

Building on the Past for a Promising Future



2009 OYDCs Jeremy and Summer Werth (left) and 2009 OYDC Runners-Up Tom and Heather Wing (right) were presented with mementos recognizing their year as OYDCs from MMPA Board Member Mark Halbert (center). The Werths shared photos and stories about their farm in Alpena during the morning session.



Over 90 percent of the voting delegates attended the annual meeting where they elected an at-large board member, discussed and approved policy resolutions (printed on pages 22-31) that will guide MMPA in the upcoming year. During the resolutions process, delegates are welcome to voice their opinions in support or opposition of any resolution before being voted on by the delegates.



Melissa Cummings of Domino's Pizza, the world's largest pizza delivery company, highlighted the similarities between Domino's and MMPA. "Our two industries are so intertwined that what benefits one, benefits the other," she said noting that pizza sales account for 25 percent of mozzarella cheese sold in the U.S. She also discussed several new pizzas available for consumers to choose, many of which contain 40-50 percent more cheese than a standard Domino's pizza.

2010 MMPA Annual Meeting



During his Annual Meeting speech, MMPA President Ken Nobis highlighted many issues facing dairy farmers today. Delegates re-elected Ken to a three-year term on the board of directors.



District 4 Director Dan Javor presented MMPA's 2009 Top Quality Award to Kevin Cavanaugh for the third year in a row. Kevin milks 60 cows in Leslie. Kevin's herd achieved the following quality averages this past year: a somatic cell count of 45,917, PI count of 2,167 and Raw Bacteria Count of 1,083. Kevin will be featured in the May Messenger.

Honoring John Dilland



A special retirement luncheon for retiring General Manager John Dilland was held during the meeting. Several presentations honoring John were made during the program, including a citation from the Michigan Legislature sponsored and presented by Rep. Kevin Daley (right photo), a former MMPA member. All three of John's sons were present at the meeting (left photo), having traveled from different parts of the country to share in the day. Following the annual meeting, all members were invited to join in a retirement reception for John. Other speakers during the luncheon included Walt Wosje, retired MMPA General Manager; Larry Jensen, President, Leprino Foods; James McKeon, Vice President, JP Morgan Chase Bank; Russ Nelson and Rich Kaiser, Cobank Farm Credit Leasing and Dave Armstrong, Greenstone Farm Credit Services.