## Pa.DHIA Recognizes Technician Achievements

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The Putnam Memorial Award was presented to one full-time technician and two part-time technicians.

Cindy Davis, of Eric County, was the full-time employee who received the honor, while Barbara Gary of Bradford County, and Ted Farabaugh, of Cambria County were the part-time employee recipients.

The Putnam award is an annual recognition given to those who commit the fewest errors per 1,000 cows tested. Technicians may win this award only once. Each winner received an engraved desk set.

The award, started in 1983, was named in honor of Dexter N. Putnam. an extension dairy agent from 1957 to 1982 when he retired. His dairy extension responsibilities included working with DHIA technicians to improve their accu-



**Bearl Faidley** 

racy in reporting data on DHIA forms.

Shane Henry, of Cumberland



Rodney Darr

County, was the recipient of the Carl B. Hollinger Memorial Award.

The Hollinger award is presented to the technician who, in the opinion of those who work in the central milk testing laboratory, has done outstanding work with neatness in sample packing, size of samples, method of ordering supplies, and cooperation with the lab.

Henry received an engraved

Annually, the Pa.DHIA also recognizes a technician from each of its four regions with a Distinguished Service Award.

Recipients were Susan Tallman, of Eric County, in Region 1; Bearl Faidley, of Somerset County, in Region 2; Brenda Ford, of Bradford County, for Region 3; and Carol Spatz, of Berks County, for Region 4.

Each candidate for the award must have completed five years of service and qualified for the



From the left, Herb Gilmore presents the Pa.DHIA Herb Gilmore Superior Technician Award to Raymond Ross, Montour County technician.

Award of Merit for the previous

The criteria for selection include cooperation with county personnel, dairymen, DHIA personnel, stastistical performance and neatness and appearance.

The award can only be won once, and the winning this award is a prerequisite for consideration for the Herb Gilmore Superior Technician Award.

In other awards, Jane Kashner received a clock plaque with her Pa.DHIA Retirement Award recognizing 18 years service in the Crawford County area.

There were 51 technicians who qualified for the Award of Merit, an award recognizing length of service, workload, and score well on a technician worksheet performance evaluation.

Each recipient received \$25, with \$5 added for each consecutive year the award is received.

Also recognized were the winners of the Rookie of the Year awards. This award also makes a distinction between full-time and part-time employees.

Each received an engraved

Rodney Darr, of Somerset County, was the recipient of the full-time employee Rookie of the Year Award.

Cindy Garner of Huntingdon County and Mae Kahler of Schuy-Ikill County each received parttime Rookie of the Year awards.

In order to qualify for the award, new technicians must who exceptional aptitude in learning the job of a Pa.DHIA technician, have worked at least six months and not more than 18, and have demonstrated outstanding cooperation with the state and local DHIA organizations in conducting an efficient and accurate testing program.

The staff at Pa.DHIA would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the award winners on a job well done.



From the left, David Slusser, Pa.DHiA general manager presents a retirement plaque to Jane Kashner, Crawford County technician.

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