

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2013

Wisconsin



Wayne C. Schroeder
4-H Agent & NAE4-HA President

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Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Ten years Dane Co. 4-H member; 4 years UW Collegiate 4-H; 32 years UW-Extension Youth Development Educator. NAE4-HA Committee Chair, Regional Director, V. Pres, Pres Elect, President, 1970-1979. Contributor to "4-H Report to America" and "4-H in Century III." Committee member, helped establish UWEX Academic Dept. of Youth Development; served as Faculty Senator. WAE4-H, NAE4-HA and ESP Life Member.

Honors: WI 4-H Key Award; AYF Camp Miniwanca Leadership Scholarship; WAE4-HA, NAE4-HA and ESP Distinguished Service Awards; Outstanding Contributions to Agriculture, Portage Co. Agri-Business Council; FFA State Farmer Award, State Speaking Contest winner.

Biography:

Wayne Schroeder joined Wisconsin 4-H as a member with animal, mechanical, photography and leadership projects. He received the Danforth Leadership Award to Camp Minnewanica. He served as a summer and interim 4-H Agent in two counties before becoming a full time 4-H Agent in Richland Co. In 1966, he became 4-H Agent in Portage Co. and retired as an Associate Professor Emeritus in 1992. Wayne's work impacted the lives of over 5,000 youth and 1,250 adult volunteers in 25 clubs. He was one of the first to attract urban youth to 4-H with small animal and dog projects. Wayne pioneered Face to Face and Conference judging at county fairs that has become a standard. He has judged for over 40 years at fairs across Wisconsin.

With other 4-H colleagues, Wayne helped establish the UWEX Academic Dept. of Youth Development that granted faculty status and professional rank to 4-H Agents. He also served as a Faculty Senator. He has been a mentor, coach and role model to 12 summer UWEX interns, of which four are now 4-H Extension professionals and two are high school Family and Consumer Science teachers. In retirement, Wayne continues his commitment to civic responsibility through AARP Driver Safety; Portage Co. Aging, Disability Resource Center; Village of Plover Ethics Committee; Bethany Home Senior Corporation Board of Directors and Bethany Foundation Board President; Portage Co. Senior Olympics and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Quote:

I strongly feel that 4-H has been a very effective and efficient vehicle for utilizing the knowledge, talents and enthusiasm of professional educators, volunteer leaders and the community in the positive development of youth and adults.

Leadership skills needed at local, state and national levels are strengthened in real life situations through the 4-H experience.

A career in 4-H youth development has been very gratifying.



Wayne Schroeder presents three Jr. Leaders with the 4-H Key Award.



Volunteer 4-H leaders complete leadership development class with instructor Wayne Schroeder.



Wayne in 1948 with his first 4-H dairy calf named "Bonnie."