

Highlights from the Agriculture Inaugural Ball

The 2009 Bipartisan Agriculture Inaugural Gala was one of several Inaugural balls held Tuesday night, but it was the only one where you could find a “who’s who” in agriculture. Here are a few of the photos Editor Sara Wyant took or received from friends during the event.

Sen. George McGovern, who ran as the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972, was one of several dignitaries attending the ag ball. In the photo at left, below he’s joined by Marshall Matz (left) and Dallas Tonsager (right), who helped guide President Obama’s Rural team.



In the photo at right, Kate Cyrul, Majority Communications Director for the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry posed with her boyfriend, Amir Mokhtari. Amir is a PhD and an Environmental Research Scientist at RTI International.





House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) jams with the band, while American Crystal Sugar's Director of Government Affairs, Kevin Price danced with girlfriend Norissa



Giangola (shown above). In photo at left, Mr. and Mrs. Isi Siddiqui with Agri-Pulse Editor Sara Wyant. Siddiqui is a Vice President for CropLife America and was active in the Obama rural campaign team.

Photo on left, below: Monsanto was represented at the event by Donna Dykes, Michael Dykes, VP of Government Affairs and Jen Daulby Kaleta, Director of Government Affairs.



Above, Agri-Pulse Editor Sara Wyant with American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman and below, with Mr. and Mrs. Jon Doggett. Doggett is

Vice President of Public Policy for the National Corn Growers Association.





Several FFA national leaders and staff attended the Inaugural festivities including Kent Scheske (above, left) and CEO Doug Loudenslager (middle) and former FFA Sponsor Board Chairman Allan Johnson (above, right). Johnson is married to Agri-Pulse Editor Sara Wyant. Below, former Risk Management Administrator, attorney and author Ken Ackerman shares a laugh with former Texas Congressman Charles Stenholm. Both are employed by Olsson, Frank and Weeda in Washington, D.C.

