

## **County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report**

by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair

### **2011-2012 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council I & R Committee -**

The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG district, Dee Keese and Rick Hebert from SSG district and Carrie DeYoung from SFV district. During your election of district officers for next year, please elect two representatives from your district. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 10 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. At this meeting we expect to work on planning for this year and updating our committee page on the county 4-H website. Contact an I&R representative if you have comments or suggestions for these areas.

### **County Record Book Competition and Awards Day**

The LA County competition for member records was held in September, with 83 (19 Juniors, 34 Intermediates, 30 Seniors) submitting their records for review and recognition. That is an increase of 12 over last year. 8 of our clubs participated in the county competition. Leaders from all our clubs submitting books gathered to judge the records on September 17 and 24. We thank all those who helped with the judging.

The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 15<sup>h</sup> at the LA 4H office at 3pm after the county 4-H Pet Symposium with the NSG district providing the program, SSG providing the decorations, SFV district providing the refreshments and AV district providing the publicity. Everyone then will help to clean up. The November issue of Clover Notes will list the youth submitting records and their accomplishments.

### **Senior Awards of Excellence**

Plaques have been created for the LA County 4-H office where the names of the recipients of the Senior Awards of Excellence are added each year. There is one plaque for Leadership, one for Community Service and one for Achievement. This year the recipients of the 2011 Senior Awards of Excellence will be announced at the County Awards event on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards**

As part of the county annual record judging, 4-H junior and teen members were invited to have their records evaluated for a Leader Merit Award. This award is to recognize outstanding leadership by Junior and Teen Leaders. A member request on their ID form for the county record book judging form that their records be evaluated for a merit award. A member may only earn a Junior Leader Merit Award once and a Teen Merit Award once.

The merit award is a gold border for the Junior or Teen Leader patch. For the Junior Leader, a circular gold patch is placed on the 4-H hat under the Junior Leader patch so that an equal gold rim is created around the Junior Leader patch. The Junior Leader patch with this gold rim is an award patch on the 4-H hat, even when the 4-H member is no longer a Junior Leader. For the Teen Leader, there is a triangular gold patch which forms a bold rim around the Teen Leader patch, which can then be worn as an award patch, even if the member is no longer a Teen Leader. These awards will also be announced on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **2011 4-H Graduates**

The names of all 2010-11 4-H graduates should have been submitted to the AV 4H office by the Club Community Leader. If this has not been done, contact Charlene at in the AV 4-H office as soon as possible. The engraved 4-H graduate pins and certificates are usually presented at the district Achievement events.

### **All-Star Program**

The Committee suggested that the All-Star selection should be earlier in the year. Summer is a good time for planning and is the start of the 4-H year. The Committee suggests that the announcement of the new All-Stars for the next year should go back to be at County Field Day, so planning can occur before the start of the year. Look for changes to be coming up for when members need to apply for All-Star.

### **Emerald Star Program**

The Emerald Star program offers an advanced leadership opportunity for senior members. Each year members are encouraged to plan an activity or event beyond the club level to benefit others. Look for updated information on the county website.

### **2010-2011 Club and Hi 4-H Officer Book Recognition**

All 2010-2011 club and Hi 4-H officers were encouraged to submit their officer records in the Club and Hi 4-H Officer Book recognition competition. This officer book recognition is for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian or any other established officer in your club or Hi 4-H. Officer books were judged by the Danish system so all officers had a chance for a gold medal. We had 9 officer books submitted for the 2010-11 4-H year by two clubs (1 President, 1 Vice-President, 1 Treasurer, 2 Secretary, 2 Historian, 2 Reporter books and no Other Officer books). The Officer Book awards will also be announced on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Now is the time to start planning and encouraging your new club officers to work on an officer book for this year. Making an officer book can help the member focus on the duties of the officer during the year. Look on the county website for more information about the club officer book recognition program.

### **Section and State records competition**

This year there is again no section level records competition. Senior county youth can submit their records direct to the state competition through our county office. You do not need to complete at the county level to compete at the state level. Youth records are due to the county offices on October 28. On October 15 the county I&R Committee will be available to review state record applications at the LA 4H office during the Pet Symposium. The state judging will be done Dec. 2 - 4.

Encourage your experienced Senior members to submit their records for the state competition. Only three additional pages are needed beyond what could have been submitted to the county competition.

Accomplished senior members should be encouraged to start working on their sectional project application now for the 2012 competition. Plan ahead to have a great year in a project area so you can have a lot to report in your state project application. Consider having workshops on the project 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 competition.