



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



October 2019

From the President

The smell of the fresh Autumn air, the leaves changing colors, and the harvesting that is being done. I just love this time of year with all the beautiful fall decorations. Now it is time for a new 4-H year to start. So, don't forget to re-enroll as a member or a leader. Maybe ask a friend to join as a leader or member. Tell them what all the wonderful opportunities that 4-H has to offer.

It is also election time for the Alumni Association. There is an article "Candidates for the Board" Take a moment to read this. Then take time to vote. The new board members will start their three-year term in November and will meet six times a year. If you think you would be interested in being on the board please let one of the board members know.

The 4-H Alumni Board is always looking for a new way to support the 4-H program. Please forward any ideas or suggestions to any Alumni Board member or 4-H agents.

Wishing you all a fantastic 4-H year. Remember to check out all the opportunities that 4-H has to offer. Have a wonderful fall and hope to see you at some 4-H functions.

Your Alumni President,

Heidi Widder

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Alumni Board

President: Heidi Widder
Vice-President: Nicole Twohig
Secretary: Barb Meinnert
Treasurer: Skeeter DeGross

Directors:
Kay Keyes
Frank Steiner
Judy Glander
Sue Laack
Linda Barthles



News to Share



We lost an outstanding leader this year. Don Fenner died September 14 at the age of 85. He was a board member from 1998 - 2004 and in 2004 he was vice-president.

His passion for farming kept him active in the farm community. As a longtime member of the national, state and county Holstein Breeders Associations he served on the county board and won the National Progressive Breed-

ers Award. For twenty years he served on the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Board and was a member of the Eastern Wisconsin Beef Promoters and Breeders Association and the BueLingo Beef Association. He also opened his farm to the community for events such as Breakfast on the Farm and the Sheboygan Co. Twilight Meeting. His favorite Labor Day weekend activity was the Sheboygan Co. Fair, where he was fair superintendent for over 50 years and helped take down many run-away cattle for the 4-H kids.

4-H Alumni Membership

The Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association would like to extend to you a **one year free membership as a new 4-H Alumni.** Being an Alumni member, allows you to stay in touch with other 4-H graduates of all ages, and be able to give back to the local 4-H program. Membership is open to any individual interested in the Sheboygan County 4-H program. The membership year runs from May - April. After the first year, the annual membership dues are \$10 per member per year. A lifetime membership is also available for

\$175.00 fee. The fees go to support the local 4-H program. We are one of the only active Alumni Associations in the state.

The Alumni Association also offer scholarships to those attending technical and college programs. You must be a member of the Alumni Association to be eligible for the scholarships. The scholarship applications are available online. The scholarship deadline will be April 1, 2020.

4-H Awards and Recognition Celebration

You're invited to join us for the Annual 4-H Awards & Recognition Celebration on *Monday, November 25, 2019*

Program begins promptly at 6:00 pm with hors

d'oeuvres & beverages served following the program at 7:00 pm.

Hosted by **ACUITY** Corporate Headquarters
2800 South Taylor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

We Need You! 4-H Project Leaders

With a new 4-H year about to begin, we are in need of project leaders at the club and county level. Sewing, Ceramics, Dogs, Cooking, Knitting, Electricity, Gardening or Bugs . . . Whatever your hobby or interest, your leadership is a vital part of our 4-H program.

You do not need to do it alone, we are here to support you and often have other volunteers that can co-lead or coordinate efforts with you. Please contact us at (920) 459-5903 anytime throughout the year to offer your experience and expertise.

Candidates for Alumni Association Board



Sarah Mauk

4-H is something that has always been a part of my family. I am an alumni of Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club and my husband Kyle was with Willing Workers 4-H Club. When our kids were old enough to join a club they also all went through Willing Worker's 4-H Club as well. We now have a granddaughter who has joined Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club this year. I am looking forward to watching her involvement in this club and what she will learn/gain. Kyle and I own a registered dairy farm in Plymouth.

Frank Steiner

My involvement in 4-H started when I was eight years old, being a member of Charlesburg Stars 4-H Club in Calumet County, WI. Some of the projects I exhibited were rabbits, leathercraft, cookies and other baked goods.

For many years I worked at the Calumet County Fair with my uncle who was Agricultural Superintendent mainly in charge of crops, plants and flowers. I spent many 15-16 hour days at the fair helping my uncle. Today for 53 consecutive years you still find me working at the fair in various capacities (presently at Sheboygan County Fair).

As a 4-H Member, I received the 4-H Key Award and National Club Congress Award in Washington DC, was president of the Calumet County Youth 4-H Leaders Association and was a member of the State 4-H Youth Leaders Association I was General Leader of the Charlesburg Stars 4-H Club, was President for three years of the Calumet County Leaders Association. In the mid 1970s my late-sister Joan Buss and myself started a statewide pilot program called Mini Clubs. This program was started in three Wisconsin Counties that held 4-8 summer meetings for youth too young to be 4-H members. This program eventually became known as Cloverbuds.

For 10 Years I was General Leader of the Happy Workers 4-H Club in Plymouth. Our Happy Workers Club got too large at 94 members and we split into 2 groups, the other group became Hub City 4-H in Plymouth. Due to the fact that all of the officers were now with Hub City, the Happy Workers selected new youth as leaders. These youth would not have become officers had we stayed as one large club. Leadership is an important part of 4-H.

After stepping aside as General Leader, I worked as Countywide Leader with Award Interviews and State 4-H Conferences. Was elected to Sheboygan County Alumni Association for six years and served as President of the Alumni for many years. After taking a short break I am again running for the Alumni Association Board.

Leslie Kleinhans-Blad

My name is Leslie Kleinhans-Blad and I am running for the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Board. My husband & I live in rural Sheboygan Falls with our children who are in the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club. 4-H is in my genes. My grandfather Wallace Kleinhans started the Willing Workers 4-H Club around 1935. Wallace also has served as President of the 4-H Leaders Association and was on the Alumni Board. My parents Wade & Gail Kleinhans were leaders in 4-H. My siblings and I were in 4-H and my children are in 4-H. I am the photography leader. What does it mean to have four generations of 4-H....we believe in 4-H, support 4-H and promote 4-H. I would like the opportunity to keep supporting 4-H by serving on the Alumni Board. Please vote for me.

Skeeter Degroff

My name is Skeeter DeGroff. I have been involved in the Sheboygan County 4-H program for over 20 years. eight years as general leader of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club, eight years on the Sheboygan County Leaders Executive board with 1 term as president, am a life time member of the Alumni. Was on the alumni board for six years as treasurer for those six years. I am currently the treasurer and would like to do another three year term. I like to support the 4-H program wherever possible. Thanks for your support.

Dan Sippel

I have been involved in 4-H for 13 years as a project leader (Archery, Blacksmith and Rocketry) and have been going to summer camp as an adult advisor for 12 years. I have served eight years (three terms) on the 4-H Executive Board and am currently on the 4-H Camp Riversite Committee. I am a lifetime member of the 4-H Alumni Association and am running for a spot on the board of directors. Thank you.

Lisa Lutzke

My name is Lisa Lutzke. I joined the Manitowoc County 4-H in 1976. I have participated in many different projects throughout the years but was involved with the horse and dog projects the longest. After graduating from 4-H I continued my involvement with the Manitowoc County 4-H as a leader in the dog training project until 1994. After getting married I moved to Sheboygan County, and when my children were old enough in 2008 we became members of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H. I have assisted in projects as a resource leader and in 2013 I again began helping with training in the dog project. I feel 4-H is great. It teaches values, leadership, and so much more with the whole family.

Barb Scholten

I'm Barb Scholten and I would like to be a member of the 4-H Alumni Association Board. I have been a leader for 50 years. I am presently on the committees for 4-H Camp Riversite and the Rabbit/Cavy Project. I have helped with 4-H camp & 4-H outpost camp for many years as past youth association advisor and general leader of a 4-H club for many years. I have also been president and secretary of the 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board. Thank you for your vote.



2019 - 2020 4-H Alumni Association Executive Board Ballot

Three Year Term—Vote for 3

Sarah Mauk
Frank Steiner
Leslie Kleinhans-Blad
Skeeter DeGroff
Dan Sippel
Lisa Lutzke
Barb Scholten



Return by: **November 5, 2019**

To: **Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association**
5 University Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Alumni Association Membership Renewal Form

Plan to renew your Alumni Association membership for 2019-2020. Please submit to Nancy Brown

Name(s) _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020

Membership Dues x \$10.00

Lifetime membership \$175.00

Scholarship Fund donation

Bill Jens Grant Fund

Total Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to: Sheboygan County Alumni Association

Mail to: Sheboygan County Alumni Association
ATTN: Nancy Brown
5 University Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081

