

## **BARBWIRE**

**By Barb Lumley**

### **OHIO HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD**

**Over 200 Ohio Holstein Association members, their families and friends attended the Ohio Holstein Association Annual Meeting and Luncheon held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Schoenbrunn/Marlite Convention Center in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Executive Director, Tom Thorbahn called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Jim Ray.**

**Prior to the start of the luncheon the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Glenn Sageser, longtime Ohio field man for Holstein Association USA. Glenn began his duties in Ohio in the southern counties. He now covers all of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He was honored for his work with individual herds, encouraging them to register their Holsteins, to participate in national programs, to join and become active in the Ohio Holstein Association and for his help with Ohio Holstein consignment sales and private sales.**

**Following a delicious luncheon, master of ceremonies, Michelle Specht, introduced the candidates for the Ohio Holstein Queen contest. Ella Jackson, daughter of Ray and Colleen Jackson, DeGRaff, Ohio, District 11, was chosen as the 2016 Ohio Holstein Queen. Runner-up was Becca Vales, daughter of Stephen and Laurie Vales, Lakeview, Ohio, District 7.**

**The hosts of the Friday evening tours were recognized, Bill and Tina Deetz and Family, Four Pines Farm, Sugarcreek, Ohio and John and Paula Steel, and Family, Steam Valley Farms, Dover, Ohio. The winners of the judging contest were: Junior Division – 1. Tori Deam 2. Clay Scott 3. Allison Steinke; Senior Division – 1. Lisa Weaver 2. Jim Sheffield 3. Daryl Duncan. Prizes were donated by COBA/Select Sires.**

**Progressive Breeder Registry Awards, numerous production awards, and the All-Ohio Awards were presented to both Junior and Senior members. Pine-Tree Dairy, Matthew Steiner and Sons,**

**Marshallville, Ohio received the awards for consigning the top selling animals in each of the four Ohio Holstein consignment sales in 2015.**

**The Junior Buckeye Breed Builder Award went to Phillip Topp, Topp View Holsteins, Botkins, Ohio, District 14. The Senior Buckeye Breed Builder Award went to Lawrence Whiteleather, Whiteleather Holsteins, Minerva, Ohio, District 2.**

**The award for the Ohio Holstein Woman of the Year went to Catherine Ramsey, Paradise Valley Farms, Louisville, Ohio. Catherine and husband, Paul, were married in 1950 and have been farming and raising registered Holsteins for many years. Catherine raised a family of five, while helping every day on the farm and keeping the financial records. Both have been very active in Ohio Holstein activities throughout the years. Catherine still enjoys spending time on the farm and with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.**

**Election reports were given. Officers of the Ohio Holstein Association are President, Randall Kiko; Vice-President, Paul Haskins; Secretary, Suzy Lora; Treasurer, Lisa Mangun. Executive Board members are Dallas Rynd, Joe Miley, Lamar Liming, and Greg Conrad. Officers of the Ohio Holstein Women's Association are President, Betty Whiteleather Johnson; Vice-President, Louise Harding; Secretary, Sara Twining; and Treasurer, Lisa Mangun. Ohio Junior Holstein Association officers are President, Emma Mathews; Vice-President, Keaton Topp; Secretary, Kinley Topp; Treasurer, Madelyn Topp; News reporter, Tim Gunkelman. Board members are Louis Liming and Maggie Mathews.**

**The Esther Welch Scholarship was presented to Matthew Oechsle, Van Wert, Ohio. The JoAnn Bickel Scholarship was given to Emma Mathews, New Vienna, Ohio. The Ohio Holstein Women's Scholarship went to Anna Miley, West Salem, Ohio. The Ohio Holstein Women's Fun Auction netted \$1875, which will be used for scholarships and various activities.**