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Take The Opportunity

by Martin Koon, TAE4-HW President

Being a member in our association is a choice you made for whatever reason. Now, you have the opportunity to become more than just a member, you can become an “active member” in your association.

I think back to the first year I joined. I really didn’t know why, just that I was encouraged by my county director to become a member of an association. I’m sure some of you joined this year for the same reason. It was hard to come up with the extra money and time, but I did it anyway.

A year or two being a member and someone asked me to serve in a leadership role. Hmmm, hadn’t really thought about it, but sounded like something I could do. And that was all it took, I haven’t stopped serving since.

I am thankful for the opportunities that TAE4-HW has given me over the years of my membership. I feel that I am a better person because of the leadership opportunities and fellowship that the association has presented me.

Now it is your chance to become “active” in your association. Become proactive and don’t wait for those opportunities, seek them out. Attend your state meeting or become a committee chair. Meet professionals in 4-H youth development from outside your region, see what

they have to offer. Take full advantage of all the opportunities that our association has for you. Step out of that comfort zone and reward yourself.

Darrell Hale is our Past President and also serves as the chair of the nomination committee. We are currently needed people to run for office of Treasurer and Vice President. Contact Darrell if you are interested. Several committee chair positions will also be available this year at the state meeting.

I look forward to serving as your President for the remainder of this year. Please call on me if there is anything I can do for you.

Mark Your Calendar for a Chattanooga Trip

by Meagan Brown, TAE4-HW State Conference Co-Chair

You can still meet the Early Bird Deadline for the State TAE4-HW Conference in Chattanooga April 29 - May 1. Registration should be sent to Karen Nelms, P. O. Box 68, Rutledge, TN 37861 by March 27.

Professional development opportunities are included with workshop sessions on Operation Military Kids, Insects, Goats, Making Movies and Presentations, Icebreakers, and Sewing. Take a little "down" time after a year of 4-H club meetings and enjoy the sights and sounds of Chattanooga.

Communication Award Entries Due March 23

by Melissa Henry, TAE4-HW Recognition Chair

Last call for communication award entries to be submitted to your junior director. Junior Directors include Laurie Mobley in the Western, Sarah Ferrell in the Central, Sarah Vaden in Eastern, and Carmen Burgos in the Specialist Region. The deadline is March 23. Details have been sent via Lotus Notes.

Every year TAE4-HW offers a wide variety of award opportunities for our members. This is your chance to be recognized for your outstanding contributions to the youth development profession. I hope you will take the time to compile your entries and submit your work for recognition at the state level. I know that each of you have fantastic programs and communication materials that you use each day.

Spotlight on New Member

by Kathy Finley, *Headlines Editor*



Keisha Macklin was a very active 4-H member growing up in Fayette County. She was inspired and encouraged by her county extension agent Dr. Lynn Brookins. Dr. Brookins spent countless hours and time helping Keisha to achieve her goals and aspirations; she still plays a great part in Keisha's life today. Keisha will forever be grateful to Dr. Brookins and hopes that she can make a positive impact on the youth also.

Keisha is the baby of the family with two bothers and two sisters. She moved to Murfreesboro, TN to attend MTSU and majored in Agribusiness and Psychology. She also had the opportunity during her junior year to do a summer internship with UT Extension. Keisha came on board as a 4-H agent in August 2008 in Davidson County. The quote that motivates Keisha is "For every failure, there is an alternative course of action. You just have to find it. When you come to a roadblock, take a detour."

Bits and Pieces Index

Sometimes we've heard about a good idea, but can't remember where we heard it....here is an index to the Bits and Pieces section of past issues of Headlines...all posted on the [TAE4-HW website](#). PLEASE take a little time to pull up your lesson plans, media presentations, etc. and submit to TAE4-HW Programs Chair, [Jennifer Balding](#), and we can start a website sharing "station" that will benefit new and veteran agents alike.

-  Ideas that work from conferences and workshops - *December 2004, December 2006*
-  Skateboard and Recreation Club - *March 2005*
-  Teacher Appreciation Idea - *June 2005*
-  Free Resources - *June 2006*
-  Officers, Parliamentary Procedure - *September 2006, September 2008*
-  4-H Stories - *September 2005, March 2006, March 2008*
-  Organization Tips - *March 2007*
-  Leadership, Honor Club Ideas - *June 2007, January 2009*
-  Middle School Programs - *September 2007*
-  S.E.T., GIS/GPS - *December 2005, December 2007*
-  Club Lessons - *June 2008*

Proposed By-Law and Constitution Changes

by Daniel Sarver, TAE4-HW Policy and Resolutions Chair

Please review the following changes to the By-Laws and Constitution which will be voted on at the State Conference in May. Go to the [TAE4-HW website](#) to see the membership handbook.

Proposal #1: Change Article III, Section I of the By-Laws from:

Standing committees shall be as follows: Recognition, Membership, Professional Improvement, Public Relations and Information, Policy & Resolutions, 4-H Programs, Newsletter Editor, Diversity, and others that are deemed necessary to carry on the business of the association. (Member Recognition was added as a Standing Committee for the 91-92 year. The chairman's term was for 91- 92 and 92-93.)

To: Standing committees shall be as follows: Recognition, Membership, Professional Improvement, Public Relations and Information, Policy & Resolutions, 4-H Programs, Newsletter Editor, Diversity, **Research and Evaluation**, and others that are deemed necessary to carry on the business of the association. (Member Recognition was added as a Standing Committee for the 91-92 year. The chairman's term was for 91-92 and 92-93.)

Proposal #2: Change Article IV, Section I of the Constitution from:

The officers of this association shall be: president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

To: The officers of this association shall be: president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. ***The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the officers.***

Proposal #3: Change Article VIII, Section 2 of the By-Laws from:

This Constitution and/or attached By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting of the association, provided the total membership is notified in writing of the proposed change at least 30 days prior to the meeting. This Constitution and/or attached By-Laws may also be amended by two-thirds vote of the total current membership by mail.

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TAE4HW Policies may be amended or adopted by a majority vote of the members present at any annual or special called meeting of the association, with no prior notification.

Who Needs College Money?

by Amy Willis, TAE4-HW Professional Development Chair

TAE4-HW will award two \$250 scholarships to members who are currently working on a graduate degree. Guidelines for this scholarship are as follows:

- Dues must be paid by January 1 of the current year of application and the previous year.
- Applicants must work for Extension with responsibility for 4-H and/or youth program.
- Applicants can only receive scholarship once.
- Applicants must be actively pursuing a graduate degree during the year you are applying.
- Applicant must complete 6 hours of graduate credit in the previous calendar year (January - December 2008 for the 2009 scholarship) to apply for the scholarship.
- Applicant must submit application and transcript of completed courses to apply for scholarship.

The application has been sent out via Lotus Notes and the deadline is April 1. For more information or to submit an application, contact [Amy Willis, Rutherford County](#).

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