President’s Message by Megan Tifft, Tompkins County

Hello:
The theme for this issue of News & Views is “Becoming involved in the 2009 National Conference.” Can you “Imagine the Possibilities” of what you can give back to the 4-H Youth Development Professional Organization that has given so much to you? In the next couple of months, we will be letting you know of several opportunities to share your time and expertise in support of the 2009 NAE4-HA National Conference. Are you interested in decorating, announcing workshops, leading a group for one of 28 Seminars of Wheels, providing hospitality to friends, families and other volunteers? Think about a skill you want to share and mark your calendars to be in Rochester for this important event.

http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/nae4ha2009

Also from Megan:

In 2008, we conducted a survey of the membership on the benefits of being a member of this Association. Inside this issue, check out some of the results and what members had to say!

Thank you for your continued dedication to the profession and this organization. We are facing a multitude of challenges but please remember we have each other to learn from and lean on; which will help get us through the tough times.

Sincerely, Megan E. Tifft
Membership Survey Results by Megan Tifft

**Question:** What are the benefits of being a member of NYSACCE4-HE?

91.3% Responded: Networking-
"Being a member of NAE4-HA and NYSACCE4-HE has allowed me to expand my networking with the 4-H community and to learn what programs others are offering. It has opened doors to a variety of opportunities and gives me new ideas for programming."
- Jody Maneely, Member

73.9% Responded: Camaraderie-
"The Association is the key that holds us all together-it provides a unity and strength for our profession. We work together, have fun together and rely on one another. The relationships built through the Association keep people in our profession and keep them at their best."
- Celeste Charmichael, Member

100% Responded: Professional Development-
"Over my many years in 4-H Youth Development, the Professional Association has been the very best source of professional development opportunities."
- Barb Schirmer, Member

2009 National Conference News

The 2009 NAE4-HA Conference will not happen without the help of all of our members. Committees of members from all over the Northeast have been working hard planning, but there is still much to be done. If you are interested in assisting in a particular area, please contact the committee chairs for volunteer opportunities, both prior to and during the conference.

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Come to the best possible 4-H professional development opportunity there is......and it’s right in our back yard!! 4-H Educators from all over the Northeast have been working hard to bring this opportunity to you!! Within the next few weeks we will have the registration up on-line as well as opportunities for everyone to help out with the different conference committees. Mark your calendar for October 25 – 29!

We have fabulous speakers planned for the conference: keynote Geoffrey Canada, a much sought-after speaker who enjoys a national reputation as both an advocate for and an expert on issues concerning violence, children, and community redevelopment. Our capnote is Judson Laipply, whose presentations are highly motivational, humorous, and thought provoking while focusing on change in life.

There will be over 200 workshops, seminars, poster sessions, and commercial exhibits to choose from that are the best from all over the country. Pre-conference tours are being planned including visits to the Finger Lakes Wine Country, Niagara Falls & Toronto. Also over 20 Seminars on Wheels are being organized. Evening events promise to be exciting as well: highlights include the “Trek thru the Seasons in the Northeast” Opening Night, a dinner Cabaret theatre and a NYC Street Fair. This conference will also be an economical one with room rates starting at $119 per room per night!! Check our website regularly (http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/nae4ha2009) for updates and watch for email blasts with highlights!

Membership Report by Shawn Tiede, Wyoming County

As of April 1, 2009 we have 150 members of NYSACCE4-HE!!!

The breakdown is as follows….
17 New National
83 Renewing State & National
18 State Only
32 Life Members

As a reminder to those who have yet to join the Association for 2009 please email: Shawn Tiede, srt28@cornell.edu

From the preliminary information I’ve seen it looks like there will be a $90 discount from the 2009 NAE4-HA conference fee for National members! That’s a HUGE benefit to membership!
In this new feature, a member of our Association will be interviewed.

Up first: Tom Davis, Orange County

*Co-chair of the 2009 National Conference*

**Number of years involved with 4-H:** 31 years in the profession, 10 years as a 4-H member.....and before that I was a "wannabe" 4-H’er.....so I guess you could say for life!

**Last book you read:** Hardy Boys - The Tower Treasure (read to my boys at night before bed!!)

**Favorite dessert:** Hot Fudge Sundae

**Best way to spend the day:** Being outside on a nice sunny day.....working in the yard and if I’m really lucky sneaking out to play golf.....or doing anything outside with my family

**Favorite movie:** Star Wars and Caddy Shack

**What have you gained from being a member of NYSACCE4-HE:** I guess I’d have to say the biggest gain I’ve experienced is that what I’ve learned from my colleagues has been invaluable in my career....not only new ideas, but how to handle this job in general.....I can honestly say I don’t think I would have made it 31 years without this support.

**Why is attending a National Conference important:** National Conferences are "clearing houses" for ideas....with the hundreds of seminars, poster sessions and world class speakers......it is incredibly easy to find dozens of ideas that will help any of us in our job. Besides program specific ideas of "what to do" the opportunity to network with colleagues from all over the country allows us to gain insight on managing what we do....in other words the "who/how/when and why needed to do our work!!" I find our national meetings to be uplifting and motivational as well!! I always leave them feeling even more enthused about our profession!!!
On December 8, 2008, we met jointly with the Western District Educators at the CCE Genesee office. Marcia Eames-Sheavely was our speaker, sharing the latest information about some of the latest garden based learning programs available—such as the Living Sculpture and the Tulip Project. After lunch, state reports were given and district meetings were held before departing for home.

We met again with the Western District on February 23, 2009 at the CCE Ontario office with “Cooking Up Fun!” presented by Yates and Wayne Counties as the program.

Meanwhile, preparations and planning are well underway for the 2009 National Conference in Rochester. We’re counting on all western New York educators to help make this a success and show the nation why western New York is the place to be!
Awards and Recognition Committee Report by Mary Ann Scharmburg, Livingston County

2009 NYSACCE4-HE Service and Specialty Award Recipients

New York State Special Service Award
Jennifer Allen, Yates County
Amy Rugenstein, Wayne County

Achievement in Service Award
John F. Bowe, Warren County
Jennifer Jensen, Ontario County
Angela Northern, Erie County

Distinguished Service
Margo A. Bowerman, Orleans County
Teresa Lanterman Becker, Madison County
Angela B. Waligora, Wyoming County

Meritorious Service Award
Chrys Nestle, Washington County

25 Years of Service Award
Timothy S. Davis, Ontario County

Award of Merit
Stephen Smith and Susan Hoskins

Excellence in 4-H After School Programming Award
Suzanne Schlough, Tompkins County

Professional Development Scholarship Award
Category: Professional Study Tour Award
Linda Earley and Chip Malone

Please join us in honoring the 2009 Award Winners during NYSACCE4-HE’s Journey to Emerald City!

- Monday, May 11, 2009
- Empire Room (State Fairgrounds)
- 6pm-7pm Poster Session/Awards Reception/Auction (Cash Bar)
- 7pm-10pm Awards Banquet

Please contact:
Elaine Noble at emn9@cornell.edu for registration information.

Capital District Report by Bonnie Peck, Fulton/ Montgomery Counties

On November 24th, the Capital District 4-H Educators met in Voorheesville at a “Joint Educators” meeting. In the morning, Ag Educators provided a speaker on writing and marketing using computer and internet resources. On January 9th, we had our meeting via polycom, with Albany, Washington, Fulton-Montgomery, and Clinton Counties hosting.
**Ask Uncle Al**

**Mentoring Committee Report by Jody Maneely, Franklin County**

Dear Uncle Al,
I am a new 4-H Educator and I am hearing all kinds of excitement about some conference in Rochester this fall. Is this something special and why should I take the time and spend the money to attend? I am already busy!
Signed,
More Info Please!

Dear New 4-H Educator,
I would definitely make the effort to attend the 2009 NAE4-HA conference in Rochester, NY from October 25 - 29, 2009 for the amazing networking opportunities and the outstanding Special Events. Featured events include; a “Northeast Trek Through the Seasons” on Opening Night, a Dinner Theatre on-site on Tuesday, and Wednesday there will be a NYC dinner featuring food from a variety of cultures to be followed by a NYC Street Fair with desserts and entertainment "On the Street." Of course, my favorite is the State's Night Out, a time to gel with colleagues from our own State - always a delightful way to spend an evening. To learn more about this fantastic opportunity to attend a NATIONAL conference checkout the website: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/nae4ha2009/index.html

I also think going to the 2009 National Conference is a time to find out what other educators are doing that works best for them. When I was a new educator, I found that no matter where I went to a 4-H conference, I was always learning something new and exciting that I could take back to my own county.

As a new educator you are so fortunate to have this opportunity so close to home and so early in your career. Many educators who have been in 4-H much longer have not yet had the opportunity to attend a national conference. You will learn things at this conference that will help you throughout your 4-H career. So, mark your calendar, look for a roommate and get excited. The NAE4-HA Conference is just around the corner!

Uncle Al

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**Marketing and Information Committee Report by Bonnie Peck**

The Marketing and Information Committee is working on two projects. Bonnie Peck met with Megan Tifft to begin work on a power point presentation to promote the Association with new youth development staff being hired into CCE. Another power point presentation will be made to market the 4-H Educator’s Association to County Directors. Celeste Carmichael and Megan met to look at the website and make some changes. Roxanne Dueppengiesser has received submissions for Communicator Awards. The committee will be meeting April to make selections, and the awards will be presented at the May Conference.
### 2009 NYSACCE4-HE Upcoming Dates to Remember

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