Happy New Year NYSACCE4-HE Members! I’d like to highlight our 2014 NYSACCE4-HE goals in this issue:

* To attain a membership of at least 140 members; including state only, national and lifetime members and fulfilling the requirements of NAE4-HA online membership renewal process
* To communicate membership benefits with existing and potential members
* To utilize News & Views as a benefit tool for NYS 4-H Professionals
* To maintain and promote the NYSACCE4-HE website
* To promote and support Member Recognition and Communicator Awards
* To continue the investment committee in order to improve individual scholarship fund opportunities
* To support professional development through funds allocated from the Association staff professional development fund
* To develop comprehensive conference planning resources and guidelines
* To review and update Association bylaws as needed

Our often over flowing schedules might make a list such as this seem far from reach, but NYSACCE4-HE members have been and are working hard on these goals as we speak. It is truly amazing what we can achieve together with the common interest of promoting, strengthening, enhancing and advocating 4-H youth development education. One such way we can work to promote and strengthen our profession is to recognize our peers for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. Please consider making it a personal goal to nominate a peer or yourself for a specialty, service, or communicator award. I am certain such a goal is achievable as our NYS 4-H colleagues are truly phenomenal!

***Important note—at this time we, at the New York State level, will NOT be using the new online system for initial awards submission. If you are selected to move on, we will work with you to use the new system at that point. Please watch your email in the next few weeks for information on submitting awards.

Have you met?

Andy Turner
Interim New York State 4-H Program Leader
Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE? To further opportunities to network with 4-H professionals in New York and nationally and to support the professional development of the 4-H professionals.

Color? – Green (No really, not just saying that!)
Author? – Michael Murphy
TV Show? – Current favorite is Sleepy Hollow. All time – Seinfeld/Mash/Cheers
Dessert? – Cornell Ice Cream
Hobby? – I am an avid golfer. I also love to hike.
Favorite quote? – “A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking, because her trust is not on the branch but on it’s own wings.” Unknown.

4-H background? – Member of the Livingston Livewires 4-H club in Livingston County in the 1970’s. Father, Allan Turner was the 4-H Program Leader/County Coordinator for 28 years in Livingston County. 4-H Summer Assistant in Tompkins County in 1987 between my Junior and Senior years at Cornell. 4-H Educator in Rockland County from 1989-1994.
Info about your family? – Wife – Anne Horst and daughter Madeline Turner (13). We have been living in Ithaca since September 2012 after 14 years in Greene County.
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“Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success.”
Pablo Picasso

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” Henry David Thoreau