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Next, I’d like to encourage districts to apply for the Professional Development Funds. We have streamlined the application process. This year the Request for Professional Development Funds will be made simply through an email sent to the committee chair with a CC copy to the NYSACCE4-HE Board President. Amount requested, intended use of funds, and the date of the event should be included in the email. All requests need to be made at least 2 weeks prior to the event. You are able to use up to $250 per budget year/district. The Committee Chair’s will quickly ensure that the district applying has not used its allotted funds, and respond to the request in a timely manner.

Stay warm!

JCEP, the meeting of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals was held February 10-12 in sunny Las Vegas. Through support from NAE4-HA I was able to attend as Vice President to represent NYSACCE4-HE. The conference is an amazing way for Extension professionals from all over the country to meet and discuss ideas and issues that may be facing the professional extension organizations. In addition to the chance to network there are also many great professional development opportunities. The keynote speaker was a former 4-H member from Minnesota who spoke about the need for trust in leadership. His message, which was delivered eloquently from all his experience in 4-H public presentations, was both inspiring and very true to the heart of extension. Other opportunities were provided to hear from colleagues from across the country and National 4-H Council about their newest marketing campaign 4-HGrows (more to come on that). All and all this was a great way to escape the winter but most importantly to gather ideas for our organization and continue professional development.

Tanya Nickerson, Vice President

Leland Bunton
Rensselaer County

Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE?
Opportunity to develop relationships with other educators in order that we can work together to better serve our youth and volunteers.

Hobbies?
Anything outdoors related such as hiking and fishing.

Travel?
I really enjoy traveling internationally and the opportunity to experience different cultures.

Food?
Indian cuisine

Birthday?
December 8

Background?
I was an Ag Teacher and FFA advisor for 2 years before coming to 4-H. I have also worked at a greenhouse, a hog farm, in agricultural sales, put up grain bins, and built pallets. There was also a time when I was an aspiring country musician, and I have recorded 2 albums in Nashville.

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JCEP, the meeting of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals

Photo of the Month:
NYSACCE4-HE member, Amy Pyra, helps a 4-H member with a quilting project

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