

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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## JANUARY 2005

General Meeting: January 18th  
7:00 PM, Clifford School

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**Meeting: January 18th**  
Wear your pajamas!  
Enjoy some hot chocolate!

## President's Message

Welcome to 2005! I hope you had a fun and safe holiday break. At this month's meeting, you can look forward to drinking hot chocolate - that's right, hot chocolate, marshmallows, and whipped cream! I'm going to make my cup extra marshmallowy (hmmm - is that a word?). Plan to come a few minutes early this month so that you can get your cup before the meeting starts. This will also probably be the most comfortable meeting of the year, because our theme of the month is pajamas. Whether you come in pjs and slippers or just wear your bathrobe over street clothes, you're sure to stay warm and cozy.

It's only just begun to be January, but it's never too early to start thinking about your record books. They are a wonderful way to remember our years in 4-H, and they cannot only earn you awards in our club and in the county, they can also win you scholarships for college. Within the next few meetings, two of our teen leaders will be giving a presentation on the star ranking system so that we can all understand better how our record book and recognition systems work.

The activity which can earn you the most record book credit in 4-H for a single event is Presentation Day. It's a great chance to practice your public speaking skills by giving a demonstration in front of a friendly audience of county 4-Hers. I encourage everyone to prepare a demonstration, but Presentation Day is a great experience even if you aren't going to demonstrate. You can meet 4-Hers from other clubs; learn about how demonstrations work by watching other 4-Hers give

theirs, and get record book credit by participating in junior judging. In your personal development form, you can count "U" for attending an event, "G" for participating in junior judging, "R" for giving a demonstration, and either "W" for winning a blue or red award or "V" if you win a gold award. (If you're a new member and this makes absolutely no sense to you, don't worry - we'll be having a separate record book workshop in the spring.) Hope to see you there!

Have a great week, and I'll see you all at the meeting!

~Anne

### **Farm Use Requests Reminder**

All poultry, sheep, pig, and goat project members who plan to raise an animal at the club farm this year should have turned in a farm use request to Farm Manager Jeff Nielsen or Farm Boss Eric Grimsby by now. A farm use request must be submitted and approved at the club and county Farm Managers Committee before a member may bring an animal to the farm.

### **Last Call For Small Animal Challenge Entries**

Cavy, rabbit, dog and poultry project leaders and members must decide now if our club will have a team participating in the San Mateo County 4-H Small Animal Challenge on Saturday, January 22, 2005 at Elkus Ranch. Project members should review information from the county level 1 and level 2 proficiency guidelines your species. If you don't participate on a team, plan to attend to see what happens and be inspired for next year. Please contact Janae Novotny for more information.

### **Check Out 4-H County Newsletter**

You can read the San Mateo County 4-H *Highlights* newsletter online on the County Cooperative Extension website: <http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu> You can subscribe to the email version of the newsletter at the California State 4-H website: <http://ca4h.org>

### **Dates To Remember**

#### **January 2005**

- 18 San Carlos 4-H Club General Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City
- 20 County Ag Steering Committee, 7:30 p.m., Round Table Pizza, Laurelwood Shopping Center, San Mateo. (Small/large animal project members.)
- 22 San Mateo County 4-H Small Animal Challenge, Elkus Ranch
- 24 4-H County Council Mtg, 7 p.m., Fox School, Belmont

#### **February 2005**

- 5 Countywide Presentation Day, 12 p.m., Hillsdale Methodist Church, San Mateo
- 7 Junior/Teen Leader Project Meeting, 7:15 p.m. (Officers – 7:00 p.m.)
- 15 San Carlos 4-H Club General Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City

#### **March 2005**

- 5 San Mateo County "Market Animal Symposium," Elkus Ranch. **(Poultry, rabbit, goat, pig, and sheep project members and leaders must attend.)**

## **We Will Miss Sue Bragato**

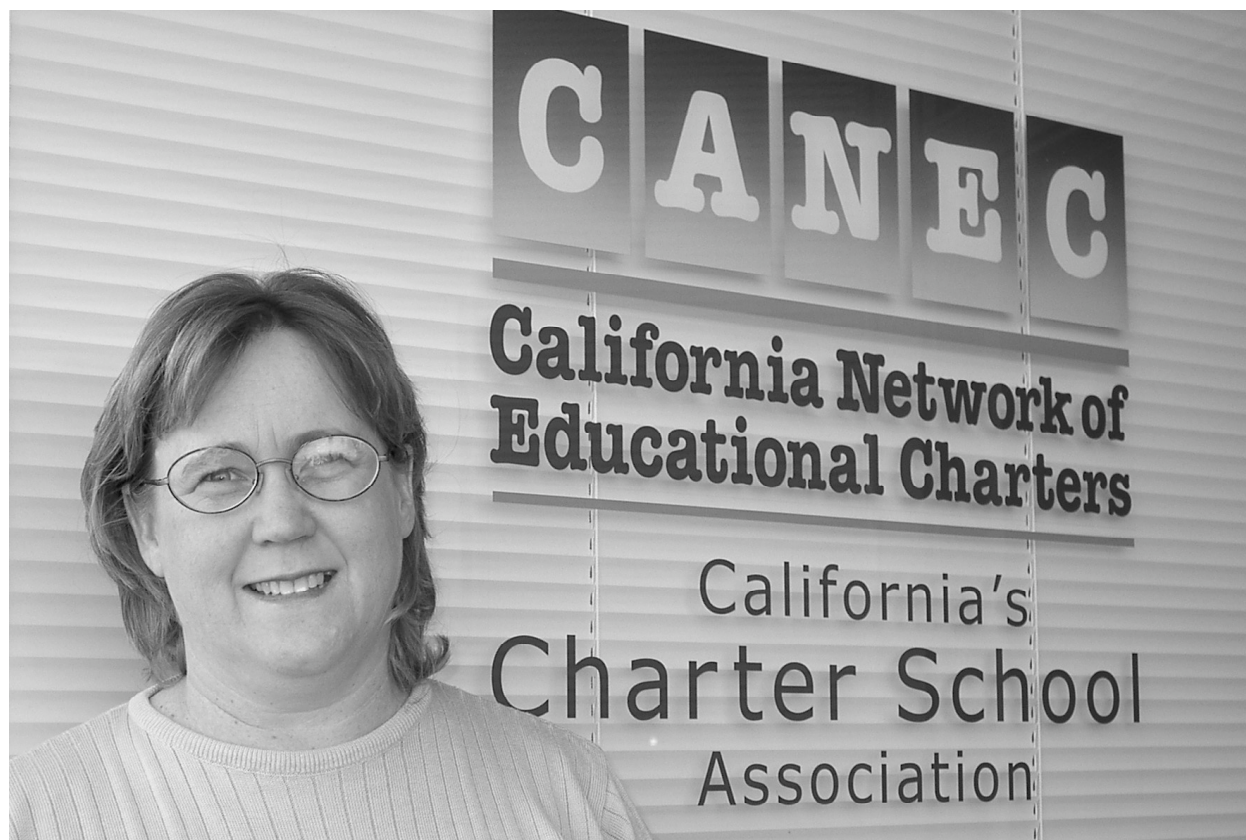
Sue Steelman-Bragato lost her battle with cancer last week. In addition to her well-known work as a pioneer in charter-school education, and, more recently, as a cancer-research advocate, Sue was a leader in our 4-H club for about 10 years, until she was diagnosed with stage-four breast cancer nearly two years ago. Sue was an active member of the San Carlos 4-H Club as a youth, and she shared her enthusiasm for 4-H and farm animals with our children.

In 2001, Sue stepped forward to be the Pen Pride/Steer Project leader and enabled several of our youth, including her daughter, Jenna, and son, Chris, to enjoy the unique experience of raising Houdini, the steer. At the farm, Sue's delight in watching animals enjoy their humble animal pleasures was contagious. She loved to see those pigs tear around their exercise pen! She was always a calm and matter-of-fact leader. She was proud of her kids, and also interested in the lives of others. We were enriched by her presence.

A memorial service will be held Monday, January 10, at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, 880 Tamarack Avenue, San Carlos. Donations in Sue's name may be made to BOK Ranch, a therapeutic horse-back riding program for children and adults with disabilities, at 1815 Cordilleras, Redwood City, California 94062.

For more information about Sue Steelman-Bragato, visit her website at <http://www.thedarkersideofpink.org>

If you have 4-H photos that include Sue, please note that her family is collecting them for a memory book about Sue.



## **ANIMALS FIGHT BACK AGAINST HUNGER**

Many people throughout the world are suffering due to malnutrition, poverty and AIDs. We are trying to raise money to send animals all over the world to help with this poverty through a foundation called Heifer International. Heifer International will help these families by giving them animals and teach them how to become self sufficient off of these animals. **HELP** these families by donating even the smallest amount of money. Or turn in your used soda cans to us. We will be fundraising for these animals and families until May. We would appreciate any donation to this project. Eventually we hope to send the following animals to places around the world:

- \* **2 SHEEP** to the United States (\$120 each)
- \* **2 BEEHIVES** to Mexico (\$30 each)
- \* **2 LLAMAS** to Bolivian families (\$150 each)
- \* **2 GOATS** to Romanian families (\$120 each)
- \* **2 FLOCKS OF CHICKS** to Papua New Guinea (\$20 each)
- \* **2 TRIOS OF RABBITS** to China (\$60 each)
- \* **2 COWS** to Bangladesh (\$500 each)
- \* **2 PIGS** to the Dominican Republic (\$120 each)
- \* **AND MUCH MORE**

**HELP** People around the world by helping us sponsor these animals.

**THANK YOU!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Samantha Tucker at [mycowgirl@aol.com](mailto:mycowgirl@aol.com) or Kendall Green at [kendallg@shschools.org](mailto:kendallg@shschools.org).

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