Membership

This year, National Dairy Shrine celebrates its 70th anniversary. What an accomplishment!

For 70 years National Dairy Shrine has honored past and present dairy leaders, inspired future dairy leaders, recorded dairy industry history and promoted the dairy industry.

As a member you are reminded of this mission and the goals of this great organization every time you open your Chronicle. As I reflect on what that mission means to me and being a National Dairy Shrine member means to you.

My reflection always brings me back to our annual gathering at World Dairy Expo on Thursday afternoon and evening. It starts with the Annual Meeting, which if you haven’t done so in the past, I would encourage you to attend in the future, as it is a nice way to get an in-person update on the activities of the National Dairy Shrine. As part of that meeting, everyone in attendance introduces themselves, and who was the President and Executive Director at the time they became a member.

To be surrounded by present leaders of our great industry as they reminisce about becoming a member of National Dairy Shrine is very inspiring. If you are curious, for me, the year was 1994, the President was J. Lloyd Ebersole and the Executive Secretary was James Leuenberger.

(Pro tip: If for one reason or another you need to research who was President and Executive Secretary when you became a member, you can find it on the National Dairy Shrine website) Connecting past and present leaders, that’s what membership in National Dairy Shrine can do.

New this year, and while the Annual Meeting was taking place, we hosted a reception for our scholarship winners and parents along with NDS Membership and Scholarship sponsors. Feedback from students, sponsors and board members that attended was overwhelmingly positive. Our goal is to continue and expand on this reception for 2020 and beyond. Connecting students with each other and with industry leaders, that’s what membership in National Dairy Shrine can do.

To cap off the evening we had our banquet. It’s a very special event to be a part of. We honor folks that have unselfishly spent their careers paving the way for our industry to succeed, and we honor future leaders that are eager to promote our industry for years to come through $60,000 worth of scholarships.

Honoring past and present leaders who promote our industry, while encouraging students to realize their dreams and lead our industry in the future, that’s what membership in National Dairy Shrine can do.

What else can membership in National Dairy Shrine do? It can help build and give you access to a world class museum that records our industry’s history. If you haven’t visited the museum lately, I would encourage you to do so. The Museum Committee is continually looking at ways to update and invigorate displays.

Currently they are looking at ways to display the importance of animal nutrition and embryo transfer to our history. We also have several University alumni who are sponsoring membership to graduating students, a program that has been growing over the last several years. On our website you can find links to our important partners and a listing of 77 internships available to youth in our industry. The list of what National Dairy Shrine can do is endless.

Of course, for National Dairy Shrine to succeed with all that we can do, we need support. I would be remiss to not take a second and thank our dedicated Executive Director Dr. David Selner, our talented board members and volunteers that collectively dedicate thousands of hours of time each year to support our mission.

I also want to recognize our industry partners and passionate individuals that have contributed financially to National Diary Shrine. Thank you. The reality is we need more, and that’s where you come in. We are very excited that we are going to reach our goals of 20,000 members by 2020. Let’s celebrate by giving back and putting National Dairy Shrine in a position to hit the next milestone.

Honoring past and present. Inspiring future leaders. Recording history. Promoting the industry. Have you thought about what membership in the National Dairy Shrine means to you? I would now invite you to think about what you can do for the membership of National Dairy Shrine.
### NDS Membership, and Scholarship Sponsors

- Dairy Management Inc.
- Dairy Farmers of America
- AllFlex USA

### 2019 NDS Banquet Sponsors

- Hoard’s Dairyman
- Thompson Investment Management
- American Jersey Cattle Association
- National All Jersey Inc
- Dairy Records Management Systems
- Holstein Association USA
- Genus ABS Global
- Vita Plus
- Select Sires
- Nasco
- GENEX
- Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin
- Hilmar Cheese
- Connor Agriscience
- World-Wide Sires Ltd
- Dairy Business
- Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association
- Wisconsin Holstein Association
- Dairy Herd Management / Milk Magazine
- U.S Ayrshire Breeders Association
2019 Banquet Photos and Highlights

Guest of Honor Presenter Nate Janssen with Carol & Mike Hutjens

Guest of Honor Acceptance Mike Hutjens with Carol

Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder - Mary Creek, Presenter Linda Hanson, and Ralph Shank Jr.

Pioneer Presenter Dennis Funk with Zechariah Moore, John Clay, Sheila McGuirk, Michael Barnes & Ken Butcher

Presenter Dennis Funk with 2019 Pioneer Honorees

Presenter Funk inviting Pioneer Barnes for comments
2019 Banquet Photos and Highlights

Klussendorf/McKown Scholarship - (left to right)
Samantha Schuessler, Brock Irwin, Katelyn Nolt, Todd Allen, Cassie Menendez, Lukas Pierson & Corey Geiger

Lancaster Sophomore Merit Scholarship - (left to right)
Madeline Zutz, Lora Wright, Jessica Mehre, Lindsey Sarbacker, Kathryn Gardner, Summer Henschel

DMI Education & Communication Scholarship - (left to right)
Katherine Gathe, Rachel Coyne, Erika Franzen Ackerman, Meikah Dado presenter Leah Ziemba

DMI Milk & Dairy Scholarship - (left to right)
Presenter Karen Wheatley, Ashley Warren, Samantha Schuessler, Emily Annexstad, Kathryn Gardner

Iager Dairy Scholarship - (left to right)
Brock Irwin, Mary McGehee, & Presenter Matt Iager
2019 Banquet Photos and Highlights

Sowerby Scholarship - (left to right)
presenter Ken Raney, Lauren Heberling, Sarah Thomas, Sanne De Bruijn, Madeline Meyer, Emily Annexstad, Shoshana Brody

Kildee Scholarship - (left to right)
presenter James Huffard & Alexandra Gambonini

Senior Student Recognition - (left to right)
presenter Joel Hastings, Alexandra Gambonini, Abigail Jantzi, Brooke Roberts, Erica Helmer, Katelyn Allen

McCullough Scholarship - (left to right)
Kendra Waldenberger & Ashley Hagenow

Banquet Guests Kevin Stiles, Bill Hageman, Jay Weiker et al

Banquet Guests Tom Lyon, Richard Chichester, Kathryn Gardner, Sanne DeBruijn Tina Larson, et al
2019 Annual Meeting

Sponsor Reps Glen Easter and Glenn Fischer with students

NDS Annual Meeting President Schirm

NDS Annual Meeting Members and Guests

2019 Student-Sponsor Reception

Members Who Have Affirmed National Dairy Shrine with a Gift in Memory or as to Honor

Donations for NDS Scholarship Funds
Central Milk Producers Co-op Hansen Memorial
Charles Crave
Peter Vail

Donation for 2019 NDS Museum Fund
Wisconsin Holstein Jr Association

In Memory of Verne Adams
Kevin Stiles

In Memory of Richard Cotta
Darrell & Ann Pidgeon

In Memory of John McKittrick
Darrell & Ann Pidgeon

In Memory of John Hetts
Roy & Karen Hetts

In Memory of Robert & Jean McKown
David Murch

In Memory of Randy Geiger
Al Schultz
David Selner

In Memory of David Rose
Earl & Betty Kehrmeyer
At the 70th annual meeting of the National Dairy Shrine, Nate Janssen, Wheaton, Illinois was elected President of the organization. Meanwhile, Dr. Dennis Funk, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin was chosen as President-Elect. Elected to the Executive Committee along with Janssen and Funk were; Janet Keller, Oregon, Wisconsin, Tim Abbott, Enosburg, Vermont, Dr Matt Iager, Boonsboro, Maryland and immediate Past President Larry Schirm of Laurelville, Ohio.


At the annual NDS board meeting the National Dairy Shrine directors approved the continuation of fulfilling the mission of the NDS founders of preserving dairy history and honoring the past, present and future dairy leaders.
### National Dairy Shrine – Important Dates

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<td><strong>March 15, 2020</strong></td>
<td>Applications due for Guest of Honor, Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder, and Pioneer Awards. Applications can be found at <a href="http://www.dairyshrine.org">www.dairyshrine.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>March 1 to April 15, 2020</strong></td>
<td>All student applications will be accepted for the various National Dairy Shrine scholarships. Please refer to <a href="http://www.dairyshrine.org">www.dairyshrine.org</a> For more information, procedures and application forms for all scholarships.</td>
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<td><strong>October 1, 2020</strong></td>
<td>National Dairy Shrine Corporate Annual Meeting (Director elections, Business Meeting &amp; Reports) Also Annual Reception and Awards Banquet in Madison, Wisconsin.</td>
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