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The Maryland Trail

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Dear Maryland 4-H All Stars,

Greetings! Fall is here! Take time to enjoy the leaves and the harvest season. What a wonderful growing season we have had. We could actually use some rain where I live.

Annual Conference was held at the Howard County Fairgrounds on June 29th. We had the pleasure of inducting forty-one new All Stars into our order from the following counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Wicomico. We welcome you and look forward to your service and support in the coming years. Fellow All Stars, please take the time to welcome the new All Stars and involve them in your county service.

Several All Stars were inducted into the Lodge of a Thousand. They were: Charles and Judy Lager, Andy Cashman, Darlene Bouma, Laura Stull Reifsnider and Mary Ruth Meredith.

Next year's Annual Conference will be held June 28, 2014 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. We will elect new officers at that time to guide our state organization. This year we had over 100 All Stars present at Annual Conference. It was an outstanding turn-out!

Semi-Annual Conference of the Maryland 4-H All Stars will be held on the shore in April 2014. At this conference, new candidates are voted on. We welcome your participation. More information will be in the Spring Trail.



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Myra Lippincott Barrett (4-6-13)-1943

Cecil

George Tyson (4-8-13) - 1959

Cecil

Margery Fry Grace (4-9-13)

Montgomery

Richard Lansdale Pue (4-19-13)

Howard

Gene Fisher (5-1-13)

Carroll

Clifford W. Holloway Jr. (6-6-13)

Harford

Michael E. Morris (7-16-13)

Harford

This fall will be time to start thinking about scouting new candidates. All Stars are selected on their **service to the 4-H program and the community**. It is not an award or another notch in the belt. Be mindful of the service requirement when scouting new candidates. The future of this organization is our new All Stars. Reach out to your 4-H office for a list of eligible 4-H members and volunteers to consider. Take time to scout them and do not let petty local differences limit the pool of candidates. We never receive nominations from some counties and would certainly welcome more participation!

Yours in Service,

Martin

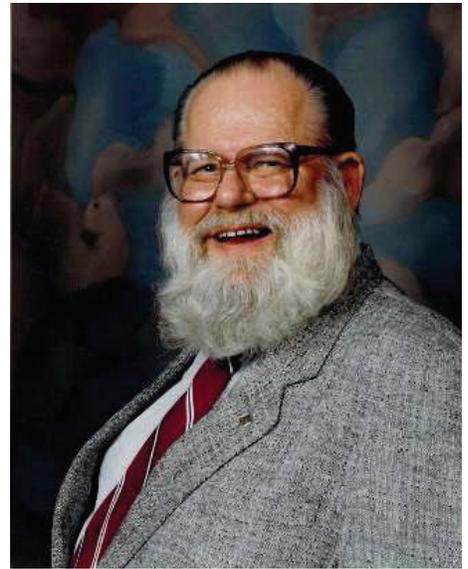
L. Martin Hamilton Jr.

Big Chief



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Olivia Elmira Mullinix Seibert was born 6/3/1923 in Daisy Maryland. She joined 4-H at 12 years old. She loved to cook, sew, decorate, and preserve food. She also wrote and produced a skit about safety tips on the farm, organized fund drives, taught Sunday School and that was all before she was 17.

She married Byrd Murat Seibert at 17 and 2 years later had Willis, then Betsy and later Kathy- all who have learned and enjoyed being in the 4-H program. She was very pleased when her daughter Betsy was inducted in the 4-H All Stars.

She organized the Glenelg Happy Workers 4-H club. Held classes for 4-H'ers on food and sewing projects. She assisted with the 4-H camps in many areas. She co-chaired and was treasurer of the Ho Co Local Leaders project to build a building at the Ho Co Fairgrounds. Judging at other fairs was also a favorite time. She has held every office in her church and did her Civic duties- including Red Cross, Cancer fundraisers and Polio by canvassing neighborhoods and other organizations.

She has been involved in the school system, as PTA president and other offices. She opened the West Friendship Elementary Cafeteria in 1952 and in 1958, she became cafeteria manager of the new Glenelg Jr/ High School. She served many county and state teacher's meeting luncheons. She wrote the code of ethics for cafeteria workers within the county which is still implemented today.

She has worked with the Howard County Fair as chairman of a division in the 4-H entries, worked in the fair office and organized a group of quilters to make a quilt for the 50th anniversary of the Ho Co Fair.

Throughout the years her passion for quilting grew. She organized 31 quilters to make the Howard County Quilt for the 350 year anniversary. Today this quilt hangs in the County office building. Parks and Recreation of Howard County asked her to teach quilting, which was right up her alley.

All of these accomplishments are directly because of 4-H training which influenced Mrs. Seibert's life. At the age of 90, she is still talking about her 4-H experience. She certainly has lived the 4-H Pledge To Make the Best Better. She always wanted to be a Home Economics teacher but little did she know, she was!

This year for the Howard County Fair her granddaughter, Kara Ford, took all of her ribbons that she has won over the years and did an art project. She entered the design (the Historic Howard County Fair logo made out of Elmira's ribbons) to be on the cover of the 2014 Howard

County Fair Book, and she won. She has always said one of her outstanding moments in her life was being tapped for a 4-H All Star in 1939. A surprise and honor she will never forget.



2013 4H All Star Annual Conference Howard County MD



All Stars enjoy lunch in the Dining Hall .



All Stars walk back down to the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds.



Inducted into the Lodge of 1000 were Charles and Judy Iager, Andy Cashman, Darlene Bouma, Laura Stull Reifsnider and Mary Ruth Meredith.



4-H All Star Interstate Conference Alternative for 2014

As we were informed at this year's 4-H All Star Interstate Conference, there will be no conference in 2014. One of the suggestions that came from the meeting was possibly a cruise. Steve Wood from Virginia and I have been checking into the possibility and there are several things we would need to find out. Please complete the following survey and return to me at debbier@umd.edu. Steve and I will look at the results and see if it is possible to pursue a cruise for our group in 2014.

Some up-front information about a cruise:

All meals and lodging is included, except soft drinks and alcohol – extra charges

Onboard activities and entertainment, most of which is free

Supervised children activities available at no charge

Monthly payment plans would be available through our travel agency

Passports would be strongly encouraged, if not required. Allow 6 weeks to process, would need to get 2 photos (about \$10 from most anywhere while you wait, Walmart, Office Supply Stores, Kinko's, etc.) To find out how to apply for a passport and all relevant information, please visit:

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_4855.html

Cost for adult passport is \$110 plus \$25 processing fee – as I understand it on the website – and is good for 10 years. Children's passports are less expensive and only last 5 years.

As we usually hold a silent auction during the meeting, I have asked about fundraising opportunities. Depending on the cruise, there may be some options. This way we wouldn't need to bring items for the auction, though we must be a 501 c3 or other acceptable non-profit organization is required. If we let Maryland handle the registration, Maryland 4-H All Stars have a 501 c3 number.

Must have 8 staterooms to get a group discount – which varies by ship and number of additional rooms.

Most ships have some rooms/suites that would accommodate 3-4 or more people in a room. Once we decide on a date, destination and ship, we would be able to let you know the number of rooms that would accommodate more than 2 people. Those rooms are typically limited, so reservations would need to be made soon.

Departing from Baltimore, and most areas, there is parking available. Baltimore's charge is \$15/day. There are several people in Maryland close enough to the terminal that some car-pooling could be arranged. Again, that can be worked out after the cruise is selected.

Departures are usually between 4-6pm, with an on-board 90 minute prior to departure required. Though you can board the ship early, after 10:30 am in Baltimore. The buffet lunch is open and you can explore the ship prior to departure. You may not get into your room until 1:30 or later, but you will not have your luggage to worry with. You turn it in when you register on board and they deliver it to your room.

We are working with Bev Golden of Golden Travel. She just retired from the Calvert County Extension Office in Maryland and is also a 4-H All Star.

Thank you.

Would you be interested in going on a cruise in 2014 with the 4-H All-Stars?

If so, how many adults and how many children would attend?

What time of year would you prefer cruising?

Spring – before school gets out

Summer – when kids are out of school

Fall – after school starts

How many days would you be interested in?

4-Days

5-Days

6-Days

7-Days

Would you prefer to leave from Baltimore, MD; Cape Liberty (Bayonne), New Jersey; or Florida?

Example of costs before group discounts:

7-night cruise to Bermuda out of Baltimore leaving July 18 for an oceanview stateroom would cost \$1320 per person double-occupancy, including gratuities; an interior stateroom would cost \$1140 per person including gratuities.

6-night cruise to Bermuda out of Baltimore leaving August 29 for an oceanview stateroom would cost \$780 per person, double occupancy including gratuities; Interior staterooms would cost \$670 per person, double occupancy including gratuities; Balcony staterooms would cost \$1220 per person, double occupancy including gratuities.

Any other comments or questions?

We look forward to hearing back from you and seeing you at the next gathering of 4-H All Stars, wherever and whenever that might be!

Enjoy and thank you.

2013 Interstate Conference

Jackson Mill WV

Left: Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum

Below: Dining Hall



Far Left: S'mores after the boat ride

Near Left: Jackson Mill

Below: Boat ride



History Page Insert 2012-2013

Big Chief	Martin Hamilton
Lesser Chief	Jason Watts
Scribe	Kendra Wells
Medicine Man	Kay Stiles
Scout	Margie Eyler

Semi Annual 4-H All Star Conference was held at the Frederick County 4-H camp on April 13, 2013.

Annual Conference was held at the Howard County Fairgrounds on June 29, 2013.



New Maryland 4-H All Stars



Lodge of 1000

Long time Maryland All Star Dick Angus moved to Minnesota to live with his brother.

The 2013 Interstate was held in Jackson Mill, WV. Maryland attendees enjoyed the history of the area as they cruised on the lake at Stonewall Resort. Other events included tours of the Lunatic Asylum, Jackson Mill and surrounding historical sites.

Maryland 4-H All Stars have sadly lost the leadership and fellowship of the following members during the 2012-2013 year: Betty Wise, Arthur Hargett Cook, James Glenn Trout, Gary Schnappinger, Shirley Ann Geis, George C Stauffer, Erma Booth, Betty A. White, Ellen Friend Shillingburg, Wilson S. Jones, Doris Sunderland Cummins, Mary Nell Waddell Henderson, Helen Zoe Witter Hawker, Elise H. Jennings, George Strohmer, June R. Dudrow Weedy, Barbara Lond Craig, Myra Lippincott Barrett, George Tyson, Margery Fry Grace, Richard Lansdale Pue, Gene Fisher, Clifford W. Holloway Jr., Michael E. Morris



All that is right with 4-H

By Holly Martin

As appeared on Facebook 7/29/2013



The cattle barn isn't all that big.

The boy is sitting on his showbox next to his heifer. She's not all that big, but he only weighs 50 pounds if he has a couple of rocks in the pockets of his worn jeans.

When it comes time to lead her to the wash rack, he gets pushed around. He's doing well, but his dad is injured and he just hasn't been able to help the boy like he wishes he could have.

So it doesn't take long, Before the boy, or his parents, knows what is happening an older 4-Her jumps up to help him rinse. Later on, an older boy offers to help. And then two girls wonder if they can help him practice showmanship.

And so it goes. The older kids help him and he learns.

Not too far away, a little girl stands on the fence looking down at her pig.

"She was afraid of them at first," her mom says. But now, she's clearly comfortable. An older girl at least 10 years older leans down and says something to her. The younger girl hops down and picks up a hose and quickly cools her pig down from the stifling heat. It's obvious the older girl has been the younger one's guide—teaching her what to do but letting her become comfortable with what was once a scary proposition.

It happens time and time again. Not only in this barn, in this county, at this county fair, but all over the country in other barns, at other fairs.

It happens in the kitchen, when one 4-Her shows another how to smooth the buttercream just right to get the even look she wants. It happens on the shooting range, when a teenager holds a shotgun showing the younger boy how to aim quickly.

It's yet another example of what is so right about the 4-H program. Young people take on the role of teachers to younger members. They become leaders, without even knowing it is happening. They remember being there-not knowing how to keep their pig from bolting out of the gate-and so they share what they have learned.

It's a legacy. The responsibility of that legacy is passed down every year with no formal ceremony or fanfare. The 4-Hers who have the honor today didn't ask for it. They simply knew that someone once helped them and that's what you do. It's what is right.

The 4-H program teaches service and kindness, but isn't done by command. That service is taught through example. Young members watch, they learn and then all too soon, they are the ones setting the examples.

Those older 4-H members become role models. They are the "good kids" parents of young children feel happy their child can emulate. And perhaps that's the best thing to watch: a younger child watching an older one doing what is right-not because it means they will win an award, but because they have learned kindness and leadership by example. Some day when those older 4-Hers become parents themselves, only then will they appreciate how important their acts were.

And the mom of the boy who received all of the help with his heifer? She will be eternally grateful for the kindness of those young people. It means more than they will ever know.

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Maryland 4H All Stars on the Web

Please visit our new 4-H All Star webpage.

www.maryland4hallstars.com

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