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National Dairy Shrine elects new president and directors

Maribel, Wis. – At the 60th annual meeting of the National Dairy Shrine, Corey Geiger, associate editor of Hoard's Dairyman, Fort Atkinson, Wis., was elected president of the organization. Meanwhile, Mary Shank Creek, an Ayrshire breeder and dairy producer from Hagerstown, Md., was chosen president-elect. Elected to the executive committee along with Geiger and Creek were: Dale Olver, University Park, Pa.; Ken Crandall, Provo, Utah; Erick Metzger, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and immediate past president Kevin Stiles, Ankeny, Iowa. The National Dairy Shrine board of directors consists of 21 members. This year, four new directors were elected to the board. They included Coleen Jones, Craigsville, Va.; David Jones, Stillwater, Okla.; David Pierson, Lake City, Minn.; and Bob Rowe, DVM., Verona, Wis. Also receiving recognition was Bernie Heisner, Columbus, Ohio who won the 4-E Award. The 4-E Award was established to periodically honor people who have made special contributions to National Dairy Shrine and exemplify Extra Energy, Effort, and Enthusiasm for the organization. During the past year, the organization also added 469 new members to bring the membership roles to 17,600 members from across the U.S. and Canada.

At the National Dairy Shrine's annual banquet, over \$40,000 in scholarships were awarded to 28 outstanding young people. National Dairy Shrine awarded the first-ever Maurice Core Scholarship from a fund established just last year to honor Core's 10 years of dedicated service to National Dairy Shrine and his years of service to the industry. That fund has reached 90 percent of the targeted \$50,000 goal. If you would like to contribute to the Core Fund, please mail a donation to National Dairy Shrine, Dr. David Selner, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1, Maribel, WI 54227, call (920) 863-6333, e-mail info@dairyshrine.org, or go to www.dairyshrine.org.

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The National Dairy Shrine officer team includes, sitting in the front row: Executive Director David Selner, Denmark, Wis.; past president Kevin Stiles, Ankeny, Iowa; president Corey Geiger, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; president-elect Mary Shank Creek, Hagerstown, Md.; and Erick Metzger, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The back row: Dale Olver, University Park, Pa.; Darrell Pidgeon, Parker, Colo.; David Jones, Stillwater, Okla.; Roger Neitzel, Beloit, Wis.; Maggie Murphy, Belleview, Fla.; Richard Clauss, Hilmar, Calif.; Michelle Ruby, Portland, Ore.; Ken Crandall, Provo, Utah; Steve Strickler, Iola, Kan.; and David Pierson, Lake City, Minn. Missing from the photo are David Darr, Stan Erwine, Katharine Knowlton, Marion Seifert, David Thorbahn, Evans Wright and Colleen Jones.