

DELAWARE 4-H HALL OF FAME

Herman and Mary Jane Zeitler



- Herman and Mary Jane “joined” 4-H with their children in the early 1980’s and quickly became very involved 4-H volunteers.
- By 2007, with grandchildren as 4-H members, both became project leaders for the Peach Blossom 4-H Club, generously sharing their passion for 4-H activities with another generation of 4-H’ers.
- Awesome supporters of 4-H in a broad range of activities as Links members, event



judges, committee members, and great Basket Auction supporters.

- Serve their community through memberships in the Prospect Methodist Church, the Harrington Historical Society, and the Harrington High School Alumni Association, to name just a few.



Class of 2020 Induction Ceremony

Saturday, October 2, 2021

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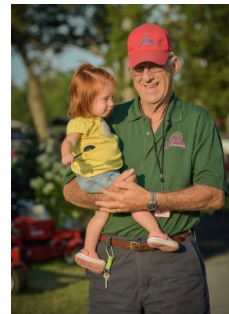
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Charles and Doris Bostick



- Charlie's 4-H career began as a member of the Woodside Dairy 4-H Club, where he earned a Dairy Project Trip to National 4-H Congress.
- He later joined the Paradise 4-H Club, where he and former 4-H'er Doris would eventually serve as organizational leaders for many years.
- Both were active members of the Kent County 4-H Links, giving leadership to and helping with the Links Restaurant at the fair.
- They served their community as members of the VCF Ruritan, the Felton Methodist Church, and the Felton Fire Company and Auxiliary.

Ron Breeding



- Joined the Andrewville Speedies 4-H Club as an eight-year-old and has not stopped being a 4-H'er /4-H advocate.
- Became organizational leader of the State Line 4-H Club with his wife Sue in 1986, facilitating 4-H experiences for his children and many others.
- Has given leadership to county, state, and regional 4-H events; Active in the Sussex Leader's Association and Sussex County Links.
- Ron grew up in the shadow of the former Kent/Sussex Fair, with participation as an exhibitor, a 4-H Parent, and now as a 20 year plus Board Member.

Bette Butler



- Organizational Leader for the Stump Corner 4-H Club for over 20 years, with equal emphasis on traditional 4-H projects and community service.
- Active member of the New Castle County Leader's Association, holding multiple leadership roles and always focused on providing outstanding opportunities and experiences to 4-H'ers.
- In 1978 she was one of the Founding Directors of the Delaware 4-H Foundation, serving as Treasurer through 1991. The position was a perfect fit, incorporating her love of 4-H with her experiences from a 37-year career in commercial banking.

Ellen Cooper



- Began her lifelong 4-H career in Kent County as a member of the Westville 4-H Club with her Webb siblings.
- Served as an organizational leader in Sussex County for both the Seaford Blue Jays and State Line 4-H Clubs, facilitating 4-H experiences for her children and countless others.
- A member of the Sussex County Leaders and Links organizations, she was often seen helping with county 4-H activities.
- Ellen was an RN for over 30 years and used those skills in her community as a 4-H volunteer and a volunteer with Delaware Hospice.

Chuck and Brenda Ebling



- As 4-H'ers, both were members of the Stump Corner 4-H Club.
- Organizational Leaders of the New Beginnings 4-H club where they were a constant source of encouragement to many 4-H'ers, including their two nominators.
- Chuck and Brenda actively participated in the Kent County Leader's Association with Brenda serving as the chairperson of the Fashion Revue for many years.



- Brenda was the recipient of the 2003 Salute to Excellence Award and the 2017 Joy Sparks Spirit of 4-H Award. Both Chuck and Brenda are County 4-H Links.

Marion Harvey



- Lifelong 4-H'er/4-H volunteer beginning in the Broadkill Koolcats 4-H Club with her Hopkins siblings; National 4-H Congress Delegate in 1976 and volunteer chaperone in 2017.
- Porter Gang 4-H Club leader beginning in 1976, New Castle County Leader's Association member, frequent officer and event supporter; Her list of 4-H volunteer roles across the state is endless.
- Delaware 4-H Foundation Board Member 2012-2018, served as President and Vice President.
- Recipient of the 2012 Salute to Excellence Award and the 2017 Joy Sparks Spirit of 4-H Award; Sussex County Link Member.

Richard and Janice Melson



- Richard and Janice were both members of the Dublin Hill Yellow Jackets 4-H Club in Sussex County. Both were National 4-H Congress trip winners, avid 4-H Campers and Chiefs at 4-H Camp, albeit of different tribes, and both were Big Feet.
- Meado-Larks 4-H'ers have been fortunate to have had Richard and Janice serve as club leaders for over 30 years.
- Richard and Janice have both been active members of both the New Castle County Leader's Association and Links organization.
- Both were recipients of the Joy Sparks Spirit of 4-H Award.



Welcome Remarks

Carole Fleming and Clarice Kwasnieski

Delaware 4-H Foundation

Pledges

State 4-H Teen Council

Introduction of Special Guests

Greetings from the University of Delaware

Michelle Rodgers, Associate Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension

Introduction of Laureates

Susan Eliason, President, Delaware 4-H Foundation

Assisted by State Teen Council Members

Closing Remarks

David Price



- 4-H experiences began as a 10-year-old in the Friendship 4-H Club with Ernie Eierman as his leader.
- Member of the Duck Creek Sportsman Club in the 1960's when the club introduced a Young Waterfowlers program, which he mentored.
- In 2000, he was one of the original leaders of the Taylor's Bridge 4-H Shooting Sports Club, now known as the very popular 4-H Conservation, Wildlife, and Hunting Club.
- Facilitated numerous youth hunter safety, conservation, and training programs.

Joel and Esther Ridley



- Esther and Joel 'joined' 4-H as adults, serving as leaders of the Chestnut Grove 4-H Club for many years.
- Esther prioritized the benefits of public presentations, requiring all 4-H'ers to give demonstrations annually. Joel was a photography 4-H project leader, sharing his amazing skills with many young people.
- Both served in leadership positions and were long time members of the Leader's Association as well as the Kent County Links.
- Community Service includes membership in the Cheswold Methodist Church and the Dover High Band Boosters and Alumni Associations.

Denis and Brenda Shaffer



- Lifelong 4-H'ers/4-H advocates, National 4-H Congress trip winners, and avid 4-H Campers. Brenda's 4-H career spanned two counties and 5 clubs while Denis was a Highlander 4-H'er in New Castle County.
- Summit Bridge 4-H'ers have benefitted from over 20 years of leadership and encouragement from Denis and Brenda. Beyond their club, they have been committed volunteers not only to their Leader's Association, but to the 4-H Program across the state.
- Brenda's contributions have been recognized with both the Delaware Salute to Excellence Award and the Joy Sparks Spirit of 4-H Award.
- Denis served a total of 14 years on the 4-H Foundation Board—3 as President, ever the advocate for support of 4-H Programming.

Anna Tucker



- Leader of the Greenwood Hi-Flyers for over 30 years. Inducted into the Sussex County Links in 1960.
- Used the skills she gained in a 42-year teaching career to motivate her 4-H'ers to "Try and Try Again."
- Frequent volunteer at county and state 4-H events. She enjoyed 4-H Short Course and especially enjoyed attending National 4-H Club Congress as a chaperone.
- Combined her love for the state fair and for volunteering by serving as Superintendent of the Vegetable Department for many years.

Becky Vanderwende



- Charter member of the Peach Blossom 4-H Club organized by her parents in 1964. Another lifelong 4-H'er/4-H advocate, Becky attended both National 4-H Congress and 4-H Conference.
- 40-year leader of the Dublin Hill 4-H Club, guiding many young people, including her own, to explore 4-H opportunities that for many turned into 4-H careers.
- Active in the Sussex County Leader's Association and frequent volunteer at county events. Sussex County Links member and recipient of the 2014 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Award.
- The family business has allowed Becky to share her passion for horticulture with 4-H'ers in her club as well as 4-H'ers who have found their first job at "Little Wagon Produce."

Joyce Wright



- "Joined" the Woodside Emeralds 4-H Club with her youngest son Scott and became a long-time Sheep Project Leader for the club.
- Provided opportunities for many 4-H'ers to participate in sheep projects by housing their animals at her home.
- Member of the Delaware Sheep and Wool Association and long-time fair exhibitor giving leadership to the Sheep and Wool Queen Contest and the Lead Line Contest.
- Served her community through her church, the American Heart Association, and for 20 years as the Director of the Kent County Department of Elections.