Greetings! One of the greatest values for me of being a member of NYSACCE4-HE is the opportunity to share ideas, challenges, opportunities and resources with others in the same “business” – youth development. This month I would like to share a resource that I’ve stumbled on called “The Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus”. I subscribe to a weekly inspiration message called “Walk the Talk”, a company dedicated to helping organizations achieve success through ethical leadership and values-based business practices. “The Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus” is based on the belief that effective leaders accomplish “big things” by GIVING employees clear goals, solid accountabilities, and ongoing feedback, coaching and recognition. These are the leadership traits of the Santa Clause in each of us. “No, it’s not easy being Santa Claus. But in spite of that, I love what I do. People need me…they depend on me. We’re doing something important here. And knowing that gives me the energy to carry the sack, lead the back, and keep coming back.” Sound familiar? If you can relate, then you will benefit from reading this short book which offers a “sack full” of recommendations that have made Santa successful:

- Build a Wonderful Workshop
- Choose Your Reindeer Wisely
- Make a List and Check it Twice
- Listen to the Elves
- Get Beyond the Red Wagons
- Share the Milk and Cookies
- Find Out Who’s Naughty and Nice
- Be Good For Goodness Sake

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Dorothy Slegle, Cayuga County

How long have you been a member of NYSACCE4-HE? 4 years
Fav Book? I don’t have one but I do enjoy reading Amish books. Their lifestyles and heritages are interesting.
TV? Big Bang Theory, Survivor, and Two and a Half Men
Food? Pizza
Hobby? Sheep
Family? Married to Matt for 2 years, have 2 dogs and own/operate a large beef cattle feedlot.
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Kelly Parker, Dutchess County

How long have you been a member of NYSACCE4-HE? 3 years
Family? My husband James and I have been married for 2 years and have a chocolate lab named Bailey.
Color? Pink
Book? Shopaholic Series
Author? Sophie Kinsella
Hobbies? Sewing, skiing, showing sheep

Have you met?

Terri Becker (right) and colleague, April Winslow, at a retirement bash (December 11th) celebrating Terri’s dedication and service to the 4-H profession. Thank you for all you have done for NYSACCE4-HE and beyond and best wishes in your retirement!

Question/History Lesson of the Month:

Q. Where is the birthplace of 4-H?
A. Clarinda, Iowa in 1901 by Jessie Field Shambaugh. Shambaugh was the Superintendent when Page County Iowa was recognized as having “The Best Rural Schools in America”. She taught the basics and established after school groups for boys and girls on alternate days to teach corn germination testing techniques and domestic skills at the Goldenrod School. The Boys’ Corn Club and Girls’ Home Club that she pioneered later developed into 3H and 4H.

Have you seen the website? http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx
Check it out to find State and National Committee reports, meeting minutes, membership benefits Power Point and a brand new report from the Southeast and more!