A Note from the President:

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to all of our new members! I’d like to take moment to share the 2015 NYSACCE4-HE goals:

- Attain a membership of at least 140 members (includes state only, national and life members)
- Fulfill the requirements for NYSACCE4-HE and NAE4-HA membership, including member clicks profile at http://nae4a.memberclicks.net/2014-membership-renewal
- Continue to communicate membership benefits with members and potential members
- Utilize News and Views as a member benefit and tool for NYS 4-H Professionals
- Support the creation of the 4-H Educator’s Association website. Archives of current information to be housed with the Historian
- Continue to promote and support Communicator Awards
- Evaluate and strengthen the current mentoring process
- Promote the plan for District Professional development using funds allocated from the Association staff professional development fund
- Officers will work with Committee Chairs to establish goals and develop a systematic approach for reporting back on achievements
- Successfully manage the Capital Days funds

Membership is a key focus area for the association. We currently have 121 total members, with 8 of those members being new for 2015. It is not too late to encourage your colleagues and friends to get their memberships in! The application can be found on the NYSACCE4-HE website (live link below this issue). If you have any questions please contact Vice President Tanya Nickerson at tkn6@cornell.edu or 585-786-2251.

Here’s to an exciting and rewarding 2015!!!!

Award nominations are coming soon!

Have you been considering nominating yourself or a peer for an award through NYSACCE4-HE? If so, watch your email as information will be coming out soon about specialty, service, and communicator awards! Thinking about who/what is worthy of an award is the first step to being prepared to submit an application when the information comes out!

Have you met?

Barb McGuffie, Yates County

Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE? After becoming a 4-H educator and attending some meetings, it was clear that the organization offered opportunity for sharing ideas, programming, and learning new ways to impact youth.

4-H: Not a 4-H’er myself, I experienced 4-H as a counselor at a 4-H camp on Long Island, and then as a leader for my children’s clubs. I saw how 4-H gave youth confidence in making decisions, public speaking, leadership, and interviewing.

Background: A Cornell alum with a nutrition degree, I work in the Yates County Cooperative Extension office with some community nutrition and food preservation responsibilities.

Family: I live near Branchport with my husband. With our 2 children on opposite coasts of the US, and an almost-2-yr-old granddaughter in Oregon. Our travel has increased dramatically over the past few years! 

Hobbies: I enjoy the outdoors; snowshoeing, fishing, gardening, and hiking.

Contact? bjm21@cornell.edu or CCE Yates (315) 536-5123

Photo of the Month

Kelly Adams of Broome County works with youth presenters on their Awards Dinner script!

(Natural text: Did you know that 4-H Capital Days is sponsored by NYSACCE4-HE? The information for the 2015 event is posted on our website and registration is open until February 13th! Live link is below this newsletter.)

Quote of the Month:

By taking the time to stop and appreciate who you are and what you’ve achieved - and perhaps learned through a few mistakes, stumbles and losses - you actually can enhance everything about you. Self-acknowledgment and appreciation are what give you the insights and awareness to move forward toward higher goals and accomplishments. –Jack Canfield

NYSACCE4-HE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

Leland Bunting
Kathlynn McCarthy
Justin Chirico
Robert Batt

Sara Jablonski
Barbara McGuffie
Kelly Campbell
Abby Longdon