

# Texas Poultry Federation Newsletter

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## **2019 ANNUAL TPF CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

The 96th Annual Texas Poultry Federation Convention was held in San Antonio July 11 - 13, this year. Activities included a golf tournament, skeet tournament, spouse program, Western Party with scholarship auction, and awards breakfast. At the TPF board meeting, Keith Staggs, Holmes Foods, was elected president. Michael Ermon, Cal-Maine Foods, was elected 1<sup>st</sup> vice president. Vice presidents include: Howard Bodine, Bill Barr & Co., Stephen Fuchs, Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms; Ray Prewitt, Sanderson Farms, and Judd Stevens, Cal-Maine Foods. The Salesman of the Year Award and Golden Feather Award were presented at the Awards Breakfast this year. Keith Staggs was presented with the Golden Feather Award and Gene Waggoner was presented with the Salesman of the Year Award.

Thank you to all who participated in the TAPA Scholarship auction either as someone who donated an item or who bid on and/or purchased an item; a total of \$42,000 was raised for scholarships. Donators: Golden Feather Group – Monroe Fuchs, Gib Burton, Ralph Simmons, David Jenkins, Jerry Autry, Bob Hendrix, James Grimm, Vincent Reina, Sr., Gary Fuchs, Bob Palm, Pal Lester, Phillip Morris, Mike Neal, Terry Wright, Drs. James Miner, Floyd Golan, John Carey, and Travis Cigainero. Memorials: Tommy Bozka, Delvin Barrett, and Dr. Fred Thornberry; Arm & Hammer Animal Nutrition – Shannon Burasco; Texas A&M Poultry Science Dept.; Senator Lois Kolkorst; Ken Callahan, Sunbelt Rentals – Bart Smith; Hyatt Regency Hotel; Diversified Agriculture – Sid Coufal; La Cantera Resort & Spa; Novus International – Gary Warren; Keith Staggs family; Tyson Foods; Kerry Morgan; Nutra Blend – John Budd; Boehringer Ingelheim – James Brooks; Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms – Janet Crouch; Representative John Cyrier; Pam Lester; First National Bank of Shiner – Ryann Spann; Senator Bryan Hughes; Holloway Crappie Fishing Guide – Joey Holloway; Tribbie & Colten Grimm; Von Miller; Lester Ranch – Ricky Lester; Aviagen – Vaughn King; Gregg & LaVada McCoury; David & Bonnie Elbel; Nest Fresh Texas – Randy Boone; Ozone Solutions – Heidi Hudson; Sterilex – Paula Courtney; Ecodrum Composting – Byron Irwin; Silverhorn Golf Club of Texas; Senator Charles Schwertner; Representative Trent Ashby; Representative Drew Springer; Donna Handley; Thomas Coufal; Debbie Ticken; Emi Bozka; Killen Outdoors Accessories – Mary & Eric Killen; Representative Travis Clardy; Representative Doc Anderson; Representative James White; Representative Kyle Kacal; Control Solutions – David J. Cowan; Merck – Holly Duck; Representative John Kuempel; Aggieland Outfitters; cash donations: Jakes's Finer Foods in memory of K.E. Jacob, Hy-Line North America, Bonnie & David Elbel, Elanco Animal Health, Golden Feather Group, and Dr. John & Carol Carey.

Buyers include: Debbie Bodine – Bill Barr & Company; Tertio Nel – Evonik; Sarah & Robert Ferguson – Sanderson Farms; Kevin Odenbach – Cobb-Vantress; Jim Basler – Ceva Animal Health; Marty Thompson – Zinpro/Paragon; Ken Long – Jamesway; Micha Osborn; Sid Coufal – Diversified Agriculture; Gina & Karl King – Sanderson Farms; Lane Lott – Zinpro/Paragon; Frank & Adele Junfin – Kunafin “The Insectary”; Gary Warren – Novus International; Judson Smith – Sanderson Farms; Tim Turner – Ledwell & Son; Mark Fisher –

Zoetis; Chance Bryant – Cobb-Vantress; Eric Killen – Vincit Group; James & Walline Grimm; Ralph Simmons; Ray & Irene Prewitt – Sanderson Farms; Ricky Lester – Lester Ranch; Stephen Fuchs – Ideal Poultry Breeding Farm; Steve Kuykendall – Lubing Systems; LaVada McCoury; Shannon Kellner – Merck Animal Health; Holly Duck – Merck Animal Health; Vaughn King – Aviagen; Melanie Callahan; Colten Grimm; Scott Koehler; Tucker Ellis; Cleve Handley; Dr. John & Carol Carey.

Upcoming events: Texas Poultry Federation Board Meeting, September 11, 2019 at the College Station Hilton. Texas Broiler Symposium, September 24 - 25, Nacogdoches, TX. The contract has been signed for the 2020 convention at the Hyatt Riverwalk San Antonio. The dates are July 23 - 25, 2020.

**THANK YOU LETTERS FROM AWARD RECIPIENTS**

To TPF and all my colleagues in the Texas poultry industry I would like to say thank you for choosing me as the TAPA Salesman of the Year for 2019. I feel honored to have received the award and I am very grateful for the continued support that the industry has shown me in the last seven years. Seeing everyone at this year’s convention reminds me of how much I have thoroughly enjoyed my role. With that being stated, I look forward to many more years of working with everyone.

Thanks  
Gene Waggoner  
Animal Health Int’l.

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Holmes Foods, Inc.

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Dear TPF Members and Golden Feather Selection Committee,

I wanted to take a minute and express my sincere gratitude for the recognition and presentation of the 2019 Golden Feather Award that I received during the Texas Poultry Federation Convention this past weekend. To say that I was caught completely off-guard and surprised is an understatement. I was speechless for once in my life – as my wife indicated to many who approached me at the conclusion of the Awards Brunch on Saturday morning.

The personal and professional relationships that I have formed over the past 25 years in this industry have made my journey rewarding and enjoyable. I value each and every person that has

entered my life and provided a level of wisdom, mentorship, advice, helping hand, or simply a friendship. I am the person that I am because of the investment that others have made in me over my career.

This Golden Feather Award is the highlight of my career and will be cherished for years to come. To be included in the list of names of those who have come before me is humbling to say the least. Many of these men have helped to “pioneer” our industry and make it what it is today. I feel that my impact is minimal compared to what these men have done. My hope and personal challenge to myself is that I can honor and uphold the legacy of what this award stands for in the eyes of The Texas Poultry Industry.

Again, my deepest appreciation for the honor of being selected as the 2019 Golden Feather Award goes out to every person who had a part in making this possible. I look forward to many more years in serving the Texas Poultry Industry and Federation to keep us as a viable institution and recognized as a valuable commerce for the State of Texas.

In Sincere Appreciation,

*Keith Staggs*

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A Note From James Grimm

Walline and I were totally surprised by the presentation at the Western Party. Having an endowed scholarship at Texas A&M is more than we can imagine. We want to thank everyone who donated to the fund. It is our hope that this fund will help poultry science students reach their dreams.

To those who donated, we say “Thank You and God Bless You”!

James & Walline Grimm