

KEC Annual Meeting highlights, *continued*

Kansas elected officials, KEC trustees, managers and special guests. Over 400 people were in attendance.

The KCRE silent auction raised \$3,447. The KEC Auxiliary raffle and silent auction raised \$1,308 for KEC's youth programs.

Jocelyn Nittler, a former youth tour winner from Alfalfa, won the raffle for the love seat which was donated by John Roniger, former president of Flint Hills; and the throw which was donated by Alfalfa. Jim Imel, Victory, was the high bidder on the quilt donated by Carolyn McNickle, Twin Valley.

As an addition to the Annual Meeting, KEC hosted an Expo that featured 41 vendors. Attendees were encouraged to visit these vendors throughout the first day of the annual meeting. Available this year were three, 20-minute breakout sessions. The winner of the \$500 grand prize was Bill Chamberlin, DS&O.

More photos from the KEC Annual Meeting are available on the KEC website's Members Only section at: <http://www.kec.org/membersonly/>.



Top: The 2009 KEC officers (from left): John Blackwell, secretary; Keith Ross, vice president; Joe Conley, president; and Ralph Phillips, treasurer. Right: Jim Imel, Victory, was the winner of the quilt which was donated by Twin Valley's Carolyn McNickle. Bottom: The trustees at the KEC Expo.



Dowell retires from board



Doug Jackson, Rolling Hills manager (left), thanks Harold Dowell for his years of service to the cooperative board.

Harold Dowell retired from the Rolling Hills Board at their December 30 meeting.

He was presented a meter lamp in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the cooperative.

Dowell began serving as a Trustee for NCK in September 1989. During his tenure, he served as an alternate on the KEC Board for several years.

His retirement plans include spending more time with his family and relaxing.

Assuming the seat vacated by Dowell is Mark Gross. He lives on a farm near Norway with his wife, Lori, and their three children.

Gross attended the University of Minnesota where he attained a bachelor's degree in 1987 and his doctorate in 1995 in fish biology. In 1995, he and Lori moved to Norway where Gross joined the farming operation of Lori's father, Loren Hammer.

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