What a wonderful opportunity we had to connect with our fellow 4-H Educators at our 2013 Annual NYSACCE4-HE Conference in beautiful Lake Placid, NY! Our theme, “Go for the Gold, Make the Best Better at work, home and play” tied in nicely with the Dr. Janice Whitlock’s message of a life well lived. Dr. Whitlock asked us to think about what a life well-lived meant to each of us. In my mind I truly envisioned people. People I love, people who love me, people I’ve learned from, people I’ve taught.

Throughout the conference, we repeatedly heard the message of the value of supportive relationships. Colleagues spoke of long standing friendships, loyal families, service minded mentors, devoted volunteers, dynamic youth, and dedicated community partners. Once again the image of people making the best better working and playing together comes to mind. These relationships are truly results of the connections we can make as members of NYSACCE4-HE. We are a team, we are here to support each other, lending an ear when needed, telling a funny story to lift each other’s spirits and often physically stepping in and offering a helping hand. No matter how far we are from each other in miles we are ALWAYS a team and we can always call on each other. As 4-H Educators we exemplify the service minded attitude which we strive to teach the youth we work with. Service to others, living, working and playing with our fellow 4-H Educators is a large part of our life well lived.

The book, Every Monday Matters: 52 ways to make a difference by Matthew Emerzian and Kelly Bozza, is chock full of ideas of how we might reach out to others. As 4-H Educators we are rarely challenged to figure how we might reach out to one person or one group, but rather find ourselves asking “How can we find enough time to reach out to all those who we would like to?” A quote that resonated with me was “It is more rewarding to lift someone up than to let someone down.” Look for more inspirational quotes in News & Views throughout the year and in the meantime, let’s lift each other up.

Kate Tubbs, Rensselaer County
Why did you join NYSACCE4-HE? I am thrilled to be working for CCE as an educator and wanted to be involved in the professional organization.
Color? Purple
Author? Sue Grafton
TV Show? Once Upon a Time
Dessert? Cheesecake
Hobby? I love doing crafts, cooking, and reading.
Family? Husband, Kevin, and 2 kids, Dylan (4) and Marissa (2), and a dog! 4-H? Member in Rensselaer County and always knew I wanted to work with 4-H. Was a Family and Consumer Science Teacher before becoming a 4-H Educator.
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2012-2013 Membership numbers by district… your challenge, BEAT THIS number IN 2014!!
Membership form can be found under the membership title at: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx

Q: Why is it important to send in my membership form and dues to Vice President, Greg Stevens (grs9@cornell.edu) before December 15th?
A: NAE4-HA bases the number of National Distinguished Service Awards on the total membership of the state by that deadline. We want to be able to offer our members the greatest opportunity that we can so that we can have the most people recognized. We look forward to your involvement as NYSACCE4-HE committee members and district officer. Complete your membership form today in order to be eligible for these positions.

NEW!!!!! Just a reminder as national members you, yourself, will need to go to the NAE4-HA website to renew your membership (clickable links below News and Views in the body of this email). Please forward the email confirmation they send you to Greg for his records. *It takes less than 3 minutes to do but is required!

Photos of the Month!
Snapshots from this year’s NYSACCE4-HE conference in Lake Placid!

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.
– Vince Lombardi

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