

Penn State Dairymen's Club Recognizes Charles Itle

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then transferred to Penn State where he majored in dairy management. After graduation in 1960 he joined the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service. In 1974, he started working at the Farm Show Complex as livestock show manager.

Itle manages the annual All-American Dairy Show, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and the livestock shows at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. A colleague of Itle's said, "Charlie Itle keeps his head when everyone else is wondering what can be done and what should be done to solve the problem at hand. His behind-the-scenes work and leadership skills are the necessary ingredients for one deserving of the Penn State Dairymen's Club Distinguished Service Award."

This year marks the ninth award. Previous winners include Robert Patton (Monsanto), William Conyngham (Hillside Farm), Larry Specht (Penn State), Dean Amick (PA DHIA),

Sam Williams (Bryncoed Farm), Steve Spencer (Penn State), Duane Norman (USDA), Jay Houser (Penn-Dell Farm), and Larry Muller (Penn State). The award recipients are selected from three industry categories - producers, industry representatives, and educators.

During the annual meeting, president Jeff Hostetter thanked Chris Swartz and Peter Witmer, who are stepping down from the Dairymen's Club board of directors after serving two 3-year terms. Jeff Hostetter was reelected to the board, and Jean Kummer, Butler, and Kara Tusey, Tunkhannock, were newly elected to the board for 3-year terms.

Dr. Larry Muller updated the Club on the Department of Dairy & Animal Science. Dale Olver presented the dairy judging team and their achievements this year. Mark Mosemann, Dairy Science Club president, reported on the club's recent activities and upcoming events, including the 75th

Anniversary Dairy Expo scheduled for April 15, 2000. Hostetter introduced and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Warren Poage for awarding the Poage Grant-in-Aid each year to a freshman who excels in dairy cattle judging. Stacey Goetz of Mercersburg, won the 1999 grant.

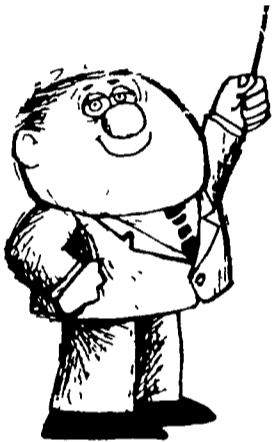
In other business, the Club discussed developing a Foundation Herd at Penn State and hosting a dairy careers day in the spring. They also unveiled the "Penn State Dairymen's Club First Edition" half-pint milk bottles. 295 limited edition bottles will be sold for \$10 on a first come, first-served basis. The club plans to introduce the second edition at next fall's annual meeting on October 27, 2000.

The Penn State Dairymen's Club is a non-profit support group whose mission is to enhance activities between the dairy industry and the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth



Charles Itle (right) accepts the Penn State Dairymen's Club Distinguished Service Award for 1999 from Kirk Sattazahn, Dairymen's Club vice president.

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