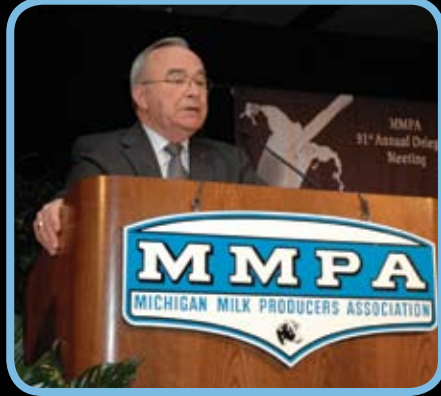


2007 MMPA Annual Meeting

March 20, 2007



Top: MMPA leaders give their reports to the delegate body. (l-r) John Dilland, General Manager; Elwood Kirkpatrick, President; Velmar Green, Treasurer.



The Top Quality Award winners for 2006 are Tom Carson and family from Hesperia, Mich. Pictured with Tom is his wife, Shirley and sons Eric and Ryan.



Dr. Jeff Armstrong and Dr. Karen Plaut from MSU and John Dilland, signed the endowment agreement to form the Elwood Kirkpatrick Dairy Science Research Fund at Michigan State University.



All the 2006 District Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperators were recognized at the annual meeting including (pictured from left) the 2006 OYDC runners-up Doeke and Melissa Prins and the 2006 OYDC Tom and Dianne Cook.

Honoring Elwood Kirkpatrick



Many friends and industry colleagues paid tribute to Elwood Kirkpatrick for his years of service to MMPA and the dairy industry during a special dinner and luncheon held in his honor. Pictured above (l-r) milk hauler Dennis Simon, Rep. Judy Emmons and retired MMPA general manager Jack Barnes.



MDA director Mitch Irwin (left) and retired MMPA General Manager Walt Wosje (right) paid tribute to Elwood.

Elwood's family was also on hand to honor Elwood and his service to the industry. (Pictured left to right) Amy and Brad Kirkpatrick, Maureen and Dean Kirkpatrick, Michelle and Elwood, Lisa Iden, Beverly McFarland, Ron and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

