A Note from the President:

Can you believe that tomorrow marks the first day of Spring? The snow may still be here, but the 4-H show must go on! I was so excited when I read the First Friday News on March 6th. For those of you that missed it, I’ll do my best to sum it up. NYS 4-H Program Leader Andy Turner in collaboration with the 4-H Statewide Working Group released additional program information they have developed. In addition to the new NYS 4-H Mission Statement: “4-H connects youth to hands-on learning opportunities that help them grow into competent, caring, contributing members of society”, Andy and the committee also shared new information including the Vision Statement and Value Statements. From an Association standpoint, common messages to share with our “4-H Nation” are vital to our success. Great job by everyone involved!

I also want to strongly encourage folks to sign up and join other NYS 4-H educators at the two-day 4-H Club Management Conference. It’s a great way for NYS 4-H educators to jump on the same 4-H club train - so we are all heading in the same direction. Several of your colleagues from around the state are working diligently to provide background and research related to utilizing projects in 4-H clubs. We get together in a professional development setting just 2 times per year. I attended last year’s conference and left with a wealth of information that has since been implemented in my county program. You will not be disappointed with this conference, and the Association helps to sponsor this event for you!

Finally I wanted to touch on another point Andy had in the First Friday News regarding National 4-H Council. He mentioned that they “shared a preview of a national branding/marketing effort that will be called ’4-H GROWS’. The strategy and the materials that will support it looked very promising. This will help us move forward on our major statewide goal to develop an effective, consistent and contemporary 4-H brand and marketing strategy.” With many summer events, I thought it would be great if we can find a way to tie this into our branding/marketing efforts, which would again show unity across NYS.

I’m sure there will be many more updates as we move forward into the spring and summer months, but I for one am excited about the direction our NYS 4-H Program is heading!

Have you met?

Barb Sturm, Genesee County

Why did you join NYSACCE-4-H?
Chip Malone and Shawn Tiede urged me to join. Thanks guys!

Food? Drink? Vegetables? What?
Dark chocolate- the purer the better! Bird of Paradise coffee beans are grown in the El Triunfo Biosphere region of Chiapas Mexico. Fruits and vegetables see below...

Hobby? Gardening- my goal is to grow & produce most of my food. Currently a college student taking 8 credits so any spare time is spent on homework or school.

Pets? Don’t wear black to our house! Have two golden retrievers- PeggySue, who we raised for Guiding Eyes for the Blind; Amber- adopted in October

Contact?
CCE Genesee, 585-343-3040 x 122 or Bbs28@cornell.edu

4-H Talent Sought

The 2015 National 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for October 9, 2015 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This event, sponsored by NAE4-HA’s Public Relations & Information Committee, recognizes those individuals that have made significant contributions to the 4-H program.

Besides the actual induction of these laureates, there are opportunities for 4-Hers to be a part of the ceremony. What, you may ask? The 4-H Hall of Fame Committee is soliciting applications for a 4-H member to serve as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one to provide entertainment (vocal or instrumental) for this event. Each Land Grant University 4-H program is invited to nominate one candidate for consideration as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one candidate to perform for the event.

Current 4-H’ers in high school as well as collegiate 4-H’ers are eligible to apply.

Chrys Nestle does have application forms – please contact her at cpn2@cornell.edu for an application or for any questions. The deadline for New York State applications is April 15th to allow for time to make selections if necessary.

4-H Stories from the Heart

We’re ready for volume 2 of 4-H Stories from the Heart! We received so many stories that document 4-H’s positive impact. Submitting a story is easy. Just follow these simple guidelines:

Download the 4-H Story Submission form under documents at NAE4-HA.org. Write down some general points about your story, a title, something about the setting and your contact information. Please email this information to Dan Tabler at dantabler2@gmail.com. We will follow up with the contacts for a full story.

If you’ve not read the original volume of 4-H stories from the heart, feel free to download a digital copy on your smart phone or tablet. We look forward to reading more stories.

4-H: Many Generations for One Thriving Future

Who: The New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators (NYSACCE4-HE) Professional Development Committee and South Central 4-H District

What: Annual New York State 4-H Educator’s conference

Where: Ramada Inn located in Ithaca, Tompkins County

When: October 13th – 15th

RFP Link: Please share your work/ideas with other 4-H professionals though a workshop at the conference. The link to submitting a RFP is: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Documents/2015%20RFP%20Letter.pdf (live hyperlink below in body of email)

Keep an eye out for future News and Views with exciting conference information!

http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx