

# Waukesha County 4-H Leader's Association Board Nominees

## **Barb Jones**



My name is Barb Jones, and I am running to be re-elected in the role of President. I have served in this role for several years, as well as the chair of the promotions and leadership committees, teen council and am the General Leader for Washington 4-H club. I have partnered with the UW Extension office to bring new opportunities, new events, and improved structure to the organization in recent years. I love working with youth and enjoy creative new ways to get them engaged in 4-H! I also have been involved at the state 4-H level, and I love sharing great ideas and support across our state. I am very open to new ideas and better ways of doing things, while we also honor the 4-H traditions of the past. I look forward to the year ahead as we transition to a new structure.

## **Jenny Bugenhagen**



I have spent the last 15+ years being a very involved 4H mom to 4 daughters all in various aspects of 4H. We were a new family to 4H when we started, and by the time my youngest, Amara, graduated out 2 years ago, we have literally participated in nearly every single aspect of the 4H experience.

Along with my kids, we have done everything from 4H camp (from CIT to camp counselor) club meetings (from Jr leaders to having held nearly every officer position, and teen council), to all the 4H trips except Space camp. I have been by their side through countless club meetings, county meetings, project meetings, demonstrations, basketball tournaments, community service projects, fundraisers, and community events like parades, Waukesha Friday night's live, library events, and the like.

Throughout all the girls 4H involvement, I have been a 4H leader for the last 12 years in various areas. I became the county wide poultry leader, and now also sheep leader. I was the photography leader in the past and was also an assistant leader of the Washington club. I served as a basketball coach. I helped lead the girls on their county wide cancer care bags service project and supported our daughters starting their club's participation in the Mukwonago Father's Day parade. On the Waukesha County Fair side, I have served on the Livestock committee over 12+ years, and as the poultry superintendent for just as long. I have been on the Waukesha 4H Leaders board for 1 year and served as VP this past year. I am also on the board serving as the sheep representative on the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association and am a member of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Association.

Now, with my daughter's having grown out of the program, I would like to help keep the 4H program going into the future and see other families and their children get the most out of this valuable, irreplaceable program. I hope my organizational skills, and my knowledge and experience throughout many aspects of the 4h program will be as asset to the Leaders Board.

### **Tekla Finland**



4-H has been a part of my life since I was little. Now, I am happy to be a 4-H mom to my two sons. I wanted my kids to be a part of 4-H because of the skills that 4-H taught me. Thru 4-H, I learned to sew, to decorate cakes, to use a lathe, to care for animals and to give a speech to a room full of people. I can't say that I am an expert in any area, but 4-H gave me the opportunity to experience things and gave me a knowledge that enables me to 'hold-my-own' in lots of different areas. As a result, I have a wide range of interests ranging from gardening to crafting to traveling.

In the Washington 4-H club, I am currently the foods project leader. This is my third year in this role, and I really enjoy working with all the youth. We have lots of fun in the Christ Lutheran kitchen learning new skills and recipes.

In 2023, I served as secretary for the Executive Board of the Waukesha County 4-H Leaders' Association. I have enjoyed being a part of the process that helps 4-H grow and develop. I have also enjoyed getting to know so many of the dedicated volunteers that work tirelessly to make 4-H what it is. If I were to be re-elected to the Board, I would again be happy to serve as the secretary. Thank-you for your consideration, Tekla Finland

### **Terri Johnson**



My name is Terri Johnson. I have been a leader in Waukesha County 4-H for more than 40 years. Before that I was a youth member of the Sunnyside North 4-H Club in Waukesha.

I am currently serving on the Awards Committee (chair), Finance/Fundraiser Committee, and the Board of Directors as Treasurer. I am one of the co-organizational leaders of the Meadowbrook 4-H club. I have 4 adult children who all participated in Waukesha County 4-H. I am also very active in the Falls Busy Beavers with 3 of my grandchildren.

I have served on the Board of Directors in the past and would like to continue to serve. I feel the work of the Board is very important in moving the Waukesha County 4-H program forward. There are many challenges ahead to make the Waukesha 4-H program better.

### **Tonia Froling**



Hello, I am Tonia Froling. I am running for the Member at Large position within the Waukesha County 4H Leaders' Association. I was involved in 4H as a youth in Oconto County. I was very active in multiple projects for gardening, baking, ceramics to Beef, Dairy and Horse. I can't remember a time when I wasn't involved in something 4H. Public Speaking, Project Demonstrations, Club Music, and Drama shows. During summer I was attending 4H camp as a camper and then went on to be a camp counselor through my entire high school time in 4H. Summer County and State opportunities I was involved in were, Citizen Washington Focus, Inter and Intra State Exchange programs. Currently I have been assisting as a Co-Organizational Leader for the Center Oak 4H club and encourage our members to get involved in community service and county projects. As well as helping our club grow in membership and opportunities, I am a current committee member on the 4H Camp Committee. I loved camp as a youth member I just had to bring my enthusiasm for 4H camp to Waukesha County as an adult. I look forward to helping our Waukesha County youth explore the vast opportunities in 4H and build strong youth leaders.

### **Pam Szczech**



I am expressing my desire to become a member of the 4-H Executive Board in the interest of giving back time to an activity and organization that provided such good experiences to my family. As a family, we have been involved in 4-H since 2010. I have enjoyed watching my children grow in the project opportunities afforded to them. One of my children is pursuing a career path due to his involvement in animal 4-H projects. There are challenges facing 4-H and I believe I have perspective that can benefit the board. I currently teach fourth grade at The Augustine Academy. I am a strong advocate for 4-H, promoting it to any family who makes an inquiry. I would love to see the organization grow and thrive again, firmly establishing itself an activity where inspiring our youth in Waukesha County to push themselves is key and opportunities for children are as limitless in potential as they are.