

L.A. County 4-H Awards Day



I&R Committee member Noel Keller explains the awards and medals of the event.

Set in the picturesque landscape of Agua Dulce, 4-H members from clubs L.A. county-wide assembled at the Aqua Dulce Women's Club on Saturday, September 28th to receive awards and recognition for great work in completing 4-H record-books and officer-books. County Awards Day is held as an annual celebration of 4-H youth members' participation in recordkeeping. The event was very well attended by 4-H members and their families.

The L.A. County 4-H Ambassadors hosted the program and announced officer-book awards, project awards, and teen and junior leader merit awards. 44 record-books and 7 officer-books were submitted this year. There were 11 Junior, 16 Intermediate, and 17 senior record-books.

I&R Committee member Judylynn Pelling announced the Senior Awards of Excellence and awarded 4-H senior members in five categories: **Healthy Living** to Rebekah Kasperson from Canyon Coyotes, **Leadership** to Mark Kasperson from Canyon Coyotes, **Community Service** to Sophie Loewner from PVP 4-H, **Project Work** to Ava Stewart from Canyon Coyotes, and **Achievement** to Tanner Stewart from Canyon Coyotes.

Seniors that are awarded with an Award of Excellence receive an impressive personal plaque, and their names are engraved on a perpetual plaque in the category they are honored for. All record-books submitted by seniors are reviewed for an Award of Excellence.

This event follows the previous weekends of record-book reviewing and judging by volunteer judges, who dedicated their time to recognize 4-H members' work.

The event was made possible through the various districts' efforts; South San Gabriel members decorated with balloons and streamers, San Fernando Valley members provided an array of festive refreshments, North San Gabriel developed the day's program, and Antelope Valley raised publicity. In addition, special thanks are given to the 4-H LA County Council and the Incentives and Recognition Committee.

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Refreshments for the event were provided by the SFV (San Fernando Valley) district.



The decorations were contributed by members of the SSG (South San Gabriel) district.