NYSACCE4-HE Vice President, Greg Stevens and I had the pleasure of attending the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference last week. JCEP is a partnership of professional Extension organizations that focuses on strengthening the efforts of the member organizations and does what each cannot do individually. Over the three day conference we were immersed in professional development and NAE4-HA updates.

We recognize a need for continued exposure to and understanding of our National professional organization. I am sure our talented membership from New York will be very welcome to join National committees and task forces. Members may join committees at any time throughout the year. Involvement and communication most often takes place through virtual modes. Truly, the best way to learn about the organization may be to jump in with both feet. With that in mind, I would like to encourage you to take the time to explore nae4ha.com. Please feel free to contact myself or Greg if you have questions about NAE4-HA.

The keynote speaker at JCEP, Dave Mitchell spoke on “The Power of Understanding People.” Mr. Mitchell used humor and real life experiences to help us understand and appreciate diverse styles while aiding us in developing techniques for adjusting communication when working with others. I am sure we have all been exposed to similar thoughts, ideas and techniques. It still can be very valuable to be reminded from time to time and reevaluate how we interact with others. No matter our approach, we all play a part and contribute to the big picture.

If you are interested in Mr. Mitchell’s keynote address or the other presentation from JCEP please take the time to view the materials at http://www.jcep.org/component/content/article/43-awards-and-presentations/presentations/61-2014-jcep-leadership-conference-presentations (live link below this issue of N&V). I also purchased Dave Mitchell’s book and would be happy to share it.

Save the dates reminder: 2014 NAE4-HA Conference will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 26-30!

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

Amanda Benson
Columbia-Greene County

Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE? To make new connections and to form a network of people who can help me strengthen my program and to form friendships with people who are passionate about 4-H as much as I am. 4-H? I was a Saratoga County 4-H member for 10 years and continued to volunteer after I aged out of 4-H. While in 4-H, I participated in Teen Council, Teen Exchange, a Horse project and Teen Ambassadors

Book? The Hunger Games Series
TV Show? Hart of Dixie
Dessert? My mom’s rhubarb cheesecake (it’s to die for!)
Hobby? Barrel Racing
Contact: 518-828-3346 x 201 or amb574@cornell.edu

Request for Proposals!
The annual New York State 4-H Educator’s conference to be held on October 14th-16th at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center located in Callicoon, Sullivan County.

In the effort to remind us of the importance of our work, the Professional Development Committee has themed the conference, “Essential Elements of Professional Youth Development.” At this moment the Professional Development Committee is soliciting requests for proposals for a poster session and 16-20 workshops. Please take the time to submit an RFP for the annual conference.

Deadline for submissions is April 9th. Do not procrastinate. Stay on the track and submit your proposal right now through the online form, located on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Event Registration page under Oswego and Westchester counties or the live link below this issue of N&V. Be an integral part of the team that helps make the conference the best ever.

Submit a RFP today!

Photo of the Month:
Kristi Cranwell and April Winslow work together to perform CPR with the assistance of an AED. The North Central district utilized professional development funds from NYSACCE4-HE in January to offer CPR and first aid training to members.

Photo by Linda Brosch

Want to know how your district can get professional development funds? Click on the link below this issue of N&V.

Quote of the Month: “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” –Martin Luther King.

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