

Retiring Board Members Recognized By National Dairy Shrine

SHAWANO, Wis. — Six persons have received recognition for having completed six years of service on the Board of Directors of National Dairy Shrine. They were recognized at the National Dairy Shrine Annual Meeting in early October in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI.

Those directors who had served

two, three-year terms were: Janice Keene, immediate past president, who is employed by Merck & Co., Rahway, NJ; Phil Dukas, Executive Secretary, NDHIA, Columbus, OH; Dr. Les Ferreira, Professor of Dairy Science, California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo, CA; Merle Howard, Merle Howard Insurance Agency, Watertown, WI; and John Selz,

dairy producer, Humbird, WI. Jack Miller, dairy producer at Kempton, PA, who died earlier this year, had also been on the board at the time of his death.

New Officers and Directors

Ron Long, Marysville, OH, is the new president of National Dairy Shrine. He was elected at the organization's annual meeting in early October in Madison, WI.

Other officers are James Leuenberger, Shawano, WI, secretary/treasurer; Julie Larson, president-elect; Janice Keene, immediate

past president; and Steve Larson, Fort Atkinson, WI and Bernie Heisner, Columbus, OH, members of the executive committee.

Sustainable Ag

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Meadow Farm, Holtwood, Pa., will discuss how he no-till transplants tomatoes, pumpkins, broccoli and other vegetables into killed cover crops to improve soil,

manage pests and boost profits. Groff also will review his 1996 on-farm study showing how

15-inch rows can boost corn yields and improve weed control while reducing herbicide costs.

Dairy farmer Roman Stoltzfoos, Kinzers, Pa., and a panel of other pasture-based producers will address how to maximize the grazing season, balance nutritional needs and improve your marketing strategy.

Compost consultant Will Brinton, founder of Woods End Lab in Maine, will review the latest on using compost for disease suppression and how to minimize tillage when composting.

Uta and Angelika Luebke of Peuerbach, Austria, will show how the Luebke Controlled Microbial Composting method in combination with cover crops and effective rotations can keep your soil alive.

Marty Rice, organic farmer and planning commission member in Frederick County, Md., and other ag specialists discuss how community partnerships can strengthen and protect local agriculture.

"New this year is the PASA Cafe, a 'chat 'n chew room' on Friday night right after our sustainability produced-in-Pennsylvania dinner. It will be a great opportunity for networking," notes Tim Bowser, PASA's Executive Director.

Dozens of conference sponsors and other exhibitors will display products, services and programs that promote and support sustainable agriculture. Major sponsors include Penn State, Rodale Institute, Atlantic Dairy Coop, Penn Ag Industries, Walnut Acres, Albert's Organics, Ferrell, and American Farmland Trust. Ample time to visit the exhibits has been allotted during the conference.

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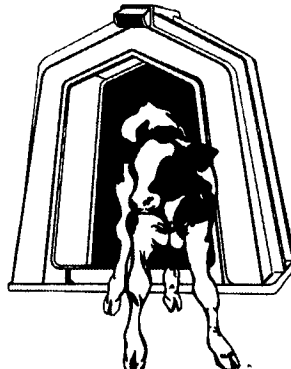
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