



4-H Foundation of New Hampshire holds annual meeting

The 52nd annual meeting of the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire was held October 19, 2010 at Alan's Restaurant in Boscawen. The general business of the Foundation was conducted by board chair, David Bishop and a slate of new board members and officers was presented by John Porter, chair of the nominating committee. The following will oversee the activities of the 4-H Foundation of NH for the 2010-11 year:

Chair – David Bishop (Bedford)

Vice Chair - Rolf Carlson (Amherst)

Secretary - Dick Horner (Contoocook)

Board members - Laurie Conrad (Candia), Tiffany Briggs (Sullivan), Jeff Brodeur (Goffstown), Mark Cook (Pepperell, MA), Phil Cournoyer (Jaffrey), Ed Deshaies (Webster), Cacia King (Epping), Heidi Meyer (Bridgewater), John Porter (Boscawen), Shirley Sullivan (New Boston), and Wendy Brock, Executive Director.

The evening featured the recognition of the Osborne Family of Merrimack County as the Friend of 4-H for 2010. For many years Louise and Dave Osborne were leaders of the Happy Hill 4-H Club in Merrimack County. This club is still active today under different leadership. Their four boys – Tom, Paul, Andy and Mark – were all very active 4-H members excelling in project areas, leadership and public speaking. They attended many national trips including National 4-H Congress and Conference.

Louise started the first Forestry and Wildlife club in Merrimack County and several members have developed careers in that field as a result of the club experience.

The family has been involved in the IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) program for many years and keeps in touch with many of the IFYE delegates. They have helped plan interstate exchanges for Merrimack County 4-H'ers and opened their home to many of the exchange guests.

Over the years they have been advisors and supporters of the Merrimack County Jr Leaders group and continue to support them with their major fund raising project of the Chicken Barbeque at the Hopkinton Fair.

Osborne Agway supports the 4-H Foundation of NH as a donor for the Tom Fairchild Friend of 4-H Golf Tournament and they run the Paper Clover Campaign in the stores which supports both the Merrimack County 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire.

It can be said quite simply: If there is a need in 4-H and they have the ability, the Osborne Family will always step up to the plate to help.

The meeting concluded with presentations from 4-H members who have benefited from the support of the 4-H Foundation of NH.