

Kentucky 2004

Joyce C. Clifford

Retired Principal, 4-H Volunteer & Leader



4-H Statistics: With over 40 years of service to 4-H, Mrs. Clifford started as a volunteer and leader in Harrison County in 1959. Harrison County Fair Board; Organized State 4-H Leader Forum, 1996; National Strategic Directions Team, since 1995. Honors: Bluegrass Area 4-H Council, Past President and Vice-President; Kentucky State 4-H Council, Past President; Conrad Feltner State Leadership Award, 1984; Outstanding Leadership Award, State 4-H Council, 1990.

Hometown: Cynthiana, KY
Nominated by: William H. Roberts, County Extension Agent for 4-H and Harrison County 4-H Council
Year Inducted: 2004

Quote: "4-H has made me a better person for all the things it stands for. Each time I say the 4-H pledge I am reminded that I should "Make the Best Better" everyday. People will get involved when asked and given responsibility within an organization."

Joyce's decades of 4-H volunteer service began in 1959 when she came to the county as a new bride and agreed to lead a school 4-H sewing club. Most recently, she has served on the Planning Committee for three statewide Volunteer Leadership Forums. Joyce volunteers for a variety of Extension programs including Farm/Home/City Day, Fair Board, Beef Cattle Day, Harrison County Extension Council and Extension District Board. She was instrumental in the development of the Kentucky 4-H Leadership Center, serving on the planning committee and personally raising nearly \$50,000. Joyce has been a role model for countless youth, educators and Extension professionals. Joyce has personally mentored new agents as well as new teachers working in her school building. She believes that people will get involved when asked and given responsibility.

When president of the county, area, and state 4-H councils, Joyce led their reorganizations. She has presented workshops on the 4-H Council system and helped other organizations to function more effectively. She explained the Council system and adult volunteerism to a delegation from Poland that was visiting the University. Joyce served on the first Extension District Board that was responsible for planning and construction of a new Extension office. Joyce often serves on strategic planning committees and works with state legislators to promote 4-H and Extension programs. She chaired the national 4-H Strategic Directions Team, formed in 1995. In 2002, she chaired the biennial Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum recognition committee that recognized 108 volunteers for their contributions to 4-H members and the Kentucky 4-H program.



Joyce receives an award from Dr. Walter Walla, retired Asst. Dean (for Extension), College of Ag



Joyce speaks at a state officer training



Joyce teaches a 4-H member to use a serger.