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If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please call Roy Hillstock at (626) 586-1972 or email at rlhillstock@ucanr.edu. We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or (626) 586-1972. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

POLICY

4-H Policy and Information Update February 2016

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a responsibility to provide quality out-of-school experiences for youth who participate in activities. Staff, volunteers, youth and partners all have a role in ensuring that the 4-H environment is safe for all, but especially for youth members. All levels of programming regardless of venue should reflect a thorough review of safety procedures and plans for responding in case of an emergency.

In addition to physical safety, staff, members, volunteers and parents should feel emotionally safe during 4-H activities or at events that are 4-H sponsored. This includes camp, Field Day, Judging Day, and others. Moreover, with the exploding access and use of social media (i.e., text messaging, Facebook, Twitter), it is more imperative that we honor our program code of conduct and keep the safety and well-being of our members in mind. For example, when communicating with youth and their families in the name of 4-H, please be sure that the content is directly related to 4-H and is free of political, religious or other propaganda. If you feel that a staff, an adult volunteer or youth member has violated the 4-H Code of Conduct or has made you feel uncomfortable in person or via text, Facebook or other platform, please call the 4-H County Office immediately @ (626) 568-1970 or send an email to kcnathaniel@ucanr.edu. We take all concerns very seriously.

For more information on the 4-H Safe Spaces Policy please visit: http://groups.ucanr.org/Safe_Spaces/index.cfm.

CLUB

- **4-H Leadership Conference**

Communications Committee, Macy 4-H Club

On January 30, 2016, eleven Macy 4-H members attended the leadership conference in San Pedro, California. The conference took place in a former Boy Scout meeting hall where only non-profit organizations could meet. While the club advisors met separately, any other club member that was interested in building their leadership skills could attend workshops. The workshops were about teamwork, organization, and time management. Other sessions included an overview of 4-H Record Books and the duties of the 4-H South Section Short Circuit Crew.

The first topic of discussion was teamwork. The students were divided into small groups to brainstorm qualities that a team player would possess. Most of the groups said that teamwork required communication, cooperation, and collaboration. Next, the members were given a task to incorporate the skills that they had listed. Each group was given a ping pong ball and every participant was handed a small piece of pipe that was cut in half. The challenge was to get the ping pong ball from one side of the room to the other side. Students had to form a path by overlapping the pipes, so that the ball could roll from one pipe to another. If the ball dropped, the team would have to start over. This activity taught the 4-H members the importance of having patience and to be open to other people's ideas.

Xavier Cruz, a senior member of Macy 4-H, informed the members about the responsibilities of the 4-H South Section Short Circuit Crew. He explained how to become a member of the group and shared his personal experiences. The Short Circuit Crew works exclusively with 4-H on anything tech related in the Southern California area. For example, they take photos wherever they go, they set up projectors and screens at events, and work with the audio equipment.

The third subject that the members covered was 4-H Record Books. Two senior members explained what record books were and showed the audience an example of their own. A record book is a way that helps 4-H members keep track of all the minutes they spend participating in 4-H meetings and activities.

The session on organization focused mainly on time management. The ambassadors showed the students how to efficiently organize their day, keeping a balance between their responsibilities and their free time. They emphasized that personal time is essential to everyone's life. It is important because it gives someone a chance to rest and re-energize themselves in order to be ready for the next day.

The leadership conference was a great opportunity for Macy 4-H members to get to know and work with other 4-H Clubs in Southern California. At the conference, students learned about teamwork and organization. They also reviewed the importance of organizing their activities in record books. The Macy 4-H participants enjoyed their time and would attend the conference again.

- **Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club**

Roy Hillstock, 4-H Staff

Congratulation to Ru Ekanayake and Shannon Chen for being selected as two of 250 finalists from over 87,000 applicants vying for a \$20,000 Coca Cola scholarship. The finalist will be interviewed and winners announced soon.



Ru Ekanayake

Shannon Chen

DISTRICT

- **District's Field Day And Fashion Revue**
Roy Hillstock, 4-H Staff

The LA County 4-H District Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held on the following dates:

Antelope Valley March 5, 2016
North San Gabriel March 13, 2016
South San Gabriel March 12, 2016
San Fernando Valley TBD
County Fashion Revue..... March 19, 2016

Please check with your Clothing & Textiles Project Leader / Club Leader for more information.

COUNTY

- **Interview with an Outstanding 4-H Project Leader – Wayne Wilson, Canyon Coyotes 4-H Drama Project Leader and Playwright Extraordinaire**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



Were you in 4-H in your youth?

No, I wasn't. I grew up in Indiana, where I assume 4-H was quite big, but it was not on our radar. I'm sure I had seen pictures of kids in green hats standing next to large animals, but that was about it. I really found about it when we moved to Acton, CA, which is a semi-rural part of L.A. County.

What led you to volunteer for 4-H?

Our children were home-schooled in their early years, and 4-H was big in our community, so we got involved. We appreciated the different projects, social interaction, and the volunteer leaders who were willing to share their interests and knowledge. Our kids chose a variety of projects that suited their individual interests, but we had all of them in Communications to learn public speaking and develop a comfort with presenting information. Two wonderful ladies ran the project at the time. As a side activity, I put together little skits to do at County Field Day. As those ladies moved on, I took over the leadership of the Communications project, and then developed the Drama project as something separate.

In your 13 years of volunteering for 4-H, has it always been with Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club?

Yes, with Canyon Coyotes from the beginning! As exciting as it is to perform at the Field Days, it is always a highlight for the kids to perform at our Canyon Coyotes leader's appreciation dinner in front of friends and the leaders of other projects they are in. It's a very enthusiastic audience, and the theme of the luncheon and décor usually match the play for that year.

Aside from drama, what other projects have you led for your club?

Just these two. Drama and Communications. As the pastor of a church, public speaking naturally seemed like something I could help project members with. But I also had some theatrical experience in High School, and I had a keen interest in making films since the sixth grade. I seem to be drawn to spoofing existing things. In High School I dragged all my acting friends into making an hour and a half musical comedy version of MacBeth on 8mm film. (How I would have loved the modern video cameras!). I had a long-standing desire to be a film-maker. Film school is what drew me to California. 4-H Drama lets me keep my hand in that world.

If you had to guess, how many youth over the years have been a part of the plays in the Drama Project?

That's hard to say since a number of kids stay with the project for years. I suppose about 50 – 60.

What is your favorite 4-H play?

Every year I ask myself that question, usually prompted by someone's asking that very thing. All the plays have their special moments and memories, along with things that didn't quite work out in execution. I will always have a warm feeling of affection for 4-H in Neverland (our take on Peter Pan) because we explored deeper emotions with that play than any of the others. I had a wonderful Peter and Wendy who were able to capture that emotion beautifully. They brought tears to my eyes.

I also have a fond memories of Shakespeare in 4-H. I'm a Shakespeare buff and enjoyed writing about a 4-H club inhabited by many of the Bard's most famous characters as children, such as Hamlet in the bee-keeping project ("Two bees or not two bees"). That play was largely dependent on the performances of the girls playing Regan and Goneril (the wicked sisters from King Lear). We happened to have two very talented gals who made those roles come alive. It was the last 4-H year for each of them. One went on to do some wonderful performances in community theater and is still acting. She always mentions her beginnings in 4-H drama.

Some other thoughts from Mr. Wilson...

There are two main features of my philosophy for running the Drama project. Sometimes they are in conflict. The first is to be excellent. We encourage hard work, and dedication. We shoot for the gold. I like that Share the Fun has a competitive dimension to it, because knowing we must compete against other clubs is motivation to work harder. We all like to win. At the same time, no one is ever turned away from performing in our project. Everyone who signs up for Drama gets a part and will be on stage performing. I write the plays according to the number of kids in the project. That can be a headache, but it is worth it. We have try-outs for parts, but not for being in the play. Everyone is in. This can hurt us in competition, of course, because some participants simply don't have natural acting abilities. Some will never speak quite loud enough or really understand timing. But over the course of the year, each child does grow in confidence and ability in some way, and for me, that has a golden luster all its' own. I hear that growth echoed in their comments when I read the yearbook descriptions of what being in Drama meant to them. Those comments are enormously satisfying to me.

It is also fun to see how drama intersects with other projects the kids are in. Fashion review and sewing projects have often overlapped with costumes for Drama. This year, our Snow White, Rebekah Kasperson, is making her own costume, and entering it at County Field Day. We have had a number of project members make their own outfits. Each of the lead girls I mentioned in Shakespeare in 4-H made spectacular Renaissance dresses. I was blown away!

Do you write a lot in your personal life? Do you work in a writing career? Have you been published?

Pastoral ministry by its nature involves a lot of writing. Crafting a sermon certainly involves an element of creativity combined with information. I've also done quite a bit of classroom instruction which requires a lot of writing.

On the creative side, only occasionally do I get to indulge. Our church does Vacation Bible School, and the VBS packet a church purchases always has a drama element to get the kids interested. Guess who is in charge of VBS drama every Summer? Yep! That ordinarily doesn't involve writing, but some years what we purchase is so poorly written I can't bring myself to do it, so I scrap the whole thing and write my own. I try to not do that, since it is very time consuming...but I do it now and then. I'm so hard to please!

Oh, yes, I did publish a book way back in 1999 on the subject of Christians and their entertainment choices. I have more book ideas in my head, but I will likely never get to them until I retire. I would like to write some biographical books for kids about some of America's great heroes.

Here is a list of the plays Mr. Wilson has written for his project participants, his club, and all of us to enjoy.

Canyon Coyotes Drama

Originally, our skits were a fun addition to the Communications project. We did spoofs of Get Smart (4-H 86), It's a Wonderful (4-H) Life, A Charlie Brown 4-H, Star Trek (The Four Ks), and our own version of the Abbott and Costello routine Who's On First called Who's the President.

These skits go back to at least 2001. But the competition became quite challenging, and another club had full plays that came for a Drama project, so we decided to create a separate project for Drama in the 2005-2006 year. Our first play was a spin-off of the Knights of the Round Table.

- ✓ **2006 4-H Beginnings (Knights of the Round Table)**
- ✓ **2007 4-H in the Emerald City**
- ✓ **2008 Pigs and Prejudice (Jane Austin)**
- ✓ **2009 Mending Broken Jaw (a western)**
- ✓ **2010 Shakespeare in 4-H**
- ✓ **2011 4-H in Sherwood Forest**
- ✓ **2012 4-H in Gotham City**
- ✓ **2013 4-H in Neverland**
- ✓ **2014 4-H Dawn (Cavemen)**
- ✓ **2015 The Four Ks (Star Trek) This is the first time we rewrote and restaged an older play.**
- ✓ **2016 4-H and the Seven Dwarfs**

• **2016 County Judging Day Results**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Los Angeles County 2016 4-H Judging Day was held Saturday, February 27 at Palmdale High School in Palmdale. 101 4-H members representing 13 clubs participated in the event. We thank Charlene Moore and the Antelope Valley 4-H district for organizing and running the event. We thank the LA County All-Star Ambassadors and the county Junior All-Stars project members for all their help, including providing a program for the Primary Members and presenting awards in the awards ceremony. We thank all the leaders, parents, friends, youth and staff who also helped make the event a big success.

Participation certificates were given to all 4-H members who attended. Medals were given to the top three judging scores in each category for each age level. Special certificates were given to those who placed in the top 20% below the medalists.

Congratulations to the following members for their medal accomplishments!

For the listings below, the following abbreviations are used:

PVP = Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

SFV = San Fernando Valley 4-H Club

Racketteers = Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club

Eastside = Eastside Antelopes 4H Club

Red Racers = Rosamond Red Racers 4-H Club

Large Livestock

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – A.J. Ferman, Roadrunners
Junior – Silver Medal – Jack Marcy, Red Racers
Junior – Bronze Medal – Logan Dykehouse, Westside
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Sophie Loewner, PVP
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Ada Hsu, Macy
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Briget Mcguire, Westside
Senior – Silver Medal – Rebekah Conrad, Quartz Hill
Senior – Bronze Medal – Becca Carter, Racketteers

Horses

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Mia Kolkovich, SFV
Junior – Silver Medal – Tyler Lam, Macy
Junior – Bronze Medal – Tanner Rockey, Quartz Hill
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Mark Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Sophie Loewner, PVP
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Nadia Gallarzo, Macy
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Molly Ahern, Racketteers
Senior – Silver Medal – Rebecca Klose, PVP
Senior – Bronze Medal – Sarah Yeck, PVP

Small Livestock

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – A.J. Ferman, Roadrunners
Junior – Silver Medal – Tyler Lam, Macy
Junior – Bronze Medal – Tanner Rockey, Quartz Hill
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Julia Brown, PVP
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Ada Hsu, Macy
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Sarah Yeck, PVP
Senior – Silver Medal – Lucia Brown, PVP
Senior – Bronze Medal – Kaitlynn Shaughnessy, Westside

Plant Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Mia Kolkovich, SFV
Junior – Silver Medal – Nathan Brava-Partain, PVP
Junior – Bronze Medal – Tyler Lam, Macy
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Sophie Loewner, PVP
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Jeanette Nguyen, Macy
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Enrique Morales, Macy
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Camille Norczyk, Greenleaf
Senior – Silver Medal – Rebecca Klose, PVP

Senior – Bronze Medal – Holly Whipple, Westside Dog Care and Obedience/Service Dogs and Animal

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – A.J. Ferman, Roadrunners
Junior – Silver Medal – Jared Miller, Racketteers
Junior – Bronze Medal – Alex Alvarez, Racketteers
Junior – Bronze Medal – Nathan Brava-Partain, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Kala Shaughnessy, Westside
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Christian Cook, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Isobel Cook, Canyon Coyotes
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Justin Miller, Racketteers
Senior – Silver Medal – Alexa Sutter, PVP
Senior – Bronze Medal – Michael Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes

Clothing & Textiles

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Anika Finja Reed, Eastside
Junior – Silver Medal – Tyler Lam, Macy
Junior – Bronze Medal – Jack Marcy, Red Racers
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Claire Holm, Racketteers
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Kaylin Kwan, Macy
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Molly Ahern, Racketteers
Senior – Silver Medal – Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill
Senior – Bronze Medal – Holly Whipple, Westside

Creative Arts

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Tyler Lam, Macy
Junior – Silver Medal – Mia Kolkovich, SFV
Junior – Bronze Medal – Emily Alvarez, Racketteers
Junior – Bronze Medal – Tanner Rockey, Quartz Hill
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Victoria Morales, Macy
Intermediate – Silver Medal – Heidi Kolkovich, SFV
Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Kaylin Kwan, Macy
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Alexa Sutter, PVP
Senior – Silver Medal – Rebecca Klose, PVP
Senior – Bronze Medal – Molly Ahern, Racketteers

Natural Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Kassie Shaughnessy, Westside
Junior – Silver Medal – Tyler Lam, Macy
Junior – Bronze Medal – A.J. Ferman, Roadrunners

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Andrew Rivas, Macy

Intermediate – Silver Medal – Kaylin Kwan, Macy

Natural Science Cont'd

Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Natalia Mendez, Macy

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Sarah Yeck, PVP

Senior – Silver Medal – Kaitlynn Shaughnessy, Quartz Hill

Senior – Bronze Medal – Quentin Potts, Canyon Coyotes

Foods and Nutrition

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Nathan Brava-Partain, PVP

Junior – Silver Medal – Dylan Kenny, Racketteers

Junior – Bronze Medal – Tanner Rockey, Quartz Hill

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Isobel Cook, Canyon Coyotes

Intermediate – Silver Medal – Julia Brown, PVP

Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Heidi Kolkovich, SFV

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill

Senior – Silver Medal – Becca Carter, Racketteers

Senior – Bronze Medal – Rachel Conrad, Quartz Hill

Mechanical Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Landon Green, Racketteers

Junior – Silver Medal – Brandon Kenny, Racketteers

Junior – Bronze Medal – Logan Dykehouse, Westside

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Audrey Sparks, Macy

Intermediate – Silver Medal – Kara McCormick, Quartz Hill

Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Damian Fisher, Red Racers

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Isaiah Meacham, Littlerockers

Senior – Silver Medal – Kenny Meacham, Littlerockers

Senior – Bronze Medal – Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill

Family and Consumer Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – A. J. Ferman, Roadrunners

Junior – Silver Medal – Logan Dykehouse, Westside

• Leaders' Luncheon Date Correction

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

You may have received the invitation to the Leaders' Luncheon in the mail the last few days. The date listed on the invitation was April 6, which is incorrect. **The actual date for the luncheon is Saturday, April 9, 2016.** The luncheon will be held at a new location in the SFV Valley - Acapulco Mexican Restaurant (9400 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, 91324) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have a private room there and will still be having the pinning ceremony and several special awards presentations. We hope you can make it to this celebration of YOU. Please RSVP to Charlene at moore@ucanr.edu by **April 1st** to attend.

• LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador Application Due March 3

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador is the highest county rank a member can earn. Following state guidelines, our county All Stars are called county All Star Ambassadors. The applications for 2016-2017 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador will be due March 3, 2016. The application form is available on the county 4-H website. For next year, the I&R committee is recommending that there be at least two advisors with at least one in the AV district area, that the new All Star Ambassadors attend the State Leadership Conference in the summer and have at least one summer retreat for their planning. The announcement of the new 2016-17 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors will be made at County Field Day on March 19. This will allow the new All-Star Ambassadors time to plan their program for 2016-17 before

Junior – Bronze Medal – Nathan Brava-Partain, PVP

Family and Consumer Science Cont'd

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Kayla Shaughnessy, Westside

Intermediate – Silver Medal – Saskia-Shania Reed, Eastside

Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Ada Hsu, Macy

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Alexa Sutter, PVP

Senior – Silver Medal – Tommy Meacham, Littlerockers

Senior – Bronze Medal – Cherysh Drayton, Eastside

Leisure Education

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Mia Kolkovich, SFV

Junior – Silver Medal – Jared Miller, Racketteers

Junior – Bronze Medal – Kassie Shaughnessy, Westside

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Mark Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes

Intermediate – Silver Medal – Isobel Cook, Canyon Coyotes

Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Nadia Gallarzo, Macy

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Michael Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes

Senior – Silver Medal – Nicholas Miller, Racketteers

Senior – Bronze Medal – Lucia Brown, PVP

Oral Reasons

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Mia Kolkovich, SFV

Junior – Silver Medal – Logan Dykehouse, Westside

Junior – Bronze Medal – Jack Marcy, Red Racers

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Audrey Sparks, Macy

Intermediate – Silver Medal – Arek Terjimanian, Macy

Intermediate – Bronze Medal – Benjamin Romo, Red Racers

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill

Senior – Silver Medal – Michael Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes

Senior – Bronze Medal – Kaitlynn Shaughnessy, Quartz Hill

the program year starts on July 1, 2016.

- **4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage**

John Borba, 4-H Youth Development Advisor- Kern County (661-868-6216)

Plans are underway to host a 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop in California. It will be held March 13 – 16, 2016 at the Safety First Shooting Association in Winton, CA (Merced County). More information and registration material will be sent out when the details are finalized. Those who pass the certification training will be certified to lead a 4-H Western Heritage project. For more information about the project and the location visit:

Western Heritage Project

<http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/>

Safety First Shooting Association

<http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/>

- **LA County 4-H County Field Day-March 19, 2016**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

LA County 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, March 19 at Mt. SAC. No late entries will be accepted.

For Fashion Revue, members earning Blue Ribbons at their district fashion revues have the opportunity to model the garments they have made or purchased and to present themselves at their best in personal grooming, posture, modeling, and accessorizing their garment. **District fashion revue coordinators should email Teresa Fint (Teresa@fint.net) with the name, age and category for those who qualify for the county fashion revue. The forms for County Fashion Revue should be brought to the event on March 19th.**

For Field Day, members can display their speaking skills with demonstrations, speeches, interpretive readings, mock interviews, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking, educational display talks, cultural arts acts, skits and much more. **4-H members should send their entry forms to their club leaders. Entry forms for Field Day are due from the club leaders to Natalie Kolkovich by March 11 (23408 Hamlin Street, West Hills, 91307).** Forms and more information about these events, go to the county website under EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. Be sure to use the new 2015 Presentation Manual for details for the categories.

For both of these events, help is needed for judging and room monitoring. Please contact Natalie Kolkovich (nataliekolkovich@gmail.com) for Field Day and Teresa Fint (Teresa@fint.net) to volunteer to help at Fashion Revue this day. Both adults and senior 4-H are encouraged to help and be part of this fun event.

- **Friends of 4-H Nominations from Districts due by April 2**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and/or organizations that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district council is encouraged to submit names for a Friend of 4-H award to the County council at its next meeting on April 2. The county council can vote for up to five such awards to be presented in a year.

- **LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting – April 2**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council, Vice-President

The next meeting of the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council will be on Saturday, April 2 from 10:00am until noon in the San Fernando Valley area. Watch for details of the location. 4-H volunteers and senior members are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be discussing plans for the 2016-2017 program year. Districts are asked to bring Friends of 4-H nominations, their district dates for 2016-2017, their nominations for 2016-2017 county council offices and their suggestions for a great 2016-2017 LA County 4-H year. The San Fernando Valley 4-H district is hosting this meeting. **Please have your club represented at this important planning meeting.**

- **State Fashion Revue – May 28, 2016**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council, Vice-President

The five entry categories for the 2016 State Fashion Revue were announced as Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (\$40.00 limit), Upcycled, Western Wear Challenge and Muslin Challenge. State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects: Reusable Bags and Port Pillows. Information and examples for the entry categories, and patterns and instructions for the service projects are on the state website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR. Looking for a club service project? Check out how your club can get involved even if you don't have a sewing project.

- **Discussion Meet contest - ATTENTION SENIORS*****

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

The State is again having a Discussion Meet competition at State Field Day. For the contest, the members are judged on their skills in committee meeting discussion. A manual on Discussion Meet is available on the state website along with videos showing a Discussion Meet contest in action. The 2016 topics for the Discussion Meet are as follows:

1. The 4-H Youth Development Program has been successful in recruiting new members for years. How can 4-H make the best better by using successful methods from outside organizations to boost interest in 4-H and, therefore, increase membership in the modern age?
2. How can you help 4-H'ers identify and analyze actions related to a water resource and its use?
3. How can 4-H'ers develop the knowledge and skills necessary to address challenges relevant to the study of the environment?
4. How can 4-H'ers learn by doing within the community to provide youth with field research experience, technical expertise, and an opportunity to reflect on their own development?
5. When nations make decisions about healthy living, what are some of the dilemmas and consequences that might impact people around the world? How can 4-H'ers decrease some of those negative results and/or increase the positive results?

The state Discussion Meet competition will be held at State Field Day on May 28th in Davis. Practice discussion meets are being scheduled for this spring. A Discussion Meet will be held at LA County Field Day on March 19 at Mt. SAC and another Discussion Meet will be held at South Section Field Day on May 21 at Mt. SAC. These are two great opportunities for our LA County senior youth to practice their Discussion Meet skills before the state competition, where scholarship money is awarded to the top four finalists.

WATCH for more information about this opportunity on the State 4-H website.

- **VERY IMPORTANT - Use New Record Book Manual For 2015-2016**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The state 4-H office has released a new 2015-2016 California 4-H Record Book Manual, which is now considered to be the current manual and we are told to discard all previous record book manuals. Please use this manual for your 4-H records this year (2015-2016). A second manual California 4-H Record Book Forms 2015-2016 contains the forms to use with the first 2015-2016 manual. Please use these forms for your records this year. Across the top of each form is the phrase "California 4-H Record Book 2015-2016". DO NOT USE FORMS FROM PRIOR 4-H RECORD BOOK MANUALS. A third record book manual for leaders came out this fall from the state office. We will have these manuals on the county website. The first two manuals are currently on the state website.

There are some changes for 4-H record keeping. Be sure to look at these new manuals as you record your 4-H activities during the year. This year Seniors are asked to include a resume in their record book. The Junior and Teen Leadership Development form has been replaced by the new Leadership Development Form. Expression pages for project reporting are not optional. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **State Record Book Competition**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Senior 4-H members are eligible to enter the state record book competition. State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Books are judged against standard criteria. Those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, and leadership and citizenship development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners. Senior 4-H member (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition.

Encourage your experienced Senior members to submit their records for the state competition. No additional pages are needed beyond what is submitted to the county competition. Accomplished senior members should be encouraged to start working on their record books now for the 2015-16 competition. Set goals and plan ahead to have a great year in a project area. Districts should consider having workshops on completing record books during the year. There is a lot of good project work being done in LA County, but it is not being entered in the state competitions.

To be eligible to enter the state record book competition, seniors must complete a brief online record book course on the state website and submit a letter of intent to submit your record book to our county office by June 30th, 2016. Mark your calendar in May to remind yourself to take the record book course, so you at least have the option to submit a your record book to state in October.

- **2015-2016 Officer Book Forms**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The 2015-2016 Officer Book forms and information for the 2016 Officer Book Recognition program are available on the county website. All club and Hi-4H officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should start working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have the opportunity to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

- **2015-2016 4-H Program Year**

Roy Hillstock, 4-H Staff

The 2015-2016 Program Year started July 1, 2015. All 4-H members must re-enroll to participate in 4-H. This is especially important for those 4-H members participating in fairs and other summer months activities. For members graduating out of the program that will be finishing up their projects and/or going to fair need not re-enroll. The 4-H Fees have increased for the coming 2015-2016 program year. **The fees are \$38 per youth and \$14 per adult.** The 4-H Online Enrollment Website is: <https://california.4honline.com>. If you have any problems enrolling, please contact me at (626) 586-1972.

- **Share your 4-H Experiences**

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4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, rhillstock@ucanr.edu.

Dates To Remember

March

- 2nd WRLF (Alaska 3/2-4)
NSG District Meeting
- 3rd [All-Star Ambassador Applications Due](#)
Camp Committee Meeting at Mary Lash's house – 3:00 PM
- 5th AV Gymkhana
AV Fashion /Food Fair
- 6th Summer Camp Committee Mtg.
AV Shoot Competition #3
- 12th SSG District Fashion Revue
- 13th NSG District Home Ec & Field Day
- 17th SSG District Meeting
SGV Fair Meeting
- 18th **Deadline to Apply for Summer Camp Staff**
- 19th **County Field Day & Fashion Revue**
Summer Camp Staff Interviews
- 22nd [Incentives & Recognition Meeting](#)
- 27th Easter
- 28th AV District Meeting

STATE

DATES & DEADLINES

- 3/8/2016 [32nd Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match](#)
- 3/13/2016 [4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop](#)
- 3/16/2016 [Ag Day at the Capitol](#)
- 4/1/2016 [2016 4-H Camping Conference](#)
- 5/4/2016 [California 4-H Association Retreat](#)
- 5/21/2016 [South Central Section Leaders Council Meeting](#)
- 5/23/2016 [State Animal Science Symposium](#)
- 5/28/2016 [California 4-H State Field Day](#)
- 7/10/2016 [2016 Citizen Washington Focus-Heritage Trail](#)
- 7/10/2016 [Washington Focus Heritage Trail](#)
- 7/10/2016 [Washington Focus Global Journey](#)
- 7/11/2016 [2016 Leadership Washington Focus](#)
- 7/11/2016 [2016 Leadership Washington Focus](#)
- 7/16/2016 [2016 Citizenship Washington Focus-Global Journey](#)
- 7/17/2016 [California Focus](#)
- 7/28/2016 [State Leadership Conference](#)
- 8/3/2016 [California State 4-H Horse Classic](#)

Additional State Updates can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar/>

4-H All-Stars:

Holly Whipple, Westside 4-H Club
Ru Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club
Camille Norczyk, Greenleaf 4-H Club
Jessica Fint, SFV 4-H Club
Meghan Tahbaz, PVP 4-H Club
Abigail Wright, Greenleaf 4-H Club

Jr. All-Stars:

Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Kiran Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club
Rebecca Klose, PVP 4-H Club
Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Zella Roth, PVP 4-H Club
Wesley Rich, PVP 4-H Club
Alexa Sutter, PVP 4-H Club
Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Shannon Chen, PVP 4-H Club
Julie Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club
Michelle Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club
Rebecca Klose, PVP 4H Club
Sara Conlon, PVP 4H Club
Catherine Nunley, PVP 4H Club
Lilliana Brown, PVP 4H Club
Ashlyn Spaziano, Greenleaf 4-H Club
Elizabeth Wright, Greenleaf 4-H Club
Katie Hsu, PVP 4-H Club
Leila Nuryen, PVP 4H Club
Sarah Yeck, PVP 4H Club
Ryan Hamm, PVP 4H Club
Enrique Morales, Macy 4H Club
Kaylin Kwan, Macy 4h Club

2015-2016 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Officers:

President: Dee Keese

Vice President: Noel Keller

2nd Vice President (youth position): Camille Norczyk

Secretary: Judylynn Pelling

Treasurer: Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart

Reporter/Historian:

I&R Committee Chair: Noel Keller

Agriculture Committee Chair:

Science Committee Chair:

Home Economics Committee Chair: Carrie DeYoung

Healthy Living Committee Chair: Meghan Tahbaz (youth)

Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary:

Leader Support Committee Chair:

Shooting Sports Committee Chair: Dee Keese

Publicity Chair (proposed new office): Peter Michel

Fundraising Committee Chair (proposed new office):

Civics Committee Chair: Ru Ekanayake (youth)

Technology Committee Chair: Mike Lopez

Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Judylynn Pelling

Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Carrie DeYoung

Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Dee Keese

Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Rick Herbert

Representative to the Sectional Council (youth): Camille Norczyk

Alternate Rep to the Sectional Council (adult): Dennis DeYoung

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