

# TAE4-HW Headlines

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## TAE4-HW Membership Drive is Underway

by Darrell Hale, President-Elect, TAE4-HW

It is time once again to pay dues for our association membership. Renewal dues this year will be \$80 and all new members will be \$30. So why should I join you may ask? Some of the benefits are as follows as mentioned on the TAE4HW website.

The objectives of TAE4-HW are:

- To encourage professional improvement and improve professionalism among its members.
- To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and methods as they relate to 4-H programs.
- To promote cooperation among all Extension workers and strengthen the total Extension program.

TAE4-HW provides an **extensive range of member services**, including professional development opportunities, recognition and

awards, scholarships and professional development grants, networking with other youth development organizations, and leadership for research related **to the youth development profession.**

Warren Gill and his committee are planning an excellent conference in Pigeon Forge at the Music Road Hotel May 2, 3, 4. More information will be available in the next issue.

Your dues are payable to your Senior Regional Director. Ask them how much to pay as some regions add a minimal amount to cover regional business. The Regional directors are Eastern- Lynn Pemberton, Central-Kathy Nicholson, Western-Janet Newton, and Specialist-Warren Gill.

More information is available on the TAE4HW website @

<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/TAE4HW/>.

## **Vote for TN Candidates in National Elections**

*by Donna Bradley, Hickman County*

Remember as a member of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents you have the opportunity to vote for who represents you on the National Board. Elections are held yearly during the National Conference and **even if you are not attending, you can still vote on-line.** Watch for email reminders from the National Association as well as Tennessee members. Election will probably be Monday, October 23. **Vote and support Nancy Rucker running for Vice-President of Marketing and Outreach and Donna Bradley Southern Region director.**

## **Rucker Candidacy Announced**

*by Nancy Rucker, Cheatham County*

I have submitted my name as a candidate for the NAE4-HA office of Vice President for Marketing and Outreach. For three years I served as the chair of NAE4-HA Public Relations and Information Committee and worked with the VP of Marketing and Outreach. I ask for your vote and support. If you attend the national meeting you will have the opportunity to cast your ballot. If you do not attend the national meeting you should have the opportunity to vote on-line. I ask that you take the time to vote for your national board. If elected, I will do my best to serve the membership and represent Tennessee. Thank you for your support and vote. – **Nancy Rucker**

## New Journal of Youth Development

by Joseph Donaldson, *Extension Specialist*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents announces the launch of the *Journal of Youth Development ~Bridging Research and Practice*, an online resource for youth development researchers, practitioners and policymakers. The multidisciplinary, applied journal will be published twice a year on the NAE4-HA Web site **www.nae4ha.org** and will focus on the development of school-aged youth through the transition to adulthood (ages 6-22). It is funded by NAE4-HA and the National 4-H Leadership Trust.

Patricia Dawson, editor of the *Journal* and 4-H Agent at Oregon State University, in Pendleton, Ore., said “This valuable resource will further the mission of the youth development profession by facilitating the transfer and application of research-based knowledge in an easy-to-access online format.”

The *Journal of Youth Development* is a refereed publication that seeks to enhance knowledge about matters of current interest to professionals in youth development. It will provide access to the latest youth development research, practices and information from the fields of psychology, family and consumer sciences, education, sociology, public health and nutrition, agricultural education and other disciplines.

The *Journal* will contain feature and program articles, articles on research and evaluation strategies, and resource reviews. Professionals in youth development or related fields of study are invited to submit articles for consideration. Contributions solicited for feature articles include critical analysis and interpretation of major trends, research with clear implications for youth development programming, and evaluations of research-based programs and outcomes. Submission guidelines can be found at: <http://www.nae4ha.org/profdev/joyd/index.html>

NAE4-HA is a nationwide organization of youth development professionals focused on building professional and personal competencies in order to better serve the community of more than 7 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills in 4-H programs.

## **Update from the Southern Region**

*by Brian Signaigo, Southern Region Director, NAE4HA*

Greetings everyone, from NAE4-HA! First, let me say "thanks" for allowing me to serve you as one of the Southern Region Directors.

Without your support, your comments, your willingness to share issues and ideas, my ability to fulfill my responsibilities would certainly not been as

enjoyable, or "do-able". My term as So. Reg. Director will be over on Oct. 26 (the last day of the '06 National meeting, in Milwaukee). But until then,

please don't hesitate to contact me with your concerns, issues and/or ideas.

Lots of things are always happening on the National level, which impacts State associations - some good, some seemingly not so good. There are issues related to member dues, balancing the budget, committee & task force work, conference calls and much more. Read on to find out more about some things that will effect you directly. By the way, a big THANKS and vote of confidence to Donna Bradley, who is running for NAE4-HA Southern Region Director. I'm absolutely sure she will do a wonderful job!!!

### **NAE4-HA Nat'l Conference- Oct 22-26, Milwaukee, WI "Quest for Spirit and Imagination"**

If you haven't registered, there's still time! Check out this link:

<http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> for all the information regarding the Conference. You can still get the regular registration \$425 till September 30th. Hope to see you on the Quest!

### **\$60 for 60 Campaign**

NAE4-HA turns 60 this year! Help support the organization by contributing in increments of \$60. Some of you may remember the \$40 for 40 campaign in PA and the \$50 for 50 in Grand Rapids.... and if you don't, well, just know that you can keep this association of 4-H professionals going by contributing your time, talents, and dollars! There will be recognition for those who have contributed at Milwaukee, and a really cool pin, also!

### **Update on Dues**

At the Oklahoma National Conference in 2004, the Board of Directors voted to establish a time frame for dues increases. The present Board is honoring that vote so there will NOT be a dues increase for the national association for the 2006-07 years. There will however be at least a \$5 dues increase depending upon the budget needs for the 2007-2008 membership year. Dues for the upcoming 2006-07 membership year remain as follows: \$65 Renewing Member; \$32.50 New Member; \$195 New Life Member (one-time fee); \$65 Affiliate Member.

### **Financial Update**

The NAE4-HA Board has had to take a hard look at finances with a shortfall in income from conference revenues. The 2005-2006 budget has had to be tightened and projected expenditures cut to reflect the income. This has particularly hit the travel allocation for regional directors and state visits. The Board has also decided to develop a 3 year budget process. In addition, the Board is moving toward the realization of business being conducted by the Governance Council for face to face meetings, conducting shorter time periods of time at centralized sites for face to face meetings, conducting business via conference call for the fall meeting and/or electronically via email. These measures were implemented this spring. The Board is examining the revenue stream provided by conferences and will not reflect those revenues until actually realized. In addition, the Board is reviewing responsibilities of the host state and Board responsibilities for national conferences. Stay tuned!

### **JCEP 2007**

Dates and locations for the 2007 JCEP Regional Meeting are on the JCEP website: <http://jcep.org/> This year's theme is Internationalizing Extension. For 2008 and 2009, the JCEP Board plans to host the Regional Workshops in two locations rather than four.

### **With Sadness....**

With the recent tragic airline crash, 4-H lost a strong supporter and advocate, Dr. Larry Turner, Kentucky Extension Director. Our hearts are saddened by the news and condolences to our Kentucky colleagues, Larry's family and friends.

## Bits and Pieces

### **Officer Procedures - Madison County**

We elect: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Song Leader, and Service Learning Chairman. If they attend the Officers meeting we give each officer/club extra points for attending. We have an Officer Training meeting at the end of the enrollment month of October and separate them into 5 rooms and give them all booklets related to their office and go over each duty and what they are required to do. For instance the secretary in their room we have them write the minutes from the meeting they just had and have it ready for the November meeting and tell them to go ahead and write down each person in their room that night( if they can remember them). The secretary keeps up with the points along with the agent and they can check off who brought a contest item. We give them a green ink pen to write with and tell them how important their job is. We print our own officer booklets and in each there is their duties and the outline for each month...all they have to do is fill in the blank for each person.for instance who will lead the pledge or say the thought of the day, demonstrations, etc. Each officer has the outline, and song sheets, so if an officer has **a.** lost their booklet, **b.** can't find it, **c.** their dog ate it.

**d.** somebody stole it, the other officers *hopefully* will have theirs and they can proceed with the meeting! If there are any officers not there we take their booklets to the schools before the next meeting. [Contact Sharon Tubbs to receive these materials electronically.](#)  
*Sharon Tubbs, Madison County*

### **Tip for Officer Elections**

This is a tip so elections don't turn into a popularity contest. I take my record book from the previous year to club meetings, only the 4-Hers with the highest points from the previous year can run for an office. I allow a new student to run for reporter. *Mandy Drewery, Dyer County*

### **Parliamentary Procedure**

Many times officers are already elected when I arrive at the first club meeting. The extra time allows me to write some vocabulary words related to parliamentary procedure on the board for discussion, such as officers (not like police officers), adjourn, gavel, minutes, making a motion, second, vote, aye, cease, etc. We "role play" making motions, voting and using the gavel. Officers are invited to an Officer Training Workshop and provided an officer manual with additional information on parliamentary procedure. We also give the presidents a copy of the 4-H leadership project activity page on parliamentary procedure. One note on elections - Song Leaders are elected - but not until those nominees "audition" by leading a single verse of a simple song. This really separates the "real" candidates from the ones who "think" they want to lead singing. *Kathy Finley, Robertson County*

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## **2007 TAE4-HW Meeting in Pigeon Forge**

*by Darrell Hale, President-elect, TAE4-HW*

Mark your calendars for May 2-4, 2007 and make plans to attend the TAE4-HW State Meeting. The event will be held at the Music Road Hotel in Pigeon Forge, located at Light #3. The room rate will be \$80-90. The committee will be making final plans in October which will be shared in the next issue of Headlines. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in our professional association conference!