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Upcoming 2003 Projects
 Looking for an activity to do this winter . . . the Halton 4-H Association has the answer for you. This winter three 4-H projects will be running and the registrations for these clubs are happening NOW!
 If you are interested in:
 Crafting for the Holidays
 Alternative Farming
 Outdoor Adventures
 Please contact Brenda for additional information.

Kiwanis Luncheon
 By: Stephanie Cragg

On Monday December 2 one representative from each of the different Halton 4-H clubs attended a superb luncheon at the Old Mill Restaurant in Toronto hosted by the Kiwanis of the Kingsway club. The participants of the afternoon consisted of Abbie Brander (Beef), Adam Dolson (Competitive Judging), Katie Snow (C'Ville Explore 4-H), Stephanie Cragg (C'Ville Good Foods Fast), Jessica Switzer (Junior Dairy), Jenn Davies (Senior Dairy), Lindsey McMullen (Light Horse), Sarah Breckon (Safety), Chantelle DeBartolo (Sheep), Amy Richardson (Rabbit), Amy Winter (Poultry), Becky Parker (Social Recreation), Lee Nurse (Henry Stanley Award Winner), Kyle Stevenson (Claude Bain Award Winner), Curtis Gregson (Stan May Leadership Award Winner) and Carl Patten (J.E. Whitelock Award Winner).

Before the meeting began the 4-H members mingled with the Kiwanis members and got to know each of the members at their tables. To start the meeting the Kiwanis opening, national anthem and a toast to the Queen were recited. The next part of the afternoon was the meal itself. The meal started out with a salad served with a white wine vinaigrette. The main course consisted of mixed vegetables, pork served with a wonderful raisin sauce on top and whipped potatoes. All of which were superbly well presented and very delicious. Then the afternoon shifted to a lighter note by the Kiwanis members leading Christmas carols. The carols sang were "Here comes Santa Claus" and "Jingle Bells".

The three major award winners from the 4-H awards night on the previous Friday were re-presented their awards by the Kiwanis members as well as their keeper plaques. The meeting was declared over after the presentation and speeches had completed.

Then all of the 4-H members and a couple of the Kiwanis members (Barnaby Ross and Syd Collier) had their photos taken together. Then the major award winners had their photo taken. Both of these pictures will be wonderful keepsakes for all participants.

The meeting was a wonderful experience for the 4-H members and hopefully the bond between the Halton 4-H and the Kiwanis of the Kingsway club continues to be strong and the luncheon continues to be a wonderful experience and something for new members coming to 4-H to strive for.



Halton's Most Outstanding Members
 Front Row - Carl Patten (Stan May Leadership Award), Kyle Stevenson (Claude Bain Award), Curtis Gregson (J.E. Whitelock Award). Back Row - Barnaby Ross (Kiwanis of the Kingsway President), Tom Parker (Halton 4-H President), Brenda Mathies (Halton 4-H Coordinator) and Syd Collier (Kiwanis of the Kingsway Member).

IMPORTANT DATES

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| January | Action |
| Jan 1 - Submission deadline for entries to the 4-H Ontario Scrapbook Competition and Early Bird Registration for the 4-H Ontario CAM 2003 | Jan 19 - 60th Anniversary Kiwanis Music Festival (Roy Thompson Hall) |
| Jan 10 - Registration deadline for the 4-H Ontario CAM 2003 | February |
| Jan 15 - Application deadline for the 4-H Youth Exchanges Canada Program 2003 and Future Leaders in | Feb 12 - First meeting of the Crafts for the Holidays (Valleycrest) |
| | Feb 15 - Application deadline for the Royal Bank 4-H Inter-provincial Exchange and Camp Enterprise |
| | Feb 28 - Mar 1 - 4-H Ontario CAM 2003 (Barrie, ON) |

Top Meadow Farm - Beef Heifer Show (RAWF)

Seven young Halton 4-H'ers participated in the recent Top Meadow Farm - Beef Heifer Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. This year's Halton representatives were Abbie Brander, Adam Parker, Becky Parker, Clark Sinclair, William Stull, Suzanne Thibodeau and David White. This group, along with the herdspersons (Scott Martin and Kyle Stevenson) represented our county well and all deserve a great deal of congratulations.

Special recognition is sent out to the following for their accomplishments.

- Abbie Brander (3rd in her class of commercial yearlings conformation)
 - Adam Parker (4th in his class of commercial yearlings conformation)
 - Becky Parker (3rd in her class of commercial yearlings conformation)
 - Clark Sinclair (2nd in his class of commercial yearlings conformation)
 - William Stull (12th in his class of Angus yearlings conformation)
 - Suzanne Thibodeau (1st in her class of Shorthorn calves conformation)
 - David White (7th in his class of Shorthorn yearlings conformation)
- Adam Parker, Becky Parker and David White all made it to the Semi Final rounds of Showmanship in their respective categories.

Congratulations to our team of Halton Beef Members!

International Judging Seminar
 By: Scott Martin

In mid November, I had the honour of attending an International Judging Seminar in Regina Saskatchewan. This four day event is held annually for eligible 4-Her's all across Canada and some of the United States. This year, 8 members represented team Ontario, a team I am very proud to have been a part of. Other provinces represented were Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, British Columbia and a combination team of the Maritime provinces as well as the state of Wyoming. With a total of 42 contestants, it was a great opportunity to meet new people and establish new friendships, an experience I would recommend to anyone. A very special thanks to the Halton 4-H association for their support and sponsorship.

60th Anniversary Kiwanis Music Festival Concert
 The Kiwanis of the Kingsway Members would like to extend an invitation to the Halton 4-H members and volunteers to join them at the Kiwanis Music Festival 60th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, January 19 (2 p.m.) at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. Please contact Brenda if your interested in participating in this musical experience.

OPPORTUNITIES Future Leaders in Action

4-H Future Leaders in Action is truly an "opportunity of a lifetime". It's a unique experience every senior 4-H member should participate in. Enjoy the great times and friendships with fellow 4-Hers from all across Ontario. Identify and develop your leadership and organizational skills in a fun "learn to do by doing" atmosphere. Topics include: Low Ropes, Woodland Survival, Youth Leader, Goal Setting, Personality Styles and Time Management. This March Break . . . take a risk, challenge yourself and grow as a leaders. For a registration package, please contact Brenda at 519-822-0285.

4-H Youth Exchanges Canada Program 2003 Exchanges Canada - See it, Live it, Love it! (Formerly known as Connections Canada Exchange Program)

Youth Exchanges Canada offers exchanges to groups of 10 young Canadians between the ages of 11-13 and 14-18. Groups are twinned with a group of youth approximately the same age from another part of the country. Participants must play an active role in organizing the exchange, do research on both their own and their twin's community, and participate in fundraising and activity planning. Exchange groups may be twinned with non-4-H exchange groups. For additional information, please contact Marie Henry at 1-877-410-6748.

Camp Enterprise

A camp to help you open your imagination to the endless possibilities in the business world and stir up your creativity. You will be challenged and gain enormous satisfaction in knowing that you are able to better serve your community. This Rotary Club of Toronto sponsored opportunity will take place in April 2003 (Greater Toronto area) and will assist you in exploring professional, business and management careers. For an application package, please contact Brenda at 519-822-0285.

Royal Bank/4-H Inter-Provincial Exchange

Would you like to be paired up with a 4-H member from another province and have that person come and live in your home for about a week? Then in turn, you go to their home and live with them for about a week this summer. This opportunity is available for five Ontario 4-H'ers and you could be one of them. For additional information (including application form) please consult your 4-H Ontario Opportunities of a Lifetime Guide or the 4-H Ontario website.