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## Clubs Meeting Meenge Phase III Challenge

ansas county 4-H councils and community 4-H clubs are responding to the challenge of raising funds for the support of the "Kansas Courtyard" at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C., as part of A STEP AHEAD Campaign.

The courtyard project is a major portion of the third and final phase of the \$2.6 million campaign to support Kansas 4-H.

4-H clubs may participate in one of three leves:

- GOLD CLUB: \$20 per member
- SILVER CLUB: \$10 per member
- BRONZE CLUB: \$5 per member

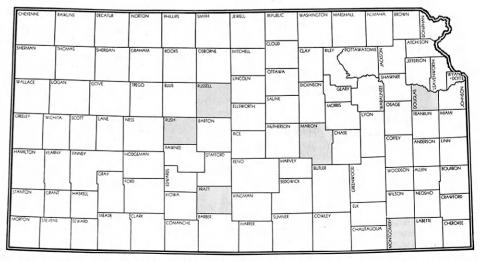
The Grantville Circle G 4-H Club in Jefferson County is the first club to remit their money to the Kansas 4-H Foundation for the "Kansas Courtyard" project as a Silver Club.



Clubs that participate will be listed appropriately on a permanent marker in the new courtyard at the National 4-H Center and at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City.



Lori Cook and Debbie Clough accept a certificate for Phase III participation from Jim Ploger, development officer of the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The Grantville Circle G 4-H Club is the first club to participate in the 4-H campaign.



County 4-H Councils which have endorsed the "Kansas Courtyard" project are shaded. Endorsement form was printed in the September issue of the 4-H Journal.



### Cookbook Kickoff Captures Statewide Media Attention

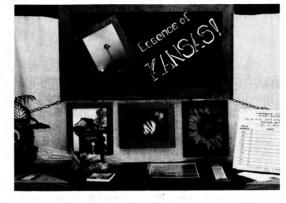
he kickoff of the 4-H cookbook, Essence of KANSAS!, captured the attention of the statewide media with features on food pages of the large and small Kansas dailies as well as the weekly papers of the state. Many trade and specialty publications also have promoted the first-ever Kansas 4-H cookbook.

Kansas 4-H'ers now have the opportunity to sell the books to help them reach their goals for participation in the Phase III Kansas Courtyard project of the 4-H campaign. Copies of the book are available in county Extension offices statewide and club leaders should have received information packets on ordering and selling procedures. If you have any questions, please contact your local county Extension office or the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Get started now and capitalize on the holiday sales!

> This decorated cart provided transportation for the

cookbooks across

the fair grounds.



 Essence of Kansas display in hospitality tent.



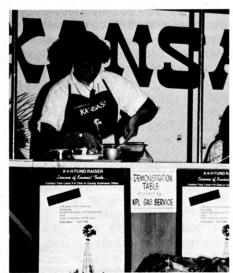


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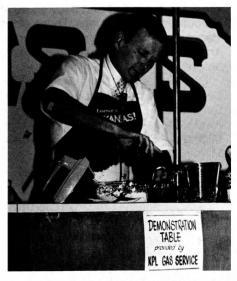
Ethel and Christine Steichen shape pumpkin bread on the Pride of Kansas stage.



Holly Bigge shows the audience how to make sunflower cookies.



Beth Bigge, Rooks Co., demonstrates her ginger snap cookies.



C.R. Salmon, State 4-H Leader, demonstrates his Deluxe Cheese Ball recipe.



## Citiwhat? Citizenship!

by Mark Esfeld "President of the United States" Barton County

hat exactly is citizenship? It is probably one of the most rewarding projects you will ever take. That is probably not the answer most people are looking for. Citizenship is one of the hardest ideas to explain or define. All of us may be United States citizens, but how many of us are great United States citizens? Seventy Kansas 4-H members took great strides to become better United States citizens this past summer.

The Citizenship/Washington Focus seminar at the National 4-H Center enabled them to take these great strides. The center is located in Chevy Chase, MD, and the staff there puts on the seminar for ten weeks during the summer.

The Kansas delegation had the longest amount of travel time (three days), but this allowed us to become better acquainted with our sponsors, and built lasting friendships with our other Kansas 4-H delegates. While on the road, we stopped at the St. Louis arch, the speedway at Indianapolis, and at Gettysburg, Penn. These stops were much needed and allowed us to get out to stretch our legs. Those stops also gave many of us a look at great American sites that we had never seen before.

Once we arrived at the National 4-H Center, the next week became a blur. Besides the Kansas delegation, there were delegations from Connecticut, Michigan, South Dakota, California, Minnesota, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The total number of delegates at the seminar was approximately 600. We were divided in groups for workshops allowing us to meet new people with different cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

The conference was not all meeting new people. We went to workshops and learned about our government and how to become better citizens. Usually about half of the day we held conferences. During the other half, we would go into Washington D.C. to see all the sites. The Lincoln and Jefferson monuments were spectacular at night with the reflections off the reflecting pools.

During one of our other days, we went to the Capitol building, and each delegate met with their own senators and congressman. The tours ventured as far away as George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. Although we saw many more government buildings and personnel, we also were "culturized." Each of the states went to different theaters. The Kansas delegation went to "Ain't Misbehavin," with Nell Carter. We watched this fantastic production at the National Theater.

While the 4-H center's staff was running us ragged, we did have some time to relax. There were two dances during the week. We also managed to sneak in a volleyball game here and there.

Although the lectures, and conferences varied on the subject area, it was all very beneficial for all of the delegates. The activity that I enjoyed the most, and I believe the rest of the Kansas delegation did too, was the elections. The elections were used as a tool to teach us all about how much our vote really does count. Three of the Kansas delegates were nominated to run for "President of the United States." They all had to give speeches before their political party within the state to receive the nomination. The Kansas nominees were: Mark Benne, Spring Hill; Doug Hutchins, Scott City; and Mark Esfeld, Great Bend.

As the week progressed the political parties narrowed their field of nominees from fourteen to one. Of the three nationwide nominees, one was from California, Minnesota and Kansas. When it came time for the campaign speeches and ballot casting, the Kansas delegation was the most vociferous. In spite of this, they did show good Kansas pride and sportsmanship, but above all they supported their candidate.

The conference was brought to a close on Friday night. Closing ceremonies were extra special because our speaker was former Secretary of Agriculture, John Block. Directly following his presentation the election results were announced. Kansas' own Mark Esfeld was elected "President of the United States."

It was a good thing the conference was finished on Friday because the Kansas delegation was worn out. I think that if all of us were to look back, we would say that our \$550 was well invested. The citizenship project allowed all of us to partake in this experience, and become better citizens.

We all lived the dream ... Freedom ... Pride ... Democracy ... CITIZENSHIP! You can too be entering the citizenship project. For those of you interested in the Citizenship/Washington Focus trip, you can contact your county Extension agent in November. The trip is scheduled for June or July and will cost between \$500 and \$600 plus spending money. You also have to be enrolled in the citizenship project.





2,000 4-H members can't be wrong! Get involved in GRO!!

by Kirk Astroth State Extension 4-H Youth Specialist

his fall, why not consider getting your club and your county involved in the Kansas 4-H GRO program — Groups Reaching Out. More than 130 4-H clubs participated last year in the first phase of the GRO program recruiting more than 880 new members, reenrolling more than 2,500 4-H'ers, and helping to create at least 13 new clubs. Now is the time to consider getting your club involved this year or continuing your involvement from last year. The GRO program is a four-year concentrated effort to recognize our club leaders and members for their expansion efforts.

A variety of expansion and retention goals have been set for individuals and clubs who choose to participate in the GRO program. When these goals are met, a variety of forms of recognition are available. For example,

#### **Individual and Family Incentives:**

• all individual 4-H'ers who re-enroll in 4-H this year can receive a ballpoint pen with the GRO logo printed along the barrel.

• new 4-H members will receive a new member pin compliments of the GRO program.

• current 4-H members who recruit two or more members to their 4-H club can receive a green t-shirt with the GRO logo in white on the front. If several members of the same family recruit these new members, all these 4-H'ers can receive a t-shirt, not just one member of the family. • every family who recruits new members to their 4-H club can receive a GRO bumper sticker.

#### **Club Incentives:**

4-H clubs that choose to participate in the GRO program have the opportunity to receive a uniqe wood plaque for their expansion efforts. These plaques include a plate with the GRO logo and club name engraved at the top. Beneath the name plate is a place to attach four smaller metal plates that indicate which expansion goals have been reached. In order to earn this plaque, clubs can aim for one of three goals:

• individual 4-H clubs who retain at least 60% of their members;

• individual clubs who recruit at least five new members;

• individual clubs can help with the formation of one new club in the county.

In addition, organizational leaders whose clubs meet any of these club goals will be collectively recognized in a feature article in the Kansas 4-H Journal next spring.

Moreover, new clubs that are created as part of another club's participation in the GRO program will receive free a new club packet, including an organizational leader's handbook, a leader's planning calendar, a complimentary copy of the *Kansas 4-H Journal*, a desktop flag set, charter, and a special "birth" announcement in the *Kansas 4-H Journal*. All new members enrolling in 4-H will also receive new member pins.

Incentive items that are part of the GRO program are provided free of (Continued on page 14)

Recognition Requirements	Recognition Item
Re-enrollment	
Recruit two or more new members	T-Shirt
4-H family recruits new 4-H family	Bumper Sticker
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Club Participation	Wooden Plaque
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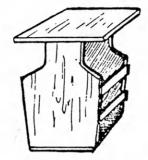
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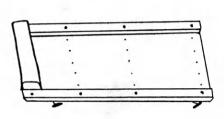
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charge to counties and clubs from a special grant made possible from the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

"We're pleased to be able to provide this variety of high quality materials for the 'Groups Reaching Out' program," said Dr. C.R. Salmon, Assistant Director of Extension, 4-H Youth Programs. "We hope the program is very flexible and will enable as many 4-H members, leaders, and clubs as possible to participate."

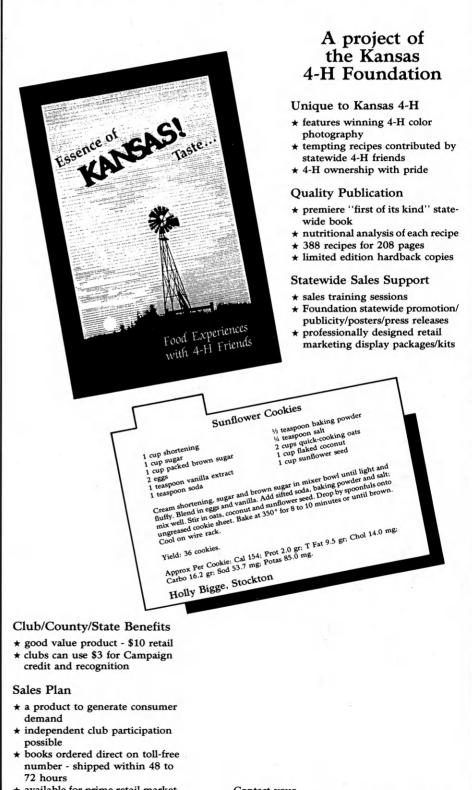
County agents got a preview of the GRO program incentives a year ago during the August 4-H Updates conducted around the state. 4-H'ers, their families, and leaders, as well as the general public, learned about Groups Reaching Out during Discovery Days and at the Kansas State Fair through a special display in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Expansion efforts for 1988-1989 will center around the October through January 4-H enrollment period. "During this time, clubs will have an opportunity to carry out their own local expansion plans using the materials provided through the GRO program," Salmon said. These materials include colorful recruitment posters, and a handbook for implementing the GRO program at the county level.

Kansas 4-H clubs had enrollment increases for the past two years — the first time in 20 years that our club program has shown an increase. "GRO will help us maintain that momentum. Through retention, recruitment, and the creation of new clubs in each county so that more youth have the advantages of becoming involved in 4-H, the necessary components for tomorrow's 4-H programs will be provided. There's no better time to join and be involved in Kansas 4-H than right now," Salmon asserted.

Contact your County Extension Office for details on how you and your club can become involved in the GRO program. And keep on GRO-ing!

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If you, as a 4-H leader or parent, are interested in applying, please call your county Extension office for a form. If you have questions, please call your county office or myself (913) 532-5800. We hope to hear from some of you before the end of October.

Errol Burns, State 4-H and Youth Extension Specialist.

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