

National 4-H Council 2003



Kenneth H. Anderson Associate Director of National 4-H Service Committee & National 4-H Council

4-H Stats: South Dakota 4-H Member, Volunteer Leader, County Extension, and State 4-H Staffer; Associate Director of National 4-H Service Committee and National 4-H Council; National 4-H Resource Development Committee Member; Arizona 4-H Foundation Trustee; National 4-H Fellow; Kenneth H. Anderson Reference Gallery at National 4-H Conference Center Named For Him; Friend of 4-H Award Recipient; BS, Agriculture, South Dakota State University.

"4-H was his life. He was devoted to 4-H throughout his entire life and gave everything to the organization because he believed that 4-H was the best organization for youth."

--Winifred Anderson, wife of Kenneth Anderson

Hometown: Hudson, SD

Year Inducted: 2003

Kenneth Anderson's 4-H career spans nearly 70 years as a Member, Volunteer Leader, County Extension Agent, and State 4-H Staffer—all in South Dakota—and at the National 4-H Service Committee, where he began work in 1938. Anderson gave voice to the Extension Agent's perspective during the merger of the National 4-H Service Committee and National 4-H Foundation into National 4-H Council. Appointed President of the Inter-American Rural Youth Committee in 1964, Anderson built a foundation and history for what is now 4-H IFYE. Anderson retired from National 4-H Council in 1978 and volunteered for Arizona 4-H Foundation until his death in 1992.



Anderson poses with a 4-H member in South America in 1956.



Kenneth Anderson meets Lady Bird Johnson at the White House, May 1967.



Anderson with his family at dedication of J.C. Penney Hall at the National 4-H Conference Center, Sept. 22, 1977.



Hometown: Pr. William County,
VA

Year Inducted: 2003

Harold A. "Red" Poling
Retired Chairman and CEO of Ford Motor Company,
Chairman, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees

4-H Stats: Chairman, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees; National Partner-in-4-H Award; 4-H Alumni Recognition Gold Key Award; Member, First-Place Demonstration Team 1940 National 4-H Dairy Show.

Retired Chairman and CEO, Ford Motor Company; Bachelor's Degree, Monmouth (IL) College; MBA, Indiana University.

Harold A. "Red" Poling, retired Chairman and CEO of Ford Motor Company and former Prince William County, VA, 4-Her, has been devoted to 4-H his entire life. He served on National 4-H Council's Board of Trustees for 16 years (1979-1996) including four as its Chairman (1984-88). While a Trustee, Poling worked diligently to garner major financial support for 4-H from Ford and other corporations, which included two large capital grants from Ford for expansion of the National 4-H Center. Ford also sponsored 4-H international and achievement awards programs. Poling, and wife, Marion, continue their generosity as members of Council's Second Century of Excellence Club.

"4-H is a quality organization that has a broad gauge reach as opposed to just learning specific skills. The 4-H experience has many ramifications that relate to career life. It forces you to make decisions-from which project you are going to tackle to how you are going to accomplish it. The research and skill development plus the time and study and rehearsal required to make a presentation and demonstration all have application to the world of work. From concept to implementation, 4-H builds your confidence and ability to tackle the larger problems of real life."



Hometown: Phillipsburg, KS

Year Inducted: 2003

Omer G. Voss
Founding Chairman, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees

4-H Stats: Founding Chairman, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees; President, National 4-H Service Committee; Member, 4-H Service Committee Resource Development Center; Voss Lobby at National 4-H Conference Center Named for Him and Wife, Annabelle.

Former Vice Chairman of International Harvester Company; Former Director of Illinois Tool Works, Northern Trust Company, and Beatrice Foods; World War II Army Veteran; BA, Ft. Hays State University; JD, University of Kansas.

"Wherever you go throughout the U.S., you will find that American agriculture and 4-H are still alive and well in our communities. 4-H is one of the finest examples of the positive impact that can be made through the partnership of federal government, private industry, and individual supporters."

One of the founders of National 4-H Council, Omer G. Voss was appointed National 4-H Council's first Board of Trustees Chairman in 1976 after playing a crucial role in the merger of National 4-H Service Committee and National 4-H Foundation. In 1974, Voss, a member of the Service Committee Board since 1967, was appointed to the Joint Committee on Organization and Operation, which addressed the issues surrounding the merger. As Service Committee President in 1975, Voss led the transition of the two organizations into what became the National 4-H Council.