

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2011

Wisconsin



Tamara "Tamie" Koop

4-H Youth Development Educator

Home: Fredonia/Waukesha, WI

Nominated by: Wisconsin 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Eight-year member in the Waubeka 4-H Club. First woman 4-H Agent in Oconto Co., 1973. Waukesha Co. 4-H Youth Development Educator for 28 years. Extension Department Chair for four years.

Honors: Wisconsin 4-H Key Award as member. NAE4-HA 4-H Program and Communicator Awards; Distinguished Service Award, 1984; 4-H Meritorious Service Award, 1995. Directors Award, Waukesha Co. Volunteer Center, 2001. First woman member, Waukesha Sunrise Rotary Club; first woman President. Rotary International District 6270 Governor, 2008-09, District Vision Team Chair, Assistant Rotary Coordinator, with Rotary International Zone 28, 2010-12.

Biography:

Tamie Koop was a second-generation 4-H member of a third generation Wisconsin farm family of Ozaukee Co., WI. She started her 4-H career at age nine and was an eight-year member in the Waubeka 4-H Club. Her major 4-H projects were Dairy, Clothing and Youth Leadership. She represented her county in State 4-H Band and National 4-H Dairy Conference. Tamie continued as a volunteer leader until hired as the first woman 4-H Agent in Oconto Co. in 1973. After completing her Master's degree, she was hired as one of two UW-Extension Waukesha Co. 4-H Youth Development Educator, spending 28 years of her 34-year 4-H professional career. She served as Extension Department Chair for four years.

Koop served as WAE4-HYDP President in 1989, the NAE4-HA North Central Regional Director 2000-2001 and 2006 NAE4-HA National Conference Tri-Chairwoman. When Youth Protection programs were mandated in 1995 for Wisconsin 4-H, she served as curriculum developer, pilot county implementer and volunteer trainer. Tamie is known for empowerment of county 4-H youth and adult volunteers and creating a middle management system for volunteers. Upon retirement from UW-Extension, she utilized her Youth Protection curriculum and teaching skills in implementing a Youth Protection training program for District Rotarians.

Quote:

The 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better" and the Rotary motto "Service above Self" have been driving and motivating forces in my life. Special thanks and credit goes to all the families, individuals and colleagues who have had a part in helping make a difference in our communities.



Tamie prepares her Jersey Heifer at Ozaukee County Fair, 1967.



Tamie and a Washington County 4-H member discuss her crafted basket.

