

Feathers in the Spring 2018 – Western Poultry & Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser

The annual Feathers in the Spring Fundraiser (FS) was held last weekend at the home of Jim & Linda Haley “Haleyville”. The weather was beautiful and the food was even yummier! Attendees arrived to the wonderful smells of sausages, chicken, turkey and squab sizzling on the BBQ! Four Ways Winery provided a tasteful array of wines. We also had the most pleasant servers Mike Altomare & Brad Nelson to assist with any need. The tables were filled with delightful crudités, cheeses and delicious desserts.

The appetizer competition was taken very serious once again and brought forth 5 eager cooks who had the guests’ mouths watering and wanting more! Jim Haley brought his world-famous homemade sausages of Elk, Chicken and Pork. Brad Nelson presented a Cheesy Buffalo Chicken Dip with tortilla chips. Dalton Rasmussen offered guests barbecued Bacon Wrapped Squab. He added a wee bit of spice again this year! Mike Altomare prepared breaded, pan-fried turkey cutlets with a Siracha Dipping sauce. Linda Haley was holding her own against the men with the devilishly delicious deviled eggs! Our judges (who were incognito) had a very hard time this year picking a winner and decided on a tie for first... Jim Haley’s Pork Apple Honey Bratwurst & Brad Nelson’s Cheesy Buffalo Chicken Dip! Dalton Rasmussen was such a close 2nd that he was given a prize also! Each contestant received a bottle of wine!

The live auction raised \$1,415 thanks to our wonderful auctioneer John Bedell. Hemanta Agarwala, Michelle Bedell and Norma Armstrong each were the high bidder for the wine and Mike Altomare for the Golf Foursome. A total of 273 raffle tickets were sold at the PEPA convention, CPF meeting and our event bringing in \$5,460. Our event attendee and birthday boy Dave Armstrong drew the winning ticket for the cash drawing and the winner was...Anthony Barton!!! Anthony was extremely generous and donated the money back to the foundation!!! Thank you so much Anthony!!! We truly appreciate your support!!!

The Western Poultry Scholarship & Research Foundation would like to thank the members of the board who diligently sold raffle tickets. Thank you to our President Kim Hernandez and Vice President Mike Altomare for putting this event together! In total, over \$8,175 was raised for the event. We greatly appreciate everyone who

helped make it possible including Jim & Linda Haley for hosting and donation of the Golf Adventure, sausages and drinks. Kim Hernandez and Haley Farms, Inc. for donation of food, desserts. Thank you to Mike & Janice Altomare and Four Ways Winery for donation of the wine and drinks. Bill Mattos, thank you for his donation of fine wine. Thank you to all the cooks for the mouthwatering food. And finally, a special thanks to the volunteers who helped the night of the event and to all who attended the event and all that participated in the fundraiser. See you next year!