A Note From the President

Through a year of 4-H leadership transitions, the board worked closely with the Interim 4-H Leadership team; Robin Travis, Dr. Steve Hamilton, Jo Swanson and Charlotte Coffman. NYSACCE4-HE was welcomed to take an active role in the search process for a new State 4-H Program Leader and we are excited to say that on August 29th, Dr. Valerie Adams started in this position. We look forward to working closely with Valerie to keep New York State in the forefront, as a leader and model in 4-H programming.

Financially, the board received the payment returned from the 2009 Rochester Conference. An investment committee has been formed to determine the best use for these funds. This year we launch the new rotating schedule of regions hosting NYSACCE4-HE conferences. Members are excited to visit new areas of the state in the years ahead.

Personally, I want to thank each of you for your dedication to your professional association.

Jennifer

We Recognize Peer Accomplishments

Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Meritorious—Linda (Earley) Tripp
DSA—Dana Palmer, April Winslow, Linda Brosch
ASA—Mary Ann Scharmburg, Barbara Sturm
Special Service—Holly Harwood, Beth Horton, Martina Noone
25 Year—Debbie SeGuin
Club Support—Orange County Team
Camping—Tim Davis
Natural Resources—John Bowe
Award of Merit—Jeannie Griffiths
Advanced Study Degree—April Winslow

Marketing and Information

The following Communicator Award entries were selected as state winners and were forwarded on for regional and national consideration:

Feature Story—Jessica Spence
News Story—Emily Kidd
Periodical Publication (Team) - Barbara Sturm*
P Promotion Package (Team) - Jessica Spence*
Published Photo—Jessica Spence*

*Northeast winner forwarded on for National consideration

The Marketing and Information Committee also finalized the layout of a marketing tool that can be used to recruit new members. The ‘NYSACCE4-HE Membership Benefits Menu’ will be handed out to new staff (see back cover).
Committee Reports

Capital Days
- 92 delegates/chaperones from 29 counties. 60 joined in the Sunday portion of the program.
- 8 members from SET demonstrated the initiatives as part of the Legislative Breakfast.
- Assemblymen Marc Molinaro and Peter Lopez spoke to the group about their personal stories. Assemblyman Stephen Hawley shared “How A Bill Becomes A Law”.
- Participants toured the Capitol, NYS Museum, and watched the Senate and Assembly in session. They also had breakfast with their legislators.
- The highlights of the program were to gain a better understanding of government and to make new friends.

~Submitted by Terri Becker

Audit
Audits were conducted for the Capital Days Committee on December 2, 2010 and for NYSACCE4-HE on April 5, 2011 by members Tim Davis, Angela Northern, Barb Sturm, and Al Woodward. Both audits found the financial records to be in good shape and accurately reflecting the finances of the association. The committee extends our gratitude to Steve Billings, John Bowe, and Marilyn Russell for their service as treasurers.
~Submitted by Tim Davis

Mentoring
This committee, consisting of Mark Wittmeyer, Guin Panek, Linda Gilliland, Janette Smith, Kelly Adams, Patrick Ames, Linda (Earley) Tripp and Kelly Parker, made establishing meaningful mentoring relationships as its priority in 2011. To accomplish this the committee has worked on improving the process for matching new staff with potential mentors, creating a system to monitor mentoring relationships and document the impact, and being a presence and resource at state conferences. The committee hopes these actions will help to make the mentoring relationship a manageable and comfortable experience.

~Submitted by Mark Wittmeyer

Fund Development
The Fund Development Committee is currently making preparations for the Annual Fall Conference Silent Auction to be held Wednesday, October 12th. The members include Nancy Robertson—CoChair, April Winslow—CoChair, Marika Rywak—Secretary, Celeste Carmichael—Treasurer, Amy Rugenstein and Autumn Lavine. The Committee will also be selling 4-H Stories from the Heart – a collection of 4-H stories from across the country created by NAE4-HA. Look for this great book and many awesome items at the auction to benefit our association! Last year the auction raised $1,500. Thank you for the support from the membership!
~Submitted by April Winslow

Professional Development
This committee, consisting of Rachel Williams, Elaine Noble, Linda Brosch, Emily Kidd, Alexa King, Barb Stevens and Christopher Colahan, created an online submission form for districts to apply for Professional Development grants. They also determined a rolling submission deadline of the current year (December 1st final submission deadline) to be most beneficial for Districts to have time to confer when deciding what they wish to apply for. Funds applied for by December 1st should be spent by June 30th. Districts, please apply, it is not too late. $285 is available for professional development needs. The committee also provided promotion and input and served as 4-H Youth Development liaisons to the Centennial Conference planning committee.
~Submitted by Rachel Williams

Nominating
Committee members Shawn Tiede, Chip Malone, Jennifer Collins, Matt Greene, Megan Tifft, and Linda Wegner are happy to present the slate of officers for 2012 as Brenda Carpenter for President, Marika Rywak for Vice President, and Mel Schroeder for Secretary.
~Submitted by Shawn Tiede

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District Updates

Capital
The Capital District 4-H educators met five times over the year – November, January, March, May and September. We enjoyed professional development on the following topics: an introduction and review of the “Essential Elements” curriculum from National Council by Chrys Nestle; Richard Halpin, Cornell Specialist presented, “How to Change with the Changing Times”; “Intro to Prioritization and Pruning”, with Marcia Eames Sheavly; a presentation by Deputy Guy Gurney, “Staying Safe on the Job – in the office, off-site and on the road!”; and a presentation and tour of Railex, a cross-country shipper of produce. Capital District has offered to host the 2012 Association Annual Conference and planning has begun. Nancy Schaff will join us for our November meeting to help us become “science ready”. Officers for 2011-12 are: chair and state board rep.—Linda Tripp; vice chair—Kandis Freer; secretary—Sarah Shufon.
~Submitted by Linda (Earley) Tripp

Western/Finger Lakes
The Western District of the NYSACCE4-HE met jointly with the Finger Lakes District in 2011 in Ontario, Genesee and Wyoming Counties. Professional development programs included, “Excessive Multi-Tasking and its Impact on our Lives”, by Marcia Eames-Sheavly and “Managing the Current Climate of 4-H” with Steve Hamilton, Jo Swanson and Marcia Eames-Sheavly. Most recently the districts welcomed Dr. Valerie Adams and worked with Nancy Schaff on county 4-H SET programming. ~Submitted by Rachel Williams

North Central
The North Central District had two great professional development workshops. In January, Celeste Carmichael presented the animal science tool kit training to the group. We also had Professor Grayce Dady from SUNY Oswego join us for a full day of professional development in May on working with special needs audiences. The program featured a video by Richard Lavoie, learning how to create a lesson plan, resources from IDEA regarding special needs classifications and discussion about working with special needs learners. Both trainings were excellent! We have also been busy discussing and planning the fall NYSACCE4-HE Conference and are currently submitting a professional development grant for workshops on bullying. ~Submitted by April Winslow

North Country
The North Country district met four times this year at the St. Lawrence County’s Extension Learning Farm. We hosted a district wide maple overnight that was attended by most of the counties in the district. During our second year of programming, we are creating a standardized maple program. We participated in a SET training on the Lost Lady Bug curriculum with researchers from Cornell. A district wide public presentation event was held at St. Lawrence University in June. The district also held a retreat in Lake Placid during the first week of October to outline the next year as well as forming ideas for further district wide programming.
~Submitted by Matt Greene

South Central
This year, many educators were involved in the Robotics and Choose Health trainings offered at a regional level. We are also busy piloting new regional programs. We had a successful joint retreat with the South East District at Camp Shankitunk.
~Submitted by Pat Hubbard

South East
In addition to coordinating all of the district level events, this year the South East District educators professional development sessions focused on increasing our ability to teach a variety of SET programs including rocketry, polymers, robotics and New York State Agriculture in the Classroom lessons. One highlight of the year was our visit to the Food and Finance Magnet High School in New York City where we learned about the 4-H program in New York City and toured the hydroponics lab where students are growing food that is used in their culinary arts program.
~Submitted by Pat Hubbard

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NYSACCE4-HE is the only professional association for 4-H Youth Development Educators in New York. The themes of the 2011 New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators are:

- Work within the Extension system to build a highly competent and motivated 4-H Youth Development staff.
- Identify, build, and maintain positive relationships within the 4-H Youth Development profession.
- Develop and deliver a contemporary and effective image of 4-H Youth Development.

NYSACCE4-HE supports the mission of NAE4-HA, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, to offer Youth Development professionals the best in professional development, an inclusive and supportive network, integration of scholarship, research, and practice.

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Committee members are: Mary Ann Scharmberg, Margo Bowerman, Rebecca Ireland-Perry, Jerome Christie, Peg Lewis, and Mary Fairley.

**Marketing and Information**

Committee members are: Roxanne Dueppengiesser, Jessica Spence, Debra Holliday, Holly Wirth, Mel Schroeder, Bonnie Peck, Nancy Caswell, and Celeste Carmichael.

**Capital Days**

Committee members are: Terri Becker, Shawn Smith, Margo Bowerman, Paul Webster, Holly Wirth, Jody Tatich, Linda Wegner, Marilyn Russell, and Jamila Simon.