



Barbara Hatfield
4-H Educator

4-H Efforts: First female 4-H agent in Oklahoma. Worked 28 years with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service - 23 as 4-H Educator and 5 as a district program specialist. Served 2 terms OAE4-HA President, Vice President, President-elect, Secretary (twice); NAE4-HA - 3 terms, Southern Regional Director, Member Recognition Chair, and Co-Chair 2004 National Meeting.

Honors: OAE4-HA Rookie of the year, Distinguished Service, Achievement in Excellence, and OAE4-HA Hall of Fame, Oklahoma 4-H Outstanding Alumni.

Barbara was the first female 4-H agent in Oklahoma. Previously only men held 4-H agent positions. She worked 28 years with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service - 23 as a full time 4-H educator and five as a district program specialist. Barbara's 4-H members became well known for outstanding record books, as she had over 50 state and national winners. Two of her members have been selected as Oklahoma Hall of Fame winners. Also known for her leader development, her county was one of the first to implement the middle management system.

Home: Arapaho, OK
Nominated by: NAE4-HA
Year Inducted: 2009

Barbara was known for innovative programs and trying new things - she wanted it to be fun while learning. Her county was the first in the state to receive a puppy for the Seeing Eye puppy raising project. While serving in the district office, she implemented a mentoring program to new staff. She served terms as OAE4-HA President, Vice President, President-elect and Secretary. In NAE4-HA she served as Southern Regional Director, Member Recognition Chair, and Co-Chair of the 2004 National Meeting.

Quote: 4-H wasn't just a job, but was a way of life. I was fortunate to have a family, husband Pete and our daughter Kristi, who love it and saw the merit in the program as much as I did.

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James C. Kemp **4-H Agent and NAE4-HA President**

4-H Efforts: Ten-year 4-H member, Adams Co., CO in dairy, turkeys, sheep, pig, forestry, foods and health. Member and president of County 4-H Council. 4-H/Extension positions in CO, IN, PA and MN. Assistant Director and Acting Interim Director, MN 4-H Foundation.

4-H Honors: "I Dare You" award. National 4-H Congress National Health Winner, 1951. President, CSU Collegiate 4-H Club. IFYE to Ireland, 1955. National 4-H Fellowship, 1960-61. NAE4-HA President, 1969-70. Chair of ECOP Committee of Extension Associations. NAE4-HA Distinguished Service and 25-Year Service awards. MN Epsilon Sigma Phi outstanding retiree award, 2003. University of MN President's Club member for gifts to MN 4-H Foundation.

Home: Minneapolis, MN
Nominated by: NAE4-HA
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Jim was a 10-year member in Adams Co., CO in dairy, turkeys, sheep, pig, forestry, foods and health. He was a Junior Leader and started a 4-H dog obedience club for suburban members. He was a member and president of the County 4-H Council. In 1951 Jim was a National 4-H Congress National Winner in Health. Professionally, Jim served as 4-H Agent, Weld Co., CO; Agriculture Agent for CB&Q Railroad, Omaha, NE; 4-H Agent, Larimer Co., CO; Area 4-H Agent, Philadelphia, PA; Asst. Co.

Extension Agent, Madison Co., IN; 4-H Agent, Allen Co., Indiana; County Extension Director, Hennepin Co. (Minneapolis), MN; and Assistant Director and Acting Interim Director, MN 4-H Foundation.

Jim served as advisor for the 30-plus MN 4-H Ambassadors for 7 years. Ambassador alumni include the Speaker of the House of MN Representatives, an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney, and ordained minister, several outstanding farmers, County 4-H Agents, a past Idaho State Representative, business owners and other very successful citizens. In addition to 4-H, Jim was a captain in the U.S. Army and has held two 4-year terms on Wayzata (MN) School Board, including 2 years as chair. Additional honors include finalist for "Outstanding Young Man" in Ft. Wayne, IN; President, Ft. Wayne Kiwanis Club; "Good Neighbor" Award, Minneapolis MN (1993); and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board meritorious gardener award (2002).

Quote: 4-H was such a valuable learning experience for me in my youth that I choose a career in 4-H. Expanding 4-H opportunities for urban youth has been a theme of my life ---- started a 4-H dog obedience club in a suburb of Denver, CO as a teenager; helped develop urban vacant lot 4-H gardens in Philadelphia; obtaining new county funds to start 4-H programs in the towns of Allen Co., IN; supported a 4-H staff in Minneapolis to obtain news county funds to develop and expand inner city 4-H. Helping young lives - rural and urban - was a life rewarding career.



Jim teaching Philadelphia 4-H leaders about planting in the 4-H demonstration garden.



Jim receives the Past President's plaque from NAE4-HA in 1970.



Jim's daughters - and urban 4-H alums - Jana, former MN 4-H Ambassador, and Mary, a MN 4-H Foundation Board member, with their daughters.