



# Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



October 2016

## From the President

Greetings from your Alumni President:

The New Year is here! The 2016-2017 4-H year has started.

Autumn is a beautiful season full of harvesting crops, beautiful fall colors, and re-enrolling in 4-H. As 4-H Alumni we can offer our assistance in the re-enrolling process and even recruiting new 4-H leaders. Share with 4-H members and new leaders special memories you have from your years in 4-H and encourage them to ask you questions. This will help grow and strengthen the 4-H community in Sheboygan County.

It is also election time for the Alumni Association. There is an article "Candidates for the Board" take a moment to read this. Then take time to vote. The new board members will start their three year term in November and will meet six times a year. If you think you would be interested in being on the board please let any board member know.

The 4-H Alumni Board is always looking for new ways to support the 4-H program. Please forward any ideas or suggestions to an Alumni Board member for consideration.

Thank you to all who have been a part of the Alumni Association over the past year. A special thanks goes to the Alumni Board for all

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their help and encouragement in the past year. Continue your work of "Making the Best Better"

*Cathy Beumler*  
Alumni Association President



## Got News to Share?!?

The Alumni Board would love to feature Alumni member's celebrations in the upcoming newsletters! These celebrations could range from special anniversaries, births of children and/or grandchildren, new jobs, special 4-H memories, even how 4-H has impacted your life, or anything else special to you. This will be an amazing way to learn about our fellow member's lives that they might desire to share.

If you wish to share please notify Tammy Zorn at: [tammy.zorn@sheboygancounty.com](mailto:tammy.zorn@sheboygancounty.com)

Or send to:

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## Free 4-H Alumni Membership

The Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association would like to extend to you a **one year free membership as a new 4-H Alumni**. Being an Alumni member, allows you to stay in touch with other 4-H graduates of all ages, and be able to give back to the local 4-H program. Membership is open to any individual interested in the Sheboygan County 4-H program. The membership year runs from May - April. After the first year, the annual membership dues are \$10 per member per year. A lifetime membership is also available for \$175.00 fee.

The fees go to support the local 4-H program. We are one of the only active Alumni Associations in the state.

The Alumni Association also offer scholarships to those attending technical and college programs. You must be a member of the Alumni Association to be eligible for the scholarships. The scholarship applications are available online. The scholarship deadline will be April 1, 2017.

## 4-H Awards and Recognition Program

You're invited to join us for the Annual  
**4-H Awards & Recognition Program**  
**Monday, November 28, 2016**

Hor d'oeuvres & beverages served starting at

6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by *ACUITY* Corporate Headquarters  
2800 South Taylor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

## We Need You!

With a new 4-H year about to begin, we are in need of project leaders at the club and county level. Sewing, Ceramics, Dogs, Cooking, Knitting, Electricity, Gardening or Bugs . . . Whatever your hobby or interest, your leadership is a vital part of our 4-H program.

"You do not need to do it alone, we are here to support you and often have other volunteers that can co-lead or coordinate efforts with you. Please contact us at (920) 459-5903 anytime throughout the year to offer your experience and expertise.

# Candidates for Alumni Association Board



## **Skeeter De Groff**

My name is Skeeter DeGroff. I have been involved in the Sheboygan County 4-H program for over 15 years. Eight years as general leader of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club, eight years on the Sheboygan County Leaders Executive board with One term as president, am a lifetime member of the alumni. Was on the alumni board for six years as treasurer for those six years. I have been off for a couple of years and would like the opportunity to be on again. I like to support the 4-H program wherever possible. Thanks for your support.

## **Frank Steiner**

My involvement in 4-H started when I was eight years old, being a member of Charlesburg Stars 4-H Club in Calumet County, Wisconsin. Some of the projects I exhibited were rabbits, leather craft, cookies and other baked goods.

For many years I worked at the Calumet County Fair with my uncle who was Agricultural Superintendent mainly in charge of crops, plants and flowers. I spent many 15-16 hour days at the fair helping my uncle. Today for 53 consecutive years you still find me working at the fair in various capacities (presently at Sheboygan County Fair).

As a 4-H Member; I received the 4-H Key Award and National Club Congress Award in Washington

DC, was president of the Calumet County Youth 4-H Leaders Association and was a member of the State 4-H Youth Leaders Association. As a Leader; I was General Leader of the Charlesburg Stars 4-H Club, was President for three years of the Calumet County Leaders Association. In the mid 1970's my sister Joan Buss (now deceased) and myself started a statewide pilot program called Mini Clubs. This program was started in three Wisconsin Counties that held 4-8 summer meetings for youth too young to be 4-H Members. This program eventually became known as Cloverbuds.

For ten Years I was General Leader of the Happy Workers 4-H Club in Plymouth, Sheboygan County. Our Happy Workers Club got too large at 94 Members and we split into two groups, the other group became Hub City 4-H in Plymouth. Due to the fact that all of the officers were now with Hub City, the Happy Workers selected new youth as leaders. These youth would not have become officers had we stayed as one large club. Leadership is an important part of 4-H.

After stepping aside as General Leader, I worked as Countywide Leader with Award Interviews and State 4-H Conferences. Was elected to Sheboygan County Alumni Association for six years and served as President of the Alumni for many years. After taking a short break I am again running for the Alumni Association Board.

## 2016 - 2017

# 4-H Alumni Association Executive Board Ballot

Three Year Term—Vote for 2

Skeeter De Groff \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Steiner \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return by: November 8, 2016**

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