

# RWDCA Convention Was A Dutch Country Treat

BLUE BALL (Lancaster Co.) — Hosted by the Mason-Dixon Red and White Dairy Cattle Association (RWDCA), the National RWDCA conducted its annual membership meeting and awards banquet recently in Blue Ball.

Ed Peck, Wisconsin, and Rob Morrill, New Hampshire, were re-elected to three year terms as directors. Mary Etta Lenkaitis, Illinois, was elected as a new director. Upon the board's acceptance of Kathy Cook's resignation from the board, Jake Skinner, Pennsylvania, was appointed to fill the remaining two years of Cook's term.

Each year, the RWDCA presents the Don Albrecht Memorial Scholarship. This year's scholarship winner was Andrew Lenkaitis, Illinois. Lenkaitis is currently attending the University of Illinois, majoring in agricultural engineering. He has been breeding and showing registered Red and White cattle since he was nine years old and has aspirations of working as an engineer within the dairy industry, as well as owning and developing his own dairy herd.

The Don Albrecht Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dave and Merry Rama of The

Cattle Exchange. The Ramas were praised for their long-standing support and promotion of registered Red and White cattle through sales that have helped not only establish superior genetics for the breed, but also increase the demand for the breed around the world.

T. Edwin Johnson was honored with the Larry Moore Master Breeder Award. Johnson has established the Hickorymea herd with tenacious dedication to the improvement of the Red and White breed and the propagation of the polled gene. Johnson has successfully placed numerous young sires in A.I. studs around the globe, predominantly descendants of Hickorymea Aero Tena\*RC, an 88-point Aerostar daughter who transmitted the recessive hornless gene.

The 2003 J.P. Ostrander Young Breeder Award went to Scott and Beth Wilson of Ontario, Canada, in honor of their tremendous success in developing several of the most prominent Red and White cow families in the world. Known best for the breeding and development of Emlane Enhancer Maud-Red, an EX-3\* Canadian brood cow and show winner,

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