In a year filled with events that will forever shape our county, I wanted to reflect on all the good that has happened to our Association and our Members!

Congratulations to our Newlyweds from the State Office to the Finger Lakes and our new moms and dads, from way up in North Country to the very bottom of the state in the South East! Let it be reflected in the 2013 (and beyond) ES237 numbers of volunteers (spouses) and 4-H members (2017 Cloverbuds)!

2012 gave us a fully staffed State Office. Nigel and Nancy have been stepping up the Healthy Lifestyles beyond) ES237 numbers of volunteers (spouses) and 4-H members (2017 Cloverbuds)!

The NYS 4-H Camping programing was honored with the National Camping Award for the second year in a row!

NYS 4-H Educators were awarded State, Regional and National Awards! Don’t forget to nominate a colleague for one of the Service Awards, or recognize your own efforts by preparing an entry for a Communicator Award. We do GREAT work in New York so lets show the rest of the country! Be on the lookout for the awards information and a few new categories!

New York was represented on the National level with Shawn Tiede as our fearless Senior NERD, Megan Tifft as PILD representative and retirees Barb Schirmer as a Galaxy Rep and now Tom Davis as our new Jr. NERD! Just goes to show you how involvement in State and National Associations can create opportunities for continued professional development and leadership roles that continue even into retirement.

For those who celebrate, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! The meaning behind the celebrations of the season are all the same; love and friendship, peace and joy. May this holiday season be filled with it all, for you and your family.

Manda

Have you met?

Kerri McKenna,
Orleans County

Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE?
I joined because I appreciated the support and networking opportunities that were available to me through this community. I look forward to working with you and getting to know you all more!

Author? Francine Rivers

Hobbies? Showing dairy cows, traveling, soccer

4-H? I grew up in 4-H in Orleans Co., where it was a whole family affair. My parents were always very supportive of my three sisters and I as we showed various animals (mainly Guernsey cows, and Toggenburg dairy goats) and other exhibits.

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Photo of the Month:

Megan Tifft collects some of the 3400 bright yellow rubber ducks that tumble over Cascadilla Falls then bob down the creek in a frantic and fabulous race to the 4-H Education Center on Willow Avenue each spring as part of Tompkins County 4-H’s Duck Race fundraiser. Top finishing ducks win great prizes, donated by area businesses and other sponsors and the event generates as much as $10,000 for the program.

Q. I’m writing my Christmas cards and wondering—has there ever been a 4-H stamp?
A. Yes! To mark the 50th anniversary of 4-H, a commemorative 3 cent stamp was produced in 1951. The 4-H stamp was designed by C.R. Chickering and M.D. Fenton was the engraver. You can learn more at http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Stamps/

History

Lesson of the Month:

If you have not submitted your membership form for 2013, this is your last issue of News and Views!!!! Membership form is available at http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx

Jack McCulley, Jefferson County

Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE?
I joined NYSACCE4-HE because I was new to the Extension system and 4-H and thought it would be a great resource for any information I may need to succeed in this career.

Vacation? Glacier National Park in 2010 with my wife.

Hobby? I enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, photography, amateur timber sports, and hunting trips with my dad.

Food? Rare red meat of any kind and my wife’s Montreal Chicken.

Color? Green

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Time is Running Out!