FROM THE PRESIDENT
KRISTI STOUT

A quick reminder if you have not yet joined the professional organization, IEPYE, you still have time!!! All payments will need to be to Martha Ebbesmeyer by Jan 22, this will allow you to pay at our team meeting! If you have questions about the benefits of joining IEPYE, please reach out to me directly! I welcome and encourage youth development professionals to join IEPYE, but welcome County Directors and others, too! If your questions are specific to membership registration, please reach out to Jamie Boas! Thanks everyone!!!

SAVE THE DATE!
FALL ANNUAL MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXTENSION AUDITORIUM

CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IEPYE
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Lesson Study Groups shared their results at Annual Conference.

Congrats to Michelle Cox and Marilu Andon! They found the golden ticket and won free membership for a year!
Hello IEPYE members,

Just a reminder- If you are new to IEPYE and NAE4HA, please go to www.nae4ha.com and create a profile. They will use that to link to the spreadsheet I turn in showing you’ve paid.

If you are a returning member, please log in and make sure your profile is up to date. If you are a state officer, you need to add that to the profile so the association knows who to send information to. It will show that you have an invoice due. You don’t need to do anything with it. It will disappear once we turn in our state’s check and spreadsheet with your information.

Thanks,
Jamie Boas

WE WANT TO BRAG ABOUT YOU!
SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES AND PROGRAMS WITH IEPYE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEWSLETTER.
SEND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO SHELBY CARLSON AT SRCARLS2@ILLINOIS.EDU

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPURTUNITY
REAL COLORS FACILITATOR TRAINING
MARCH 11–13, 2020 8:30–4:30
PARKLAND COLLEGE, CHAMPAIGN, IL
$625

CONTACT: MYLA MUNRO
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OR 217–333–7672
SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR DETAILS
MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

IT’S OFFICIALLY THE 2020 AWARDS SEASON! NOW IS THE TIME TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE OUR PEERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE OVER THE PAST YEAR!

Service Awards – Recognize members for years of service within the association and 4-H youth development

Communicator Awards – Recognize members for excellence in media or communication pieces, including news articles, blogs, publications, marketing, and promotional pieces

Specialty Awards – Recognize members for programmatic excellence in a variety of program or project areas, including animal science, STEM, workforce development, environmental, and volunteer management or training

More information will be arriving in your inboxes soon. For additional information or any questions, please contact Sara Marten at marten1@illinois.edu or 217-532-3941 or visit the Awards section of the NAE4-HA website at http://nae4ha.com/Awards

All awards (except Service Awards) will be submitted via the online system. Submissions will close on Monday, March 2nd at 8:00 AM EST. BEST OF LUCK!

WRITTEN BY SARA MARTEN

A NOTE FROM JUDY MAE BINGMAN

Youth educators,
I’m here to help you. I am offering to assist any NAE4HA member with their award application. The work you do is valuable. Not only does the recognition help you, it shows Illinois 4-H as an important player in youth development. Please consider programs, marketing, stories you might submit and know that I am willing to help you throw all the pieces together. January is just a mess, but let’s schedule some time in February to work on your applications. There is a training on the 17th, in case you missed it. Let’s bring some gold home to Illinois!

Judy

WE ARE ALL TERRIBLE ABOUT BRAGGING ABOUT OURSELVES. IF YOU KNOW OF A COWORKER WHO SHOULD APPLY, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM!
WEST CENTRAL REGION

The IEPYE West Central Region Group met for our Fall/Winter meeting on December 6th in Peoria. We met at Courtyard Estates, a senior assisted living center in the old Jumer’s building. We make some cards and snowman soup with several of the residents. They enjoyed making cards for their family members and snowman soup packets for their grandkids, family and friends. Many laughs were exchanged between the 4-H staff and residents, and even a few common connections to home towns and past activities were found. Part of the day was also spent learning more the 4-H Tech Changemaker pilot program in Peoria County and how it was being implemented at that site. In addition, Julie and Dave Reams, from a local senior assistance program called Comfort Keepers, presented information on how to engage teens with seniors. Lunch was enjoyed at One World Café and continued sharing was done about current and future programming.

Written by Judy Schmidt

East Central Region

The East Central Region made Valentines day Candies using the expertise of Kim Morrison.
LIFE MEMBER REPORT

WRITTEN BY LARRY L. WACHTEL

I have been retired and a Life Member of IEPYE since September 30, 1995. I worked or Illinois Extension for 25 years and will be retired for 25 years this fall. I am one of the charter members of IAEA-Y (Illinois Association of Extension Advisers, Youth) the forerunner of IEPYE.

This Fall our Association will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Before 1970 Illinois Extension only had Ag and Home Ec Advisers and working with 4-H and Youth was a stepping stone to becoming an Ag or Home Ec Adviser. Once there was a career as an youth professional, it only became clear that Illinois needed an Association of professional Youth workers. With the help of our National Organization and Extension workers in neighboring states from the National Association we were able to organize at the National Meeting at Purdue University in Indiana in November 1970.

Our Association has grown over the past 50 years to meet the needs of Illinois Extension people working with 4-H and Youth. I am sure with the dedicated members it will continue to serve its membership.

Since I was grandfathered in under the Federal Civil Service Retirement System and in 1995, they offered us the opportunity to retire with 25 years of service and age 50 or older, I took advantage of the offer. Of course, you know you need more years—like 30 to 35 to get most retirement income, so I started a second career to maintain my lifestyle. I went to a Junior College in Davenport IA and got a certificate in Travel and Tourism. In 1997 I became a Passenger Service Agent for American Eagle Airlines. After 14 years I retired a second time on June 30, 2011.

I am now living back in my home county outside of Effingham IL. I am active in my church and the State and National IFYE Association (formerly International Farm Youth Exchange), The activation of the Life Member Committee has given me an opportunity for keep in touch with IL Extension and former co-workers. Let us all work together To Make the Best Better!
Rachel Hazen
Public Relations and Information Chair

Favorite Think about IEPYE: Having a focused group to grow through personal development and help guide me through my career as a 4-H educator

Favorite Program Offered: 4-H Teen Teachers (I love helping spark an interest for education in our new generations) & Welcome to the Real World (I love watching kids’ expressions when they finally figure out how expensive life as an adult is... no, you can’t live in your Lambo. You have to pay for an actual house or apartment...)

Fun Fact/Hobby outside of 4-H: well, my career kind of is my life right now, but I do enjoy traveling with my corgi Norman. We mostly go to visit my parents in Las Vegas, but international travel was once a love of mine (especially when I didn’t have to pay for it).

Alcha Corban
Secretary

Favorite Think about IEPYE: Networking with my colleagues that I don’t see on a regular basis and getting to know them better! Also, having great professional development opportunities!

Favorite Program Offered: Zombie Apocalypse Camp (Focus on Disaster Preparedness/Survival Skills) and Diverse Dishes Program (Focusing on cultural diversity with food)

Fun Fact/Hobby outside of 4-H: I love to bake/cook, travel, be outdoors and just spend time with my family!

2019-2020 IEPYE Board

Interested in serving on the board next year? Ask a current board member!