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### Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Holstein Members;

We have witnessed the first few cold days the winter season begins I hope each of you are healthy and joyful. The lowering temperatures and shorter days brings the time of the year for more office work and more meetings. I appreciate this time as it always lends itself for more opportunity for fellowship. I invite you to join us on January 6<sup>th</sup> for the 2023 VA Holstein Annual Meeting in Dayton, VA to celebrate a successful 2023 for the Association. We made some big changes in 2023 to our summer show structure and looking forward into 2024 we will continue to make some adjustments to the Summer Showdown based on feedback received this past year. I believe we will continue the rich tradition of competition, enable our youth to have vast opportunities, provide hospitality for all those attending the event and most importantly provide our Holstein family with much needed time a fellowship and fun. I would personally like to thank those people who have worked diligently to consider all the changes and best scenarios moving forward. Please consider joining us for the variety of activities we have coming in 2024. Best wishes, stay warm and I hope to see you on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, LaVaun Janney, President

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### December 29

Official Delegate Election Ballots due to Holstein USA

#### January 6

VA Holstein Annual Meeting Dayton, VA

#### January 6

**VA Junior Holstein Winter Retreat** 

#### May 4

VA Holstein Spring Show Harrisonburg, VA

#### June 24

National Holstein Convention Salt Lake City, UT June 23-27

#### August 3

Virginia Summer Showdown Harrisonburg, VA July 31 – Aug 3

#### Thank you to the 2023 Sponsors!

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Virginia Tech Dairy Club

#### **Updates and More:**

- VA Junior Holstein Officer Applications Due December 15, 2023. Applications are found at www.vaholstein.org
- Keep up with Virginia Holstein on Social Media:
  - o Facebook @VirginiaHolstein (Virginia Adult & Junior Holstein Assoc)
  - Facebook Groups Virginia Junior Holstein Association and Shenandoah Valley District Holstein Club
  - Instagram @va holstein and @va jrholstein \*new\*
- Check out the VA Holstein Blog on the website for reports from the 2023
- Virginia Junior Holstein Association has notecards for sale. They are great stocking stuffers! They are available to purchase online or will be available at the Annual Meeting.





#### 2023 Open & Youth Supreme Champion Cow

Grand Champion Cow - DKG Victorious Surprise (Jersey), Ayla Janney, VA Reserve Grand Champion Cow - Windy Knoll View Checkers (Jersey), Brinkley Burdette, PA

#### Next summer...



#### **HELP WANTED**

Junior Members - We need your help at the Annual Meeting to make the food for the luncheon. Please make plans to attend the Annual Meeting and watch for more information from Patti or Becky!

# **VA JUNIOR HOLSTEIN** WINTER RETREAT

Will take place January 6-7 in the Harrisonburg Area. More details and registration will be available soon. Information will be emailed and available on the website.

#### **Board Of Directors**

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## Virginia Holstein Association and Virginia Junior Holstein Association Annual Membership Meeting

# January 6, 2024

### Dayton United Methodist Church 215 Ashby St., Dayton, VA 22821

9:30 am Registration Open

10:00 am Welcome

Holsteins Around the World by Carl Kent, Holstein USA

Adult Assoc. Annual Membership Meeting

12:00 noon Luncheon – provided by Junior Association

1:00 pm Awards Presentations

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~ Junior Association Recognitions

Cow and Herd AwardsAll-Virginia Awards



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### **Annual Meeting Registration Form**

Luncheon Tickets	Please List Names (as you would like them on the name tag)
Adult @ \$25.00	
Youth (Ages 9-21) @ \$10.00	
Kids (Ages 8 & under) @ \$5.00	
Total enclosed	
**Make checks payable to: Virginia Holstein Association**	
* Online payment is available at	

Registration forms must be postmarked by December 22, 2023

Or complete the online registration at <a href="www.vaholstein.org">www.vaholstein.org</a>
Mail registration and checks to: VA Holstein Association, 7511 Briery Branch Rd., VA 22821

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