

Louisiana – 2010



Ann Keene 4-H Volunteer

4-H Efforts: Joined 4-H in 1953. Louisiana 4-H Foundation board member, committee chair, board chair. National Trustees Workshop planning committee, chair. Developed the Challenge Camp. Worked with Child Welfare to get low income and troubled youth involved in 4-H. Southern Volunteer Leadership Forum for over 27 years. Louisiana 4-H Volunteer Leader's Assn. charter member, executive board and planning committees. Co-chair Louisiana Master Volunteer Initiative Task Force. Chair Louisiana 4-H Advisory committee.

Honors: Louisiana Attorney General's Award as Outstanding 4-H Volunteer. Louisiana Salute to Excellence, 1984. Louisiana 4-H Alumni Award & Volunteer Leader of the Year by Louisiana State Fair.

Home: Tallulah, LA
Nominated by: Louisiana 4-H
Year Inducted: 2010

Ann Keene joined 4-H in the 7th grade in 1953. In 1975 teachers were 4-H club leaders to Madison Parish school clubs. Ann convinced the principal to let her be a club leader. She has worked with over 5,000 youth and 3,000 adults at all levels. Ann got involved with the Louisiana 4-H Foundation in 1981, serving as board member or committee chair

every year and chair for 3 years. She attended the National Workshop for Trustees in Chicago the same year she received the Louisiana 4-H volunteer leader trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Ann served on the National Trustees Workshop planning committee and chaired it for 3 years. She was selected for a two year term on the National Planning Committee for a Kellogg Foundation grant to increase capacity of Extension and 4-H foundations.

To keep 7th graders in 4-H, Ann developed the Challenge Camp with all 64 parishes participating every year. Ann worked with Child Welfare in 12 parishes to get low income and troubled youth involved in 4-H. She paid anonymously for them to attend camp, Achievement Day, State 4-H University and Challenge Camp. She has attended the Southern Volunteer Leadership Forum for over 27 years, presenting workshops and serving on the planning committee. Ann is a charter member of the Louisiana 4-H Volunteer Leader's Association and has served on the executive board and planning committees. She is presently co-chair of the Louisiana Master Volunteer Initiative Task Force. In 2002, Ann was selected chair of the Louisiana 4-H Advisory committee.

Quote: 4-H is defined as a youth organization with the mission of "engaging youth to reach their fullest potential" with the goal of developing citizenship, leadership, and life skills thru experiential learning programs. This definition could be expanded to include "and the volunteers who work with these youth." All volunteers who become engaged with the 4-H program experience personal growth equal to, or greater than, those youth with whom they are engaged. I contribute much of my personal development to the many growth opportunities provided through my work as a 4-H volunteer!



As chair of the Louisiana 4-H Foundation board of trustees, Ann presents a scholarship check to a 4-H club member.



Ann at a 4-H Livestock Show announcing the activities, keeping records of their accomplishments, and helping a new volunteer learn the ropes.



Ann with her husband, three children and their spouses and 3 grandchildren. All are involved in 4-H.