



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



March 2023

From the Vice-President

Dear 4-H Alumni Association Members,

Through your generosity and the generosity of the family and friends of Bill Jens, your Alumni Association is delighted to invite applications for two programs.

The Bill Jens Alumni Grant program provides financial assistance for youth who would like to participate in out-of-county 4-H opportunities. The program is need based and we are excited to support this year's applicants. While most grants are for 4-H Camp and trip experiences (American Spirit trip, National Congress, etc.), the fund recently contributed to the Sheboygan County Livestock Quiz Bowl team which traveled to Louisville, KY. Congratulations to the Livestock Quiz Bowl youth and coaches for your 5th place finish on the national level! We are proud of your accomplishment and happy that we could reduce the financial burden.

Your Alumni Association also provides scholarships for post-secondary education. 4-H Alumni scholarships are possible because of your generosity. Thank you! Please encourage any former 4-H members who are pursuing post-secondary education to apply. Eligibility requirements as well as the application deadline are included in this newsletter.

4-Hers, dream big, work hard and we are here to help.

Applications for both the Bill Jens Grand and the Alumni Scholarship can be found on the Sheboygan County 4-H website:

<https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leader-information/4-h-alumni-association/>

Until the next newsletter, keep making the best better!

Pam Hodgson

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Alumni Board Members

President: Sue Laack
Vice-President: Pam Hodgson
Secretary: Linda Barthels
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Tanya Arentsen
Judy Glander
Kaye Hau
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Dan Sippel

2022 Alumni Award Winners

Congratulations!



Left to right: Mary TerMaat 2022 Alumni Award Winner and Tanya Arentsen, Alumni Board



Left to right: Pam Hodgson accepting the 2022 Alumni Award for her Father Henry Umstadt Jr and Tanya Arentsen, Alumni Board

Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

Here is a list of people that have! paid! Please send in form on the next page to renew your membership!

2023 Paid Members

- Frank Bartzen
- Judi Bogenschutz
- Walter & Margaret Born
- Allen, Debbie, Jason & Nicole Fenner
- Judy Glander
- Dave & Liz Haag
- Helen Harms
- Kaye Hau
- Cheryl Jens
- John Jens
- David & Michelle Johanning
- Wayne & Kay Keyes
- Nancy Kissel
- Joe & Kelly Koenig
- Karen Longrie
- Lisa Lutzke
- Sarah Mauk
- Donna Menart
- Kent Olson
- Bev Resop
- Tim & Patty Talen
- Mary TerMaat
- Phil Jens
- Gary Kaestner
- Gene & Kathy Kaestner
- Scott Kaestner
- Marlene Kammann
- Anna Kleinhans
- Nathan Kleinhans
- Randy & Sue Kleinhans
- Kristine Lubenow
- Betty Martin
- Barb Meinnert
- Debra Meinnert
- Matthew Meinnert
- Stanley & Sharleen Meinnert
- Earl Opgenorth
- Kelly Rauch
- Melanie Roehrborn
- Edith Rohrbeck
- Staci Schluechtermann
- Daniel Sippel
- Frank Steiner
- Andrew Taylor
- Patty & Jim Taylor
- Walter Taylor
- Nicole Twohig
- Jamie Tyrrell
- Cindy VanderWeele
- Elizabeth Widder
- Heidi Widder

Lifetime Members

- Tanya Arentsen
- Skeeter DeGroff
- Tim DeGroff
- Rosemarie Dickman
- Elaine Fiedler
- Kathy Froh
- Luke & Liz Gartman
- Virginia Hall
- Nancy Henschel
- Pam Hodgson
- Joanne Howe

Membership form on next page.



Alumni News: Your Money at Work

All scholarship funds go to the scholarships and all grant money goes towards grants. Dues is used for running expenses and further support of the 4-H program.

Two well deserving people received the 2022 4-H Alumni Award: Mary TerMaat and Henry Umstadt. For their many years of service and dedication

In 2022 we awarded four well deserving young people \$1000.00 each to further their education. These funds were paid January 2023 to the following: Owen Beumler, Tricia Bidingier, Seth Morse and Kennidy Pelnar.

We gave out two grants to two 4-H members who attended Quiz Bowls in Kentucky. A great educational experience for young 4-H members.

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

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2023 Alumni Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2023 Annual membership dues: \$10.00 per member _____

Lifetime membership \$175.00 per member _____

Scholarship Donation _____

Bill Jens Alumni Grant Fund _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Make check payable to: **Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association**

Return to:
Skeeter DeGroff, Treasurer
W3894 Playbird Rd
Sheboygan Falls WI 53085

It's Easy to be on the 4-H Alumni Board

Please consider running for the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Board.

Just four meetings a year: April; July; September and November.

There are 5 items we deal with as a board. They are as follows:

1. Alumni Award: review applications for the alumni award and present the award at the awards program in November at Acuity.
2. Scholarship: review applications and select winners.
3. Nominating: Outgoing board members solicit new candidates for the Board.

4. Fair Display: Decide what theme would be good to promote 4-H, the alumni, and/or the history of 4-H at the county fair.

5. Silent Auction: Make up a basket for the 4-H silent auction at the county fair.

Memberships is open to former 4-H members, past or present 4-H parents, 4-H leaders, or any person interested in supporting the 4-H program.

It is really a rewarding experience and you get to meet really great people who are interested in the 4-H program and all that surround 4-H.

If interested fill out the self nomination form.

4-H Memorial Wall of Honor

The Sheboygan County 4-H Clubs have a Memorial Wall of Honor. The wall is a triangular shape made out of oak and is located in the 4-H Youth Building at the Sheboygan County Fair. It was created by the 4-H Leaders Association in 2002 in memory of Roland Nohl, whose name was synonymous with 4-H and its members. The purpose of the wall is to show recognition to all of those special people who felt 4-H was important and had a spot in their hearts where it was always in high esteem, and they were always trying to find ways to make it better.

The individual names are added with a special note or date, saying or inscription as dictated by the person or persons who have decided whom they want added. "We encourage people to

donate to the wall and put their loved one's name on to support the 4-H program and honor the loved one who has passed away and know that 4-H was an important part of their lives."

If your club or family would like to put a loved one's name on the wall, just fill out the form located on the 4-H website with the information necessary with a minimum of \$100 that can be designated to any part of the 4-H program – example: Camp Riversite, scholarships, trips, awards, alumni, etc. It is a great way to remember love ones and their love of 4-H. It is never too late to honor someone. Former leaders, parents or anyone who has influenced 4-H or young people about 4-H.

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Scholarship

Due: April 1st

Eligibility:

- A. Applicant must be a 4-H Alumni or currently a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.
- B. Applicant must be graduated from high school at time of applying for scholarship and planning on attending a college or technical school including certificate and diploma program for the upcoming school year.
- C. Recipient will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H Alumni Association
- D. Must be a 4-H member for a minimum of 5 years.

Requirements:

- A. Completed 2-part application
- B. Three dated letters of recommendation from current school year.
 - One from 4-H representative (not a parent or a 4-H agent)
 - One from any other source.
 - One from current college/technical school educator.
- C. Copy of most current unofficial transcript.

Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Association Grant

Alumni guidelines are:

Depending on number of applications & application itself.

* 4-H Camp: up to \$50

* Trips/events under \$1000: up to \$150

* 4-H Conference – Madison: up to \$75

* Trips/events over \$1000: up to \$300

Eligibility:

- A. Youth needing some financial support that want to attend out of county, state or national trips or events. (Example: American Spirit trip; CWF; 4-H camp; Drama Co.; etc.)
- B. Following information needed: Name of club or if a spin member; How long in 4-H; Any other funds provided: (example, club, Kohler grant, Leaders Association, etc.).

Requirements:

- A. Event name & total cost.
- B. Due dates: when funds are needed & when event is happening.
- C. Leader or parent comments.

Application can be found at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-alumni-association/>

2022 Donations to the Alumni Association

Thank you everyone who supports the
Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni
Association with your donations.

In Memory of:

Janice Thompson.....Glenn Thompson
Roland ThomasGlenn Thompson
Allen RaederGlenn Thompson
Joni & Aaron Schloseky ... Joel & Betty Martin
Norbert Meyer Sharlene Meyer
Doris Beck Ulezelski Family
Merv Kitzerow Ulezelski Family
Jackie Flipiak Born Family

Given by:

Hans Palm..... Born Family
Carlyle & Beverly Kleinhans Randy & Sue
Kleinhans
Vernita Gessert Joanne Howe
Gerald Goehring Joanne Howe
Gerald Goehring Randy & Sue Kleinhans
Betty Opgenorth Earl Opgenorth
Herbert KohlerSerenity Farm Landscaping/
Kissel Family
Lorraine Heller David & Elizabeth Haag
Stanley Schreiber Nancy Kissel
Mary Ann Sommer Nancy Kissel



Save the Date

4-H Awards and Recognition Program

The 4-H Awards and Recognition
Program is held the last Monday of
November and Hosted by Acuity
Corporate Headquarters.



November 27, 2023

In Honor of:

Name: _____

my donation to the

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association
for the: ☐ scholarship fund ☐ Bill Jens grant fund*

With sincere greetings from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Name: _____

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With sincere greetings from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

In Loving Memory of:

Name: _____

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With sympathy from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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