The “heat” is on – both the temperature outside, and the opportunity for delivering great summer programs that will have a lasting impact on the lives of youth. It’s more important than ever to “indulge your good side”. When the demands of the job require more hours than the day provides, it’s easy to say, “someone else will do it”, “someone else can handle it”, or “that’s not in my job description”. Part of your responsibility as a 4-H Educator is to identify opportunity and then act upon it. The 212 degree approach requires action; a parent drops by the office for an explanation of how to enter an exhibit at the Fair just as you are about to leave for the day – you stop, put down your briefcase and provide guidance; dirty dishes are left on the counter – you clean them up; a child needs comfort after the disappointment of an unruly animal – you give a hug and lend encouragement; a camper is left behind because a parent was delayed – you wait and provide entertainment and security. These are the things we do as 4-H Educators that you will never find in your job description. Taking advantage of just one opportunity of service or act of kindness each week will add 52 acts of inspiration to your year. Push it to two a week and you add more than 100 – imagine the possibilities. Indulge your “good side” once or more each week. Reach for the 212th degree. One way for you to accomplish this challenge is to register for a professional development conference, the NYSACCE4-HE Conference in Lake George, Oct. 9 – 11th and NAE4-HA Conference in Orlando, Oct. 21-25 are great opportunities. A few extra degree hours devoted to your professional development is an investment in your most valuable asset – YOU! Indulge your good side – see you in October!

Have you met?

**Greg Stevens, 4-H Educator, Saratoga County**  
*State/National conference memory?* Went to a State Conference years ago I believe at the Hotel Syracuse. I did Karaoke at it, and have not been able to believe at the Hotel Syracuse. I did Went to a State Conference years ago I believe at the Hotel Syracuse. I did Karaoke at it, and have not been able to believe at the Hotel Syracuse. I did

**Suzie Schlough, 4-H Urban Outreach Coordinator, Tompkins County**  
*A State/National conference memory?* Excellence in After-School Programming Award” at the NYSACCE4-HE conference in 2009. Books? (so many): Beloved, The Time Traveler’s Wife, Jane Eyre, Their Eyes were Watching God, Under the Tuscan Sun

**Margo Bauer, Lake Plains 4-H** supports youth in their effort to keep our world clean.

**History Lesson of the Month!** Planning to attend the NYSACCE4-H Conference in October? Here are some things you may not know about Fort William Henry. Sitting atop a small rise, Fort William Henry commanded the southern end of Lake George November 1755 to August 1757. The site remained undisturbed for many years until two local businessmen bought the property to keep it from being destroyed by the construction around Lake George Village. Archaeology began in the 1950s unearthing many artifacts. The walls of the fort had been built of wood logs as its facings and filled with sand. The sand was still there, as were dungeons, a well and foundations of the original fort. The reconstruction you see today stands on the fort’s original site.

The surrounding grounds still contain the remains of British and French soldiers, civilians and Native Americans. Today the Fort stands as a tribute to those who fought and died during this era in history.

**Photo of the Month!** Margo Bauer, Lake Plains 4-H, supports youth in their effort to keep our world clean.

**Question of the Month!**  
Q. How can I read the 4-H article in the Human Ecology Magazine and see the great work my peers are doing?  