

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2011

NAE4-HA



Peggy Adkins

Past President, NAE4-HA

Home: Maryville, Tennessee

Nominated by: NAE4-HA

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Roane Co, TN 4-H Club Member; Jr. Leader, Bread Baking and Public Speaking groups. Jr. Asst. Extension Agent, Madison Co, TN; Volunteer Leader, Knox Co, TN and Cobb Co, GA; Co. Extension Agent, Cobb Co, GA; GA 4-H Specialist, Curriculum Development. NAE4-HA News and Views Editor, President-Elect and President. TN 4-H Specialist, Youth Development.

Honors:

One of Ten Outstanding Young Women of America (1985), Freed-Hardeman Univ. Alumnus of the Year (2007), NAE4H-A Distinguished Service Award, Member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi and Omicron Nu Honorary Societies, TN 4-H All Star, TN State 4-H Public Speaking and Bread Baking Winner, Optimist Club Girl of the Year, White Lily Flour 4-H Scholarship..

Biography:

4-H never had a better friend than Peggy Adkins. Peggy chaired NAE4-HA's first Legislative Update on Youth at Risk. The intent was to build legislative understanding of 4-H's ability to work with youth living in "risk" situations. Peggy led the charge and on behalf of NAE4-HA worked with a lobbyist to engage each state to communicate their work with children, youth, and families at risk. The effort succeeded in securing \$10 Million dollars for what is now known as CYFAR (Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk). Peggy is an international citizen. She has hosted students from five countries and traveled extensively to 11 countries while teaching Character Counts!

As NAE4-HA President, Peggy was a member of the 250 person U.S. delegation for the first African/African American Summit in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Working with Dr. Leon Sullivan, organizer of the Summit, she insured that 4-H was an active participant of the planning committee and lead the Summit youth development efforts. As a State 4-H Specialist, Peggy was known for her curriculum development expertise and authored the TAXI volunteer system development curriculum. She developed a train-the-trainer model and traveled to numerous states to insure the successful implementation of TAXI. Peggy also served NAE4-HA as editor of News and Views and on the 40th Anniversary Committee.

Quote:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philippians 4:8

4-H has kept my head filled with great things for 50 years and I'm grateful!



Peggy with 4-H leaders Betty Mustain (Mom) and Ruby Kitchings and 4-H agents Polly Fussell and Mary Ross King.



Peggy (R) with Dottie Mercer and Carol Nimmons receiving Georgia 4-H Publication Team Award.



Tennessee 4-H Sheep Shows aren't all that "baaaaaad"!