Welcome to Oahu 4-H’s online newsletter!

November 2012

President’s Message

Hello Everyone!

We have some exciting new things coming up in the next few months. On December 8, we have the Communications Fair at Farrington High School! There was a workshop held in October by the Farrington FCCLA that went really well. There were tips on how to be a better presenter and overall, everyone enjoyed it. The categories are the same as last year, such as demonstration, speech, original oratory, dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, poetry reading, and powerpoint. Sadly, there will be no photography at this fair. The former Na Pilialoha club will also be offering a $100 prize to the top in show, so get started on your presentations!

Also, this upcoming spring break we are hosting the 4-H Western Regional Leaders Forum. As I have mentioned before, there will be a teen component part of the conference. This upcoming council meeting in November, I would like different clubs to sign up for 45-60 minute activities they could possibly run. It could be a craft, a game, or a presentation. Some ideas are teaching the kids a Hawaiian song or doing a Hawaiian food demonstration. or, come up with your own idea! I cannot guarantee that all the activities will be picked, but you can still volunteer with other activities. I welcome the outer island clubs to think of a way to get involved. This is a great chance to volunteer, meet new people, and have a good time! For more information about the teen component of the conference, please contact Meko at mjmt2@hawaii.edu. There is a call for volunteers of all ages to help with set up, manning booths, and any other things they may need. Livestock, non-livestock, and military are all welcome to participate, and highly encouraged. Please come to the November Council Meeting for more information and to sign your club up to help!

Erin Voss

Upcoming Events

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**Oahu Events**

**Council Meeting Date Change**

The next Council meeting will be at 2:00 pm on November 25th at the Urban Garden Center. I hope clubs will be able to make this meeting.

Rose Saito

**Communication Fair on December 8, 2012**

The Farrington FCCLA 4-H Club is chairing this year's Communication Fair which will be held at Farrington High School on December 8, 2012. Registration will start at 7:30 am and the event will begin at 8 am.

Speech categories will include:

- Original Oratory - Theme ("Gift of Giving")
- Storytelling
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Group Interpretation
- Poetry Reading
- Demonstrations
- 4-H Power Point
- 4-H Creative Writing

For general information, project objectives, divisions, eligibility details, registration information, speech guidelines and awards details, please refer to [http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/Oahu/CommFair/index.html](http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/Oahu/CommFair/index.html)

**Registration forms are due November 26, 2012** to the chair club.

Farrington FCCLA 4-H Club

**4-H Club Program Plan**

All Hawaii 4-H club leaders are asked to use a juried or other 4-H curriculum for club project work for the 2012-13 year. We are asking the club leaders to submit a 4-H Club Program Plan form (pls link to [http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/forms/4h_ClubProgramPlan.pdf](http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/forms/4h_ClubProgramPlan.pdf) found on the Hawaii 4-H website under Forms and Reference. These forms are due on November 15th, 2012. Some of the clubs have filled out the form and submitted them. If your club hasn’t completed the form, please do so. At the end of the 4-H year we will send a brief evaluation form to evaluate what the 4-Hers have learned during this past year.

As an incentive for club leaders to submit these documents, the 4-H agents would present the clubs with a $25 gift card for completing this task. Let’s see how many clubs will be awarded the gift cards at the Achievement Banquet.

Rose Saito

**Pink Sparkles 4-H Club**

The Pink Sparkles 4-H Club has just organized in the Kailua area. It is a cloverbud club and the 4-Hers are 5 and 6 years old. The club's first outing was to the Pumpkin Patch and their club is learning about etiquette. The club is small and is looking to expand. The leaders of this club are Wendy Kondo, Carol Awaya and Jennifer Yoshikawa. It is great to see clubs like this growing in our communities.
4-H Teens We Need Your Input!

Before setting dates, selecting a project focus and putting a planning committee together, the Hawaii 4-H program is trying to find out from 4-H teens when they would like Ahaolelo (state 4-H conference) to be held and what their project interests are. Members 13 years and older are asked to take part in a very short survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K88DSV

Please participate in the survey by November 29, 2012. The responses from the survey will help shape the direction of the statewide conference. Mahalo!

Hawaii 4-H Agents

Communications Fair Workshop

October 17, 2012 @ Farrington High School

Thank you Farrington FCCLA for chairing this year’s Communication Fair Workshop. Job well done! We hope everyone who attended this workshop had a great time.

We would also like to thank Mr. Kevin Yamada for his presentation as it made lots of our members learn presentation skills in an interesting way.

Leichelle Rabago

Oahu 4-H Clubs Participate in Community Events

During the month of October, Oahu 4-H members participated in several activities around the island sharing 4-H project activities at the Children and Youth Day at the State Capitol, Ohana Country Fair at Kualoa Ranch and at the Bishop Museum’s Family Sunday. Here are a few photos from the Children and Youth Day:

Photos courtesy of Farin Fukunaga

What Did Your 4-H Club Do to Celebrate National 4-H Week?

It is great to receive reports that several 4-H clubs supported by the Hawaii 4-H Youth development program (all way in Daegu, Korea and Camp Zama, Japan to right here in Honolulu) participated in the National Science Day experiment.

Daegu 4-H Tech Club hosted the NYSD event Friday 12&20 OCT, 2012 at Youth Center from 1600-1800. Participants became scientists for the day and built robots to clean up an oil spill spot and learned more about technology, and robotics for Ecobot challenges. The 4-H’ers explored how the robots can be used to preserve and protect the environment.

Ms. Emi from Camp Zama school age program shared that their Ecobot experiment went pretty well. The children enjoyed assembling the kits and observing how the robots move. Before the experiment, they held a discussion about robots and talked about how they can be used for our environment.

Fort Shafter School Age program also participated in the Robot challenge.
Schofield School Age Program reported that they had 13 children participate in the National Science Day project. In addition, they used National 4-H Week as our 4-H Club Kick off at the center. For the fall term, we are offering Photography, Drama, Outdoor Adventures, Art, Multicultural, Leadership, Cloverbuds and Que Rico Clubs. There are a total of 75 children participating in these 4-H clubs.

4-H Project Spotlight

**Be the E - Entrepreneurship**

*For Grades 7-12*

Youth develop knowledge, skills and mindsets to meet the challenges of work and community in the 21st century.

Youth discover the world of Entrepreneurship with this multi-level guide. Activities assist youth in learning what it takes to be an entrepreneur and whether they have the right stuff to meet the challenges. Youth practice the skills needed to function successfully as an entrepreneur and explore types of businesses, products and pricing, marketing, partnership, agreements and contracts. Youth create a business plan and start their own business. This is a perfect project for an enterprising teen!

This curriculum is available at the Urban Garden Center or can be purchased from National 4-H Supply Service.

**Spotlight on 4-H Teen**

Sydney Potter, member of the Livestock Wranglers and winner of numerous rodeo awards, also was recently crowned Rodeo Queen. Congratulations to Sydney for all of her accomplishments!

**Syl's Sewing Workshops**

Sylvia Umeda Kop, a Hawaii 4-H Alumni and fashion designer, is offering to teach our 4-Hers and leaders basic and advanced sewing techniques and skills, and has generously created simple sewing projects that our 4-Hers can learn to sew and complete. Additional 4-H alumni, volunteers, and supporters are also interested in teaching sewing to our 4-Hers. Sylvia is donating the projects and fabric to our clubs.

We have already had our first informational and hands on workshop on Sunday, October 21, at the Kaneohe Extension Office. Four Oahu 4-H clubs attended with leaders, parents, and 10 4-Hers, including 2 of our young men!

Our 4-Hers have an opportunity to produce these and other projects to sell as a club fundraiser at the upcoming Western Regional 4-H Leader's Forum (WRLF) next March in Waikiki. So far, more than 200 4-H Educators, Volunteers, 4-H'ers, and their family members have registered to attend the WRLF; 450 are expected.

We are working on dates to meet at the Pearl City Urban Garden Center and depending on interest, will connect 4-H clubs with a Sewing Instructor and schedule ongoing workshops at both the Kaneohe and Pearl City Extension Offices.

Contact me if you are interested in attending a future Sewing Workshop, for more information, or to volunteer to help our 4-Hers. Workshop attendees do not have to come with their club leader, do not have to own a sewing machine, and do not have to have prior sewing experience. Challenging and fun projects will also be available for our more experienced 4-Hers!

P.S. the Hawaii 4-H Alumni Association has also generously donated one bolt of their fabric to each of the counties. Let me know if you would like some of this fabric.

Wanda Wung Kohashi
Warriors 4-H Club Leader
Trustworthiness Art and Essay Contest

The National Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) has announced that “Trustworthiness” Character Counts! SM is the theme of this year’s contest. (Trustworthiness is one of Six Pillars of the Character Counts! Coalition, a project of Josephson Institute of Ethics www.charactercounts.org)

The contest is a nationwide annual contest open to all 4th grade students which promotes FCE’s literacy programs and community involvement. The purpose of this year’s contest is to encourage students to understand and practice Trustworthiness.

Entries are to include a short story and a hand drawn picture (use #2 pencil for both). Do not color the picture. Story and picture should reflect the characteristic “Trustworthiness”. For drawings, use unlined, white paper 8.5 x 11 inches. The essay should be a minimum of 50 words, explaining the drawing, handwritten or printed on lined 8.5 x 11 notebook paper.

Students should write their name, his or her teacher’s name, and the name of the school on the back of the picture and the bottom of the essay.

Entries are due February 1, 2013 to either Marian Matsuda, 94-072 Hulahe St, Waipahu 96797, email marianmatsuda@gmail.com, ph. 671-1014 or Dr. Delfa “Dixie” Dumaran, 46-363 Kumoo Loop, Kaneohe, 96744, email ilovekaneohe@gmail.com, ph 247-5600.

National winners will win $250, $125 and $50 gift cards.

National 4-H Conference Application

Each year, 4-H National headquarters coordinates the National 4-H Conference at the National 4-H Center in Maryland. State 4-H programs send delegations to attend this leadership conference to learn and share information on current trends and/or issues relevant to 4-H and youth, building effective partnerships, creating innovative programs, expanding the use of technology, working with diverse groups and impacting community needs.

Hawaii is fortunate to have a donor that is willing to cover partial costs for 4 teens to attend this conference (delegates will be responsible to pay up to $800). Delegates will be selected based on these criteria:

1) Active 4-H members in the first, second or third year of high school
2) Demonstrated leadership within their club and have been actively involved in enlarging their club and/or starting new clubs in their county
3) Agree to utilize what they learn to involve more young people in 4-H clubs when they return from National 4-H Conference
4) Recommendations from County Extension Educator and at least two other adults
5) Supported by their parent(s) or guardian and will be able to financially contribute to the National 4-H Conference experience.

The application is available at: http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/forms/National_4H_ConferenceAppAndDetails.pdf. Completed applications and letters of recommendation are due December 1, 2012 to Dr. Heusel at mgheusel@hawaii.edu

Leader Forum in March 2013

What: Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum
When: March 21 – 24, 2013
Where: Marriott Waikiki Resort and Spa
Why: To share ideas with other 4-H Leaders from Hawaii, the Mainland, and Canada
Hawaii 4-H leaders are hosting more than 400 4-H Leaders in March, 2013. You are invited to join in learning from the speakers and a choice of more than 50 workshops. Sharing ideas and talking story with other 4-H leaders is guaranteed to be a positive experience for you. You presence is needed and requested to host leaders for our guests from across the United States and Canada. You can get more information from the Hawaii 4-H Web Site, the 4-H Extension Educator in your county office or the state 4-H office.

Gary Heusel

**Other Opportunities**

**DoSomething.org Seed Grants**
**Deadline: Ongoing**
Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A $500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people just like YOU! These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact. [http://bit.ly/PQYfTr](http://bit.ly/PQYfTr)

**2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**
**Deadline: November 6**
If you're a middle or high school student and you've made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win $1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May - by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored more than 100,000 middle and high school students at the local, state and national level over the past 17 years solely for their volunteer work. [http://bit.ly/Qkoqh8](http://bit.ly/Qkoqh8)

**Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program**
**Deadline: November 8**
Nestlé helps young people, who want to make a difference, realize their dreams by donating $1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his/her choice. Nestlé also awards the winner a trip for them and a parent or guardian to Los Angeles, California for the Nestlé Very Best In Youth awards ceremony. The trip includes round trip coach air travel, hotel accommodations for three nights, and spending money. Contestants must be between 14 and 18 years of age and have parental or legal guardian permission to submit the entry form. Contestants must also demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church or community. [http://bit.ly/MYN5ED](http://bit.ly/MYN5ED)

**Youth Garden Grant Awards**
The National Youth Gardening Association is accepting applications for Youth Garden Grant Awards. Schools and community groups in the United States planning to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 are invited to apply for Home Depot gift cards of up to $1,000 to purchase gardening supplies. **Deadline to apply: 12/3/2012.** For more information visit [http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2013-youth-garden-grant-award](http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2013-youth-garden-grant-award)

**4-H Power of Youth**
For additional articles on 4-H youth development nationwide, check out the National 4-H Power of Youth here: [http://www.4-h.org/about/news-press-room/power-of-youth/](http://www.4-h.org/about/news-press-room/power-of-youth/)

If you have a disability and require special assistance during any of our planned 4-H activities, please call the applicable County Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent two weeks prior to the event.

We welcome your story ideas. Please e-mail them to nakatsuk@hawaii.edu