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National 4-H Science Experiment Reaches International Visitor

By **Marlena Nothwehr**
(Lucky Clovers Club Member)

On the 28th of September, Samantha Brown, Marlena Nothwehr, Kai Huang, Rina Huang, Philip Drum, Sara Monterroso, Paula Monterroso, Carlos Monterroso, Kara Koster, Katie Koster, Yeanie Amara, Morgan Huffman, and John Schepis presented the National 4-H Science experiment to Mr. David Kim, a Korean representative from Cargill, and various other important 4-H leaders. The experiment team practiced several times together to prepare for this day, so the pressure was on. Fortunately everything went smoothly during the presentation portion of the day. The format was similar to an actual Lucky Clovers meeting, where Vice President Rina introduced the meeting and motions were called. Everyone spoke clearly into the microphone and there were minimal slip-ups.



After the presentation, each Lucky Clover member was treated to a fabulous lunch and had the opportunity to meet and speak with Mr. Kim about their 4-H experience. Further-

more, everyone had brought a few of their fair entries, which were on display. It was a good experience to practice public speaking and to converse with many 4-H VIPs. Participating club members were given \$25 gift cards to JC Penney, and the club was given a \$500 check for our efforts!

Afterword from Ron Drum:

Marlena's enthusiasm for the \$500 check the club received for their help on September 28 is evident. What she does not explain is why. Maryland 4-H, for the first time, is charging a fee of \$10 to join 4-H in 2011. The club had been struggling with how to make sure that everyone who wanted to join could join, even those who found it hard to pay the member fee. Various fund raising schemes were advanced and some put in motion for 2012 but the club agreed to use their gift from National 4-H Council to pay every Lucky Clovers 4-H Club member's 2011 4-H Member Fee, ensuring that everyone who wanted to join in 2011 through this club, could.



December Is

By **Ron Drum**

I've always liked December and now I know why – it is National TIE Month!!! December 6 – 12 is National Hand-washing Awareness Week but they might think of extending that a bit since Dec 5 is National Bathtub Party Day and Dec 16 is National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day! Dec 21 is Humbug Day and Dec 26 is National Whiners' Day. Dec 26 is also National Thank-you Note Writing Day (probably what all the Humbug and Whining is about!). This is the time of year for everyone to think about all that we are thankful for.

Happy Holidays!

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National 4-H Heritage Club and National 4-H Hall of Fame Guests Welcomed.

By Sue Fisher

Our National 4-H Youth Conference Center has been a very significant location in the lives of many 4-H members, volunteers, employees and donors. The Center is where they established life-long 4-H friendships and working relationships. So, it is a very happy day when these friendships and relationships are renewed.and that is what happened for our special guests on October 8.

We welcomed 14 members of the National 4-H Heritage Club and nearly 20 new inductees to the National 4-H Hall of Fame. These honorees invited family members and friends to join them for a day of program activities. We were especially happy to welcome very special guests, Grant and Alma Shrum, and a number of former Council staff who worked with Grant during his tenure as President and CEO, National 4-H Council.

A morning program was presented by the National 4-H History Preservation Team. The informal session, guided tours, and an extensive exhibit of 4-H historical artifacts and memorabilia stimulated many interesting 4-H stories. The History Preservation Team is not only working at the Center to inventory and preserve 4-H documents and artifacts, but is also providing useful guidance to state and local 4-H collectors and historians.

Charter members of the National 4-H Heritage Club, Council's planned giving donor recognition society, were recognized and thanked for their 4-H legacy gifts by Doug Coffey, National 4-H Council Trustee, at the noon luncheon. Don Floyd also thanked our donors and highlighted the exciting work of Council in-

cluding the amazing progress being made in establishment of the new Global 4-H Network. Lisa Lauxman, Director of Youth Development Programs, USDA, also thanked guests for their support of the 4-H program.

Later in the afternoon, Dr. Lauxman provided an informal seminar reporting on current program trends in the 4-H movement. 4-H members from MD and VA interacted with guests highlighting their 4-H Science projects. One exhibit included soft and lovable rabbits!



Mario enjoys meeting the 4-H Science project rabbit from VA

National 4-H Hall of Fame inductees were honored during an evening induction ceremony in the Aiton Auditorium. Honorees presented Informative stories of their program leadership and contributions to the 4-H movement. Our guests again enjoyed an outstanding reception prepared and served by our amazing cafeteria staff.



John Sterling, Charter Member NHC, visiting with Grant Shrum, former President and CEO, National 4-H Council

Guests commented on the hospitality and service of the staff throughout their stay. They felt the excitement and strength of today's 4-H!!! They are anxious to return and enjoy another day of informative programs, recognition and inspiration at "their" National 4-H Youth Conference Center!

Science Enthusiasm Surges Nationwide on 4-H National Youth Science Day

By Ashley Lusk

On October 6, hundreds of thousands of 4-H youth throughout the nation, and in programs overseas, participated in the third annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD). Nearly 500 events were reported by 47 states, as well as Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, South Korea, and Antarctica, nearly doubling the number from the previous year.

Locally, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan and Deputy Under Secretary Ann Bartuska joined National 4-H Council staff and more than 200 students from Hearst Elementary and Sidwell Friends School to complete the 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H₂O.

Don Floyd, President & CEO of National 4-H Council also participated in a whirl-wind of media events to promote NYSD, including 23 radio interviews with various state networks, as well as WTOP, national radio network Metro Source, and a Science Friday special with National Public Radio. In addition, 4-H'ers and staff members were able to give live updates at their events through the 4-H Twitter feed

and upload photos through the 4-H Facebook page. You can check out the photos by visiting www.facebook.com/4h. In total, 4-H received more than 209 million media impressions for NYSD.

The experiment, designed by North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina Cooperative Extension teaches young people about the importance of water quality and the impact of increased carbon dioxide on our environment.

4-H youth can continue learning about the environment, water quality, and climate change through an online, interactive game created in partnership with NYSD sponsor IBM. The three-level game, *The 4-H Eco Challenge*, asks users to test their water quality

savvy by determining which ecological actions will be most effective for their homes, neighborhoods and communities. Players will think critically about environmental issues including water and resource conservation, pollution management and transportation practices. Go to www.4-H.org/NYSD to play the game.

We are very grateful to our national sponsors, Toyota, John Deere, IBM, BAE Systems and Karo, as well as for all of the support from 4-H staff, and



we are already looking forward to an even larger and more successful 4-H National Youth Science Day in 2011!



CONNECTION Games

By Ron Drum

Answer Me This!

EVERYONE can win this game!!



Here are the questions and “official” answers from last issue:

Q: Where is the “Daddy Jenks Memorial Grove” located on campus?

A: Right behind Turner Hall. Where else?!

Q: Who was “Daddy Jenks”, what is his connection with this campus, and what does the “G” stand for (Hint: read the sign if you know where it is)?

A: Edward Garfield Jenkins, Maryland State 4-H Leader from 1919-1943. The

“Daddy Jenks Memorial Grove” (DJMG) is named after him. The “G” stands for “Garfield” (at least that’s what it says on the sign).

DECEMBER QUESTIONS

And by the way, we are trying something new! This time you won’t have to wait until NEXT issue. You’ll find OUR answers in the colored blocks.

Q: So, you know those seven benches that grace the DJMG? Well, we bought this property from the Chevy Chase Junior College (CCJC) and those benches came with the property. But, according to the benches themselves, how did the college acquire these benches?

Q: What is the room across the hall from the Michigan and Kentucky Rooms?

Turn your paper upside down for the answers.

A: Benches don't usually talk but, in a way, these do! Each bench has a date on it. Apparently that particular CCJC student class donated the bench to their school. Kind of gives you a warm feeling, huh?

A: If you believe the sign on the wall it is the “Mechanical Room”. If you believe the sign on the door it is the “Boiler Room”. If you are a member of the maintenance staff, you probably have a few other choice names for the place...

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<http://intranet/>

The Rest of the Story-NAE4HA

By Ron Drum and Sean Valentine

Almost everyone knows many of us attended the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference October 24 -28, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ. You can get an idea of what happened by reading the agenda for the week but what REALLY happened behind the scenes? Here are some observations we noted that might help answer that question!

The place we stayed was called a “resort” – the Arizona Grand Resort. Resorts are supposed to have special amenities and this one was no different. Take the soap, for example. For the first half of the week the soap had bits of tea leaves in it – something to do with skin care. Then on Wednesday the soap changed to bits of oatmeal. At least the showers were getting healthier!

The resort was so large they had golf carts to whisk you to your room when you checked in, which was great except when Carolyn Fernandez and I (Sean) got there our rooms were 30 yards from the desk. But we got a ride anyway. Why not! Right? Phyllis and Philip Drum joined me (Ron) for the first weekend. Philip and I enjoyed the rattlesnake appetizer at the

Rustlers’ Roost Restaurant Saturday evening. Phyllis not so much. In fact, I’m pretty sure she wouldn’t use the term “appetizer” for it, either.

The opening event at the pool/water park was a real winner. Plenty of food and fun was had by all. It was most interesting to watch the various floats, built upon inner-tubes by each state, pass by on the lazy river. That’s right. These were actually floating floats! Sean’s favorite was a very good replica of a floating covered wagon. Never did find out which state it was from though.

Lots of places have fun photos on their walls and the AGR is no different. Take their lobby Mens Room. There on the wall hangs an old photo of a 1940’s vintage automobile being driven down a flooded Phoenix street pulling a smiling water skier behind. She did that so long ago and she is STILL making a splash!

Jen McIver sure can lock a door when she wants to! On Saturday morning she awoke to find she could not get out of her bedroom without the help of Resort Security and Maintenance. We’ve all sometimes found it hard to get up too but they’ve never had to knock our doors down!

How does Andy Ferrin and the Marketing Team do it? As I (Ron) looked around the audience, I saw many people

brushing away tears; being so moved by the “Revolution of Responsibility” presentation. I wonder how many saw me doing likewise.

Not only are the youth featured in our new ad campaign great examples of the product of 4-H, but one of them is also a very good yodeler. He treated us to a song at our states’ night out event and we were most impressed. Goes to show that people often have many hidden talents.

And then it was time to head home. Some Flight Attendant announcements along the way included:

“Ok folks, time to turn off the cell phones, so everyone repeat after me, “I love you, bye-bye!”

“If you are traveling with children we ask, “Why?”

“If you have \$1,000 to spend on a fine for tampering with the bathroom smoke detector you should be flying Delta.”

“Sit back, relax, and enjoy the flight! Or, you know, it’s your flight, so lean forward and be miserable! Whatever, ‘cuz this Boeing is a going!”☺

