



# THE CLOVER TIMES



## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



### Letter from the Agent

September 2010

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help!

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Dear 4-H family,

Welcome to a new (and even better) 4-H year.

I hope all of you had a wonderful and safe summer.

We will have our 4-H New Year Kick Off event on Thursday, September 24, 2010, with introductions and refreshments starting at 6:30pm. This will be a time for new and prospective volunteers to meet staff and our returning volunteers. New volunteers may have a few uncertainties and can receive great encouragement from "seasoned" volunteers.

Our county had a busy and successful summer. Congratulations to several state and national winners. Details are on page two. We had a week long camp for 12 children of deployed military parents. We also have several day camps focusing on nutrition and exercise in parks throughout the county.

As to our Extension budget issues, we have good and bad news. As to the county budget, everything looks good for 4-H although two employees are scheduled for cuts in the Extension budget. Alex Diaz is no longer with our program. He has taken a position with the YMCA. It was nice to have a male agent in our county as a mentor to our boys. We wish him luck in his new position. Nalini Lindsay, who serves as our staff for the Operation Military kids has also resigned. We are happy to announce that she will be going to college to become a nurse.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our 4-H Foundation and the Advisory committee, we will be hiring a second agent in the near future.

A smaller staff will present a few challenges and I look forward to assistance and support of our valuable leaders.

Thank you for your hard work last year and I look forward to "making the best better" and a great 4-H year for 2010- 2011.

Sincerely,

Kathie Roberts

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## Congratulations Corner

### 4-H State Legislature:

..... was attended by Jeremy Arce, John Coolidge, Rebekah Diaz, Candice Drake, Emily Garcia, Lynette Herbert, Daniel Ledon, and Audrey Sanchez. All participants have been involved in a year long government study where 70 bills were developed, researched, and debated.

A mock legislature was held for participants at Junior Congress. At the event in June, participants served in the roles of lobbyist, reporter, senators, and representatives. Candice Drake had the honor of being selected to serve as President of the Senate.

Lynette Herbert was honored with the Chris Allen award as the outstanding reporter. Daniel Ledon was nominated for the Chris Allen Award as outstanding representative.

A special thanks to our chaperones Julie Diaz and Debra Arce; and Robbie Drake who served as our state nurse.



### 4-H State Congress:



..... was attended by John Coolidge, Rebekah Diaz, Candice Drake, and Lynette Herbert. John Coolidge and Lynette Herbert represented our county in the Construction, Fashion category. John entered in the dress for sports wear category and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Construction. Lynette entered in the dress for work category receiving first place in the Construction Category.

John and Rebekah represented our District in Illustrated Talks with John winning a blue ribbon in the Natural Resources category, and Rebekah winning a blue ribbon and first place in the Civic and Leadership Development category.

Congress is a week long event held at the University of Florida campus and not only serves as the forum for state competition but also has educational tracks. One track is the annual state council meeting to which our voting delegates were Rebekah Diaz and Lynette Herbert..

State officer elections were held and congratulations go to Rebekah Diaz who won the state vice president position.

Our county appreciates our Congress chaperone, Julie Diaz, and our state nurse, Robbie Drake. They willingly gave up many hours of sleep to make sure our participants were cared for.



## National 4-H Conference

### National award winner:

Rebekah Diaz, was selected as one of only four from senior-age 4-H'ers throughout the State to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., and further had the distinct honor of scoring perfect scores from both judges on her senior portfolio, which is a summary of all her accomplishments during her 4-H career. The selection also includes an interview before a panel of judges. Rebekah looks forward to her week-long trip next April.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council is open to all 4-H'ers 11 years old and up. You can become a voting member by simply attending 2 consecutive meetings, and on your third meeting you are already eligible to vote! This is a great way to get involved at the County level and take part in many county activities and community service.

### OUR NEW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS for 2010-2011:

President – John Coolidge

Vice President – William Milian

Secretary – Stephanie Poole

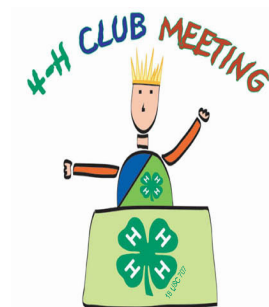
Treasurer – Esdras Lopez

Reporter – Amarilys Milian

Historian – Rebekah Diaz

Parliamentarian – open position

Sergeant at Arms – Esther Coolidge



### BE SURE TO ATTEND OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AND OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

to be held on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the International Mall office. We will start with a pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m., so come join us and bring a covered dish.

### 4-H DISTRICT XIII COUNCIL

Did you know that Miami-Dade is part of 4-H District XIII? Our District is composed of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe counties. The District has its own council which meets regularly at the Broward County Extension Office. This is a level higher than County Council and each County sends three voting delegates to District Council. Our County voting delegates for this coming year are John Coolidge, William Milian, and Stephanie Poole.

**Our District XIII officers for 2010-2011 are:**

- President – Victoria Morrow, West Palm Beach
- Vice President – Caitlin Hanley, West Palm Beach
- Secretary – Rebekah Diaz, Miami-Dade
- Treasurer – Tate Bent, West Palm Beach
- Reporter – Grace Ducanis, Broward County
- Historian – Meghan Hanley, West Palm Beach
- Sgt at Arms – John Coolidge, Miami-Dade
- Parliamentarian – open position
- Chaplain – Jillian Hanley, West Palm Beach



**THE TEAM THAT  
MAKES IT POS-**

District XIII sends 4 delegates, ages 14+, to State Executive Board which meets three times a year to plan our state events such and State Legislature and Congress. Our delegates from District XIII to Executive Board are: Caitlin Hanley by virtue of her office as Vice President. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Delegate to State Executive Board, which is an elected position, is Lynette Herbert from Miami-Dade. Our other two delegates would normally be our President and Secretary but since Victoria and Rebekah were elected as State Officers (Rebekah is now our State Vice President and Victoria our State Secretary), they cannot serve as Executive Board Delegates. The two Council members that were appointed to replace them are: Spaulding Basham from Broward County and Meghan Hanley from West Palm Beach. John Coolidge received a Presidential appointment to Executive Board.

If you are a 4-H member ages 8 and up, you are welcome to attend and participate in District Council. Please join us on **Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.** for our 1<sup>st</sup> District XIII meeting of the year where we will be installing our newly elected officers. The meeting will be held at the Broward Extension office at: 3245 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314-7719, Phone: 954-357-5270



**Many Thanks:**

To our **4-H Foundation Board** for their continued financial support, especially in this difficult economy. To our **4-H Advisory Committee** who stands ready to assist our program in the budget as well as providing valuable advice in “making the best better” in all 4-H activities. Julie Diaz and David Heit also serve as the 4-H representatives on the over-all Extension Advisory Committee.

To the following 4-H attendees at the community budget meetings:

**North Dade Regional Library:** David Heit, Robert Diaz, and Terri Schroder

**West Kendall Regional Library:** Maury and Christian Fernandez, Holly and Grace Marulanda. **West Dade Regional Library:** Julie Diaz, and the Major family: Sherryann, Kelsey, Alexandria, Theodore, and Andrew, and their niece.

**South Dade Regional Library:** Kathy Poole, Amarilys Milian, and Mirtha Varela

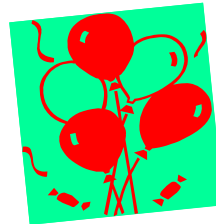
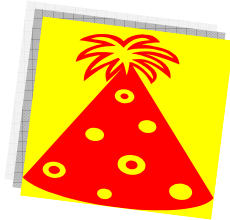
**Miami-Dade Coastal Cleanup**



**Community Service** opportunity for September 25, 2010 from 9:00- noon. Our Extension Sea Grant Agent, Lisa Krinsky will be at the Crandon Park site, however other sites are available.

To register log in to : <http://www.miamidadecoastalcleanup.org/> or call Tel: 305-372-3300

“Don’t forget your **4-H shirt**, sunscreen and water”



# "4-H New Year Kick Off"

## **4-H Orientation: Meet & Greet**

It's a New Year! \* \*\* "Making the Best Better"

**Who:** All new and returning adults with 4-H Interest!

**When:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010

**Where:** 4-H Office, 1455 N.W. 107 Ave, Suite 906  
**(International Mall next to Dillard's)**

**From:** 6:30pm to 8:30pm

- Come and meet our 4-H Staff
- Learn about the 4-H educational programs and activities
- Review sample 4-H curriculum
- Ask questions
- Get the necessary information to start your 4-H club

*Contact person: Kathie Roberts, 4-H Agent at Tel: 305-592-8044*

**\* \*\* \*R.S.V.P. To Liz Gonzalez, 4-H Secretary \* \*\* \***

**With total number of adults attending at [liz1960@ufl.edu](mailto:liz1960@ufl.edu) By Sept 8, 2010**

**Refreshments will be provided !!**















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**2010 - 2011 4-H Calendar**



<p><b>September</b> </p> <p>Project Book &amp; Awards due 2                  State First Executive 10-12                  New year Kick off 14                  County Council 16                  Awards Recognition 24                  Coastal Cleanup 25</p>	<p><b>October</b> </p> <p>National 4-H Week 4-10                  County Council TBA                  District council meeting 14</p>	<p><b>November</b> </p> <p>4-H members are encouraged to participate in Community Service events</p>
<p><b>December</b> </p> <p>4-H Online enrollment due 1                  Second Executive Board 3-5                  District council meeting 9</p>	<p><b>January</b> </p> <p>Training: "Fair" 11                  LAW (Ocala) 21-23                  (Deadline registration) 11                  Fair Pre-approval to 4-H office 25                  Registration deadline to the Fair 25                  Homestead Rodeo Parade 30</p>	<p><b>February</b> </p> <p>District council meeting 3                  Florida State Fair 3-18                  Intermediate LAW (Ocala) 11-13                  (Deadline registration) 1</p>
<p><b>March</b> </p> <p>4-H/Fair Exhibit Check in 10-12                  Third Executive Board 18-20                  Miami-Dade Fair Opens 17                  4-H Day at the Fair 19</p>	<p><b>April</b> </p> <p>4-H/Fair Exhibit Check out 7                  Baynanza 16                  County Events 16                  (deadline registration) 7                  4-H Day at The Capitol 19                  Junior Congress TBA</p>	<p><b>May</b> </p> <p>Camp registration deadline TBA                  Congress Registration TBA                  Legislature registration TBA                  Area F horse show 1-2                  District Events 7                  Portfolios due to the 4-H office 19</p>
<p><b>June</b> </p> <p>Portfolios due to State office 1                  Horse Public Speaking 1                  Camp Counselor training TBA                  Legislature 20-24</p>	<p><b>July</b> </p> <p>District 13: Pre Congress party TBA                  Summer Camp TBA                  State Congress 25-29</p>	<p><b>August</b> </p> <p></p>