The President’s Message
By Linda Hodorff, President, National Dairy Shrine

What a busy year for National Dairy Shrine! Sincere thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time and talent on NDS committees and advancing our mission: 1. honoring past and present dairy leaders, 2. inspiring future dairy leaders, 3. recording dairy industry history, 4. promoting the dairy industry.

After a decade of outstanding service, Executive Director Maurice Core is retiring from his official role. During his tenure, this capable gentleman has led our organization with professionalism, enthusiasm, and grace. Thank you, Maurice and wife Carole, for your commitment above and beyond expectations to NDS.

Following a nationwide search and interview process, Dr. David Selner was selected as NDS’s 7th executive director. Dave began his official duties August 1. His wealth of industry experience and previous service to NDS as past president and 4E award winner for volunteerism will be great assets in his new role. Welcome, Dave.

This summer has been transition time as NDS office functions move from Ohio to Wisconsin. We sincerely thank COBA/Select Sires in Columbus, OH for serving as office headquarters and providing immeasurable support during Maurice’s tenure as executive director. Bernie Heisner and COBA/Select Sires staff, you are great NDS ambassadors.

Arlene Crosser, special thanks for your efficient and effective administrative support. In addition to Arlene’s ongoing duties, she worked with COBA/Select Sires staff to computerize NDS financial records, enhanced the membership recording process, and this year managed the start-up for submitting award applications on-line.

It has been custom to house office functions in the executive director’s home area. NDS is fortunate to have secured space at Denmark State Bank, Maribel, WI. Denmark State Bank is active in agricultural lending. The Maribel office is south of Green Bay on I-43. Check out the new NDS address and contact information elsewhere in this issue.

Plan to attend this year’s NDS Annual Meeting and Banquet on Thursday, October 2, at World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. What a great time to celebrate the accomplishments of NDS award winners and thank retiring executive director Maurice Core. Elsewhere in this issue learn how you can show your appreciation by supporting the new NDS Maurice Core Scholarship Fund.

Remember to visit the Dairy Shrine Visitors Center and Hoard Museum at Ft Atkinson, WI, open year-round. Over the past three years, the entire museum has been expanded and updated. During your visit, spend a few extra minutes in the Joe Eves room, which now includes video interviews of over 150 dairy industry leaders. See the NDS website: www.dairyshrine.org for directions and more information.
Dr. Dale E. Bauman, Ithaca, N.Y., professor in the Department of Animal Science at Cornell University has been selected as the 2008 National Dairy Shrine Guest of Honor. This prestigious award recognizes a contemporary dairy leader for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the dairy industry.

For 39 years, Dr. Bauman has conducted research aimed at understanding lactation, metabolic regulation, and lipid metabolism in the dairy cow. Perhaps most well-known is his work demonstrating that somatotropin regulates nutrient partitioning to the mammary gland and can be used to increase milk production and feed efficiency. As a result, bovine somatotropin became the first product of recombinant DNA technology to receive widespread use in animal agriculture.

Dr. Bauman’s ground-breaking research continues to benefit the dairy industry today as a management tool to improve production efficiency and reduce environmental impact. Bauman made many other contributions to understanding the metabolism of dairy cattle, including determining the major sites of fat synthesis and explaining the process of fatty acid synthesis and glucose production.

In recent years, Dr. Bauman has focused his research in a new direction to describe the biology of conjugated linoleic acids (CLA) in milk and dairy foods. Research by Dr. Bauman and his colleagues discovered the previously unknown and potent anti-carcinogenic activities of some CLA and described the role of other CLA in milk fat depression. In addition, their work has identified CLA in milk that appear to influence diabetes, plaque buildup in arteries, and obesity.

The list of research publications authored or coauthored by Dr. Bauman approaches 650 papers, most of which contribute directly to our understanding the biology of the dairy cow. The impact of such prolific research is impressive. In 2006, ScienceWatch documented that Bauman was the second most-cited agricultural scientist in the world; at that time 64 of his publications had been cited 1,729 times in the previous 10 years.

Bauman is considered a master of cooperative research and frequently partners with colleagues in other departments at Cornell and at other universities both in the U.S. and abroad. He is also unique in his ability to collaborate with researchers from other disciplines, including food scientists and the medical community.

Dr. Bauman has served numerous leadership roles in professional organizations including councilor of the American Institute of Nutrition, chairman of the National Academy of Sciences Board on Agriculture, president of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences, the Nutrition Research Scientific Advisory Committee of the National Dairy Council, and various committee positions in the American Dairy Science Association and the American Society of Animal Science.

One of those rare individuals who is equally at home interacting with college students, molecular biologists, senators, dairy farmers, journalists, or high school kids, Dr. Bauman is a passionate spokesperson for the dairy industry, education, and science. He has worked tirelessly to inform and educate the public about biotechnology and the value of animal products in the human diet. In addition, election to the National Academy of Sciences placed Bauman in a position to influence agricultural policies at the federal level.

Dr. Bauman’s considerable impact on the dairy industry also includes his teaching and training of dairy leaders. Some 15 postdoctoral associates and visiting scientists have worked in his lab, nearly 40 graduate students trained with him, at least 45 other students benefited from his membership on their graduate committee, 18 undergraduate honors students were his advisees, and more than 50 undergraduates completed independent studies under his supervision. Bauman also teaches several popular courses and advises 15 to 20 undergraduate students annually.

With this list of achievements, it is no surprise that Bauman has received numerous honors and awards. Nearly 40 different accolades make for an impressive tally. Among the most noteworthy of these are the Alexander von Humboldt Award, considered the Nobel Prize of agricultural research, for his somatotropin work, election to the National Academy of Sciences, a rare accomplishment for animal scientists, and the Charles A. Black Award from the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology in recognition of his ability and willingness to communicate science to policy makers, news media, and the general public. Most recently, Dr. Bauman was recognized by Cornell for his contributions to the New York agricultural industry.
Global impacts can be measured in many ways. In the world of dairy genetics, the number of daughters and sons a bull sires and the impact those offspring create is the ultimate benchmark in measuring a bull’s success. One herd more than any other has received the highest stamp of approval from Holstein breeders with four of their bulls each having produced and sold over one million units of semen. The names Lee, Leader, Outside, and Lheros and the cow, to which they all trace, Laurie Sheik, are now household names in the Holstein breed. They all have one thing in common; these animals all hail from the herd of Marc Comtois and bear the Comestar prefix.

Together, the global impact of these bulls is tremendous. Only 26 bulls in the history of the Holstein breed have produced over one million units of semen. . . 15 percent bear the Comestar prefix. . . no other herd has bred more than one millionaire. In all, nearly 400,000 Lee, Leader, Outside, and Lheros daughters are on production test around the world. One other family member, Stormatic, has sold over 700,000 units of semen and has over 38,000 daughters on test. And the matriarch of the whole group, Laurie Sheik, can be found in over 40 percent of the pedigrees of animals entered in the Canadian herdbook just 20 years after her birth. What’s more, 44 percent of the cattle in Holstein Canada’s purebred registry database contain the Comestar prefix somewhere within the four-generation pedigree.

As if these achievements were not enough, the Comestar herd was named Premier Breeder at the 2007 Royal Winter Fair, and they currently have the number one indexing cow in Canada. This young cow is not only valued for her genetics, but show-ring type as well as she was named the 2006 Reserve All-Canadian Junior 2-year-old. What’s more, four other Comestar bred cows are in the top 11 for the LPI (Lifetime Profit Index).

For these and many other accomplishments, National Dairy Shrine will honor Marc and France Comtois and their Comestar Herd from Victoriaville, Quebec, Canada, as the 2008 Distinguished Cattle Breeder. Comestar will be the 36th herd to receive the Industry’s highest honor bestowed to a cattle breeder. They are just the second Canadian herd to receive this honor with Roy Ormiston, owner of the famed Roybrook herd, being the first to receive the honor in 1989.

The Comestar herd was established in September 1977. Early on, Robert Chicoine knew that Marc was a gifted person. “Marc decided to go on his own as a breeder at a very young age,” said the one-time sire analyst and eventual general manager of the Semex Alliance. “He had to start from scratch and earn the hard way every step of his ascension to success. He studies his herd and the breed methodically, but in his decision-making process, he always leaves some room for his intuitions,” says Chicoine. “His achievements as a breeder are phenomenal to say the least. He is one of the very few that have, for decades, bred simultaneously champion producers and show-ring champions,” the now retired Semex general manager went on to say.

Since being established in September 1977, the Comestar herd has had 456 cows with their prefix classify Very Good with 11 scoring Excellent. At the same time, Marc and France Comtois have sent 119 bulls to A.I. that have received a production proof and another 46 young sires are in waiting for a total of 165. Of all the Comestar bulls, eight have received the Class Extra rating. In order for a Canadian bull to receive the Class Extra rating, the bull has to be in the top 5 percent for type and production. An additional 14 Comestar bulls have rated Superior for Type, and 13 have rated Superior for Production, again ranking in the top 5 percent for their respective categories. Perhaps most impressive, however, is the fact that 83 of the their 119 proven bulls — 70 percent — are plus for Lheros, and Stormatic. Recently, Lheros became the first bull in Canadian history to classify Excellent 97.

Laurie Sheik and two of her daughters rank in the top 10 all-time in the Canadian Star Brood Cow Program, the best measure for a cow’s ability to transmit outstanding genetics to her offspring. Comestar Laurie Sheik and daughters Comestar Laura Black and Comestar Lausan Black all have 23 stars, while another sister Comestar L’or Black has 16 stars.

The Comestar herd also has fared well at the shows. Over the years, they have had 51 All Canadian nominations which resulted in 7 All Canadian honors, 6 Reserve All Canadian, and 9 Honorable Mention All Canadian. In addition to the Premier Breeder banner won at the 2007 Royal Winter Fair, the Comestar herd has been Premier Breeder at the Quebec Spring Show and the Quebec International Holstein Show.

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Each year, National Dairy Shrine honors three or four living or deceased “pioneers” of the dairy industry. Nominated by members of National Dairy Shrine and selected by an anonymous committee, the Pioneer Award recipients are honored at the National Dairy Shrine Banquet at World Dairy Expo, and their portraits are then displayed at the National Dairy Shrine Visitors’ Center in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

This year, the four honorees include Dr. William Hansel, whose 60-year career in research and teaching in the field of dairy cattle reproductive physiology has had enormous impact on the profitability of the dairy industry; William Nichol, whose visionary leadership created worldwide merchandising opportunities for Pennsylvania Holstein breeders; Dr. Lawrence Specht, whose research in genetic evaluation led to faster genetic improvement based on science-based genetic principles; and William Weeks, who founded and registered the Animal Analysis Associates (aAa) breeding system.

Dr. William Hansel

Over 60 years of research and teaching by Dr. William Hansel has contributed to a better understanding of reproductive function of dairy cattle, especially the timing of the estrous cycle. His pioneering research has provided much of the present knowledge about the physiology of dairy cattle reproduction and led to the development of on-farm practices that have increased the profitability of U.S. dairies. At 90 years old, Hansel currently lives in Baton Rouge, La., where he continues to hold a professorship at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center at Louisiana State University. Prior to coming to LSU in 1983, Hansel spent nearly 40 years leading ground-breaking research in the field of dairy reproductive physiology at Cornell University.

Understanding the regulation and function of the corpus luteum forming on the ovary after ovulation has been a major theme of Hansel’s research career. His discoveries have led to management recommendations regarding estrus detection, the timing of insemination in relation to estrus, and postpartum reproductive function. Hansel also led the way in the development of estrous cycle synchronization methods. He improved techniques and procedures in culturing bovine embryos that ultimately led to future advancements in biotechnology. Hansel was the recipient of numerous funds from competitive grants programs and has also been honored with many awards for his research.

William Nichol

William Nichol has been a dairy industry leader in the state of Pennsylvania and a pioneer in developing world-wide marketing opportunities for Holstein breeders. As executive director or the Pennsylvania Holstein Association (PHA) from 1959 until his retirement in 1997, Nichol grew the organization to record membership, initiated countless programs, rallied volunteer committees and is credited for creating a model organization for other state Holstein associations in the U.S. Upon retirement, the PHA honored him with the lifetime title of executive director emeritus. Cultivating markets for Holstein cattle became his legacy. In 1971, he organized the historic shipment of 26 Pennsylvania Holstein calves to The Netherlands for a research project that resulted in worldwide acceptance of U.S. Holsteins. In 1975, Nichol helped convince the PHA board to purchase a 125-acre farm in Middletown to serve as a merchandising collection point for cattle. The facility eventually became the USDA Export Facility for the Eastern U.S. It has the capacity for over 1,000 head of dairy cattle and has also housed beef cattle, swine, sheep, goats and horses for export. By 1988 the PHA had exported cattle to 50 countries, generating over $40 million for dairy producers who provided cattle to these foreign markets. Nichol also helped create merchandising opportunities domestically, initiating a number of successful public sale series across the state. Nichol and his wife, Lilly, reside in State College, PA.

Dr. Lawrence Specht

Dr. Lawrence Specht, professor emeritus, Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State University, is another 2008 Pioneer honoree from the Keystone State. He and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Boalsburg, PA. While Specht’s council on a number of boards and committees across the Pennsylvania dairy industry has provided leadership and vision, it was his expertise in the genetic evaluation of dairy cattle that has ultimately provided the greatest benefit to dairy producers. His efforts in this
area have been multiplied many times by his close working relationships with county Extension personnel, DHIA, the artificial insemination industry, and farm organizations. Specifically, Specht provided leadership in urging A.I. units to develop and maintain large-scale progeny test plans. He also expedited the changeover of Pennsylvania DHI records programs from a hand-calculated, county-based system to centralized electronic data processing. He developed a herdmate comparison report for Pennsylvania AI-sired cattle before the herdmate comparison procedure was adopted by USDA for use in sire summary work. Specht also convinced USDA to include records from AM/PM testing programs in calculating genetic evaluations and, likewise, to use partial records for first-lactation animals. All these things helped the industry make faster genetic progress through earlier, more reliable genetic evaluations. Dr. Specht also developed the sire/son and herd prefix reports, which documented the success rate of sons of high-ranking sires and also the average genetic evaluation of sires carrying the same prefix.

**William Weeks**

The late William A. Weeks is honored as a NDS pioneer for his accomplishments in dairy cattle evaluation and breeding. Weeks first made his mark in this area through the founding and development of the Skyway Holstein herd in Vermont. From 1938 to 1947, Weeks developed 30 Excellent cows, four Gold Medal Dams, and three Gold Medal Sires from his small herd which averaged about 13 cows at any given time. Skyway was the first herd in Vermont to be awarded the Holstein Association’s Progressive Breeder Registry award twice. After dispersing the herd, Weeks was a Holstein Association classifier for three years. In 1950, Weeks created and launched a system of type evaluation for cows and bulls that meshed into a corrective mating program. He founded a company, Animal Analysis Associates (aAa), offering the trademarked evaluation and mating system to dairy producers and A.I. units through trained evaluators. Weeks died in 1994, but the aAa evaluation system continues today. Currently, there are 20 aAa-approved analyzers providing the service in 16 countries on three continents. The service has been embraced by large and small herds and employed by respected breeders such as Wally Lindskoog of Arlinda fame, Paclamar’s Dick Brooks, and Obie Snider of Singing Brooks Holsteins. The Vermont Holstein Association named Weeks the Vermont Breeder of the Year in 1982, based on the worldwide success and respect of the aAa system.

**Maurice Core NDS Youth Scholarship Fund**

In recognition of the invaluable service and leadership that Maurice Core has provided National Dairy Shrine these past 11 years as Executive Director, National Dairy Shrine is establishing the Maurice Core National Dairy Shrine Youth Scholarship Fund. Maurice has been a supporter of dairy youth his entire career. Richard Denier will chair this special committee, along with commit-tee members Richard Clauss, Bernie Heisner, Linda Hodorff, Tom Lyon, Duane Norman, Michele Ruby, and Kevin Stiles. If you would like to honor Maurice and make a contribution to this special scholarship fund, please make your check payable to National Dairy Shrine, c/o David Selner, P.O. Box 1, Maribel, WI 54227, with a note that it is for the Maurice Core National Dairy Shrine Youth Scholarship Fund. Our goal is to have as many contributions as possible prior to World Dairy Expo, at which time a special presentation will be made to Maurice. Should you have any questions or wish to assist with this effort in honoring Maurice, please contact Richard Denier (rdenier@sbcglobal.net, phone 831-626-0451) or any committee member.
The 2008 National Dairy Shrine Progressive Dairy Producer Award winners are true models for the dairy industry and have used their character, leadership ability, progressiveness, and work ethic to earn themselves “cream of the crop” status among dairy producers nationwide. Both families dedication make them outstanding winners of this award.

Kellcrest Holsteins

The Keller family of Kellercrest Registered Holsteins, Inc., in Mount Horeb, Wis., is a team of proactive and progressive dairy producers who have taken a small family farm and modernized it to fit the industry’s changing times. Mark and Tim’s parents started the farm in the late 1960s with the purchase of two Registered Holstein cows. The Kellercrest prefix was born, and a belief in the value of registered cattle did nothing but fuel the growth of the Keller’s herd. They are the 2008 National Dairy Shrine Progressive Dairy Producers award winners for herds over 300 cows.

Tim and his wife, Sandy, became partners in 1988 before purchasing the herd and deciding to cash rent the farm in 1997. It was in the summer of 1999 that brothers Mark and Tim and Tim’s wife, Sandy, began the expansion process and decided to purchase the farm. Kellercrest is now home to 600 animals, including just over 300 milk cows with a rolling herd average of 28,796 M with 1,072 F and 894 P on 2x milking. The future looks bright as the herd’s ME (mature equivalent) is over 30,000 for the entire herd with the 2-year-olds at nearly 32,000 of milk.

The Kellers take pride in a low herd turnover rate, maintaining a high level of milk with high components, outstanding reproductive efficiency, and maintaining a nationally ranked BAA. For a large herd, the Kellercrest herd goes above and beyond industry benchmarks. To achieve their success, they have made sure to work with good people, speak with experts, and not hesitate to use new technology.

The current BAA of the Keller’s herd is 106.4, which ranks them 5th in the nation among herds with over 200 cows. In all, 44 Keller cows have produced over 200,000 pounds of milk in their lifetime. Kellercrest has been honored by Holstein USA as eight-time winners of the Progressive Genetics Herd Award and as six-time winners of the Progressive Breeders Registry Award. This has opened many doors for Kellercrest, allowing them to market their cattle, gain AI company interest, and consign to sales locally and nationally.

A family truly dedicated to promoting the dairy industry in a positive way, the Kellers look forward to the future and the opportunity to educate youth and foreign visitors, and continue working with University experts to improve their dairy. Their passion for the dairy industry is strong and sincere, and they intend to use their passion to make their dairy more environmentally friendly, keep their children enthusiastic and involved, and continue to plan the evolution of Kellercrest Registered Holsteins, Inc.

Kip and Robin Keller

Kip and Robin Keller of Byron, N.Y., have been named the 2008 National Dairy Shrine Progressive Dairy Producers for herds under 300 cows.

The young couple grew up in eastern New York and started farming on Kip’s family farm. When they outgrew that operation, they relocated to a neighboring dairy and then moved to their current location, a short drive west of Rochester. They are currently in the process of purchasing their dairy facilities and an additional 40 acres of pastureland. They milk 80 registered Jerseys and an additional 12 head of registered Holsteins in a three-row free stall barn with a double-7 parlor. The Jersey herd checks in with a herd average of 20,440 pounds of milk with 4.8 percent butterfat and 3.4 percent protein and an average appraisal score of 84 percent. The Holstein herd has a herd average of 24,101 of milk with 4.3 percent fat and 3.4 percent protein and a classification average of 83 points.

To make their operation run smoothly and to ensure a continual program of progress, the Keller’s have formally constructed goals for many aspects of their dairy business. Goals have matured and been modified as their business has grown and as they have achieved their goals. They say that a simple measure of meeting their financial goals is being able to pay all of their bills on time and taking advantage of cash discounts and prepay...
Three students are honored as this year's Kildee Scholarship Award recipients. The first-place graduate student recognition winner is Jessica Tekippe. Jessica graduated Summa Cum Laude after completing her undergraduate work at Iowa State University this spring. She will begin graduate studies in dairy nutrition at Pennsylvania State University this fall.

At Iowa State, Jessica served in a multitude of leadership capacities for the Dairy Club, Cardinal Key, Farm Operations Club, and Block and Bridle. She was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Alpha Zeta professional agriculture society, in addition to working part-time for Kirkamo Ayrshires.

Jessica was a recipient of numerous honors including ISU Ag Woman of the Year and American FFA Star Finalist in Agriculture Placement. In addition to college-related activities, she was actively involved with the National ADSA Student Affiliate Division as the 2007-2008 president. She was a member of Ayrshire Breeders Association, serving as 2006 National Ayrshire Princess, Holstein Association USA, and the Midwest Dairy Association, serving as 2007 Iowa Dairy Princess.

Jessica maintains involvement with her family's dairy, Sun Valley Farms, in Manchester, Iowa, developing her own small herd of registered Ayrshires.

The second recipient of the Graduate Kildee Scholarship is Linda Behling, a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Linda will enter a fellowship with Vita Plus and UW Madison this fall to begin working towards a graduate degree in dairy nutrition.

Linda was an active member of the Badger Dairy Club, taking on officer positions and serving on several committees. She also was a member of the UW Madison Dairy Judging and National Dairy Challenge teams, a member of Sigma Alpha professional agriculture sorority, Collegiate FFA, and the Association of Women in Agriculture.

In addition to her work, Linda has served on national and regional Junior Holstein Association planning committees. She was a finalist for National Holstein Distinguished Junior Member, as well as receiving numerous awards recognizing her involvement and achievement within the Holstein Association and FFA.

Aaron Horst, a senior at Virginia Polytechnic and State University, is the recipient of the Undergraduate Kildee Scholarship. While at Virginia Tech, Aaron has been especially involved with the Dairy Club, holding several committee and officer positions, as well as the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and a variety of intramural sports. He was a member of the first-place Platinum southern Dairy Challenge team in 2007 and has been honored with many scholarship awards. Additionally, he has received both his Keystone Degree and American Farmer Degree through FFA.

Aaron worked as a Progeny Promotions intern last summer with ABS Global, and returns this summer to gain further experience in sales and sire selection. He plans to enter the A.I. Industry after graduation, with the intent of working into a sire analyst position in the future.

Aaron continues to work with Mi-Rose Jerseys and Holsteins, his family's dairy in Chambersburg, PA. He works closely with breeding, flushing, exhibiting, and advertising to increase marketing and merchandising for their registered cattle.

Our sincerest thanks to Dairy Management Incorporated for their support of our awards and scholarships.

Official Call to the 2008 Annual Meeting

This is the official call for the 59th Annual Meeting of National Dairy Shrine (NDS). The meeting will convene at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 2 in the Mendota Room, lower level of the exhibition hall on the World Dairy Expo grounds.

Members will elect the Board of Directors for the coming year. President Linda Hoddorff and Executive Director Maurice Core will report on activities of the past year, and the chairperson of the various committees will give their reports. President Elect Kevin Stiles will also report on his plans for the upcoming year.

All NDS members who are planning to be at World Dairy Expo on October 2 for the NDS Awards Banquet that evening are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting as well.
2008 NDS/DMI Milk Marketing Scholarships

Katie Mason, of Chestertown, Md., has been awarded the 2008 National Dairy Shrine/DMI Milk Marketing $1,500 Scholarship. Additionally, nine other undergraduate students have been awarded $1,000 scholarships and are listed alphabetically. These generous scholarships are made possible by DMI and NDS to encourage students to pursue careers in dairy product marketing.

Katie Mason exemplifies what this award is about. Throughout her animal science and agribusiness career at Cornell University, she served many leadership roles, including president of Sigma Alpha, Cornell ambassador event coordinator, and Cornell tradition fellow and peer advisor. She also studied at Lincoln University in New Zealand. She grew up helping with the promotion and educational outreach in her family’s artisan cheese business, Eve’s Cheese, LLC. She also served as the 2003-2004 Maryland Dairy Princess and was the 2005-2006 first alternate National Jersey Queen. Upon graduation, she will begin working for AgChoice Farm Credit in York, Pa., and eventually would like to return to Eve’s Cheese and expand the operation to include ice cream, yogurt, and milk.

Amanda Eberle, of Monroe, Wis., is an animal science major at University of Minnesota — Twin Cities. She is the current Midwest Regional ADSA president and annually coordinates June Dairy Month activities through 4-H, FFA, and Junior Holstein. She has interned with Fort Dodge Animal Health and most recently served as the marketing and communications intern at Alto Dairy Cooperative.

Justine Kelsey, of Canastota, N.Y., is an animal science major at Cornell University. She served on the CALS dean student advisory committee as the 2007 chairperson. She served as the summer marketing intern for Balchem Corporation, Division of Animal Nutrition and Health. Her long-term goal is to work in dairy policy after obtaining a juris doctor and master in business administration.

Renee Norman, of Liberty, Pa., is an animal science major at Pennsylvania State University. She served as the editor of the 2006-2007 Penn State Dairy Science Club’s yearbook. Her marketing experience includes the Select Sires, Inc., corporate communications intern, as well as an internship with AgChoice Farm Credit. She is currently working as Associate Editor of the Jersey Journal in Columbus, OH.

Amanda Rasmussen, of Rothsay, Minn., is an animal science major at University of Minnesota — Twin Cities. She currently serves as president of Beta of Clovia Sorority and will work for Wensman Corn Seed as marketing team assistant this summer. She hopes to work for a dairy co-op or state promotion board upon graduation and eventually plans on obtaining a masters in agricultural marketing and communications.

Erica Seitzer, of St. Peter, Minn., is an applied economics major at University of Minnesota — Twin Cities, with an emphasis in agricultural marketing and a minor in mass communications. She was a dairy sales intern for Ft. Dodge Animal Health last summer and plans to pursue a career in dairy product marketing and communications.

Lucas Sjostrom, of Lafayette, Minn., is an agricultural education and animal science major at University of Minnesota — Twin Cities. He is the current vice-president of the Gopher Dairy Club. He served as an intern in Washington D.C. and hopes to work in the dairy policy and communications arena upon graduation. He is currently serving as an intern at Hoard’s Dairyman.

Amanda Trzcinski, of Troy, N.Y., is an animal science major at Cornell University with a dairy business focus. She studied for a semester abroad in Christchurch, New Zealand, which sparked her interest in global dairy marketing. She will serve as a production intern for Kraft Foods this summer and after graduation will pursue a career on the processing and retail side of the dairy business.

Clayton Wood, of Littlestown, Pa, is an animal science and agribusiness major at Cornell University. He has served as the co-captain on the Cornell Rugby team for the past three years. He has held internships at Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, AgChoice Farm Credit, and studied abroad in Ireland. This summer, he will intern at Dairy Farmers of America in its finance department.

Tristan Zuber, of Byron, N.Y., is a food operations and management and animal science major at Cornell University.
Six college students from across the nation have been recognized by the National Dairy Shrine (NDS) for their outstanding leadership skills, academic excellence, and interest in the dairy industry. The Student Recognition Award honors graduating seniors as they begin careers in the dairy industry.

This year’s first place winner is Jessica Tekippe of Manchester, Iowa. Tekippe will receive $1,500 at the NDS awards banquet. Second place honors and $1,000 cash award goes to Matthew Jaschen of Tripoli, Iowa. Four additional students have been named as $500 cash award winners and are listed alphabetically: Linda Behling, Fox Lake, Wis.; Sonja Galley, Garrattsville, N.Y.; Lana Olson, Hutchinson, Minn.; and Lisa Thompson, Starbuck, Minn.

More about the award winners…

First place winner, Jessica Tekippe, graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2008 from Iowa State University with a degree in dairy science. Jessica held numerous leadership positions, including 2007-2008 president of the National American Dairy Science Association–Student Affiliate Division (ADSA–SAD), historian and public relations officer for the Iowa State University Dairy Science Club, and co-editor of the 2008 Iowa State University Dairy Club Yearbook. She currently serves as the 2008-2009 Iowa Dairy Princess.

Jessica was also successful in dairy judging as first team overall, first team reasons, third individual overall, and third individual reasons at the 2007 Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest; second individual in Brown Swiss genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest; second individual in Brown Swiss breed at the 2008 Fort Worth Stock Show Dairy Judging Contest. Jessica’s future plans include attending graduate school at Penn State University to study ruminant and applied dairy nutrition. In the future, she hopes to work for a nutrition consulting firm or an extension service. Jessica also wants to remain directly involved with her family’s Holstein and Ayrshire farm in Manchester, Iowa, and develop a small show herd of Ayrshires.

Second place, Matthew Jaschen, is a May 2008 graduate in dairy science from Iowa State University. As a member of the dairy judging team, Matthew was high individual overall at the 2007 Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest. He also served as vice-president of the Iowa State University Dairy Science Club and was a member of the 2008 Iowa State University National Dairy Challenge team.

Matthew’s future plans include attending graduate school to earn a degree in science teaching and obtain his license to teach biology, chemistry, physics and general science at the secondary and community college levels. He also plans to be the reproductive manager and mate the cows on his family’s dairy farm during summer breaks.

Four additional students were honored…

Linda Behling, graduated in May 2008 with a dairy science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Linda excelled at dairy judging, being high individual overall, first team overall, and first team reasons at the 2008 Fort Worth Stock Show Dairy Judging Contest. Linda serves as president, secretary, and 13th Badger Invitational Sale selections committee chairperson for the Badger Dairy Club. Other honors include being named a National Holstein Distinguished Junior Member Finalist and exhibiting the 2006 Reserve Junior All-American 5-year-old. Linda plans to attend graduate school for dairy nutrition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall and participate in a fellowship program with Vita Plus Corporation.

Sonja Galley, is a May 2008 graduate in dairy science from Virginia Tech. Sonja was first vice-president of the Virginia Tech Dairy Club and was named a Holstein Association USA Distinguished Junior Member Semi-Finalist. In 2004, Sonja served as the New York State Dairy Princess which strengthened her passion for the dairy industry. Sonja wants to work as a herd manager on a farm in the Northeast and someday hopes to own an agrotourism business with facilities that cater to disabled and challenged kids.

Lana Olson, graduated in May 2008 from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a degree in animal science and applied economics. Lisa was an All-American dairy judge at the National Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo. In the future, Lisa is excited to work with her fiancé on his family farm in Minnesota and have a career in dairy consulting.

These award winners will be honored at the National Dairy Shrine’s annual banquet at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., on October 2.
2008 McCullough Winners

Each year, two scholarships are given by NDS in memory of Dr. Marshall E. McCullough, the well-known nutrition researcher and educator from Georgia. Students entering their freshmen year of college planning to major in dairy/animal science or agricultural journalism with a dairy emphasis are selected to receive the scholarships.

Elizabeth Olson, Hutchinson, Minn., will receive the $2,500 top scholarship. She will be attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities this fall. Elizabeth has been an outstanding member of 4-H, FFA, and the National Junior Holstein Association. She graduated from Hutchinson High School this spring with a 3.86 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

After school, Elizabeth lettered in both basketball and softball, was a vacation Bible school leader, and owns a small herd of Simmental cattle.

Elizabeth has attended 14 Holstein USA junior conventions, served on the Minnesota FFA State Officer Nomination Committee, and worked in the Moo Booth at the Minnesota State Fair. While attending the University of Minnesota she will major in animal science, with hopes to practice veterinary medicine in the future.

At Raylore Farm, the Olsons’ family farm, Elizabeth contributes to the marketing and advertising efforts through the farm’s website and printed publications. She also participated in an internship with her local veterinary clinic, assisting with animals and procedures across the realm of the veterinary practice.

Hannah Thompson, Walkersville, Md., will receive a $1,000 scholarship. Thompson is also a top student, graduating from Walkersville High School with a 3.9 GPA this spring. Hannah does not live on a farm but still works three days a week on Glad-Ray Farms where her own dairy cattle are housed.

Hannah was a member of the 2006 National Champion 4-H Dairy Judging Team. The honor allowed her to tour Europe with her teammates and learn a great deal about dairy and agriculture abroad.

Communications has been a big part of Hannah’s life, as she placed among the top 16 Extemporaneous Public Speakers at the National FFA Convention. Hannah has also won Holstein Association USA’s public speaking contest as an intermediate and competed in 4-H regional and state speech contests. This fall, Hannah will be attending The Ohio State University studying communications and dairy science on her path to someday become a strong spokesperson for the dairy industry.

New Members Since February 2008 Chronicle

The following individuals have joined National Dairy Shrine since the January 2008 Chronicle went to press. This list does not include new members from the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge contests.

Bassler, Allen, Upperville, VA
Clark, Wendy J., Waupun, WI
Connelly, Lori L., Harrisburg, PA
Cunningham, Christian, Penngrove, CA
Cunningham, John, Penngrove, CA
Cunningham, Rocco, Penngrove, CA
Dingbaum, Jennifer, Minnetonka, MN
Dyer, Wesley A., Gamaliel, KY
Eade, Micheal, Duluth, GA
Finucane, Kiera A., Bowie, MD
Fricke, Paul, Waunakee, WI
Gates, Bob, Poy Sippi, WI
Gelber, Pete, Montezuma, GA
Giles, Kathryn, Brookfield, WI
Greenbacker, Melissa C., Durham, CT
Gunderson, Scott L., Manitowoc, WI
Hodorf, Harold, Eden, WI
Hohmann, Kathryn J., Sandwich, IL
Holschbach, Dr. Lyle, Reedsville, WI
Holschbach, Roger, Manitowoc, WI
Joyce, Matthew J., Madison, WI
Kaiser, Tom, Cuba City, WI
Keller, Mark, Mt. Horub, WI
Keller, Sandy, Mt. Horub, WI
Keller, Tim, Mt. Horub, WI
Kelley, Molly, Philo, IL
King, Jonah S., Brookings, SD
Knigge, Krista, Mukwonago, WI
Krause, Charles, Buffalo, MN
Krause, Laura, Juneau, WI
Krull, Brian, Lake Mills, WI
Kukowski, Roger, Osceola, WI
Lloyd, Erica L., Pottstown, PA
Lyon, Theresa Ann Devine, Toledo, IA
Mast, Delvin, Grantsville, MD
Mayfield Jr., C. Scott, Athens, TN
McClure, Allen, Hobart, NY
Mlsna, Phil, Cashton, WI
Mohr, Marcia, Middleton, WI
Moody, Steven, Tompkinsville, KY
Morris, Sandy, Amery, WI
Nelson, Warren J., Oshkosh, WI
Null, Daniel, Beltsville, MD
Olson, Doug, Cashton, WI
Orisio Jr., Ray, McMinnville, OR
Posbergh, Erin M., Somerville, NJ
Post, David, Hobart, NY
Pullis, A., Jason, Earlville, NY
Rhoda, David A., Evansville, WI
Smith, Sharon K., Milford, NJ
Stephens, Audrey M., Gamaliel, KY
Thompson, Holly, Plainview, MN
Welch, Robin, Chestertown, MD
Williams, Kurt A., Boonsboro, MD
Woodard III, Ernest Scott, Alabaster, AL
Ashley Sprengeler, Plato, Minn., and David Wilson, Port Royal, Pa., have been named the 2008 National Dairy Shrine-Klussendorf Association Scholarship Award winners. These $1,500 scholarships are awarded annually to two students who have successfully completed at least one year at a two- or four-year college or postsecondary program. The individual must be majoring in dairy science or animal science and with intentions to enter the dairy cattle industry as a breeder, owner, herdsman, or fitter.

The first recipient, Ashley Sprengeler, has played a very active role in the successful management of her family’s 100-cow registered Brown Swiss dairy. From milking cows, to assisting in sire selection, to maintaining their dehorning and vaccination program, Sprengeler has become very well versed in dealing with the everyday challenges of a dairy producer. She hopes to use these experiences and what she learned from them to help her successfully pursue a career in the dairy industry. Sprengeler hopes to work on a large dairy operation after college to learn from dairy managers, gain experience of big farms, and utilize her Spanish speaking skills. Her goal is to one day continue her family’s tradition and own her own 100-cow Brown Swiss farm.

Sprengeler is preparing for this role by obtaining a dairy science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. On campus, she is very involved in the Badger Dairy Club, Association of Women in Agriculture, Sigma Alpha, and the UW-Madison Dairy Cattle Judging and Evaluation Team.

“All of these activities will help me in achieving my goal of running my own successful Brown Swiss herd.”

The second Klussendorf Scholarship winner, David Wilson, grew up on his family’s registered Holstein and Brown Swiss farm, Rose-Edge, outside of Port Royal, Pa. Wilson currently owns 24 Holsteins and 5 Brown Swiss. Upon graduation from Penn State, he plans on continuing to breed and show quality Holsteins and Brown Swiss. At Penn State, Wilson is pursuing a degree in animal science and has been active in the dairy science club and collegiate dairy judging team on campus. Wilson has held many leadership positions within the dairy industry as part of his preparation for a successful career. He is currently serving as the Area I Representative on the National Holstein Junior Advisory Committee and enjoys the opportunity to help mentor youth in the dairy industry. He has also served as president of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association, as well as numerous offices in his county 4-H club.

“The dairy industry has played a vital role in my growth and development from a young boy to a responsible young adult.”

“In the future, I would like to be the eighth generation to return to my home farm, as my parents near retirement age, and expand my herd through growth from within by use of embryo transfer on my genetically elite individuals.”

The National Dairy Shrine-Klussendorf Scholarship is awarded by the National Dairy Shrine and the Klussendorf Association and is made possible by a generous gift by the late Klussendorf Association member, Chris Kampf.

Museum Director Resigns

Sue Hartwick, Director of the Hoard and National Dairy Shrine Museums, has recently resigned. Sue will continue to work part-time until her successor is on the job.

Mrs. Hartwick began her work with the Fort Atkinson museum in 1997. Sue and her husband Jude have four teenagers and have made the decision to spend more time with them before they are off to college.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to Sue for her tireless efforts and great cooperation during her tenure.
Those Who Have Affirmed National Dairy Shrine With A Gift Since Our January 2008 CHRONICLE Went To Press

To honor Robert Basse, TN
Ruth Klussendorf & family, IL

To honor Carl Zurborg, IA
Julie & Ken Brown & family, CA

In tribute to Ilene Carlson, IA
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Foreman, AZ

In tribute to Doug Maddox, CA
Dr. Jack Albright, IN

In memory of Harlan Askeland, CA
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Brown, CA
James Pappas, CA

In memory of Roland Beauvais, NC
Darrel Pidgeon, CO

In memory of John Bishop, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Core, OH

In memory of Ben Jorgenson, WI
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Solberg, WI
Lyle Sorum, CA

In memory of Dr. Al Kunkel, WI
Wayne Quinn, MN

In memory of Bill Maynard, WI
Dr. Lee Allenstein, WI
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Core, OH
Mert Sowerby, MI

In memory of Shinichiro Nosawa, Japan
Darrel Pidgeon, CO

In memory of Nathan Stiles, MD
Mary Shank Creek & family, MD
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Core, OH
Corey Geiger, WI
Joe & Norma Lyon, IA
Eric and Terry Lyon, IA
Sherry and Joe Opitz, MN
Kevin, Karen, Logan & Garrett Stiles, IA

In memory of Robert Shore, ONT
Darrel Pidgeon, CO

In memory of J. George Smith
Richard Nelson, VT

In memory of Merlin Woodruff, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Core, OH

To support National Dairy Shrine programs
Dr. John C. Bruhn, CA
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Giacomini, WI

Core Endowment Fund
Richard Denier, CA
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Iager, MD
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Heisner, OH

Krueger Fund & McCarry Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lyon, IA

Milk Marketing Book


This 216-page manuscript is full of interesting pictures. It briefly covers early-recorded history when mankind used the milk and products made from milk provided by domesticated mammals. From there the author describes the growth in numbers and size of dairy farms, the rapid increase in the population of the consuming public, the growth in farmer-owned milk cooperatives and organizations that process and deliver milk, and the advances and improvement from early history until 2005.

The book is easy to read and has been carefully researched. These books sell for $20.00 each at the NDS booth at World Dairy Expo or $25.00 each if you want one shipped to you.

Name:________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
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Phone number: __________________________________
Number of books desired _______ @ $25.00
Check enclosed for __________
Or
Visa or Master card #: ____________________________
Expiration date: _________________________________
National Dairy Shrine will be sponsoring its seventh consecutive Silent Auction during World Dairy Expo in Madison. All items will be displayed in the NDS booth until Thursday afternoon when they will be moved to the Exposition Center for display during the National Dairy Shrine Reception. Most of the items will be sold that evening. A few of the Holstein consignments won’t be sold until 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 4. These items will be so marked.

Our booth will again be located in the same location (Space No. – WL01) near the west doors (arena level) of the Coliseum. All proceeds will be transferred to the scholarship fund. Call Dave Selner at 920-863-6333 or Email info@dairyshrine.org if you have something you would like to donate to the sale. Several of the items selling are pictured below:

**Items Selling Include:**

1. **Milk Maiden**  
   Duane Norman, MD

2. **Antique Ice Cream Freezer**  
   Mrs. Joanne Muck, IL

3. **Painted Cow Tea Pot**  
   Carole Core, OH

4. **Blue & White Milk Pitcher**  
   Sharin Adkins, OH

5. **Jersey Pasture Scene**  
   Chris Rowley, OH

6. **Small Painted Cow**  
   Arlene Crosser, OH

7. **Mayfield Jersey Milk Bottle**  
   Mrs. Joanne Muck, IL

8. **Advertising Milk Sign**  
   Mrs. Joanne Muck, IL

9. **Dairy Print**  
   Sharin Adkins, OH

10. **Wooden Box with “Wide Load” Engraved On Top**  
    American Jersey Cattle Association

**Also Selling but not pictured:**

- Hoards Dairyman Magazine  
  Mr. & Mrs. Charles Iager, MD

- Two Ice Cream Scoops  
  Mrs. Joanne Muck, IL

- Sale Catalogs (Paclamar & Osborndale)  
  Mrs. Roger Ives, MA

- Dunloggin Milk Bottle  
  Mr. & Mrs. Charles Iager, MD

- Ed Harrison Judging Book  
  Larry Specht, PA

- National Holstein Sale Catalog  
  Darrell Pidgeon, Co

- Sale Catalogs (Romandale & Oak Ridge)  
  Bert Stewart, Ont.

- “Six in Serenity” Artist Comp Print by Jeanne Tuman of MN
  Sue Alderman, OH

- Eustis Model Jersey Cow, #196  
  Sue Alderman, OH

- Carnation Farms History Books (2)  
  Carnation Farms

- Guernsey Print by Bonnie Mohr #225  
  PA Guernsey Breeders Association
NDS Visitors’ Center Has a New Cow Greeter

The National Dairy Shrine Visitors’ Center is proud to welcome its newest herdmate. Joining the displays of historic cows that have influenced dairy herds for generations is “Sun in the Mornin’ – Moon at Night”, a former Wisconsin “Cow on Parade”.

The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board donated the creatively designed cow to the National Dairy Shrine in October of 2006, but has housed her at their offices in Madison during the Hoard Historical Museum renovation.

Through Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board’s sponsorship of CowParade Wisconsin 2006, they were able to keep a few cows to display and use for promotion. “We couldn’t think of a better place than the Dairy Shrine to have one of the cows on permanent display for everyone to see,” says Becky Kronberg, manager of local markets communication for the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. “It’s a great opportunity to share CowParade with everyone.”

“Sun in the Mornin’ – Moon at Night” officially moved to Fort Atkinson in January. The cow will be resting on a 2-foot tall oak base near the guestbook and can be moved outdoors on sunny days.

“Sun in the Mornin’ – Moon at Night” was designed by artist Greg Zeszotarski of Lone Rock, Wis. Greg and his wife, Chris, are very excited to have contributed to Wisconsin’s Cow Parade and are glad “Sun in the Mornin’ – Moon at Night” will have a permanent home promoting the Wisconsin dairy industry.

The cow is lying down and the artwork features a daytime and nighttime version of a spring farm scene, complete with a round barn, silos, farm fields and tulips.

CowParade Wisconsin 2006 brought 101 cows to downtown Madison, the UW-Madison campus area, Fitchburg and Sun Prairie, in addition to a travelling herd. “Sun in the Mornin’ – Moon at Night” made her home that summer on the grounds of the capitol building near an entrance and saw many visitors from June through the middle of October.

The National Dairy Shrine Visitor’s Center is excited to display “Sun in the Mornin’ – Moon at Night” for all visitors throughout the year.

Progressive Dairy Producers Continued...

opportunities. They proudly say that many of their goal setting and evaluation sessions take place while working side by side milking the herd, fixing fences, or some other mundane but important job.

Because they have been leasing their facility for the last nine years, major improvements to the facilities have been minimal. Two changes that they took on themselves with the blessing of their landlord were the removal of mattresses and converting to sand bedding and removal of the solid barn walls and replacing it with a curtain system. They credit the sand for keeping their cows more comfortable in their stalls, as well as helping to minimize occurrences of mastitis. Removal of the barn wall has increased air movement through the barn, as well as added more light. They have recently added a dozen fans and a feed line misting system for the feed bunk to keep the herd cool during the summer months.

The young and energetic couple believes that smaller dairies in the future will need creative management. Their business approach of developing a secondary revenue stream with their herd by building on opportunities for genetics merchandising includes defining themselves as a niche market source for the polled gene in Jerseys and achieving these goals without compromising standards for other traits such as functional type and milk production. This income source provides extra cash flow for times of low milk pricing, or to pay down debt more rapidly or to make equipment improvements.

The Kellers say that paying down debt
Following an extensive search by National Dairy Shrine’s six-person executive committee, Dr. David Selner was chosen to succeed Maurice Core as the seventh executive director for the 59-year-old organization dedicated to preserving dairy history, promoting the dairy industry, and developing future dairy leaders. Selner will officially begin his role as executive director for National Dairy Shrine (NDS) on August 1, 2008.

“National Dairy Shrine is fortunate to secure the talented Dr. David Selner as its next Executive Director,” says Linda Hodorf, president of NDS. “We are confident that his dairy industry experience combined with his spirit of community service will help NDS further expand its contributions to the dairy industry.”

David Selner has stepped up to the plate numerous times to assist NDS. He co-chaired the organization’s 50th anniversary celebration. He served as chair of the original Progressive Dairy Producer committee. Selner served six years on the NDS board of directors. In 2002, he served as the 53rd president. At the time, the organization set plans in motion to renovate the National Dairy Shrine Visitor’s Center and to update all its presentations at the Fort Atkinson based facility. Selner continues to guide the NDS Video History Committee by serving as its chair. In addition to his work with NDS, served in various roles with the A.I. industry for over 30 years focusing on genetics. Selner also has been a long-time leader of the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, working with the contest for the past 30 years and serving as its superintendent for 24 years.

“I am greatly honored to step into the role of the executive director for National Dairy Shrine,” says Selner. “I have big shoes to fill. NDS has been blessed with great executive directors from Joe Eves, ‘Mr. Dairy Shrine’ to Maurice Core. I promise to do my best to live up to the standard they have set for me.”

For the past 11 years, Maurice Core, has served as the guiding force for NDS. It was at the 58th annual meeting that Core shared his desire to step down from the leadership role within the organization. He and his wife, Carole, have agreed to assist Dairy Shrine through the leadership transition and will be working for the organization through the annual meeting to be held at World Dairy Expo.

Distinguished Breeder Continued ...

“They have accomplished so much in developing the Comestar herd to where it is recognized the world over, as one of the premier breeding establishments for world class genetics,” says Peter Heffering of Hanover Hill Farm. “Marc’s knowledge of breeding and farm management is well documented, and his forums are always well attended. The breeders appreciate the opportunity to listen and absorb his thoughts and wisdom,” says Heffering. Marc is indeed respected by his peers. In 1996, he was awarded the Curtis Clark Award which is the highest honor given to a Canadian dairy exhibitor at the Royal. In 1999, he judged the Royal Winter Fair. In addition, Marc Comtois also has traveled to 20 countries to judge breed shows, and he was named a Master Breeder by Holstein Canada in 1995, and has served on Holstein Canada’s Classification Advisory Committee.

“Comestar cattle are among the most sought after in the world,” says Steve Briggs of Brigeen Farms in Turner, Maine. “The breeding impact of Comestar Laurie Sheik is now legendary.” So it goes without saying that buyers voted with their pocketbooks in 2000 by making the Comestar herd the highest ever sale in Canadian history when the Marc Comtois Family sold 269 head for a total of $2.16 million which is an average of $8,036. Marc and France Comtois’ children are now part of the business, ensuring a promising future for Comestar Holsteins.
Plan To Attend the National Dairy Shrine’s Annual Awards Banquet

Plans have been finalized for the 2008 National Dairy Shrine Awards Banquet to be held in Madison, Wisconsin on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

Time:  5:30 p.m.  Reception & Silent Auction
       6:30 p.m.  Banquet
       7:30 p.m.  Program

Place:  The Expo Center, adjacent to the Dane County Coliseum on the World Dairy Expo grounds.

Tickets: Tickets can be purchased by mail using the form below. Orders received by September 15 will have their tickets sent by mail. Persons whose ticket orders are received after that date will need to pick up their tickets on Wednesday or Thursday at the National Dairy Shrine booth or at the registration table prior to the banquet. Tickets will be sold at the National Dairy Shrine booth. They will also be available at the registration table prior to the banquet at $30.00 each.

I would like _____ Dairy Shrine banquet ticket(s) @ $30.00 each.

My check for $_______ is enclosed, payable to National Dairy Shrine.

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