Greetings all! Thankfully Spring has arrived!

This issue of News and Views is coming to you a day late because I wanted to include some thoughts about the recent 4-H Club Management Conference “4-H Projects”. The Association has had the honor of sponsoring this very beneficial professional development opportunity for the past two years. There were a couple of things that really spoke to me while being out in Ithaca the past two days. First, I am continually blown away by the knowledge, abilities and professionalism of our colleagues across the NYS 4-H program. I’d like to take a moment to congratulate the planning committee on a job well done! The wealth of knowledge located here in New York State is second to none. I was also impressed with the commitment to the conference from the state 4-H office and campus staff. I for one left the conference feeling like they too are totally committed to our success in 4-H Youth Development.

Another thing that I couldn’t help noticing is how many “newer” staff were on hand. It was so exciting to see the new energy and optimism that they brought with them to Ithaca. That leads me to a challenge for those of you reading this issue. Share your experiences as member of the NYSACCE4-HE Association; recruit those new folks to join, become active members, and bring that new energy to committees in the near future. I also challenge you all to take the information you learned at the conference back to those who were unable to attend. Share the information, the vast resources, and connect them to campus.

I wanted to also take a moment to thank Brenda Carpenter, the volunteers, and the 4-H youth for the wonderful dinner at Tompkins County 4-H Acres. As a 4-H educator I am always so proud to see our members and leaders “showing up strong” on behalf of our program.

The new mission statement reads: 4-H connects youth to hands-on learning opportunities that help them grow into competent, caring, contributing members of society. I believe the Club Management Conference has provided educators with the resources to do just that. Please don’t forget the deadline for proposals for the State Conference is fast approaching. We know that you are all doing amazing work out there. Please plan to share that with your colleagues in Ithaca next fall. Thank you!

Have a great workshop idea for the October NYSACCE4-HE conference? Proposals being accepted until April 21st!! For more information visit our website’s Professional Development page and then submit your workshop idea at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/_203

Photos of the Month

Congratulations to Mary Fairley and Mary Ann Scharmberg on your retirements!!!! (Left, Washington County delegates to 4-H Club Conference 1967, can you find Mary? Fun fact—her father is also in the picture! Right, Mary Ann judging at District Public Presentations—volunteering her time!)

Have you seen the website? Visit: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx

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A Note from the President:

Abby Langdon, Franklin County

Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE? Because she has a passion for working with youth and knows 4-H opens doors.

Movie? Fast and the Furious movies are fun!

Hobby? Outdoorsy person—has been an avid snowboarder for 16 years, enjoys ice fishing, volleyball, and hiking.

Vacation? Next destination is a return trip to Costa Rica.

Pets? 2 dogs, Fred (Beagle) and Wilma (Lab/Heeler) - yes, named after the Flintstones!


Color? Tends to lean toward yellow.

Car? Subaru (all wheel drive is essential!)

Quote? “Never give up on he good times—living it up is a state of mind!” ~Spice Girls

4-H? Started in CCE as an Eat Smart NY Intern, quickly discovered a passion for youth, and now works in the 4-H mentoring program.

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Have you met?

NYSACCE4-HE

Many Generations for One Thriving Future

Annual New York State 4-H Educators Conference
October 13-15, 2015
Renadale Inn, Ithaca, Tompkins County

Quote of the Month: “Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck. Your profession is what you are put on Earth to do with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling.” Vincent Van Gogh