

2012 Spring Tri-Club Show Honorees

Greg & Brenda Keys

“It’s all about the kids...”

Greg and Brenda Keys attended their first Spring Tri-Club show in 2001. It all started when their oldest son, Patrick came home and said he wanted to raise a pig. Greg said “I was shocked.” Patrick made the sale with his pig that first year and the rest is history.

After that first year, both of their sons, Patrick and Andrew showed animals at the Spring Tri-Club Show. They have raised everything from heifers, steers, pigs, lambs, turkeys, broilers and breeding chickens. Over their showing career at Tri-Club, they have won; Grand and Reserve Champion Steer, Grand Champion Lamb, Reserve Champion Pig, Reserve Champion Turkey, Grand and Reserve Champion Breeding chicken. Andrew also made the sale at San Antonio and Houston with his steers. Patrick caught a calf in the calf scramble at San Antonio and Harris County Fair. Greg and Brenda share, “We are so proud of our boys and what they have accomplished.”

Greg and Brenda became very involved with Spring Tri-Club when their sons became involved. Brenda served on the Spring Tri-Club Board of Directors for several years. She also was the chairperson for the Buyers and Scholarship Committees. In addition to Spring Tri-Club, Brenda was President of the Spring FFA Booster Club for two years. Greg also served as Vice-President and Treasurer of Spring Tri-Club as well as on the Board of Directors. He is also known as the voice of Tri-Club. Greg secured HEB as a scholarship underwriter. He also was instrumental in starting the Annual BBQ cook-off. Brenda shares, “One year the club was broke, so we held a BBQ cook-off so we did not have to cater the buyer’s luncheon. That saved us about \$4,000 that year.” Brenda took charge of not only getting invitations to the buyers but she made sure we had a nice luncheon for the buyers.

Brenda also was instrumental in starting the “scholarship cakes.” Each High School made a cake to be auctioned off in the Auction. This has raised about \$4000 each year for scholarships. In many years past, students that applied for the scholarship usually received \$500. Greg and Brenda had a vision to take the top two or three applicants and award a scholarship large enough to pay for a semester at a community college. “Eventually we were able to give scholarships large enough to pay for their first year,” Brenda said. She also shared, “there was still money left over to give other applicants a smaller amount.”

They have been in the top ten buyers for many years. They have impacted many kids by buying their projects every year. The kids know they can always count on the Keys. Brenda shares, “We just can’t sit there and watch a kid waiting for that opening bid. They have worked too hard not to have a buyer step up to the plate for them.” In addition to being buyers every year, they have sponsored numerous

animal projects for students. Greg and Brenda both share, "It has been a pleasure to give back to the community that has been so gracious to us."

Greg and Brenda Keys both share that they are very humbled to be recognized as Honorees of the 2012 show. Spring Tri-Club means a great deal to both of them. They hope to be around for many years to come.

Spring Tri-Club Officers and Board of Directors are honored to have Greg and Brenda Keys as the Spring Tri-Club 2012 HONOREES. And always remember Greg and Brenda's Philosophy, "It is all about the Kids..... " That is truly what Spring Tri-Club is for.