

## Minnesota Association of



**Extension 4-H  
Youth Development  
Professionals**

# Section Slants

## President's Pen



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Greetings to our Membership around the State!

Springtime is the season of anticipation, and the new 2008 Officers and I have had many new learning experiences and the overwhelming joy of being able to reach out to a whole state of new friends.

Even before our first MAE4-HYDP meeting was held in early May, planning and work was being moved forward within the committees of *Education, Policy & Resolution, Marketing & Promotion*, and *Awards & Recognition* and area reports were being gathered within the Metro, SE, North and South areas throughout MN.

In February I was given the opportunity to attend the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference held in San Diego. The end of April I was proud to be among 17 other MN Extension professionals from the U of MN to travel to Washington DC to attend the Public Issues and Leadership Development Conference (PILD), tour and have a meeting/lunch at NACo (National Association of Counties), and make several congressional visits on the Hill. Building relationships and engaging with many people from around the USA has been energizing!

The *Minnesota Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals* exists to advance the professional development of faculty and staff working with the Minnesota 4-H & Community Youth Development Programs. As Officers, we are proud to be working with you as we continue to move forward the 2007-2008 Goals.....

- Strengthen the networking among 4-H Program Staff

- ◆ Communicate benefits, recognition and staff development opportunities
- Recruit new and retain current membership in the Association
- ◆ Continue the dues payment plan
- Communicate Association sponsored information and professional development opportunities via statewide workshops, Section Slants and area meetings
- Initiate dialogue with Program Leadership Team on mentorship of new staff
- Continue development of a web page
  - ◆ Updated with current Association information
- Pursue systems to preserve history of the Association
- Continue Association representation on *YOUth and & U* planning committee
  - ◆ Includes leadership and scholarship opportunities
- Develop fundraising opportunities to benefit the Association
- Increase State, Regional & National level of Association member involvement
  - ◆ Publicize scholarship opportunities, member recognition and staff development through State/Regional/National newsletters
- Promote and support a MN nomination for North Central Regional Director position
- Establish an ad hoc committee to explore use of Quasi Endowment Fund

Remember to sign-up for the Galaxy Conference, which is being held in Indianapolis. Early bird registration is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Anita Harris  
MAE4-HYDP President

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## Member Updates

From Brad.....

Thanks for your patience. I got sidetracked last week. Our only daughter was due with our first grandbaby June 1st. Her doctors have been concerned about the baby's weight due to a placenta that was maturing early. They decided to induce last week, but the little guy was having a little too much stress. So they opted for a C-section early Friday morning. Rogan Bradley weighed a whopping 4 pounds 15 ½ ounces. He and Katy are doing great and are hoping to get home today. We had a great weekend spoiling him and watching Katy and Jeff transition into the great parents we knew they would. Anyway, I hope to finalize our decisions today or early tomorrow AM - PROMISE!!! Just need to talk with the person I asked to look at them with me.

We'll be in touch soon and please tell Harlan that grand parenting is everything he has been promising.

## National Conference

The Galaxy III theme is "Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity, and Unique Qualities." The Galaxy conference is a wonderful opportunity for Extension professionals from all subject matter areas and all parts of the country to network, learn together, and continue to build programs that will serve the citizens of our communities now and well into the future.

<https://sharepoint.agriculture.purdue.edu/ces/galaxy/default.aspx>

Registration fees for Galaxy III will be \$395 from April 15-June 15. Registration fees for Galaxy III will be \$495 from June 16-August 15.

One and Two-day registrations for Galaxy III will be available at \$150/day.

## Web Site

As you are surfing the web take time to visit the MAE4hYDP website! It is filled with a variety of items of interest related to MAE4HYDP such as pictures, minutes from meetings, bylaws and much, Much, MORE!

[www.extension.umn.edu/maee/4hydp](http://www.extension.umn.edu/maee/4hydp)

## Child Development Resources on the Web

If you are looking for resources on Child Development check out: <http://library.humboldt.edu/~ccm/childdev.html> and check out all of the resources around Child Development.

## Notes from the NEA4-HA Regional Newsletter

### Research and Evaluation Committee

Lauren Mosher, Chair

#### Journal of Youth Development

The *Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice* is an online publication that seeks to enhance

knowledge about matters of current interest to professionals in youth development, as well as to clientele.

Published articles further the mission of the youth development



## MAE4HYDP Mission

### *Our Mission*

- To Advance the professional status of the Extension 4-H professional.
  - To Promote cooperation among all Extension personnel.
  - To Encourage professional improvement of all Extension personnel.
  - To Promote Extension 4-H work as a professional career.
  - To Provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas, methods, and techniques.
  - To Strengthen communications with Extension Administrators.
- To Promote the educational programs of the University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Extension.

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profession by facilitating the transfer and application of research-based knowledge.

The Research and Evaluation Committee, together with NAE4-HA and the Journal, are working very closely with National 4-H Council and Access 4-H to enhance the look and technological abilities of the Journal. It is estimated to be up and running for the Spring 2008 Issue. In addition to a new look and feel, using Access 4-H as our content manager will also allow us to put a subscription system in place. We are very excited about these new developments!

The *Journal of Youth Development* is published two times each year and manuscripts may be submitted at any time.

The deadlines for publication consideration are March 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Issue and September 15<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Issue. We invite the submission of articles in the following categories:

- **Feature Articles** are informational, explanatory, or critical analysis and interpretation of major trends or comprehensive reviews.

**Program Articles** discuss programs and outcomes or describe promising programs and pilot projects that have

clear implications for youth development research, practice, and programming.

- **Research and Evaluation Strategies** describe innovative methodologies and strategies in the collection and analysis of quantitative or qualitative research and evaluation data.

- **Resource Reviews** present analyses of materials, such as books, curricula, videos, other audio/visual materials, data management software, and Web sites.

Please visit the following website for submission guidelines and additional information:

<http://www.nae4ha.org/directory/jyd/index.html>.

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