“You don’t know when you are making a difference in someone’s life,” was the message from keynote speaker Rafe Esquith, a 5th grade teacher from L.A., at the NAE4-HA Conference in Phoenix. Our passion as 4-H Educators makes a difference everyday to everyone around us. Esquith also stated that, “Our challenge is for youth to have experiences that are relevant to their lives and to provide youth with opportunities to make this happen.” This has 4-H written all over it! Why do we want kids to do this? So they can say, “I learned this skill and my life just got better.”

Our state association provides each educator experiences just like the ones we want for our 4-H members. It feels like each day is a new experience. As NYSACCE4-HE members we have the opportunity for professional development and colleagues support and friendships from our state and across the country. At this time of transition in our state 4-H program, your association will have a voice in the process. It is important for each of you to become active in your district activities or volunteer to serve on a state committee so that you can have opportunities that make your life, and the lives of those around you, better too.

I look forward to serving as your President this year, and am excited to be working with the slate of officers for 2010-2011 including Shawn Tiede—Past President, Brenda Carpenter—Vice President, Steve Billings—Treasurer, and Alexa King—Secretary. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

~Jennifer Jensen~

Alexa King, NYSACCE4-HE Secretary
What is the most important benefit of being a NYSACCE4-HE member? Networking, connection with other 4-H professionals, sharing ideas.
4-H? Was a 4-H member in Clinton County, worked in CCE for 4 years including some time in Cayuga County.
Hobbies? Read, hike, draw, traveling
Book? Harry Potter TV? Big Bang Theory and Bones
Board Game? Apples to Apples Pets? Dog named Pooka, she is mostly Belgian Shepherd
Dessert? Homemade brownies
Contact? ask37@cornell.edu or CCE Clinton 518-561-7450

Stephenie Graf, North Central District Rep
What is the most important benefit of being a NYSACCE4-HE member? The opportunities to network and to participate on committees to learn more about particular subject matters you are interested in.
Hobbies? Cross country skiing, yoga, gardening and canning, hiking with my Black Labs Rachel and Diesel, biking and reading.
Cool Fact? According to our family records I’m the first girl in 23 generations.
Vacation? Plymouth, MA—so many fun stories and fond memories!
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Shawn Smith, Co-Chair Capital Days Committee
What is the most important benefit of being a NYSACCE4-HE member? Networking and interaction with fellow educators.
Background? Navy veteran. Got involved with Capital Days because she believes that having a voice in government is really important.
Hobbies? Making stained glass windows. Studied with an artist in New Mexico to learn how.
Experience? Bulk of experience with at risk youth, in New Mexico worked with chronic runaways and abused children.
Book? Conversations with God
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Angela Northern, Audit Committee
What is the most important benefit of being a NYSACCE4-HE member? Connection with other educators, seriousness about professional development that is engendered by the association.
Family? Met husband, Pete, at University of Tennessee Knoxville and they live in Grand Island. Two sons, Steven and Andrew, Grandson, Parker (2 years old).
Pets? Parker allergic so Nana inherited crazy cat, Geisha!

2009-2010 Membership numbers by district… your challenge should you choose to accept, BEAT THIS NUMBER IN 2011!!
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Third Thursday
News and Views

New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators

A Note from the President:

Have you met?

Newspaper or Magazines?

The original titles of the Association officers were: Captain Kid, First Mate, Second Mate, Keeper of the Log, and Keeper of the Pail (some records say Keeper of the Chest!)

Q: Why is it important to send in my membership form and dues to Brenda Carpenter before December 15th?
A: NAE4-HA bases the number of National Distinguished Service Awards on the total membership of the state by that deadline. We want to be able to offer our members the greatest opportunity that we can so that we can have the most people recognized.

History Lesson/Question of the Month