



Congratulations to Rose Marzella! FL 4-H Hall of Fame

attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Under Ms. Rose leadership, Indigo 4-H was involved in a Community Pride Program which renovated the original two-room Fairfield Schoolhouse, now serving as the Community Center for the town. The club also was involved in the Annual Salvation Army Christmas Stocking Stuffing for underprivileged children in Marion County.

She has served on the Organizing Committee for the Marion County 4-H Honor Club chairing the Officer Interview Committee. Rose provided leadership on 4-H recordbook judging and award presentation reorganization. She has served 15 years on the Marion County 4-H Advisory Board serving as Treasurer and President. Rose has served on the 4-H Camp Advisory Committee. She has been on the planning committee of the Marion County Volunteer Recognition Agriculture Hall of Fame Banquet. She has been a 14 year member of the Marion County Extension Advisory Committee becoming the first Emeritis Member in 2009. She is an outstanding volunteer because she has maintained a positive, upbeat attitude over many years of service. Rose never complains, but raises the effectiveness of everyone around her. Rose was recognized as “4-H Volunteer of the Year” and attended 4-H National Conference in Washington DC.

In 1978 her involvement with the Southeastern Youth Fair began as Division Coordinator of the Dog Obedience Show. 4-H as well as FFA participates in the Southeastern Youth Fair. Through the years, Ms. Rose has been a volunteer, division coordinator, animal buyer, sponsor and friend to all the youth of the Fair. She is a member of the Southeastern Livestock Association Executive Board. In 2007, because of her selfless and compassionate work with the fair, the Southeastern Youth Fair was dedicated to Rose Marzella on behalf of the lives she has touched through her lifetime of service.

In 1978 Rose had another milestone as she began her relationship with Bi-Lo Sales and Service. During her tenure she served on the National Advisory Boards for Honda, Gravely, and Shindawi, as well as the State Advisory Board for Toro. Ms. Rose believes in being active in the community and is a driving force on any committee. She was one of the organizers of the North Magnolia Association and the North Magnolia Community Redevelopment Association, Ocala, Florida.

4-H Youth Safety Day at the 4-H Farm was an annual event Ms. Rose participated teaching and giving demonstrations to hundreds of school age children on tool safety.

In 1972 Ms. Rose along with Ms. Minnie Green began their involvement, commitment and passion becoming co-leaders of Indigo 4-H formerly known as Fairfield 4-H. As a 4-H leader, her members participated in at least one project, recordbook and demonstration in county-wide events (Seminole Garden, Sear’s Poultry, County and District events, 4-H Camp, and State 4-H Congress). Her club had members on every judging team in Marion County 4-H and they were state and national winners (Forestry, Horticulture, Land, Livestock and Poultry Judging). Twenty 4-Hers from her club

Ms. Rose assumed a leadership role to get for new trophy cases, which are home to 4-H trophies won over the years by the judging teams, housed in the new Marion County Extension Auditorium. She secured sponsorships, ordered and set up the cases before the dedication of the new auditorium in January 2010.

Her latest endeavor was co-authoring the book, *Marion County 4-H 1909-2009, 100 Years of Making the Best Better*. The book was published in Spring 2009 after many years of research. It is a 125 page hard covered book documenting the history of Marion County 4-H. Rose obtained sponsorship to have the book published and secured articles in local newspapers for promotion and sales.

While the community involvement Rose has exhibited over the years is indeed commendable, it is the attitude of her HEART that elevates her service to a level beyond that of most volunteers. Her service has never been for her own benefit, but to benefit people – a selfless gift to the community-at-large. Communities and organizations need people like Rose. Ms. Rose believes in *“to make the best better”* and Marion County 4-H is a better organization today because of the work Rose has contributed in past years.

It is with honor that we nominate Rose Marzella to the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame on behalf of the lives she has touched through her lifetime of service. Thank you Ms Rose for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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