

4-H EMERALD AWARDEES RECOGNIZED AT 4-H TOWN & COUNTRY GALA

The Michigan 4-H Foundation hosted the second 4-H Town and Country Gala for Michigan's Youth Sept. 16 at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi, Michigan.

The gala was presented by the **Chemical Financial Corporation** and the **Consumers Energy Foundation**. Additional sponsors were the **Kroger Company of Michigan**, **Lake Osceola Bank and the Michigan Milk Producers Association**.

The gala featured presentation of the 4-H Emerald Awards – the Michigan 4-H Citation Award, the 4-H Emerald Clover Society and the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards. These awards were provided by Michigan 4-H Youth Development with support from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies was Ionia County 4-H alumna **Jamie Clover Adams**, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and 2014 4-H Emerald Clover Society inductee.

Michigan 4-H Citation Awards

Michigan 4-H Citation Award recipients were **Noel and Sandra Stuckman**, of DeWitt, and the **Michigan Milk Producers Association**. Since its inception in 1946, the Michigan 4-H Citation Award has

honored and recognized individuals and organizations whose contributions to and support of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development programs have significantly advanced the work of Michigan 4-H on a multicounty, regional, statewide and national basis. The contributions of honorees have served to expand the capacity of Michigan 4-H to make positive impacts on the lives of Michigan's young people in significant and meaningful ways. This is the highest recognition presented by Michigan 4-H.

Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society

The Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society (ECS) Class of 2016 inductees are **Alan W. Adam** of Howard City, Ohio; **Gary L. Koppelman**, Blissfield; **Dennis H. Krafft**, Frankenmuth; **David D. Kugler**, Ortonville; **Tom A. Stewart**, Lansing; **Mary Lou Tanton**, Petoskey; and **Heather A. Triezenberg**, Lansing.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni whose professional leadership and community service reflect the ultimate outcome of 4-H membership – extraordinary use of an individual's head, heart, hands and health to make communities, the country and the world better places in which to live. ECS members receive a recognition award, an exclusive ECS

membership pin, and individual biographical recognition on the society's website and on the ECS wall at Kettunen Center. ECS members are inducted every two years. The inaugural class was inducted in 2002 in honor of the national 4-H centennial.

MFB 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards

The Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards, funded by the MFB 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment Fund, recognizes outstanding achievements of Michigan 4-H volunteers or groups that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in 4-H agriculture areas. Honorees designate a \$1,000 grant to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice.

The 2016 recipients are **Penny Sween**, Leslie, and **Hollis and Jill Rockwell**, Shelby. The 2015 recipients were **Katelyn Horning**, Manchester; **Tara Miller**, Charlotte; and the **Kounty Klover Kids 4-H Club** from Livingston County. The 2014 recipients were **Trudy Herzog**, Paris; **Erika Humm**, Breckenridge; and **Nell Ward**, Dowagiac.

Nominations and information on the 4-H Emerald Awards are available online at www.mi4hdtm.org.



The 2016 4-H Emerald Awardees were honored at the Town and Country Gala Sept. 16. Pictured are: (front row) 4-H Citation Award recipient Noel and Sandra Stuckman and the Michigan Milk Producers, represented by Sheila Burkhardt and Ken Nobis; (back row) Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture recipients Penny Sween and Trudy Herzog; and the 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2016 – Alan Adam, Tom Stewart, Mary Lou Tanton, Heather Triezenberg and Gary Koppelman (ECS members not pictured are Dennis Krafft and David Kugler).