

2009 Minnesota Grain & Feed Association Community Service Award Recipient

Maurice “Moose” Zimmer

Maurice “Moose” Zimmer is the 2009 recipient of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association’s Community Service Award.

A lot has changed since 1959 when Moose Zimmer began driving truck at the Clements elevator. Then, the market prices were always a day late and sent to elevators on a three-cent postcard. Boy, have things changed.

Maurice “Moose” Zimmer spent nearly 48 years in the grain industry in a variety of positions, from truck driver to manager of the elevator in several communities. Moose was quoted in the AgriNews as saying, “I have a major problem. I’ve been in the agricultural business for 47 and a half years, and I still enjoy going to work everyday.” Moose Zimmer’s favorite part of his job was always working with the people.



Bob Zelenka, MGFA Executive Director, Maurice “Moose” Zimmer, and Wes Cole, MGFA Board President

In addition to working in the grain industry, Moose was also a member of AGP, Inc.’s Board of Directors. He served as president, vice president and secretary of the (MN) Western Grainmen Managers’ Association. He was also the president, vice president and secretary of the Eastern South Dakota Managers’ Association. Moose also went to Washington D.C. to represent local elevators to keep ASCS corn deliveries going to local elevators and not just terminal elevators. He was one of three managers who helped form Western Consolidated Cooperative in 1983, and he was involved in the building of four new community elevators – Appleton and Hanley Falls, MN; Morton, ND; and, Watertown, SD.

His desire to work with people and serve his fellow man is quite evident to anyone who looks at his service to the community, no matter which community he’s lived in. Moose’s community service involvement includes being a member of the fire departments in Clements, Appleton and Hanley Falls, as well as being the fire chief and first aid instructor on the Appleton Fire and Rescue Squad. He was the constable in Clements, a member of the Appleton Auxiliary Police Force, mayor of Hanley Falls and a city council member in Appleton and Hanley Falls. He’s been a Lions Club member for 39 years. He was responsible for the development of the ballpark and playground in Hanley Falls, which is used at least four nights a week. He and his wife, Karon, founded a South Dakota organization called “Caren for Kids,” which provided handmade wood project kits for 4-H’ers and the Boy and Girl Scouts. They also run a business, Dad’s Belgian Waffles, where they travel the Midwest and cook waffles for a variety of special events, benefits and fundraisers on the weekends during the summer.



Congratulations to Maurice “Moose” Zimmer for being the 2009 recipient of the MGFA’s Community Service Award through his commitment and dedication to community service.