

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:

**Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.,
Clifford School**



President's Message

Happy Holidays 4-Hers,

I hope that everyone is keeping warm and healthy during this winter month. I also hope that everyone who came to the new member's breakfast had a great time! I would like to thank all of the teen leaders and adults who helped make this morning possible. Hopefully all of the new members enjoyed themselves as much as I did!

I would also like to say I hope the caroling went well and that everyone sang their best! It's really nice of the club to spread the holiday cheer during this time of year.

The next general meeting is December the 19th. I hope everyone is able to wear something holiday-themed. The really fun part of the upcoming meeting is the gift exchange. Every member needs to bring a gift for someone of his or her same age (sorry, no parents). After the meeting, all of the members get together in a circle and choose a gift. Please wrap the gift and spend no more than \$10.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Nicole Donovan, President

**This month's
theme:
Wear holiday
accessories and
bring a present
to exchange**



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Dec. 19 7 p.m.

General Meeting

Jan. 23 7 p.m.

January General Meeting

Member Gift Exchange at This Month's Meeting

Each club member who wishes to participate in our annual member gift exchange must bring a wrapped gift appropriate for *a boy or girl in the member's grade level group*: Kindergarten through third grade, fourth through sixth grades, or seventh through 12th grades. Please mark the gift with the appropriate grade level group (K-3, 4-6, or 7-12). Be creative and please do not spend more than \$10 on the gift.

New Members Get a Surprise Wake-up Call

Early Saturday morning, December 9, the club's Junior/Teen Leaders surprised this year's new members in their homes and transported them (pj's, slippers, robes, and all) to Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos for a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausages, pancakes, fruit, juice, and hot chocolate. They played games and wrapped teen leaders in toilet paper to be judged in the "Best Mummy" contest, which has quickly become a tradition at this annual event. The festivities wrapped up with a practice session of the 4-H pledge. Everyone seemed to have a good time and feel appropriately welcomed to the club.

Surprised New Members Attending: Alex Vick; Lyanne Rodriguez; Kathryn and Kenny Stratz; Nora Schembri; David Kramer; Lucas Zalensy; Carrie Fulton; Neil Rossiter; Hanna and Zea Smith; Kenneth Kron; Nicki Wong; Jacob and Samuel Zarling; Cale, Emily, and Maggie Hallamasek; Matt George; Jeanette Chow; Maeve Keegan; Imogene Das; Monika Skinner; Catherine Wellman; Sakumaruru Streets; Declan Kellogg; Abigail Haas; Lance Torno; and Sydney Schoonbrood

A big thank you to the junior/teen leaders and parents who worked very hard to make the event such a success:

Amazing Leadership Project Members Surprising and Escorting, Decorating and Setting Up, Planning and Leading Games, Cooking and Cleaning Up: Nicole Donovan, Anne Peale, Carson Sprock, Amanda Marsters, Rebecca Lewit, Kristine Gomez, Kate Ortiz, Peri Wong, Hayley Beatty, Peter Warrick, Tatiana Martino, Ashley Martino, Sunny Marx, Katlin Murphy, Danielle Grimsby, and Joanna Settles

Good-Natured Parents Driving and Surprising: Robert Lewit (*Driver Coordinator and Event Photographer Extraordinaire!*) Dale Sprock, Jeannie Settles, Judy Grimsby, Julie Wong, Kathy Wilfong, Leslie Marx, and Scot Marsters

Superb Meal Planners, Shoppers, Supervising Chefs, and Clean-up Crew Directors: Vickie Lewit and Maggie Gomez

4-H Prize Bag Maker and Event Manager with Little To Do Because Everyone Did Such a Great Job: Janae Novotny

Caroling Spreads Holiday Cheer

Thank you to all of our club families who made our annual caroling event a success. Sporting reindeer antlers and Santa hats, we were privileged to sing a variety of Christmas and other holiday songs for residents of the Carlmont Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility in Belmont. Everyone arrived promptly, and we even had a chance to warm-up with a few songs before we gathered in the recreation room to entertain our patiently waiting audience. We were particularly blessed by the participation of Jim Stevens, a professional folk singer and a former club parent, who played the guitar and lead our singing.



The highlight of our evening was our unexpected opportunity to sing a rousing “Happy Birthday” to Sally, a spirited member of our audience, who was celebrating her 102nd birthday the next day. (Yes, 102, or “102 skidoo,” as Sally said.)

Advanced Rabbit Project Report



It has been very interesting volunteering at the Peninsula Humane Society. We get to give the rabbits treats like oat hay, greens, and carrots. We take the rabbits out to exercise and play. When we take them out, we bring them into five different playpens in the bunny play area. Each rabbit gets out for about 1 hour almost every day of the week. Some rabbits live together and play in groups of two.

There are always about 10 rabbits available for adoption and about 10 or more are waiting for their turn to go to the adoptable group. These rabbits would make great pets. If you're looking for a small pet, a rabbit might be the pet for you!

I've learned that there are many volunteers at the Peninsula Humane Society who care a lot about the animals. Every time we go, we see many volunteers working with the dogs, cats, and other animals.

All of the animals at the Peninsula Humane Society need homes. Stop by and see them if you're interested in a getting a pet. —by Jonny Wilfong, age 10

Poultry Project News

We had our first meeting. It was packed. There are 31 kids enrolled in Poultry this year. WOW!!!!!! Judy stressed that attendance at both club and project meetings are very important. She gave a hand-out on what is expected in the Poultry project.



If you were unable to attend this very important meeting and have not contacted Judy, January will be your last chance to join the Poultry project. We meet the second Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m.

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