Carl Kline Retires from MMPA Board of Directors

After over 20 years on the MMPA board of directors, Carl Kline of White Pigeon retired from the board in March. Carl served as the District 2 director for the past nine years. Prior to that he served 12 years as a director-at-large.

Carl was first elected to the board in 1980 at the time the Constantine Creamery merged with MMPA. Carl served as president of the Constantine Creamery board. He also served as MMPA Vice-president for several years. Carl's interest in milk marketing led to his tenure on the board.

"I have always been interested in milk marketing," Carl says. "The more you get involved, the more you try to make the price of milk as good as it can be for every farmer."

Carl served on the board during the time that MMPA began the joint venture with Leprino Foods. He believes that the partnership with Leprino was a turning point in the association.

"I remember the first time we went to Denver to the Leprino headquarters, it was a really interesting place," Carl says. " Working out the agreement with Leprino was one of the most interesting times we had. I think it turned out to be one of the better things we did for the cooperative."

Carl also served on other boards including the National Milk Producers Federation and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

"Carl provided outstanding service throughout the industry," says MMPA President Elwood Kirkpatrick. "His dedication to the industry is certainly appreciated."

Carl has been slowly phasing out of the dairy business. Because none of his children wanted to farm, he sold the farm to a younger couple but maintained ownership of some of the cows. He now grows some fruit and vegetable crops in the White Pigeon area.

Tim Hood of Paw Paw was elected at the District 2 Delegate Meeting in February to replace Carl on the board of directors.

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