

# Berks Farm Women Hold 42nd Convention

The 42nd Annual Convention of Berks County Farm Women was held at the Berks County Agricultural Center with 110 members and guests in attendance. The theme was "Keep a Song in Your Heart."

Fern Phillipy, president, opened the convention, with all the women reading a poem followed by singing America the Beautiful.

Berks Co. Dairy Princess Jennifer Grimes, who is also Pa. princess, shared with her presentation of "An Einstein or a Farmer." She introduced the Lil Dairy Princess, Justine Stoltzfus, who recit-

ed "ABC Down on the Farm."

Arlene Witman, state president, spoke on her "Heifer Project" and also read a poem "Not Ours Alone," then presented Fern and First Vice President Dorothy Stricker, each with a special key. Marie Baughman, Heifer project representative came with her cute stuffed "Holli," the heifer, to the convention.

Group presidents each gave their reports on happenings of the past years events.

Memorial service was conducted by Doris Brown from Group #11, assisted by Shirley Tollman,

Fern Phillipy, Sonja Moyer, and Wendy Lingle. Those remembered were Dorothy Batdorf Group #11, Betty Stump and Mary Weber, Group #2 and Helen Borchert, Group #3.

A delicious ham and stuffed chicken breast dinner was served by Wegman's Caterers. The afternoon session opened by singing "There is Singing in My Heart" words written by Helen Schmehl from Group #2. Tulpehocken High School Show Choir sang under the direction of Byron Hartman.

Recognition of six 80 plus members were honored by Pres. Fern. Those honored were Helen

Howard, Kathryn Yanos, Group #1; Margarite Rush and Charlotte Mauger, Group #4; Anna Moyer, Group #5; and Mary Youse, Group #6. One 90-year member, Mary Hertzog, a resident at Berks Heim received a pin from state president, Arlene Witman.

The attendance award was presented to Group #1 with 71% in attendance, by Darlene Yost.

Scrapbook awards were also presented to Group #6, first prize; Group #10, second prize; and Group #2, third prize.

Safety awards presented by Wendy Lingle and youth awards presented by Shirley Tallman were presented to all groups.

Community projects awards were presented by Joanne Stockholm with 100% participation.

Fern presented Arlene Witman with a check for \$567 for her heifer project - the state project this year - indicating 100% participation of Berks Co. members.

Sandra Rauenzahn was in charge of Berks County's quilt raffle and the proceeds with checks of \$875 each were presented to Berks Co. 4-H Building Fund and also the Salvation Army to aid the flood victims in the mid-west.

Arlene Witman installed Dorinda Lingle as treasurer.

Door prizes were awarded and silent auction results revealed.



State president of Farm Women Arlene Witman, left, receives a check for the heifer project from Fern Phillipy, center, while Marie Baughman looks on.



Fern Phillipy presents a check for \$875 to Rick Kauffman, representing the 4-H program. Berks Farm Women raised the money to be used toward the 4-H building program.



During the Berks County Farm Women convention, Fern Phillipy, left, congratulates 80-year-old members, from left: Mary Youse, Group 6; Helen Howard, Group 1; Catherine Yanos, Group 1; Anna Moyer, Group 5; and Charlotte Mauger, Group 4.

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