

Two individuals that we want to recognize tonight as Friends of Fair have a different involvement in the Wisconsin Association of Fairs, though an extremely important one. For more years that we can remember these two have worked



for WAF and got some compensation, but not nearly enough for all the little things they do to help prep for the convention. Often referred to M & M, this duo is part of the behind the scenes workers for Jayme.

The first M, is for Melissa Ploeckelman. Melissa is the one that works on the computer, enters data, and gets the technical side done, all at convention. She dedicates an entire week to help out. She's the go to for last minute errands and deliveries to our speakers and events.

The other M, MOM, is Jayme's mom LuAnn Hanke. She's the one who makes everything look pretty and organized. All of the photo and media boards are precisely aligned so all of the fairs submissions look great. She also walks from one end of the hotel to another, 3 to 4 times a day for the first two days, updating all of the Associate Boards with their room numbers. LuAnn works more hours before even coming to convention helping organize the registrations that come in, and helps pack all the boxes of goodies we bring to convention.

Together this duo is a crucial part to achieving all the final touches that go into making a successful fair convention.

Congratulations to Melissa and LuAnn for being Friends of the Fair.

Our Friend of the Fair this year is a lady that always welcomes you with a smile, is appreciative of all the little things in life, and simply loves the fair. Recently retired from most of her volunteer activities, this special lady served on the Waupaca County Fair Board



for years and the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Fairest of the Fairs Committee. Today we recognize Judy Peterson. In spring she shared it was time to retire from WI Fairest of the Fairs committee after many years of service. Little did she know her life would take a 180 degree turn as her husband Don passed unexpectedly. This fall when Jayme asked how she doing, Judy said she was a little sad she wasn't going to be at convention as she had two big voids in her life now. So when asked, "Want to come back in a part-time role, so we don't wear you out?", she jumped at the chance. Judy Peterson, thank you for all of your support of Wisconsin Association of Fairs and all you have done for our Fairest Program. We are the lucky ones to have had you come back for another year.