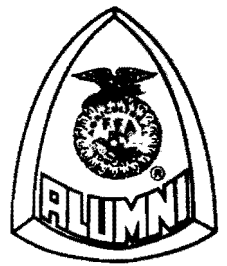


# FFA NEWSLETTER

## Alumni Association



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### FFA ALUMNI IS WORTH YOUR TIME

Roxann Sommers, London, Ohio

We are all busy people. I am a mother of two and a wife of one (there is no time for a divorce). I own four horses (which I never have time to ride), two dogs, and there were six cats at the barn the last time I counted. I am also employed full-time as the 4-H agent in my county.

I really don't have the time to spend hours upon hours promoting the FFA Alumni Association and the National FFA Organization, not to mention all the other agricultural related associations involved in agriculture.

So why, you might ask, is this extremely busy person, who says she does not have time, been so involved in the FFA Alumni Association and is now your National FFA Alumni President. Simple, I have something greater than time, I have desire. A desire, a commitment, a stubborn will (that is what my husband calls it) to provide a quality life for the youth of today and our future generations. My time then becomes something I have to find.

My fellow FFA Alumni members, I know that you have this desire as well. You would not be receiving this newsletter if you did not. We must combine our desires and organize our efforts to make 1991 our greatest year ever.

No, "I don't have time for this." So I have to make time and use it wisely. Desire will keep me very busy in 1991. Remember if you desire, you too will find the time to continue your support and promotion of the agricultural education program, FFA, PAS, Young Farmers, and the FFA Alumni Association.

### DODGE TRUCK SPONSORS NEWSLETTER

Dodge Truck is a new sponsor for two issues of the National FFA Alumni Newsletter. Dodge Truck has been a sponsor of FFA for many years. They will be increasing their support of FFA in 1991 in addition to sponsoring two issues of the FFA Alumni newsletter. The Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company will continue to sponsor the other two issues.

### ALUMNI SPONSORS NVATA BREAKFAST

A breakfast was sponsored by the National FFA Alumni for spouses at the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in early December. This breakfast was attended by approximately 40 spouses.

### ROXANN SOMMERS ELECTED NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI PRESIDENT



Pictured above is our new national president, Roxann Sommers from London, Ohio, receiving the gavel from Josiah Phelps, Fort Valley, Georgia, 1989-90 president.

### FFA CONVENTION SETS RECORD ATTENDANCE

The 63rd National FFA Convention set a record attendance of 24,180 FFA members, advisors, FFA alumni and guests.

### FFA REAPPORTIONMENT APPROVED

The FFA convention delegates passed a constitutional amendment to reapportion delegates to a "fixed 475". After serious deliberations of the crucial issues pertaining to equal representation of FFA membership, the delegates ended years of concern by establishing the delegate number for 1991 at 475. This is a 400% increase over the delegate number two years ago.

### FIFTEEN DAYS IN AUSTRALIA!

FFA will send a small group of FFA alumni (ages 21-28) to attend the National Convention of the Australian Council of Rural Youth which will be held in Sydney in July, 1991. The program will include three days at the convention, eight days with host families from New South Wales, two days at an agriculture college, and sightseeing. Participants are free to extend their stay for their own independent touring if they wish. For more information or an application, contact Scott Ryckman in the FFA International department, 1-703-360-3600.

## STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The National FFA Alumni will award four state grants worth \$500.00 each to state FFA Alumni associations to be used in initiating programs to benefit agricultural education. All proposals must be postmarked by **February 15, 1991**, and should include a description of the project and a budget. Proposals must not be more than two pages in length.

## STATE LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Pictured above are the winners of the special blue membership development blazers. These blazers were presented to states increasing 1989 membership by 50 or more members. The states receiving the award for 1990 are:

Arizona	Illinois	New Mexico
Arkansas	Michigan	Oklahoma
Colorado	Missouri	Wisconsin

## FFA CREED REVISED

FFA convention delegates rejected the creed proposed by the FFA Board of Directors and printed in your fall newsletter. They voted to make three revisions to the E. M. Tiffany Creed. The revisions included changing the word "farming" to "agriculture" in the first paragraph, "pursuit" to "pursuits" in the second paragraph, and "rural America" to "American agriculture" in the last paragraph.

## CHARTER FFA AND FFA ALUMNI MEMBER ATTENDS CONVENTION

Terry Horn of Knoxville, Tennessee, was a charter member of the FFA in 1928 and joined the FFA Alumni in 1972 as a charter member. He has supported FFA for 62 years and served as Tennessee FFA Alumni president and as a member of the National FFA Alumni Council. He was recognized at the FFA Alumni convention banquet.



## ALUMNI SALUTES EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

Since our summer 1990 newsletter, the following have contributed \$100.00 or more as Executive Sponsors of the FFA. The number of years of contributions is listed in parentheses. All alumni are encouraged to become an executive sponsor. For information, write the FFA Alumni office.

<b>Arizona</b> Kenneth Johnson (5)	John B. Wall (15)	Phyllis Sokolosky (13)
<b>California</b> Edward Murakami (13)	Ronald Wilson (12)	Bob Waller (4)
Warren Reed (3)	<b>Kentucky</b> David M. Coffey (2)	<b>Pennsylvania</b> James H. Dunn (6)
Lynnville Smith (2)	Martin Holahan (4)	Doyle Waybright (1)
<b>Colorado</b> Stephen J. Cain (3)	<b>Louisiana</b> Jimmy Dillon (4)	<b>Rhode Island</b> Paul Kempe Jr. (2)
William Eastwood (2)	<b>Maryland</b> Susan J. Butler (3)	<b>South Carolina</b> J. F. Wyse (3)
Carl F. Gerhardt (10)	John R. Ford (13)	<b>Tennessee</b> J. Carroll Jones (4)
Thomas Lovegrove (1)	Carroll Shry (3)	Donald Nelson (3)
Jeff Tichota (1)	<b>Massachusetts</b> Dean K. Webster (3)	<b>Texas</b> Donnell Brown (1)
Donald Witnam (6)	<b>Michigan</b> Joseph Downey (9)	<b>Texas</b> J. Paul Taber (16)
<b>Connecticut</b> Rollie Hendrickson (17)	Richard Karelse (5)	<b>Virginia</b> Joy & Larry Case (6)
Donald L. Staheli (15)	Robert M. Keil (5)	Betsy/Woody Cox (13)
<b>Florida</b> James S. Quincey (1)	Jerome B. York (3)	Erika Freeman (8)
<b>Georgia</b> Ronald Register (2)	<b>Minnesota</b> Paul M. Day (12)	Kipling Godwin (1)
Robert A. Sisk (2)	R. James Ertl (4)	Patsy/Tony Hoyt (9)
<b>Illinois</b> Russell Ash (3)	Allen A. Housh (8)	Virgil L. Kline (5)
Eldon Aupperle (15)	Ted A. Priebe (9)	Glenn Luedke (16)
Nick Babson (5)	<b>Mississippi</b> Bill McGrew (1)	John Pope (5)
Warren S. Clark Jr. (2)	Glenn See (6)	McCheyne Swartzel (15)
Gaylord Donnelley (26)	<b>Missouri</b> Steven Blives (1)	<b>West Virginia</b> Stacy A. Gartin (3)
Arthur Gilbert (3)	Harold Howard (11)	Homer J. Yokum (2)
Alfred F. Kemnitz (20)	Gary L. Maricle (7)	<b>Wisconsin</b> Doug E. Butler (8)
Paul C. Krouse (13)	Jeri D. Mattics (1)	Arnold B. Cordes (12)
Robert Lanphier III (9)	Mark Mayfield (2)	Joseph Darcey (3)
Dale Miller (4)	Edward McMillan (8)	Blackhawk FFA Alumni (11)
Jeff Moss (3)	Robert C. Morton (6)	Richard L. Gamble (1)
Dietmar Olesch (3)	K. Sue Rourk (3)	Robert L. Green (2)
Kenneth Rinkenberger (2)	<b>New Hampshire</b> Wentworth Hubbard (11)	Barb/Ferron Havens (4)
Mark Rumbold (6)	<b>New Jersey</b> Albert J. Costello (4)	Hub Jauquet (7)
<b>Indiana</b> Nick D. Hein (6)	<b>New Mexico</b> Rancho La Frontera (3)	Aralda/Charles Larson (13)
Michael Jackson (3)	<b>New York</b> Dale Beaty (6)	Virgil Martinson (13)
David A. Maurer (7)	McCormick Farms (12)	Eugene C. Meyer (6)
<b>Iowa</b> Donald Anderson (4)	<b>Ohio</b> Odell Miller (7)	Bernie L. Nielsen (2)
Buzz Baker (2)	Roxann Sommers (2)	Gene Pressnall (3)
Kenneth Gregersen (4)	R. Lynn Wells (2)	Scott S. Sherry (6)
John R. Hagie (11)	<b>Oklahoma</b> June Dean (1)	Glenn Sims (1)
Jack May (3)	Keith Hildreth (4)	James Sipiorski (5)
Fred Miller Jr. (4)		Paul A. Weasler (10)
William Munsell (9)		
Tom Schliesman (3)		
Rich Severson (4)		
<b>Kansas</b> William Jensen (12)		
Ivan Knudsen (13)		



# 1990 FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 1990

## NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

Josiah Phelps, national president, presided over the convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 7 with approximately 600 persons attending. An outstanding keynote speech was given by John Moats, Kansas City, Missouri. Delegates voted to keep national dues at \$6.00 and life dues at \$100.00 through 1992.



The constitutional changes to replace the national FFA president with national FFA representative and past national FFA president with past national FFA representative on the National FFA Alumni Council were approved. The proceedings are published as part of the winter newsletter so that all FFA Alumni members can share in the convention highlights.

## OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE AWARDS

The Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate awards were presented to 31 affiliates. States are allowed to enter one or 20% of their contest entries. The national winners are:

(List does not indicate order of ranking.)

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Carthage, MO	Woodbury, CT	Frostproof, FL
Washington, KS	Gilmer County, GA	Sebring, FL
Apollo, KY	Westmer, IL	North Polk, IA
New Lexington, OH	Wamego, KS	United Com., IA
Bonduel, WI	Scottsbluff, NE	Hill City, KS
Denmark, WI	South Rowan, NC	Westmoreland, KS
Mauston, WI	Finley-Sharon, ND	Hopkins, MI
Milton, WI	Lexington, TN	Clyde Park, MT
	Pomeroy, WA	Norfolk, NE
	Blackhawk, WI	Schuyler, NE
	Sevastopol, WI	Frederick Co., VA
		Castle Rock, WA

## WEA SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED

The National FFA Alumni presented the Wisconsin and the Iowa FFA Alumni with \$250.00 scholarships each to be used by an FFA member participating in the 1991 FFA Work Experience Abroad program. This scholarship is awarded annually to the state with the most FFA-WEA participants. For information on FFA international activities, write to the National FFA Center.

## NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Mrs. Roxann Sommers, Ohio, was elected president, Dr. Virgil Martinson, Wisconsin, was elected vice president, and Dr. Duane Nielsen, Virginia, was elected member-at-large. Mr. Merle Richter, Wisconsin, was appointed to represent NVATA and a representative will be named in 1991 to represent the FFA Executive Secretaries on the National FFA Alumni Council. Mr. Dan Schroer, Ohio, will represent the past national FFA officers and Mr. Mark Timm, Indiana, will represent the FFA organization.

## CONVENTION DELEGATES

The number of convention delegates, as established by the constitution, is determined 30 days prior to the convention and allows one person to represent up to 200 active members and one additional delegate for every 200 active members in each chartered State FFA Alumni Association. This year 129 delegates were present out of 145.

STATE	ALLOWED	PRESENT	STATE	ALLOWED	PRESENT
ALABAMA	0	0	NEBRASKA	5	5
ALASKA	0	0	NEVADA	0	0
ARIZONA	1	1	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	0
ARKANSAS	1	0	NEW JERSEY	1	1
CALIFORNIA	1	0	NEW MEXICO	1	1
COLORADO	1	1	NEW YORK	1	1
CONNECTICUT	1	0	NORTH CAROLINA	3	0
DELAWARE	0	0	NORTH DAKOTA	1	1
FLORIDA	2	1	OHIO	9	9
GEORGIA	3	3	OKLAHOMA	24	24
HAWAII	0	0	OREGON	1	0
IDAHO	1	0	PENNSYLVANIA	1	1
ILLINOIS	8	6	RHODE ISLAND	0	0
INDIANA	1	0	SOUTH CAROLINA	1	0
IOWA	4	4	SOUTH DAKOTA	1	1
KANSAS	5	5	TENNESSEE	3	3
KENTUCKY	2	2	TEXAS	1	1
LOUISIANA	0	0	UTAH	0	0
MAINE	0	0	VERMONT	0	0
MARYLAND	1	1	VIRGINIA	3	2
MASSACHUSETTS	0	0	WASHINGTON	2	2
MICHIGAN	2	2	WEST VIRGINIA	1	0
MINNESOTA	1	1	WISCONSIN	41	41
MISSISSIPPI	1	1	WYOMING	1	1
MISSOURI	6	6			
MONTANA	2	1	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>129</b>

## FFA ALUMNI HOSTS RECEPTION FOR HONORARY FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

The FFA Alumni hosted a reception for the Honorary American FFA degree recipients. The Kansas City Board of Trade sponsored the activity. Over 200 persons were honored at this reception for their great support.

## DENMARK, WISCONSIN SELECTED 1990 OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE



The Denmark, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Affiliate is being presented the Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate plaque by Dan Schroer, national vice president, at the National FFA Convention. There are over 1,000 active local affiliates in the 31,000-member national organization.

This award recognizes the 429 members of the Denmark FFA Alumni affiliate for their many activities of outstanding support. The following are only a few of the many activities of this affiliate. They organized and sponsored a middle school Agribusiness Career Day that was attended by 194 seventh and eighth graders. The Denmark affiliate purchased new text books for \$5,300.00, a new computer and image printer for \$2,128.00, and a portable laboratory unit for \$1,250.00. They awarded \$1,100.00 in scholarships at the FFA banquet. They maintain a 12-passenger van purchased for the FFA chapter's use. They provided the funds for half the cost of each FFA member's first FFA jacket.

This active affiliate raised over \$7,000.00 to support their many activities. Examples included sponsoring an annual slowpitch tourney, a citrus fruit sale, a consignment sale, and a Jim Wand hypnotist show.

## MILTON, WISCONSIN SECOND PLACE NATIONAL AFFILIATE

The 331 members of the Milton, Wisconsin FFA Alumni affiliate received second place for their many activities of outstanding support. The Milton affiliate purchased a new van and a computer and software for the FFA chapter. They rented a barn for livestock of non-farm FFA members and established an account of \$5,000.00 enabling students to borrow money for occupational experience programs. They rented 16.5 acres of land for educational test plots. The Milton FFA Alumni invited the entire city to a pancake breakfast, at no charge, in celebration of FFA Week. They sponsored and conducted a local tractor driving contest, provided \$500.00 for banquet awards, and \$2,500.00 in scholarships. They provided funds for a part-time secretary to assist the FFA, over \$1,000.00 to defray expenses for FFA members and the advisor to attend the National FFA Convention, and donated \$1,000.00 to the Wisconsin FFA Association.

## SCHOLARSHIPS VALUED AT \$22,231.00

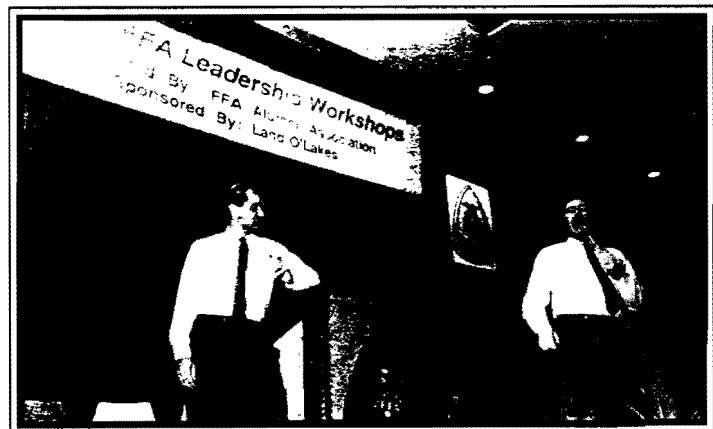
The FFA Alumni presented scholarships, valued at \$350.00 each, to local and state FFA Alumni associations to be used by FFA members attending the 1991 Washington Conference Program. FFA members also receive a trophy at the conference. The following scholarships were presented:

FLORIDA	1	TENNESSEE	1
GEORGIA	1	VIRGINIA	1
ILLINOIS	3	WISCONSIN	16
IOWA	1	OZARK, MISSOURI	1
KANSAS	2	NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO	2
KENTUCKY	1	KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA	1
MICHIGAN	1	OWASSO, OKLAHOMA	1
MISSOURI	2	RHEA CO., TENNESSEE	1
MONTANA	1	POMEROY, WASHINGTON	1
NEBRASKA	2	BONDUEL, WISCONSIN	1
NORTH CAROLINA	1	DENMARK, WISCONSIN	2
OHIO	3	MILTON, WISCONSIN	1
OKLAHOMA	9		

States with less than 500 members received scholarships valued at \$.50 per FFA Alumni member. These scholarships, to be presented to FFA members, are for a portion of the registration fee for the 1991 Washington Conference Program.

ARIZONA	\$116.00	NEW MEXICO	\$ 84.00
ARKANSAS	\$125.50	NEW YORK	\$111.00
CALIFORNIA	\$ 42.50	NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 88.00
COLORADO	\$111.00	OREGON	\$ 41.50
CONNECTICUT	\$130.00	PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 95.50
IDAHO	\$ 31.00	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 25.50
INDIANA	\$ 62.00	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 97.50
MARYLAND	\$123.50	TEXAS	\$195.00
MINNESOTA	\$189.00	WASHINGTON	\$208.50
MISSISSIPPI	\$167.50	WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 49.00
NEW JERSEY	\$ 55.50	WYOMING	\$132.00

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS WERE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT



Over 6,000 FFA members and advisors attended the leadership workshops conducted by the National FFA Alumni and sponsored by Land O'Lakes, Inc. Pictured above is Scott McKain, Indiana, and Mark Mayfield, Kansas, as they teamed up to present one of the six workshops. Other presenters were Jeff Johnson, Florida, Kelli Evans, Nebraska, Terri Hames, Oklahoma, Warren Boerger, Ohio, Kevin Ochsner, Colorado, and Dana Soukup, Nebraska. Odell Miller, Ohio, coordinated the workshops.

## 1990 LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

This membership promotion award was presented to the following 209 individuals:

<b>Alabama</b> Henry Y. Mills	Ruth Schricker Kent VanSickle Denise Williams	Vernon Brake Shelly Brown Doug Cartmell Maureen Couch Joe Don Drennans Andrea Gosney Travis Hawk Jon Henderson Fred Jordan Leticia Loh Joseph Morris Shawn Morris Andy Moser Kathy Norman Jennifer North Jack Queen James Schmidt Mark Snowden Joe Victory Cody White Wade Witt	Joyce Halstead Mellissa Hartman Dean Hoesly Kevin A. Keith Kevin Kirchman Jim Kosharek Brian Kudick John Kuffel Kevin C. Lauer Marjorie Lippert Dennis Logterman James Mathias Alan Mazna John A. Miller Paul Moede John C. Morton Kathy L. Morton Ronna Morton Mary Ann Nowak Jim O'Leary Jerrold Olson Larry Osterberg JoAnne Otto Kent Petersen Terry Petersen Sheila Piesler Pat Ploessl Helen Floor John Rabitz Robert Raymakers Tom Reed Glenn Rentmeester Dennis M. Rose Dan Rosik David Salzseider Wally Schilberg Lester Schlies Carol Schneider Tina Schneider Harold Seebecker Janice Seebecker Ken Seering Sandra Staszak Richard Stauffacher Cheryl Steinbach Francis Steiner Steve Swagel Randy Trembl John H. Welke Jerry Wendt Sharon Wendt Ken Wilcox Mary Williams Elaine Wnuk Julius Wnuk Gary Wolf Delmar Zernicke Rozanne Zernicke
<b>Arizona</b> Henry Evans Ken Johnson Jamea Lambeth Rochell Satterfield	<b>Minnesota</b> John Liepold		
<b>Colorado</b> Linda Block	<b>Missouri</b> Wenona Carney Mike Cloud Laura Davis Tammy House Linda Howard Scott Kisse Paula Rousell Joyce E. Sayre Beverly Search Mickey Spickard Kristi Stewart Debbie Taylor		
<b>Connecticut</b> Bill Davenport Kathy Hunyadi George Lyman Jim Olsen Karen Olsen Joy Wilcock Maria Winne			
<b>Georgia</b> Curtis Borne Josiah Phelps Michael D. Reed Jimmy C. Sales Rhesa Sales William Weaver John Wilkinson	<b>Montana</b> Greg Hofman Penny Linhart John Powers Bob Weirtheimer Katie Williams	<b>Oregon</b> Shirley Evers Rosemary Zimmerman	
<b>Illinois</b> Kevin Conrad Ruth Neuleib	<b>Nebraska</b> Lloyd Brichacek Ronald Henggeler Gary L. Maricle LaVonne Novak Dennis Roeber	<b>Pennsylvania</b> Robert Bingham	
<b>Iowa</b> Gary Braet Jim Carver Lauren Hansen LeRoy Henningsen Patricia Hennicksen Ed Irwin William Looney Bill McClue Duane Meyer Brad Moeckly Steve Olson Dave Pudenz Nancy Pudenz Gary Reinhart Roger Snyder	<b>Tennessee</b> Leslie Dyer Jr.	<b>Virginia</b> James H. Craun Scott Dove Wayne Fitzgerald Shane Foltz Michael Harper Kimberly Holsinger Nikki May Melissa Stern Thomas Wine	
<b>Kansas</b> Donald E. Blome Anita Davis Gary Hatesohl Dolores Holz Philip Kingston Laryce Matson Rodney Stewart Bonnie Swayne Tracie L. Volen	<b>New York</b> Robert Watson	<b>Washington</b> Susan Cummins Elizabeth Flatt Nick Waldher	
<b>Michigan</b> Marvin Brown Clarence Miller Tim Miller	<b>North Carolina</b> William Teague	<b>Wisconsin</b> Donna Arcand James Ash Richard P. Bauer Darrel Birnschein Mary Brandt Steve Cameron James Cauley Robin Craker Steve Curtis Rodney Dix Pat Garbisch Jerry Gosda Kathryn Granger Randy Hagel Shari Hagel	
	<b>North Dakota</b> Dave Caswell Lori Grieger Myron Johs David Mehus Doug Rotenberger Ken Votava Tammy Votava		
	<b>Ohio</b> Glen Anderson David Blauser Robert Buxton Mike Johnson Rick Metzger Kelly Newlon Lynn Wells Tom Wolfe Amy Wyer		
	<b>Oklahoma</b> Matt Anson Jamie Arrowood Brian Benson Justin Boyle Kevin Boyle		

## AUCTION RAISES \$39,516.00



This year's auction raised \$39,516.00 for the FFA. The auction was coordinated by Ken Natzke and the Wisconsin FFA Alumni. Over 400 items were sold. In addition to the Chevrolet pickup truck, some of the highest bid items included an all-terrain Yamaha ProHauler selling for \$3,200.00 to Ray Brown, Iowa; a Snap-On tool chest for \$1,500.00 to Roger Duff, Wisconsin; a Patz conveyor belt for \$1,250.00 to Ken Natzke, Wisconsin; four Holstein embryos from Don Mullen, Bloomer, Wisconsin, for \$1,000.00 to John Finkbeiner, Michigan; a Dr. Jim Wand hypnotist show, for \$1,400.00 to Iowa Agriculture Education; and Wayne Humphrey's motivational speech sold for \$1,100.00 to Barbara Bianchi, Wisconsin.



The 4-wheel drive pickup truck, donated by Chevrolet Motor Division-Trucks of the General Motors Corporation for the auction, was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Schilberg of Milton, Wisconsin. The truck's proceeds of \$19,000.00 will provide \$18,000.00 in scholarships and \$1,000.00 to the Milton FFA Chapter. Pictured are Chevrolet Truck representatives, Wallace Schilberg (front center), Roxann Sommers, National FFA Alumni president, and Milton FFA members in back of the truck.

## INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

The FFA Alumni sponsored a reception during the National FFA Convention for international guests and FFA members who have participated in the FFA's international programs. Over 60 students and several FFA members hosting the exchange students attended this special reception.

## 1990 OUTSTANDING FFA ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS



Our 1990 FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award winners (pictured from left) are Arnold B. Cordes of Madison, Wisconsin, Eldon Witt of Roanoke, Illinois, and Ralph Dreesen of Stillwater, Oklahoma. This award recognizes FFA Alumni members for their outstanding leadership and service to agricultural education and the agricultural industry. It is the highest award presented by the organization and is presented to not more than three individuals annually.

Plaques were presented during the FFA Alumni convention banquet, and the recipients were recognized before the National FFA Convention. The achievements of these distinguished individuals exemplify our highest ideals, reflect honor upon the FFA, and provide inspiration to FFA members.

## NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST



Pictured above are the recipients of the gold ratings in the scrapbook contest. The Bonduel, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Affiliate was selected the national winner. Other entries are as follows:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Bonduel, WI	Schuyler, NE	New Lexington, OH
Bay Port, WI	Gillette, WI	Hopkins, MI
Denmark, WI	S. Cal, Lake City, IA	Honorable Mention
Suring, WI	Colfax, WI	Westmer, IL
Sevastopol, WI	Carthage, MO	Finley-Sharon, ND
		Milan, MO

## NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP RECORDS SET IN 1990

FFA Alumni membership has grown every year since chartering in 1972. Membership increased 710 members giving us another record of 31,490. Life membership increased from 9,620 to 10,865 this year which was a 1,245 member increase. The following are 1990 state and local membership achievements:

- 1. State with Largest Percentage of Growth**
  - 1st - Colorado 152 % (increased 134)
  - 2nd - Arizona 147 % (increased 138)
- 2. State with Most Alumni Members**
  - 1st - Wisconsin 8,327 members
  - 2nd - Oklahoma 4,951
- 3. State with Largest Increase in Alumni Members**
  - 1st - Missouri 609 members
  - 2nd - Wisconsin 281
- 4. State with Most Life Members**
  - 1st - Wisconsin 1,941 life members
  - 2nd - Oklahoma 1,488
- 5. Most Life Member Affiliates in a State**
  - 1st - Oklahoma 42 affiliates
  - 2nd - Wisconsin 41
- 6. Most Active Affiliates in a State**
  - 1st - Wisconsin 171 affiliates
  - 2nd - Oklahoma 167
- 7. Most Life Members in an Affiliate**
  - 1st - New Lexington, Ohio 230 life members
  - 2nd - Denmark, Wisconsin 214
- 8. Most Alumni Members in an Affiliate**
  - 1st - Denmark, Wisconsin 401 members
  - 2nd - Milton, Wisconsin 320

## JOHN MOATS, KEYNOTE SPEAKER CHALLENGES ALL FFA ALUMNI

John Moats, recently retired as a presenter of Dale Carnegie Courses for the Kansas City area and is a life FFA Alumni member, presented a challenging keynote address.

He emphasized that the FFA must have a nationwide slogan. This slogan must be descriptive of the organization. An example might be, "FFA Develops Character and Leadership in People."

He stated that the future is very bright for agricultural education and the FFA. The challenge is to keep up. His studies show that job offers are on the increase, a present 10 percent shortage in top quality college agriculture graduates is expected to increase to 20 percent in the near future, and too many parents and school officials are discouraging the study of agriculture.

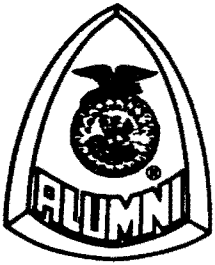
The agriculture education instructor and FFA member must be a role model for you. FFA Alumni support should be in the form of being a role model, offering guidance, counseling students, working with SAE programs, and helping build self-esteem. FFA Alumni and agriculture educators can share positive attitudes; interest in agricultural education and the FFA; leadership training techniques; enthusiasm; praise; self-esteem; selling of agriculture and the future; and also receive a great sense of personal satisfaction by helping others.

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Since the fall newsletter, our prestigious list of Life members has grown by 456 and has reached a total of 10,907. A life member receives the FFA magazine and may designate that upon their death their \$100.00 be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education, or may remain permanently in the National FFA Alumni trust fund.

<b>Alabama</b>	Gary Cottenil	Ron Ostberg	Richard Sayre	Justin King	Bob Gray	Diane L. Amara	Phyllis Nohl
<b>Bradley Lewis</b>	Steve Cranor	Steve Rockhold	Dwaine Scheetz	Larry Knippelmier	Alice Harrington	Drew Anderson	Kevin D. Noth
<b>Arizona</b>	L. D. Curran	Keith Stevenson	Earl Shriner	John Kohler	Chris Hayes	Linda K. Belter	Joann Otto
<b>Theresa Konash</b>	John Frazier	Rick Stevenson	Pauline Shumaker	Jeannetta Kottwitz	John P. Hendrix	Robert M. Belter	Brent Petersen
<b>Paula Wright</b>	Roger Heiman	Roberta Stevenson	Lloyd G. Spring	David Leatherwood	Mike Jewell	Carol Berden	Kent Petersen
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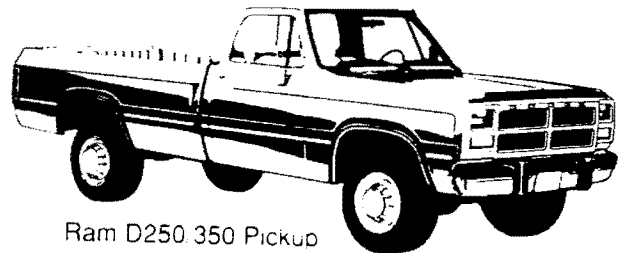
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## ALUMNI CALENDAR OF DUE DATES

- Jan. 25-28 - National FFA Alumni Council Meeting, Georgia
- Feb. 15 - State Grant applications
- Feb. 17-23 - FFA Week
- April 1 - State Newsletters to be included with National Newsletter
- April 15 - Governmental Affairs Intern applications

## DODGE TRUCK SPONSORS FFA ALUMNI WINTER NEWSLETTER



Ram D250 350 Pickup

### Special Message From Dodge Trucks

## FFA ALUMNI ADVANTAGE: DODGE TRUCK

Dodge Truck has a thirty-seven year working history with the FFA. That means we've been around longer than some of you alumni! This year, 1991, is significant in that the active role Chrysler Corporation has taken through Dodge Truck relative to the National FFA Foundation has greatly expanded.

Dodge Truck has been a co-sponsor to the Nursery Operations Proficiency Award for some time now and we're proud of that sponsorship. For 1991, through a cooperative effort between Dodge Truck Division, The Chrysler Fund, and the National FFA Foundation, a new scholarship program will be in place for FFA members.

These scholarships are entitled Dodge Trucks Mechanics Scholarships. They will be directed to agricultural/diesel mechanic students, with preference given to diesel mechanics. Financial need will be one of the main selection criteria, along with grades and leadership activity.

Why is Dodge Truck getting this involved? Because we believe not only in the quality of the FFA Organization and its members, but the quality of our products. It is our position that Dodge Truck has the finest truck line-up in the industry.

Here are three reasons: For 1991, Dodge offers a new exterior look, the power of a V8 engine in its mid-size Dakota pickup, and the winning combination of the Cummins Turbo Diesel in the full size Dodge Ram Pickup.

Dodge believes it has the right stuff for your work and personal use needs. Others have had to discover it for themselves. An example: In a six-week, on-farm field test sponsored by FARM INDUSTRY NEWS, three farmers rated the performance, styling and comfort of Dodge, Chevy and Ford diesel pickups. The field test took place in central Iowa during harvest time. After two weeks of harvesting 1500 acres, the Dodge/Cummins combination was rated number one in overall competition by all three farmers! The test opened the eyes of these farmers to what Dodge had to offer since none of the three had even considered buying a Dodge!

We'd like to open your eyes by inviting you to take advantage of the test drive offer insert contained in this newsletter. A free 14.5" Maglite will be given to every qualified driver who comes into a Dodge dealer and test drives a 1990 or 1991 Dodge Truck. **FFA Alumni Advantage: Dodge Truck!**