A Note from the President:

I was talking with someone yesterday about how busy “life” has become, and the conversation turned to talking about “vacations”. Both a personal vacation, and as a program, when does 4-H take a vacation! Today, I feel like I’m ready for both. When I started my career with 4-H, I was told that the “slow time” was December. Recently, it seems like December has become the catch up month and really isn’t slow at all. Then there’s August – while most of our clubs take a “vacation” from programming, staff are busy wrapping up county fair and preparing for state fair and club re-enrollments. I’ve come to the realization that life happens, and has become filled with “stuff”. Fortunately, it’s our decision and choice to make it “good” stuff!

The NYSACCE4-H Board recently met with Dr. Helene Dillard and shared some of the great programs that you folks are doing in the counties. She was very impressed with the information and has asked for electronic copies of all of the handouts so she can share them at appropriate times and with the right people. Thanks to all of you for once again, giving the extra degree! This is the good stuff.

A final note, please encourage staff and volunteers to “Join Our Revolution of Responsibility” at the NYS 4-H Volunteer Forum on November 9th and 10th. We need your help in offering a wide variety of interesting and top-notch workshops. You DO have something to offer. Go to the State 4-H website at http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/VolunteerDevelopmentOpportunities.aspx and click the link for the forms.

As you head into your own fair season, summer camps and other programs, don’t forget to catch your breath, recognize the beauty around you, and give that extra degree – knowing that you’re doing the good stuff.

Have you met?

Vicki Fleming, Suffolk County

To your career, what is the value of the 4-H Association? Connecting to colleagues and networking to share ideas.

4-H: I grew up showing goats and the occasional sheep in Ohio and I was in 4-H for 6 years. I never thought, years later, that I would be working for 4-H!

Hobby? Needle felting

Birthday? May 25

Vacation? Seattle because I am originally from the west coast. But I love hiking at Lake Minnewaska.

Quote? Adventure is worthwhile in itself—Amelia Earhart

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Patti Zellmer, Otsego County

To your career, what is the value of the 4-H Association? The “Association” provides opportunities for professional and personal growth. With the many challenges of the 4-H profession, it’s great to know there are others to help and encourage me along the way to “Make the Best Better!”

4-H: I joined 4-H in the 3rd grade in WI. My first 4-H position in the NY system was from 1984-1991 in Sullivan County and from 2003-2010 was in Ulster County. January 2011, I took the challenge and moved to the Otsego County 4-H Program. I love to see how 4-H helps young people grow and have success.

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NYSACCE4-HE Calendar

June 1-December 1 Applications reviewed for professional development funds

June 8 Deadline for submitting a workshop/poster proposal for annual conference

September 18 NYSACCE4-HE BOD Meeting

October 9-11 NYSACCE4-HE Conference, Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, Lake George

Professional Development Fund Applications

The Board and the Professional Development Committee of the NYSACCE4-H encourage each 4-H Educator District to apply for special funds, up to $285, to support professional development for its members. The applications will be reviewed and funds awarded by the Professional Development Committee. Please visit the following link for more information:

http://professional.develop.ufoa.com/forms/27x3x5/

NYSACCE4-HE Annual Conference RFP

You are invited to share your expertise. Please visit

http://professional.develop.ufoa.com/forms/27x3x3 to submit a proposal for either a workshop or poster to be featured at the NYSACCE4-H Annual Conference, October 9-11, 2012, at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George.

Photo/Question of the Month

Beth Horton, 4-H Youth Development Program Educator at CCE Columbia/Greene, teaches youth about outdoor water safety.

Q: What kinds of things could I do a workshop on at the 4-H Conference in October?

A: The planning committee has identified the following priority areas for workshops/poster sessions: Healthy Lifestyles, STEM, Civic Engagement, Information Technology, Diversity, and Volunteer Management.

History Lesson of the Month:

The first State Leaders Training Camp was held in 1930 on Cayuga Lake. In 1958 it moved to another 4-H Camp in Ontario County. What was the name of that camp? 4-H Camp Letchworth or Bristol Hills??