
Gina Castillo
Ruben Castillo
Michael Clancy
Jim Coughlin
Brad Cravens
Brian Criswell
Holly Derington
Sam Diaz
Laura Dimmer
Linda Lou Doty
Jerry Dutsch
Magdalena Dutsch
Wayne Epperson
Austin Fallert
Sarah Fallert
Esperanza Fernandez-Reynolds
Alyssa Frankmore
Dahlia "Dee" Gallegos
Kimberly Garcia
JoAnn Goff
Bryson Gomez
Shea Gowin
Russ Greathouse
Jill Henderson
Bea Higuerra
Katie Hill
Kelly Hirst
Eric Hofstee
Sheila Holdridge

Marlon Hutchinson
Jay Ivie
Nasser Kadhodaian
Sharon Kleinhans
Alfonso Lago
Amanda Luis
Mary Ann Luis
Tom Lyons
Daniel Maisler
Fred Martinez
Gaby Martinez
Colette Mathewson
Jared McCoy
Mike McCoy
David McFarland
Alan McIntosh
Addie McManus
Kelly Meek
Joe Mehcz
Kyle Melton
Betty Mendonca
Socorro Mercado
Gloria Montemagni
Laverne Moody
Shannon Morris
Ayouto Mousstaaid
Samuel Nikuze
Gary Nishimine
Carolyn Nunes
Dora Oliveira
Esther Olson
Charles Ouassil
Luke Parriera
Mike Peden
Clifton Pierce
Nyelene Pierce
Jennie Povvoco
Scott Pyle

Shirley Ready
Cameron Ribeiro
Donna Ribeiro
Gene Roberts
Dorothea Rogers
Joe Rosa Sr.
Laura Rose
Dan Ross
Raquel Sanchez
Irene Santos
Brandon Serafin
Matt Silva
Rosalind Silva
Stephanie Soares Jones
Brent Sparlin
Bob Sperry
Shane Terry
Bill Thompson
Jason Uchita
Lisa Walsh
Claudia Walton
Timothy Welsh
Pam West
Dean Wheeler
Cindy White
Bill Whitney
Wade Wilcox
Sally Williams
Augie Wu
Jaime Zuniga

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Heduina Alves
Steven Alves
Mark Amaral
Nestor Arucan
Glen Asay
Fidel Banuelos
Ken Becker
Andrew Benavides
Bill Benedetti
James Benedict
Cheryl Bennett
Craig Bergman
Russel Blevins
Kathleen Bloom
Ed Boren
Susie Borges
Richard Boucher
Keeley Bramer
Jim Brannon
Earl Bravo
Meagan Burke
Bob Bustamante
Del Canby
Bernie Cargle
Art Carrillo
Jon Castro
Delilah Cazares
Ralph Chapman
Bradley Clark
Bryan Cline
Cris Colson
Greg Cotta
Paula Criswell
Jodie L. Denney
Carol Dominges
Everett Doty
Dick Edwards
Gloria Mazzei Eichman

Nora Encinas
Ernie Fawkes
Michael Fee
Debi Ferreira
Rob Fletcher
Gilbert Flores
Jim Gilroy
Kerrie Guzman
Mike Hartman
SL Henley
Richard Huth
Marleen Johnson
Ralph Keeley III
Kirk Kindy
Jim Klapperich
Phil Kneeland
Dave Konold
Kurtis Krumdick
Ameen Kunbargi
Rosa Larios
Al Lemus
Andy Luci
Marlene Luiz
Amber Lyons
Lucy Macias
Mary Martinez
Jennifer Mejia
Kimberly Miller
Connie Minatta
Erik Myers
Harold Nikoghoshian
Matt Paggi
Mike Paim
Jacob Peyton
Pam Pollock
Randy Pratt
Mike Quinn
Merika Raney

Maranda Reberry
Wade Roberts
Monica Rojas
Constance Roman
Philip Sell
Larry Shanley
Roger Shaw
Christine Solis
Rachel Souza
Tricia Stever Blattler
Randi Suttles
Kelsey Swall
Ben Terrill
John Thomas
Wilma Tolbert
Jiggs Travis
Mark Uchita
Bill Van Leeuwen
Rudy Vasquez
Andy Vidak
Tricia Wafford
Diana Warnock
Sandy Warren
Patti Watte
Matt Weaver
Garrett Weese
Jeannie Williams
Lisa Wilson
Linda Woodbury
Mike Young
Theresa Zotti

