

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2014

Arizona



Dan Klingenberg

Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Board of Directors

Home: Scottsdale, AZ Nominated by: Arizona 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Pima County 4-H Member in 1950s, active in 4-H club leadership, citizenship, and project work. Recipient of various achievement awards, including National 4-H Congress in Chicago (1957), National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. (1958), and a Standard Oil Company 4-H Scholarship. As a 4-H fellowship recipient he spent a year (1959-60) directing portions of Citizenship Short Course Program and giving tours of the nation's capital to 4-H club members, volunteer leaders and extension agents from around the country. A 4-H Peace Corps Volunteer in Venezuela, 1962-64. Served for 15 years on the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Board.

Biography:

Dan was active in 4-H club leadership, citizenship and project work throughout his youth, and was the recipient of various achievement awards. Dan started his career as a County 4-H Extension Agent in Yuma, Arizona. Later, he joined the Peace Corps for two years in Venezuela. His Peace Corps assignment, led by the National 4-H Club Foundation, concentrated on improving and developing the many 5-V clubs active in the rural areas of the country (similar to 4-H in the U.S.). In the early days, he provided leadership to the Santa Rita 4-H Club south of Tucson. Dan has a history of giving back to 4-H and the community. The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation is Dan's "favorite charity."

In the absence of an executive director, the result of the economic downturn, Dan devoted considerable time to a broad range of 4-H Foundation administrative and board responsibilities. He is also a member of the National 4-H Heritage Club. In 1989 Dan established an endowment to support 4-H in Arizona. Dan served as a trustee of the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, for 15 years. He has served as president (2005-06), treasurer, and as its secretary. Dan has devoted his life to agriculture all around the world and credits much of his success to 4-H. He continues to give back to 4-H. Most recently he made a substantial gift to Arizona 4-H toward the purchase of our State 4-H Camp.

Quote:

4-H has been an important part of my life. It has helped me in my career and associations with friends and family. It has given me the character, leadership and community spirit to support my many and diverse endeavors. I appreciate what 4-H does for both rural and urban youth. 4-H has always adapted to the changing need of youth. Today, for example, there's greater emphasis on science, engineering and technology than ever before. Such adaptation, coupled with continued professional and volunteer leadership and support, is an essential ingredient to keep the future bright for 4-H.



Dan showing his 4-H steer in Tucson, AZ



As a Peace Corps Volunteer, Dan helps Venezuelan 5-V club members build a rabbit hutch.



Dan attending 5-V club beekeeping demonstration in Venezuela.