



**Thurston County 4-H Calendar
2023-2024 4-H Year
(October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024)**



Welcome to the 2023-2024 4-H Year!

The start of the new 4-H year is an exciting time! Our State 4-H Fair youth exhibitors have returned from the Washington State Fair in Puyallup; many inspired to try a new 4-H project or to continue skill building on an existing project. With the summer fair season behind us, we look forward to a new year of community service, hands-on project activities and leadership opportunities.

Please use this calendar as a tool to help your family plan 4-H involvement, track activities, and to meet eligibility deadlines (such as County Fair Entry deadlines). You can personalize the calendar by adding your individual 4-H club activities and meetings.

At the time of production, the dates in this calendar were correct. Please confirm meeting dates, times, and locations as schedules sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather or illness. If the North Thurston School District has school district closures due to extreme weather, please expect in-person 4-H activities held at the WSU Extension Office and/or Thurston County Fairgrounds will be cancelled as well. Also, be aware that some planning meetings, committee meetings, and 4-H Council meetings are conducted via Zoom. Please contact the WSU Extension Thurston County 4-H Office (4-H Office) if you are not receiving announcements via 4-H Online with meeting details and Zoom links.

Have questions? Need to RSVP for an activity? Want to learn more about 4-H and 4-H volunteering? Contact the WSU Extension 4-H Office!



**Washington State University Extension
Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program
Office closed on Mondays, T-F from 9 to 4 p.m.
Please schedule ahead to meet with 4-H staff**



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Reoccurring Meeting Details

Please e-mail tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us for full details and/or Zoom links.

4-H Council - Monthly 4-H Council (County-Wide Advisory Board) meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month via Zoom and sometimes in-person. Watch for announcements/invites to in-person meetings which include Fair Superintendents (in-person meetings October, April, and July).

Horse Committee - Monthly committee meetings for horse club leaders, horse fair superintendents, and teen leaders to coordinate/plan horse events. Meetings are held at the WSU Extension 4-H Office the first Monday of the month unless otherwise announced.

Petersen Barn Committee - Quarterly committee meetings for small animal (cat, rabbit, cavy, pocket pets, and poultry) club leaders, Petersen Barn fair superintendents, and teen leaders to coordinate/plan Petersen Barn events. Meetings are normally held via Zoom on Thursday evenings unless otherwise announced.

Thurston County Fair Board - Monthly Fair Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in Heritage Hall unless otherwise announced. Note: The Fair Board is not a 4-H entity but rather a partner organization.

Countywide Youth 4-H Project Meetings at the WSU Extension 4-H Office/Fairgrounds:

Robotics Project - 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Small Animal Projects - Last Monday of the month when there is a 5th Monday in the month, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Still Life Projects - Last Wednesday in-person or via Zoom. Watch for project activity announcements via 4-H Online e-mail, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Sewing Project - First Friday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. Please RSVP!

Watch 4-H Online for additional project opportunities!



To be in the know, we recommend the following:

- Enter 4-H reminders in your cell phone or personal electronic calendar.
- Read the weekly Washington State 4-H Tuesday News that is sent out via 4-H Online e-mail every Tuesday. New information is posted at the top of Tuesday News.
- Read county-level announcements and reminders sent out via 4-H Online e-mail or from tc4h e-mail.
- Be sure to check your Spam or Junk Mail e-mail folder for e-mails from 4-H Online.
- If you are new to 4-H, attend an Introduction to 4-H Presentation for parents/guardians.
- Talk to your 4-H Club Leader and ask about parent participation. Often it is helpful for parents to attend club and/or project meetings so you can support 4-H project work completion/practice at home.
- Interested in County and/or State Fair? Consider fair schedules when planning family vacations and work leave requests so you are available to support your child or children while exhibiting.
- Read the Thurston County Fair Exhibitor Guide rules and entry instructions.
- Read the State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide (for youth who qualify for State 4-H Fair participation).
- Facebook users can follow the Explore 4-H with WSU Extension and WSU Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program pages for announcements and workshop opportunities.
- For Thurston County specific resources and forms visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/>
- For Washington State 4-H resources and forms visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>



October 2023



Note: Tractor Supply 4-H Clover Days Campaign 10/4 - 10/15. Contact the 4-H Office if your club would like to promote 4-H at your local store.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Fall Leader Meetings 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.</i>	2 <i>4-H Online open for Enrollment Fall Leader Meeting 6:30 p.m.</i>	3	4 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	5	6	7
National 4-H Week 10/1 - 10/7						
8	9 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	10	11	12 <i>Drop-In Record Book help - 4-H Office 4 to 8 p.m.</i>	13	14
15 <i>Introduction to 4-H Presentation 2 p.m.</i>	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Introduction to 4-H Presentation 7 p.m.</i>	21
22 <i>Youth In Agriculture Poultry Keep & Cull Clinic, Petersen Barn 1 p.m.</i>	23 <i>4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</i>	24	25	26 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m. Petersen Barn Committee 7 p.m.</i>	27	28
29	30 <i>Small Animal Project Meeting 6:30 p.m.</i>	31 				

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November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	2 <i>Drop-In Record Book help - 4-H Office 4 to 8 p.m.</i>	3 <i>Deadline - Record Books & Nominations Achievement Awards Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	4
5	6 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	7	8	9 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	10 <i>4-H Office Closed Veteran's Day Observed</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>
12 <i>Youth In Agriculture Rabbit Basics Clinic, Petersen Barn 1 p.m.</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Introduction to 4-H Presentation 7 p.m.</i>	17 <i>4-H Youth Summit 11/17-11/19 Hosted by Island Co.</i>	18 <i>4-H Youth Summit 11/17-11/19 Hosted by Island Co.</i>
19 <i>4-H Youth Summit 11/17-11/19 Hosted by Island Co.</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>4-H Office Closed Thanksgiving</i>	24 <i>4-H Office Closed Native American Heritage Day</i>	25
26	27 <i>4-H Council 7 p.m.</i>	28	29 <i>*4-H Still Life Project Night, 6:30 p.m.</i>	30	*4-H Still Life Project nights will offer rotating topics such as arts & crafts, baking, or photography. Watch for project announcements via e-mail.	

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**Six million kids
nationwide are
learning how
to be better
humans in 4-H.**



December 2023



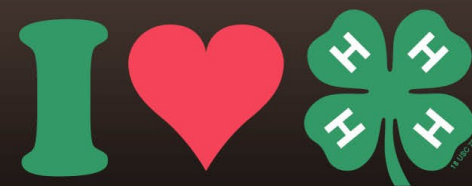
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Due 4-H Club and Committee Financial Reports for 22-23 Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	2
3 <i>Achievement Afternoon Awards Ceremony 2 p.m.</i>	4 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	5	6 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	7	8	9 <i>4-H Teen Rally Pierce Co. Hosting Puyallup</i>
10 <i>Youth In Agriculture Feed Sack Reuse Project, 4-H Office, 1 p.m.</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Introduction to 4-H Presentation 7 p.m.</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>4-H Office Closed Christmas Holiday</i>	26 <i>4-H Office Closed</i>	27	28	29	30
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**4-H has had more
than 100 birthdays!
One of 4-H's first
youth programs
took place in 1902
in Ohio.**



January 2024

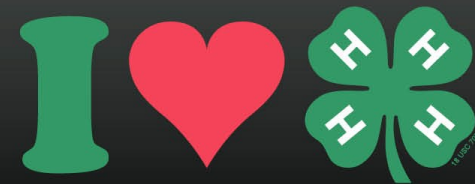


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>4-H Office Closed</i> <i>New Years Day</i>	2	3 <i>Thurston Co. Fair</i> <i>Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	4	5 <i>Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	6
7	8	9	10 	11 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	12	13
14	15 <i>4-H Office Closed</i> <i>Martin Luther King</i> <i>Jr. Day Holiday</i> <i>4-H Day of Service</i> <i>Activities TBD</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>4-H Council 7 p.m.</i>	23	24	25 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Petersen Barn</i> <i>Committee 7 p.m.</i>	26	27 <i>4-H Volunteer Leader</i> <i>Training In-Person or</i> <i>Zoom via OWL</i> <i>10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</i>
28	29 <i>Small Animal Project</i> <i>Meeting 6:30 p.m.</i>	30	31 <i>*4-H Still Life Project</i> <i>Night, 6:30 p.m.</i>	*4-H Still Life Project nights will offer rotating topics such as arts & crafts, baking, or photography. Watch for project announcements via e-mail.		

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**An organization with
worldwide prestige,
4-H is alive and well
in more than 50
countries.**



February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	3
4	5 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	6	7 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	8 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Teen Conference</i>
18 <i>4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Teen Conference</i>	19 <i>4-H Office Closed Presidents' Day 4-H KYG Teen Conference</i>	20	21	22 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>4-H Council 7 p.m.</i>	27	28 <i>*4-H Still Life Project Night, 6:30 p.m.</i>	29	*4-H Still Life Project nights will offer rotating topics such as arts & crafts, baking, or photography. Watch for project announcements via e-mail.	

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March 2024



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					1 <i>Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	2
3	4 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	5	6 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Prairie Hatchers 4-H Youth Poultry Show & Show Bird Auction Clark Co.</i>
24	25 <i>4-H Council 7 p.m.</i>	26	27 <i>*4-H Still Life Project Night, 6:30 p.m.</i>	28 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	29	30
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Many Hearts.
One Love.

April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	4	5	6
		Spring Break - Tentative 4-H Day Camp				
7	8 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	9	10	11 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	12	13
				Puyallup Spring Fair April 11-14 (rabbit show weekend)		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Puyallup Spring Fair April 18-21 (NWJLS weekend)		
21	22 <i>4-H Council & Fair Superintendent Meeting 6:30 p.m. Appreciation Dinner</i>	23	24 <i>*4-H Still Life Project Night, 6:30 p.m.</i>	25 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m. Petersen Barn Committee 7 p.m.</i>	26	27
28	29 <i>Small Animal Project Meeting 6:30 p.m.</i>	30		*4-H Still Life Project nights will offer rotating topics such as arts & crafts, baking, or photography. Watch for project announcements via e-mail.		

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One Love.

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Certificates and Fair Entries turned in
as hardcopy forms to the 4-H Office.**

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Animal Certificates Due for Horse, Dog & Dairy Cattle Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	2	3 SW Washington Spring Youth Fair, Chehalis, 5/3 - 5/5 <i>Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	4
5	6 <i>Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	7	8	9 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	10	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17 Tentative - 4-H Shooting Sports State Qualifying Event 5/17 - 5/19 to attend National Championships	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>4-H Office Closed Memorial Day Holiday</i>	28	29 <i>*4-H Still Life Project Night, 6:30 p.m.</i>	30	31 <i>*4-H Still Life Project nights will offer rotating topics such as arts & crafts, baking, or photography. Watch for project announcements via e-mail.</i>	

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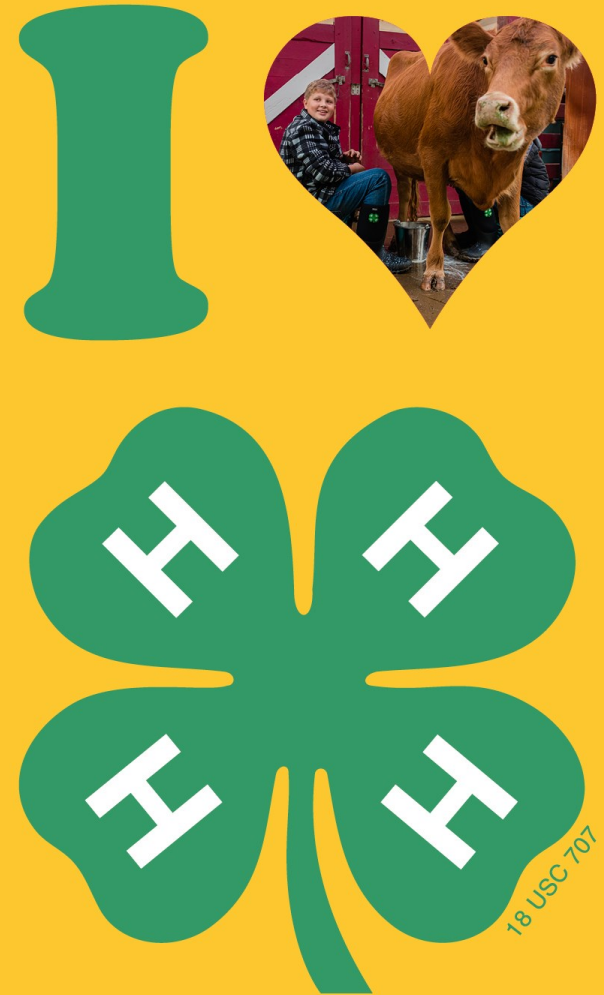
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June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lacey Rotary Duck Dash and 4-H Pre-Fair Activities District Presentations
2	3 <i>Animal Certificates due for cat, rabbit, cavy, and goats. Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	4	5 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	6	7 <i>Sewing Project 6 p.m.</i>	8
9	10	11	12	13 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	14	15 <i>South Bay Grange Strawberry Festival 4-H Service Activity</i>
16 <i>Father's Day</i>	17 <i>Due to 4-H Office County Fair Animal Entries, paper forms, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.</i>	18	19 <i>4-H Office Closed Juneteenth Holiday</i>	20	21	22
23	24 <i>4-H Council 7 p.m.</i>	25	26	27 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m. Petersen Barn Committee 7 p.m.</i>	28	29 <i>State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Moses Lake</i>
30	TBD WSU Teen Conference Week, Washington State University Pullman Campus					

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July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Deadline Zoe Cook College Scholarship Horse Committee 7 p.m.</i>	2	3	4 <i>4-H Office Closed July 4th Holiday Tumwater Parade</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>Thurston Co. Fair Superintendent meeting with Fair Board</i>	9 <i>District Presentations 4-H Office 4 to 7 p.m.</i>	10	11 <i>Robotics 6:30 p.m.</i>	12	13
14 <i>District Presentations Horse Barns, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</i>	15	16	17 <i>Still Life Entry 3 to 8 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF</i>	18	19	20 <i>Lakefair Parade</i>
21	22 <i>Enter 4-H Foods (Baked/Preserved) 5 to 8 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF</i>	23 <i>Enter 4-H Plant Science/Gardening 5 to 8 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF Animal Haul-In</i>	24 Thurston County Fair, July 24-28 Please read the TCF Exhibitor's Guide for rules, details and entry/event times.	25 Thurston County Fair, July 24-28 Please read the TCF Exhibitor's Guide for rules, details and entry/event times.	26 Thurston County Fair, July 24-28 Please read the TCF Exhibitor's Guide for rules, details and entry/event times.	27 Thurston County Fair, July 24-28 Please read the TCF Exhibitor's Guide for rules, details and entry/event times.
28 <i>Still Life Exhibit Pick-up, 7 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF</i>	29 <i>Still Life Exhibit Pick-up, 6 to 8 p.m. Sharp Building, TCF</i>	30	31			

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August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Drop Off Still Life Exhibits for State 4-H Fair Entry</i>	27	28	29	30	31

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Many Smiles.
One Family.

September 2024



Hold the date - Anticipate the State 4-H Fair at the Washington State Fair, August 30 - September 22, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Last day of the 23-24 4-H year.</i>					

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Tentative Events - Exact Date(s) TBD
(typical timeframes provided to help with planning)

December

Deadline to apply for Washington 4-H Outbound International Exchange

February

Deadline to apply for \$500 Dairy Calf Grant

March

Deadline 4-H College Scholarships (state-level)

Springtime Dairy Cattle Youth Calf Sale (Monroe)

State 4-H Dairy Cattle Quiz Bowl (Monroe)

Cougar Invitational Meats Judging Contest (WSU Pullman)

April

Evergreen Junior Dairy Cattle Show (Monroe)

TCYMAS Intent to Sell for Market Steers

Tractor Supply Spring Clover Days

May

State 4-H Fair Patch Art Contest Entries Due

State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

State 4-H Hippology Contest

State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest to Qualify for Nationals

June

Host Families Apply for Washington 4-H Inbound International Exchange

TCYMAS Intent to Sell for Market Lambs, Goats, Hogs & Rabbits

State 4-H Teen Conference, WSU Pullman Campus

July

Inbound International Exchange Youth Arrive (mid-July through mid-August)

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest to Qualify for Nationals (Monroe)

Thurston County 4-H Horse Project Pre-Fair Activities

August

4-H Meats Judging Contest (WSU Pullman)

Thurston Co. 4-H Horse Project Post Fair Awards Ceremony & State Fair Meeting

4-H Showcase at Washington State Fair, August 30 - September 2 (Labor Day Weekend)

September

Washington State Fair, August 30 - September 22, 2024



Helpful Links



Thurston County Specific Links:

Thurston County 4-H <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/>

WSU Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WSUThurstonCounty4H/>

Thurston County 4-H on Instagram [@thurstoncounty4h](https://www.instagram.com/thurstoncounty4h/?hl=en)

TCYMAS Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale <https://www.tcyomas.org/>

Thurston County Fair Exhibitor Information <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/thurston-county-fair-exhibitors-information>

Other Links:

Washington State 4-H Website <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>

Washington State 4-H Fair <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>

Link to Tuesday News (WA State 4-H Newsletter) <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/news/>

Explore 4-H with WSU Extension on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Explore4HWSUExtension/>

Puyallup Spring Youth Fair (still life, rabbits, and NWJLS) <https://www.thefair.com/get-involved/competitive-exhibits/>

Northwest Junior Livestock Show (NWJLS) <https://nwjls.com/>

SW Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis Spring Youth Fair <https://www.springyouthfair.org/>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals – YQCA (online training for food animal projects) <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Note: This program will provide youth with the skills to produce a safe and wholesome product from an animal that was raised humanely while enriching their life-skills through thoughtful content.

Washington State Fair (all competitive events/4-H and Open Class/Junior Poultry Expo)

<https://www.thefair.com/get-involved/competitive-exhibits/>

4-H Contacts - For 4-H members and families

My 4-H Club Name: _____

My Main 4-H Club Leader: _____



My 4-H _____ Project Leader: _____

My 4-H _____ Project Leader: _____

My 4-H _____ Project Leader: _____

My 4-H _____ Fair Superintendent _____

My 4-H _____ Fair Superintendent _____

My 4-H _____ Fair Superintendent _____

Notes:

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

