

# Pennsylvania DHIA Holds Employee Conference

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The PA DHIA annual summer conference was held on June 28 and 29. Technicians from all across the state came together to have fun as well as recognize their achievements as Pennsylvania DHIA technician.

The conference began on Sunday afternoon in the very lovely Holiday Inn at Grantville. The conference began with a welcome from the president of the Pennsylvania DHIA Board of Directors, Norm Hershey. Next on the agenda was the general manager of DHIA Dave Slusser who gave an overview of the happenings and direction of PA DHIA. Next we

had an inspirational speaker from Penn State University who amused the conference attendees with her wit and humor. The day ended with a very nice banquet. The next morning began with a buffet breakfast. As soon as breakfast was finished the awards presentation began. The following is an overview of the awards presented.

### Herb Gilmore Superior Technician Award

This award was started to honor Herb Gilmore who was an extension dairy specialist at PA DHIA from 1946 to 1980. His job duties included working closely with county agents to increase the ac-

curacy and reliability of records, train technicians, enforce rules and regulations, use records to build educational programs, increase number of cows and herds on test, build leadership and strengthen the board of directors. The purpose of this award is to honor those technicians who deliver exceptional service to the Pennsylvania DHIA service area dairy farmers, promote good public relations and provide up-to-date records for all their members. The individual receiving this award must be a full-time employee and have a minimum of 20

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Office Employee of the Year was presented to Jeremy Eters by Dixie Burris.



Merit Award Winners from Region 3: left to right front row: Diane McIlwain, Tioga County; Bonnie Gee, Tioga County. Second row: Lyle Packard, Bradford County, Gerald Pratt, Bradford County with Linda Sticklin Region Manager.



Exceptional Service Award for Region 5 was presented to Margln Stout (right) by Region Manager Gary Williams.



Exceptional Service Award for Region 4 front row from left to right: Lonnie Swanger, Jim Batz. Second row: George Cashell, Linda Genth with Region Manager Dave Shenk.



Distinguished Service Award winner Arlan Crider (left) of Franklin County with Region Manager Dave Shenk.



Merit Award Winners from Region 4 left to right front row: Gerald Miller, Chester County; Linda Genth, Lebanon County; Mae Kahler, Schuylkill County; Walter Stydinger, Perry County; Criss Hess, Bucks County; Jim Batz, Dauphin County; Lonnie Swanger, Cumberland County. Second row: Lois Anne Risser, Lancaster County; Jay Risser, Lancaster County; Shane Henry, Cumberland County; John "Mike" O'Toole, Franklin County with Region Manager Dave Shenk.



Years of Service acknowledgement: Walter Stydinger (left) with 50 years of service and Gerald Miller with 55 years with PA DHIA.