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Dairy Girl Network Adds to Board of Directors

March 31, 2021 --- Cobb, Wis. Dairy Girl Network, an organization offering programs and events supporting all women in dairy reaching across the nation, has welcomed a new board of director. Amy Dicke of Ohio recently joined the board which together with partners, Dairy Girl Network members gain valuable connections, resources and shared experiences while supporting and encouraging fellow dairywomen. As the 2020 year ended, DGN was able to provide dairywomen with opportunities through virtual events that included the 2020 Forward TogetHER national conference, monthly webinars and an online community of dairywomen.

Amy Dicke is a knowledgeable and skilled dairy producer who farms with her husband and son. Amy's passions are family, which she and her husband feel fortunate to have raised five children, being part of an industry that produces a product providing essential benefits to others, and good stewardship of their land and livestock. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Dairy Science and a DVM from The Ohio State University.

Amy spent close to four decades practicing veterinary medicine, initially in a private mixed animal practice followed by a corporate technical services/scientific communication role. Her last five years have been exclusively dedicated to their dairy, during which robotic milking technology was installed. Amy's primary responsibilities are managing the husbandry of the young stock, providing herd preventative, sick and emergency health care, performing the majority of the artificial insemination and handling the accounting and livestock records for the farm.

"Amy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, along with a renewed perspective to our Dairy Girl Network Board of Directors. Her skills and expertise will assist in moving the mission of DGN forward and supporting dairywomen where they are," comments Laura Daniels, founder and president of the Dairy Girl Network. "As DGN continues to grow and reaches more dairywomen each year through our education and personal growth programs we are excited with the opportunity to add a new leadership to the board of directors."

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The DGN Board of Directors is comprised of twelve voting members along with two advisory members. These individuals are elected representatives serving as dairy farmers and industry professionals. They oversee the overall execution of the organization's mission. In building the organization and supporting dairywomen through connections, encouragement and inspiration, DGN is proud to continue to add to our board of directors with new leadership.

Amy joins our current DGN Board of Directors who include Laura Daniels, founder and president, of Wisconsin; Kristy Pagel, vice president, of Wisconsin; LuAnn Troxel, financial officer, of Indiana; Carrie Mess of Wisconsin; Michelle Philibeck of Wisconsin; Tami Smith of Pennsylvania; Michele Schilter of Washington; Mary Knigge of Washington DC; Connie Kuber of California; Rebecca Shaw of Pennsylvania; and Corinne Banker of New York. Advisors to the board include Leah Ziemba of Wisconsin and Dr. Kelly Reed of Washington. These individuals are advocates for advancing women within agriculture and are dedicated to the mission and vision of Dairy Girl Network.

With additional leadership and advisors, the Dairy Girl Network will continue to reach and support all women in dairy by connecting, inspiring and achieving. Learn more about the organization and the opportunities DGN offers at dairygirlnetwork.com. Membership is free for all dairywomen. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Dairy Girl Network, go to <https://dairygirlnetwork.com/join/>.

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The Dairy Girl Network connects all women of the dairy industry, encouraging ideas and camaraderie in an effort to achieve personal and professional development. Designed as a welcoming network of passionate women involved in dairy, relationships will grow through shared experience, support and inspiration.

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