I hope you all have been enjoying the summer and have experienced sandy toes and sun kissed noses! It is the busiest season of all for us, as we qualify, register, vaccinate, coordinate, update, pack, practice and prepare for State Fair! I absolutely LOVE State Fair (honestly)… the smell of all things fried, the bells and lights of the midway, the barking of the sea lions, the hum of the chainsaw master, and the taste of the ice cold Dairy Bar chocolate milk! The official end to my summer… Then as soon as we know it, fall is upon us and another 4-H year begins. A fresh start and new beginnings are on the horizon. Have you thought about how YOU can become more involved in our Association? How about running for an Officer position, becoming a Committee Member or District Representative? There are many of us around the state that currently hold, or held positions on the district, state and/or national level and would LOVE to talk to you about how rewarding it can be. Please take the time to ask someone if you are interested. Yes, there is a time factor involved, but the professional networking and experiences are well worth the extra effort!

Districts should conduct their elections and submit their recommendations for committee representation to the Board prior to the Annual meeting in October.

Have a Happy and Safe State Fair!

Kathy Leo
Orange County
Why 4-H? Joined CCE as a great part time job that fits with my family needs and allows me to be involved in youth programming and development.
Color? Blue
Book? Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Author? Janet Evanovich
Food? Lobster
Dessert? Anything chocolate
Hobby? Reading anywhere there is a beach chair!
Family? Husband and three boys, one dog, one cat, and one bird
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Katie Nelsen,
Seneca County
Why NYSACCE4-HE? To get to know the other 4-H Educators in the state and more about what others were doing.
Color? Slime Green – think Kermit the Frog green
Author? Nora Roberts, Erica Spindler, Jayne A Krentz , Anne Perry
Movie? Life or Something Like It and Must Love Dogs
TV Show? Grey’s Anatomy, The Voice, NCIS
Food? Mexican Dessert? Apple Tapioca Pudding Hobby? Dog Showing Contact? kan25@cornell.edu, CCE
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Nancy Schaff, NYS STEM Specialist, during her opening remarks at the 23rd annual Animal Crackers, May 4, 2013.

Q. I’m interested in holding a leadership position within our association, what is available?
A. Not only can you serve as an officer on the NYSACCE4-HE Board, but you can also assume leadership roles within your respective district or as a member of a committee (NYSACCE4-HE committees include Audit, Capital Days, Fund Development, History, Marketing and Information, Member Recognition, Nominating, Professional Development and Mentoring). Ask what roles are available at your next District Educators’ meeting!

The Conference will be October 15-17, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lake Placid. The theme is “Go for the Gold, Make the Best Better at work, home and play.” For NYSACCE4-HE Members, registration will be $175 for the whole conference, $100 for those who want to participate Wednesday only. For non-members, registration is $225 for the whole conference, $150 for those who want to participate Wednesday only. Registration includes programming and meals from dinner Tuesday through breakfast Thursday and snacks throughout. Registration is $40 for those who want to come only to the banquet on Wednesday. Hotel rooms will be at the state rate (which will be released in August).

And don’t forget to be thinking ahead to Communicator Awards—what are you doing now that you can submit?!!