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4-H PEI Celebrates Annual Awards Banquet

On Saturday, February 23rd the PEI Provincial 4-H Council was honoured to host more than 170 guests at its Annual Provincial Awards banquet, including The Honourable H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of Prince Edward Island; Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. John Jamieson; Leader of the Green Party of PEI & MLA, Mr. Peter Bevan Baker and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of PEI, Dennis King.

The afternoon was a celebration and recognition of many landmark achievements of 4-H leaders, members, the PEI 4-H Centennial Trust Campaign and community supporters from across the province.

Some remarkable achievements of the day were acknowledgments of volunteer leader service. Leader Lorraine Noonan of the Albany Centennial 4-H Club received her fifty year leader certificate. Nancy Orr of the Cavendish 4-H Club was also recognized for her forty years of dedication. Both remain active in the program, continuing to support 4-H and the youth in their communities. A total of forty volunteer leaders received certificates acknowledging their five to fifty years of dedication to the 4-H PEI program.

The Council also gave special recognition to Nancy Orr in the form of the Friend of 4-H Award. This is awarded to a business, organization or individual who has contributed financial, material or staff support to the provincial level of 4-H. Ms. Orr is dedicated to the 4-H program and continually goes above and beyond in her many roles. Nancy has been the Overall Leader and Project Leader with the Cavendish 4-H Club for the past 40 years and has played a very active role in helping to develop leadership and communication skills with her members. Nancy's involvement also extends to the District, Provincial & National levels of 4-H. Whether at the club, district, provincial or national level of the 4-H movement, Nancy's dedication and contributions, both financial and personal, have made a considerable difference in the future of Canada's rural youth, the communities in which they live and continuation of the rural way of life.

The Heart Club honours significant cumulative donations to the PEI 4-H Trust. Pam & Alan Infrate were welcomed as Distinguished Gold Heart Club Members with their generous support raised in memory of 4-H Alum, Robert H. Roberts. Dr. Elaine Rosenfeld and the late Deb Calviello received Gold level status. Shari MacDonald, overall leader with the Wheatley River 4-H Club and long-time volunteer/supporter of the 4-H PEI program achieved Gold level status and Chris and Rayanne Frizzell were welcomed as Silver Heart Club Members. Corporate milestones for the Heart Club included Cavendish Agri. Services, Credit Unions of PEI and Kensington Agricultural Services Ltd achieving the Trustee's Club Status. McDonalds Restaurants PEI, Township Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd, Vanco Farms Ltd and Phillips Agri Services all received Platinum-level status. Shur Gain/Trouw Nutrition and The PEI Potato Board were awarded the Silver-level status and Clarence Farms Services, Wyman's of PEI, Montague Veterinary Clinic, John Gillis Memorial Lodge and Brookville Lime all achieved Bronze-level Heart Club status.

Katie MacDonald of the Dunstaffnage-Marshfield 4-H Club was awarded the Elmer Larsen Memorial – Member Recognition Award. This award serves to honour the "Quiet Champions" of the 4-H program; those members who do not necessarily want to be in the spotlight, but still put 4-H ahead of all other activities, are almost never absent from a club or project meetings and are always enthusiastic to learn.

The Brookville Lime Community Project Award is given to a 4-H club that has excelled in its contribution to the community. First place was awarded to the Albany Centennial 4-H Club. The second place prize went to the Grand River East 4-H Club, third place to the Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club and fourth place to the Wheatley River 4-H Club.

Kirsten Kouwenberg of the Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club was the recipient of the Callbecks Home Building Centre Top 4-H Member of the Year Award. Kirsten has been a 4-H member for several years. She has participated in a number of skill based 4-H projects and is accomplished as representative on the Member Advisory Committee, or MAC, for her club. She has also experienced much success in establishing a Cloverbud Club as a Junior Leadership/Self-Determined project where she introduced the 4-H program to over 30 young 4-H'ers and their families!

Emma Praught of the Kensington 4-H Club received the Top 4-H Livestock Member of the Year Award, sponsored by David and Jean Tingley. This award recognizes a member who has shown exceptional interest, effort and leadership in both the livestock projects and the 4-H organization.

The Charlie Goodwin Top Horse & Pony Member Award was won by Callie Campbell of the Albany Centennial 4-H Club. The winner of this award is selected through an interview and written quiz of equine knowledge.

Janice Whalen, Key Leader with the Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club was presented with the PEI Women in Agriculture Leader Recognition Award by organization representative Janelle Mann, herself a 4-H volunteer leader. This award recognizes an active leader who has made a significant contribution to the 4-H program, and thus to Island youth. Janice has been a dedicated leader for 10 years. She carries a strong passion for the 4-H program and her devotion ensures success for all members, leaders and her own club.

The Women's Institute Agriculture Awareness Project Award was established to instill an appreciation of the importance of agriculture in the everyday lives in 4-H members and the community as a whole. Prize money was awarded to the following 4-H clubs: 1st place – Albany Centennial 4-H Club; 2nd place Grand River East 4-H Club and 3rd place – Wheatley River 4-H Club.

New in 2018 is the addition of the Buddy Loane Memorial Top Beef Showperson award. Buddy Loane was a well-known and dedicated 4-H Leader. This award was established by Mr. Loane's family in his memory. The winner of this award was Cody Cudmore of the North River 4-H Club.

New to the Annual Awards Banquet this year was the announcement of the 2019 Travel Award and Scholarship Recipients.

4-H Canada provides many opportunities for members to explore the world as 4-H ambassadors. This year we are pleased to offer travel opportunities to the National Members Forum. Eligible members have gone through the application process and we are pleased to announce the 7 members who will represent PEI at the forum in Toronto this November.

- Cassidy Cudmore – North River 4-H Club
- Megan Downe – Cavendish 4-H Club
- Kirsten Kouwenberg – Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club
- Neleah Lavoie – Cavendish 4-H Club
- Ila Matheson – Grand River East 4-H Club
- Daniel Naddy – Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club
- Megan Vanderkloet – Dunstaffnage-Marshfield 4-H Club

4-H PEI will also be sending 2 delegates to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin this fall. The program provides motivated Dairy Project members with the opportunity to meet leaders in the US dairy industry, to learn about career opportunities, dairy production, processing, and marketing along with 4-H'ers from Canada and the United States who share their passion. Congratulations to Moira Dickeson and Katie Hughes, both of the North River 4-H Club on this achievement.

2018 offered many Scholarship Opportunities for both graduating 4-H members and those already attending post-secondary education. 4-H PEI offers two scholarships each year - The PEI 4-H Council Scholarship, awarded to Grace Hughes from the North River 4-H Club & The 4-H PEI Alumni Scholarship, awarded to Robert Larsen of the Albany Centennial 4-H Club; both valued at \$1000 each.

Cavendish Agri Services has established five new 4-H Scholarships valued at \$1000 each in relation with the PEI 4-H Trust Legacy Campaign. This is the first of 5 years that these scholarships will be presented and we sincerely thank Cavendish Agri Services for supporting our members in their post-secondary endeavors.

4-H members receiving the inaugural Scholarships from Cavendish Agri Services are;

- Justin Larsen – Albany Centennial 4-H Club
- Nicolle MacDonald – Grand River East 4-H Club
- Katelyn Visser – Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club
- Fiona Nicholson – Cavendish 4-H Club
- Nellie Wood – North River 4-H Club

4-H is a national positive youth-development program which provides opportunities for youth between the ages of 9-21 to participate in leadership and hands-on skill development projects. It is a registered non-profit organization that has been operating on PEI since 1918. More information about the program is available at: www.pei4h.ca