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MILLIE'S TIDBITS

WOW! I had a great time at our 90th TEEA State Conference. I hope y'all had fun, enjoyed the entertainment, and took home some great educational programs. Horseshoe Bay Resort is such a lovely place, and I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy the birds and take a walk through the beautiful landscape. I ate so much, I stayed stuffed. The food was great and there was plenty of it.

Thanks go to Claudine Hare, District 9 Director and Carroll Davig, District 11 Director, our hosts, for all their hard work. We also thank all the TEEA Members in District 9 and District 11 for their help. Thanks also go out to Lela Goar, Violet Alexander and the ladies of Burnet County for their help. I hope I did not miss anyone, and if I did, thank you too!

Andy Crocker, Specialist, with Texas A&M in Amarillo, thank you for your help. He was invaluable in helping me. His Educational

programs were outstanding as always. Once you attend one of Andy's programs, you go back for more. Thanks Andy!

Our host Districts, 9 and 11 were so creative with the Early Bird Programs and the Optional Member Programs. The programs were so interesting with new information. I did not get to attend them, so I am hoping to get some information at the Board meeting in November. A big THANK YOU to all of the presenters for a job well done.

The Educational Committee Chairs had really good educational programs. We had standing room only. In some instances we just had to close the door. Everyone attending these programs should be able to share them with not only your fellow club members, but also with your community. Thanks go to these chairs and their presenters. I apologize that the rooms were not larger, however, we did the best we could with the space available.

ELVIS!! What can I say! He was fantastic, and made you feel young again. Harvey McFadden is an outstanding Elvis impersonator. He lives in the Abilene area and is very active in the community. He and his band played at the West Texas Fair the evening following his

performance for us. He also performs for many nursing facilities, private parties and other organizations. I am so happy everyone enjoyed our "Mystery Guest." I sure did!

Thanks to all the TEEA Board of Directors for their hard work and support. I really appreciate all of you.

Thanks to all of our members who came up to me and said they were enjoying the conference. That means so much to all of us.

I am a firm believer that you need laughter in your life. You need humor along with the education TEEA provides for us. TEEA helps you become a great leader, helps you build self confidence, and teaches you how to go out into your community to promote education. You also help your family and friends by sharing the knowledge you receive through TEEA. As I have said many times, I believe TEEA is the best kept secret in Texas. We are a GREAT ORGANIZATION.

Keep the suggestions coming on how and where to donate the money collected for our fellow TEEA members that suffered from Harvey. Several ladies asked if they could go back to their clubs and collect more money. Yes, most definitely. An account has been set up. Send the money to the new State

Treasurer, Ola Culwell with the check made out to TEEA, INC. Her address is: 250 Horseshoe Dr. Springtown, TX 76082. A committee will be organized at the Board Meeting in November.

As always, I am available to each one of our members. If you have a question, have a problem or a suggestion, please contact me. milliebarrow15@gmail.com 254-631-6228

Thanks to everyone for attending the 90th TEEA State Conference.

Love to everyone and be safe.

God Bless,

Millie

Your TEEA State President





TEEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016 - 2017

Back row L - R: Phyllis McMakin, Janet Reed, Edith Jones, Linda Rogers, Gayle Pomykal, Violet Alexander, Claudine Hare, Clara Jones, Brenda Camp, Angela Pierce, Dixie Range, Glenda Gibson, Cheryl Sander, and Lela Goar.
Front row L - R: Barbara Sandlin-Sampson, Grace Glaze, Kay Jacob, Jan Meador, Millie Barrow, Betty Baughn, Rexine Scarborough, Carroll Davig, Evelyn Manning, and Connie Berry.

Thanks for a job well done. We appreciate all your hard work and the 90th State Conference was a great success.



TEEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 - 2018

Welcome to the 2017 - 2018 Board of Directors. As we start another year, we welcome the returning members and are very excited to welcome the new members to the board. It isn't very often you see a group such as this work so hard and accomplish so much as a volunteer organization. We are so grateful to have so many dedicated members willing to give their time to this wonderful organization. It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our new board for the coming year.

Kay Jacob, 1st Vice President of Leadership

- Millie Barrow President
Kay Jacob 1st Vice President for Leadership
Jan Meador 2nd Vice President for Programs
- Cheryl Sander District 1 Director
Glenda Gibson District 2 Director
Barbara Sandlin-Sampson..... District 3 Director
Angela Pierce..... District 4 Director
Elaine Jackson..... District 5 Director
Connie Berry District 6 Director
- Janet Reed..... District 4 - Education Chair
Edith Jones District 6 - Education Chair
Linda Rogers..... District 7 - Education Chair
Gayle Pomykal..... District 8 - Education Chair

- Rexine Scarborough..... Secretary
Ola Culwell Treasurer
- Polly Krenek District 7 Director
Clara Jones District 8 Director
Claudine Hare District 9 Director
Violet Alexander District 10 Director
Carroll Davig..... District 11 Director
???? District 12 Director
- Grace Glaze Alumnae Chair
Lela Goar..... Messenger Editor

Dr. Joyce Cavanaugh, Texas A&M Advisor (not pictured)

"2017 CONFERENCE FACTS"

By Millie Barrow

HORSESHOE BAY RESORT

Tuesday and Wednesday -
September 12, 13 :

- Total Attendance - 414
- Past Presidents attending - 7
- All Proposed Amendments were approved
- A 990 Consultant, non voting board position, was approved .
- Burnet County was recognized for having over 100 members. Earliest yearbook located was dated 1937 and the county had eleven clubs.
- The Texas Treasure for 2017 is Zada Sharp from District 1, Potter County.
- The oldest member in attendance was Mabel Helton, age 93, from District 9, Montgomery County
- The youngest member in attendance was Sherry Williams, age 23, from District 5, Nacogdoches County.
- Ten members received CVU awards.
- The "Traveling Plaque" was won by District 7.
- Nyanza Price was elected President-Elect.
- Kay Jacob was elected First Vice President of Leadership.
- Ola Culwell was elected Treasurer.
- Three new District Directors were installed.
- "Elvis was in the house". Harvey McFadden gave an outstanding performance.
- Dr. Rick Peterson, Professor at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension gave an informative program "Healthy People - Healthy Communities" at our Lunch and Learn.
- A check for \$6,409.78, representing our Coins for Friendship was presented to Mark Carol, Director of the 4-H Center in Brownwood. This money will be used to purchase chairs for the dining room.

- Scholarships given through TEEA for 2016-2017 totaled \$72,634.00.
- Total value of donations, educational programs and volunteer hours for 2016-2017 totaled \$4,832,993.54.
- All account balances for TEEA as of 7/31/2017 totaled \$291,013.18.
- Four outstanding "Early Bird" Workshops were given Tuesday morning.
- Four equally outstanding "Educational" workshops and four "Optional" workshops were given on Wednesday afternoon.
- The Alumnae luncheon was well attended on Tuesday and the Alumnae auction was a resounding success. Money will provide scholarships for college students.
- The banquet was outstanding with entertainment by "Algerita Hill", (the Bechler family youngsters) who really rocket the crowd with their bluegrass music.
- The 91st TEEA State Conference will be held in Abilene on September 11-12, 2018.

*"You must believe
that your past is not
your future. You are
not stuck or defined
by tradition and you
don't have to listen
to what others tell
you to do. Focus on
the bright things,
the ones that bring a
smile to your face.
Find that passion
and focus."*

~ Gayle Carson



NYANZA PRICE
PRESIDENT-ELECT 2018-2020

Thank all of you for your support during my recent election as President-Elect for TEEA. I will try to learn as much as I can during this year and hopefully will be well prepared when I take over the reign of President for 2018-2020. This is a team effort, so I will be depending on all of you. Looking forward to meeting all and working with you.



JAN MEADOR
2ND VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

Hello everyone, we are having beautiful rainy weather in the Texas panhandle this fall. Leaves are pretty much still green in my part of the country and pumpkins are still the fall décor of choice around here! We have several local pumpkin growers and they supply pumpkins all around the state so who knows your front porch pumpkin just might be from good ole Dalhart, Texas!

I hope everyone enjoyed the state conference in Marble Falls last month, it sure is a pretty place. I am looking forward to serving another year for TEEA as 2nd Vice President for Programming. I

thought our education chairs did a great job getting us some fabulous programs this year.

I want to remind everyone again as we begin the new TEEA year to use your club monthly reports each meeting and you will have a much easier time getting in your annual reports next July and August. I will be compiling that report to have it ready for our organization annual report at the State Conference next fall in Abilene.

I am looking forward to working with our education chairs. We will be brainstorming at our fall board training next month. I am excited about educational programming for our upcoming year, I know we will bring you some interesting topics.

I wish everyone a Happy Fall! God Bless You All!



REXINE SCARBOROUGH
SECRETARY

The past year has flown by. Our 90th State Conference was a success.

There are so many members to thank for making the Conference a success, but I especially would like to thank District 9 Director, Claudine Hare and District 11 Director, Carrol Davig, who worked long hours to make it such a success. Also, District 9 and District 11 members were distracted with Harvey, but the TEEA members of these districts stepped up and worked very hard at the conference. Thank you for all your time.

Hopefully all that attended the conference were able to

enjoy the facility and the beautiful landscaping. Even the weather co-operated with sunshine all the time.

It was great seeing friends and making new friends. The TEEA organization is great working with all the members.

I am looking forward to helping plan the 91st State Conference in Abilene next year.

Welcome to our new board members, Treasurer, Ola Culwell and President-elect, Nyanza Price. Kay Jacob is moving to First Vice President for Leadership. Congratulations!

Look forward to seeing y'all next year.



OLA CULWELL
STATE TREASURER

Hello: My name is Ola Culwell, and I am your new State Treasurer. This will be my fourth time serving on the board, two times as District 3 Director and as State Secretary.

I live in Springtown, Texas, Parker County. I have been married to Clarence for 64 years and we have a son, three daughters, 8 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. My hobby is sewing and quilting.

I look forward to serving as treasurer. I know I have big shoes to fill as Kay Jacob has done a fantastic job the last few years. I appreciate all the work she has done working with the IRS. I may have to add on a room in order to store all the records that have to be kept as treasurer.

If you have questions, please feel free to call or email me. Please send all dues and monies to me. Ola Culwell, 250 Horseshoe Dr., Springtown, TX 76082, 817-220-5568 or 817-343-1337; email: coculwell@gmail.com



KAY JACOBS
1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADERSHIP

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you so much for your confidence by electing me your 1st Vice-President for Leadership. I will do my best to keep everyone updated and informed on the many items concerning TEEA.

I have been a member of TEEA for 13 years serving as the president for Kleberg/Kennedy Extension Education Association. I was District 12 Director for 6 years and have just completed 4 years as your State Treasurer. I really enjoy being on the Board and working with some really great ladies and friends.

I have been married to my husband Jim for 15 years and still going strong. We have four children and 10 grandchildren who we love very much. Our oldest grandson is now a graduate of Texas A&M with his degree in nursing and his brother and sister are both attending A&M this year. Two of my grandkids are graduating from high school and the rest are not far behind. My youngest granddaughter was adopted in January. They all keep us very busy.

My goal this year is to work very closely with the District Directors keeping them informed of any changes so they can better fulfill their positions to help our members. I am excited about my position. If there are any questions I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Now, let me introduce the 2017-2018 District Directors who will be serving you. They are all available for questions and are there to help any member. They are listed on page 2 and are your voice in TEEA. We have eight who are returning and three new directors. Please note that District 12 Director is MISSING IN ACTION. We miss your voice on the TEEA Board. Please help us fill this position.



CHERYL SANDER
DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR

Hi, my name is Cheryl Sander. I live in Spearman with my husband, Rick. We have two grown, married children and four grandchildren that are the joy of my life. This will be my third year as director and I may just get the hang of things before long. I've been a member of TEEA for thirteen years and have held several offices at the local level. I enjoy traveling, scrapbooking and other arts and crafts. I hope to work on membership in our district this year and am looking forward to District 1 building our membership up over 300, so invite all your friends to join. Thanks and have a great new year to all of you.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board.



GLENDA GIBSON
DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR

Glenda lives in Tulia with her husband of 42 years; they have three children and five grandchildren. She held the positions of County Council Chair, Council Treasurer, Council Secretary, Club President, and Club Secretary. She has served on the board for the last 2 ½ years as District 2 Director. Glenda currently works for Texas AgriLife Extension of Swisher County as Office Manager. She visits nursing homes, teaches 3 and 4 year olds at City Church and 3, 4, and 5 year olds at the Mission Friends, and she also coordinates Ag Safety Day. She is a strong supporter of 4-H, having been in it herself and raising her kids in 4-H too. Helping improve our community is what I feel Texas Extension Education Association and 4-H is all about. I hope each of you will encourage others to join you in efforts to make our community and our world a better place. Glenda's goal is to keep members informed and encourage new members.

For fun she crochets and plays with her grandchildren.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!

"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to continually be afraid you will make one."

~ Elbert Hubbard



BARBARA SANDLIN-SAMPSON
DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR

Wow!! What a year I have had as your 4-H Representative for TEEA to the 4-H Foundation - new experiences and new friends. Thank you for this chance.

Now on to new experiences and new friends for the next two years as District 3 Director. When I first joined TEEA (Home Demonstration then) in 1969, I felt like I had found the "cream of the crop in lady friends". As I start this new job, I KNOW I have. I look forward to working with ALL our members, especially District 3 ladies and gentlemen. As a District Director, I have big shoes to fill but have confidence I can look to all of you for support. Let's all work to make this a year of GROWING, LEARNING and FUN. We can all invite one new person to a meeting, find something new or a twist on something old we know to share, and a fun idea to bring to a meeting or fun place to visit.

One last comment, wasn't our State Conference great? Our State President and the TEEA Board deserves a big "THANK YOU".

Welcome to the TEEA Board! We are glad to have you back in this new position.

"What other people think of you is not your business. If you start to make that business your business, you will be offended for the rest of your life."

~ Deepak Chopra



ANGELA PIERCE
DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR

I am from Bowie County, a member for sixteen years, a 4th generation member of TEEA, former 4-Her, was in Girl Scouts, have been a leader in Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls, and have served several offices on club and county levels. I am looking forward to the next year and what is to come.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!



ELAINE JACKSON
DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

Hello, I'm Elaine Jackson new District 5 Director. I moved to Texas (Clear Lake/Houston) from New Orleans in the fall of 1970 where I worked on the Apollo Space program to put a Man on the Moon. I've been married to Bob for 47 years. We are now retired and living in Whitehouse. We have two sons (Eagle Scouts), three grandsons and one granddaughter. Although, I am new to TEEA (eight years), I am not new to volunteering. I started my training in high school as a Girl Scout, went on to serve as a Unit Commissioner for Cub Scouts and Secretary/Treasurer/ newsletter editor for the BSA

troop. While living in Clear Lake, I served as VP & fundraiser chair for ABWA. I served 14 years as a PTA Board member holding several offices ending with two years as President of a 2500 student body High School. I was also a Chamber of Commerce Team Captain in Plano. As an eight year TEEA member, I have held several positions or chaired committees while on the Board of the Wildcat Club and Smith EEA. I have also served as a delegate at several State Conferences. I'm a Master Wellness Volunteer (9 years), helping our FCS Agent as needed. I hold a Food Safety Certificate from Smith County through NET Health allowing me to help the local Community Food Panty with their yearly training and cooking classes. Upon moving to the Tyler area, I became an Amateur Radio Operator (HAM) and joined the Tyler Amateur Radio Club. I was elected their Secretary/Treasurer for four years and helped them to obtain their 501 3(c) status. I also run a 2 meter net for the club once every six weeks. By the time I retired, I had owned two businesses. I love being retired and I am hopeful that with the help of the members of District 5 along with our FCS Advisors, we will add to our membership in each County EE club, while starting new clubs in our inactive counties. Thank you District 5 members for electing me to serve as your Director.

Welcome to the TEEA Board!

"You've achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you're doing is work or play."

~ Warren Beatty



CONNIE BERRY
DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR

Connie lives in El Paso and has been a member of the East El Paso EE Club for 43 years. She is serving her second year as District 6 Director, a position she has held four times. She has also been State Treasurer. Connie has two sons and five grandchildren.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!



POLLY KRENEK
DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR

Polly and her husband Michael live in the Oatmeal community in Burnet County where she grew up. They have been married for 17 years and between the two of them have five children and five grandchildren.

Her cousin invited her to attend her first TEEA meeting in Marble Falls. She enjoyed meeting the members and learning about the TEEA organization. She was elected as Vice President and is still a member of the Marble Falls EE Club. After learning more about TEEA, she helped reorganize the Oatmeal Home Demonstration Club which had disbanded due to aging members. In 2012 the Oatmeal EE Club was reorganized with the help of

friends and neighbors and has increased their membership.

In 2014 Polly was honored to be chosen as the "Burnet County Woman of the Year." In 2015 she was honored to receive the State Leadership award. She is active in several organizations in the county and has held leadership offices in all of them. She loves the 4-H and the AgriLife Extension service and is always happy to support them any way she can. She often judges county and district contests.

For fun, Polly enjoys sewing, arts and crafts, floral crafts, gardening and photography. But most of all she enjoys playing with her grandchildren.

Polly considers all TEEA members as extended family and is looking forward to visiting the different clubs in District 7. She hopes to improve communications which will strengthen leadership, continue to recruit new members and reactivate disbanded clubs in District 7.

District 6 and District 7 will be the hosts for the 2018 State Conference in Abilene next September and we are looking forward to a super State Conference.

Welcome to the TEEA Board!



CLARA JONES
DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR

I give a big thank you to District 8 for their support and assistance in helping me serve as their District Director in my first year. District 8 is truly a remarkable group. The year began with Leon County hosting an outstanding Leadership Training, then Milam

County hosting a beautiful Spring Conference, and finally McLennan County providing a fun filled day while we learned all kinds of neat crafts. My thanks also goes out to all the ladies that traveled to these counties to make all our events successful.

All counties in District 8 worked hard in 2016-17, with activities ranging from 4-H Scholarships in the amount of \$14,810 and community hours ranging from, support of Health Fair, Literacy Project, Back Pack Buddy, supporting Senior Centers and EMS, as well as the reorganization of a club and many, many more activities.

I look forward to 2017-18 in working with this great district. We will begin with Leadership Training hosted by Bell County on November 14.

Then we look forward to Williamson County hosting Spring Conference and Hamilton County hosting our Retreat.

Again thank you District 8 for all your hard work.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!



CLAUDINE HARE
DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR

Growing up a country girl, I am still a country girl at heart, trying to be a better Christian each day. I have been married to George for over 52 years; I lost my daughter in 2014, have a son, three grandchildren (having lost the fourth in June). My oldest great grandson, Austin, is a proud Marine, now serving in North Carolina. My other

three greats are very young: Coree is three, Charlee is almost two and Carter is one. I enjoy my family very much. As for me, I love volunteering at my church and for my EEA club and Jefferson County Association, always enjoying seeing my extension friends at conferences and making new ones. I play guitar, sing in church choir, sometimes still sew, and do a variety of other things, but mostly I enjoy people.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!



VIOLET ALEXANDER
DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR

Being a 35 year TEEA member and on the State Board for 12 years, I appreciate the opportunity to have met so many great people all over Texas. I appreciate everything that you all do for your communities and especially the Texas 4-H program. My blood is still green and I truly believe in the statement "To Make the Best Better".

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!



CARROL DAVIG
DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR

Carrol Davig is a 34 year member and lives in Victoria-Victoria County. She is a widow, has one child, who is a TEEA member, two grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren, and another one on the way.

Carrol has held all officer positions in her county, district and state and is a past State TEEA President. She has served in many positions more than once and will be serving her third year as District Director this year.

She continues to be involved with the Victoria Mid-Coast Family Serve and the Child Protective Services.

For fun activities and time permitting, she enjoys doing arts/crafts, sewing, gardening and loves puzzles. She would love to have time to go fishing.

Goal: Will continue working on communication with all of District 11 EEA Counties and FCS Extension Agents, listen to all concerns and help find solutions for those concerns be they local, district or state.

Welcome back to the TEEA Board!

EDUCATION CHAIRS

Congratulations to our Education Chairs for the wonderful workshops they provided at this years state conference. They were very well received by the members and we look forward to what they present next year in Abilene.



JANET REED
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 4

It has been a great experience joining the State Board as Education Chair for District 4. State Conference was wonderful this year! I hope to see more of you next year in Abilene. In addition to learning more with TEEA, I am

looking forward to spending more time with my grandbabies and trying out a bunch of new crafts. It's going to be a busy season!



EDITH JONES
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 6

I have been sitting at my computer, walking around the house, drinking diet cokes and trying to find the words to best describe the education program "Who Do You Think You Are?" Here are a few that I came up with; Awesome, Sensational, Informative, and Outstanding. These four words along with probably a hundred others could tell the tale!

"Thank you" JoAnn Myers, president of the Burnet County Historical Commission and also a member of the Burnet County Genealogy Society, for your wonderful presentation "Beginning Your Genealogy Quest." The concise method for obtaining, organizing, and researching material for your family history was presented in such way that even I, a relative illiterate in the art of organizing and storing valuable information, feel that I can start a genealogy quest for my family. I hope you will take time to give a presentation to you county and clubs. All of the State TEEA programs are available on the web site: <http://teea.tamu.edu/> Click on "TEEA State Education Programs 2017" tab.

Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Ph.D. CPFEE, Associate Professor and Extension Family Economics Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Service, Family and Community Health, Thank You for helping us get ready for this program. She told me she was there to help me "TO WORK SMARTER NOT HARDER." I took her at her word and boy was she right! Thank you for the words of advice and getting for me the printing that I needed for the program information, evaluations, and handouts for you to home take with you for your presentation. Remember you can get all of this information by going to our web site: <http://teea.tamu.edu/>. Please take advantage of this site. If you have problems using this site, check with you local AgriLife Agent.

Now I want to thank your Messenger Editor, Lela Goar for being the go between for me with JoAnn Myers and Dr. Joyce. I would probably still be wondering where SHOULD I go and what SHOULD I do if not for her help. Hope to see you next year. Thanks to all of you who attended this program!



LINDA ROGERS
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 7

Linda has been a member of TEEA for thirteen years and lives in Oakalla with her husband Johnnie. They have two children and three grandchildren. Just ask her and she will whip out pictures to show how proud she is of her grands. She is a wonderful seamstress and has a shop (Threadheads) in Oakalla. She is currently studying to become a licensed quilt appraiser. Working as an Education Chair is a challenge,

and she is very interested in bringing programs to the state that members want to see. If you have ideas, please send her an email at threadheads@hotmail.com.



GAYLE POMYKALE
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 8

Pages, thank each and every one of you for an outstanding job at the TEEA 2017 State Conference held in Horseshoe Bay. As Education Chair, facilitating the educational program "A Good Night's Rest is Best", your assistance was invaluable, greeting attendees, issuing handouts, directing seating, and overall just being available to answer every need. Your professional manner in carrying out your assignment was a key to creating a comfortable environment for Andrew Crocker's outstanding presentation of the program.

Those volunteers who served as pages at other locations did a beautiful job as well, lending a hand, answering inquiries, and offering assistance as needed. Thank each and every one of you wonderful TEEA members.

We will again be evaluating topics for 2018 Educational Programs at the Fall Board Meeting in November. Your input would be appreciated. Send your suggestions to my email address at: pomyranger@embarqmail.com.



TEEA ALUMNAE
COMMITTEE REPORT
GRACE GLAZE, CHAIR

The Alumnae Silent Auction and Drawing was fantastic! I am still smiling! This is the fundraiser that supports our scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a success. You were very generous in your donations, purchasing tickets, and bidding on the items. There were 104 items donated for the silent auction and five items for the drawing.

The total income for the drawing, silent auction, memorials, and donations was \$2,648.00. The committee will use this money to give college students scholarships in 2018. The information for the Alumnae scholarships can be found in the TEEA Manual online at teea.tamu.edu. District directors also have the information. It is open to any 4-H member or child or grandchild of a TEEA member and they must be between 19-24 years of age to apply. Please encourage your college students who qualify to apply for our scholarship. The applications are due to Grace Glaze by April 1, 2018. If you have any questions please call (979-543-4168) or email graceglaze38@yahoo.com.

The winners of the drawing were: Elna Preston, Handmade Peacock Jacket donated by Martha Bake; JoAnn White, White Crocheted Afghan donated by Velma Tate; Ann Wasson, Handmade Black Afghan donated by J. P. Borak; Toni Tax, Wine Basket with glasses donated by District 6-Pecos; Barbara Janak,

Handmade Quilt Throw donated by Gayle Pomykal.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, sell tickets, check out, and donated items, especially those members from the Harvey stricken counties, and special thanks to Violet Alexander, Rexine Scarborough, and Phyllis McMakin.

The Alumnae Luncheon was great with 48 in attendance. The membership list was updated. If anyone would like a copy please contact Grace Glaze.

I have received several memorials from members. If you would like to send a memorial in memory of someone or if your club or county would like to honor a member with an honorarium, please send it to Grace Glaze.

Keep in touch and let me hear from you. Grace Glaze, 2835 CR 385, El Campo, TX 77437.



CLAUDINE HAIR, CHAIR CVU AWARDS

At our TEEA State Conference ten EEA ladies were awarded CVU Certificates with appropriate seals. District 9 had Erna Thielemann, Fort Bend County (over 2000 hours) and Kathryn D'Ann White, Hardin County (over 1000 hours). District 7 had Lynda French (over 1000 hours), and Lela Goar (over 1000 Hours). They were joined by Polly Krenek(almost 1000 hours) and Liza Zinz (over 500 hours), all from Burnet County. District 8 had Laurie Veatch (over 500 hours) from Bell County and Margie Wheeler (over 500 hours) from Williamson County. District 10 had Ethel

Tarleton (almost 1000 hours) from Travis County. District 5 had Sherry Smith (almost 1000 hours) from Smith County. Ten ladies received these awards for keeping records and turning in CVU Record books for various volunteer work. That is a total of ten, 10,473 hours worth \$24,673.88. I am very proud of these ten ladies for giving their time and for recording and turning in their Certified Volunteer Units (hours).



CULTURAL ARTS

By Carroll Davig

Districts 9 and 11 were host for the 2017 TEEA State Conference in Horseshoe Bay. While it was a distance from our districts, many duties for the conference made it necessary that we ask for assistance in many things. I had the excellent help from two ladies who were unbelievable with their assistance. Thank you, Lela Goar, Messenger Editor and Violet Alexander, District 10 Director. I especially thank our State President, Millie Barrow for her help and prayers (especially after Harvey hit our area and we were dealing with damage to our homes and property).

District 11 was in charge of a number of responsibilities for the conference, one being the Cultural Arts competition. Our chair, Evelyn Sinast was from one of the areas that was hit hard from Harvey. Bless her, she managed to put her problems behind her to come to the conference and handle the Cultural Arts for us. Even though the conference rooms in hotels are not always located in the best areas and size is beyond our control, Evelyn and her crew of volunteers managed to carry on and get everything organized.

Judges from the Burnet County area arrived at 1:00 pm and while we were in the

opening session they did their job like professionals. The following winners were announced at the conference:

- Category 1 – Brenda Kyle – District 10
- Category 2 – Jo Ann White – District 7
- Category 3 – Kay Chastain – District 4
- Category 4 – Ollie Ann Baker District 7
- Category 5 – Henri Daywood District 10
- Category 6 – Donna Van Horn – District 9
- Category 7 – Bonnie Schulz District 11
- Category 8 – Millie Williams – District 7
- Category 9 – Belinda Rivas – District 1
- Category 10 –Sheila Schindler District 3
- Category 11 –Jackie Gary – District 4
- Category 12 –Pam Groba – District 8
- Category 13 –Laura Eastman District 4
- Category 14 –Elaine Jackson District 5
- Category 15 –Delinda McLaughlin – District 1
- Category 16 –Penny Hunter – District 5
- Category 17 –J. P. Borah – District 8
- Category 18 –Glenda Wilson District 8
- Category 19 –Opal Lewis – District 1
- Category 20 –Sheila Via – District 2
- Category 21 –Kay Chastain – District 4
- Category 22 –Rhonda Exley – District 8
- Category 23 –Opal Lewis – District 1
- Category 24 –Andrea Wooley District 1



**Best of Show
Glenda Wilson District 4**



**People's Choice
Kay Chastain - District 4**



"You cannot reap what you have not sown. How are we going to reap love in our community, if we only sow hate?"

~ Archbishop Oscar Romero

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.
-- Thomas Jefferson

CULTURAL ARTS CHANGES

PLEASE NOTE: The following changes to the Cultural Arts are in effect for 2018.

- Category 1 - Delete tatting.
- Category 2 - 13 - No changes**
- Category 14 - Traditional Scrapbooks - handmade
- Category 15 - Digitally Produced Scrapbooks - (Computer) Shutterfly, Creative Memory, etc.
- Category 16 - Photography (Photo paper) - Black and white - delete color
- Category 17 - Photography (Photo paper) - Color
- Category 18 - Photography - Any other medium - canvas, glass, wood and fiber - (maximum size 16" x 20")
- Category 19 - formerly Category 17
- Category 20 - formerly Category 18
- Category 21 - formerly Category 19
- Category 22 - formerly Category 20
- Category 23 - formerly Category 21
- Category 24 - formerly Category 22
- Category 25 - formerly Category 23
- Category 26 - formerly Category 24

UNDER RULES:

3. Only one item per person may be entered in each category. If it is a set—limited to no more than 4 pieces. (Ex.: Jewelry - ring, bracelet, necklace, earrings; Doll - ensemble on doll and 3 more items only)

IN MEMORY

- Karen McBride - Swisher County - D2
- Itasca Clayton - Bethel - Burnet County - D7
- Ruth Rutledge - Lake Victor - Burnet County - D7
- Alice Lance - Glen Rose - Somerville County - D8
- Gloria Hudgeons - Brazoria County - D9
- Kathryn Purdom - Brazoria County - D9
- Jean Rhoton - Brazoria County - D9
- Rita Wright - Brazoria County - D9
- Maggie Freeman - Burleson County - D9
- Autumn Harry - Burleson County - D9
- Betty Hubenak - Burleson County - D9
- Alice Mason - Burleson County - D9
- Eleanor Baird - Jefferson County - D9
- Carolyn Charon - Jefferson County - D9
- Lynn Guillory— Jefferson County - D9
- Barbara Tingen - Port Neches - Jefferson County - D9
- Gloria Hutcheons - Brazoria County - D9
- Louise Goerlitz - McDade - Bastrop County - D10



Kathy Kendig of Jefferson County - District 9 and Mabel Helton of Montgomery County - District 9 tied for the most experienced members at the Conference at 93.



Sherry Williams, First Timer from Nacogdoches County - District 5 was the youngest attendee at 23.

DISTRICT 1



POTTER COUNTY
2016-2017
District 1 - Honor Roll
County for Outstanding
Contributions in
Community Service



RANDALL COUNTY
2016-2017- District 1
Outstanding County for
Educational Programming



ZADA SHARP
2016-2017 Potter County
District 1 and State
Treasure Award
with Julie Neusch and
District Director
Cheryl Sander

Pictures from Districts 1,2,&3 at District Party.

Members made plush pumpkins from toilet paper rolls, cloth and batting. We had a great dinner and learned a new craft for fall decorating! A good time was had by all!





"Today is a most unusual day, because we have never lived it before; we will never live it again; it is the only day we have."

~ William Arthur Ward



HAPPY HOMES HANSFORD COUNTY

By Andrea Woolley

Happy Homes Club members met at the Pizza Hut in May to celebrate Patty Shepard and Jean Smiths birthdays. Liza Pipkin gave an informative program on Weather, old sayings, and advice. Members responded by the famous weather sayings and their beliefs. As one knows, the human body is a good weather indicator. It was in agreement that farmers can forecast the weather better than the paid weatherman. Lisa also showed members the handy travel bibs for adults. She gave examples using special diapers used in burping, holding pacifiers, and other wonderful uses. She gave each member a potted flower plant to start their summer flower garden.

Summer means "happy times and good sunshine." No club meetings are scheduled until September. Members will share special times with family, enjoying their flower and vegetable gardens, and just to have some FUN!

Everyone was excited to start back their meetings in September. It was wonderful to see everyone and catch up on things. Andrea Woolley presented a useful program on 14 Unexpected Ways to Use a Shower Cap. Members were presented shower caps to be used as helpful aids.

Happy Homes was well

represented at the State TEEA meeting at Horseshoe Bay Resort. There were five members attending the State Conference. Happy Homes had six items in the Cultural Arts, and were awarded with a first, second, and third place. Members are excited to present the education programs they attended at state to their club and community.

Once again Happy Homes Club is busy selling nuts for Hansford County TEEA. Club members work very hard on this project to help with the scholarships.

RANDALL COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Kay Bell

Sunnyhill EE Club participated in the countywide association meeting on August 28. Club members met with two other clubs to have a community service project and to share a potluck lunch. All members brought supplies to be donated to "Martha's Home." Martha's Home is a mission program to provide homeless women and their children with shelter and support, while guiding them to become self-sufficient. Supplies provided were for cleaning, personal hygiene and paper products. Their motto is "Offering a hand up, not a hand out."

On September 14 Sunnyhill met for the last scheduled meeting of the 2016-2017 year. Sidona Rogers presented a fun program titled "Speed Friending." It was done in a game-like format similar to musical chairs. The purpose of the program was to help new members and current members share interesting facts about themselves with the member across from them. After three minutes they moved to the next chair and repeated the activity. Everyone enjoyed learning and sharing new information,

thus making new/closer bonds. Twenty-one members attended. A great meal was provided by Phyllis Blake, Opal Lewis, Phyllis Ratjen and Carolyn Robbins.

Sunnyhill meets the second Thursday of each month at the Randall County Extension Building. We gladly invite anyone interested in joining us to call 806-433-7899. We would love to welcome you into our group!

GOLDEN SPREAD QUILTERS

By Sylvia Jordan

JUNE

We have had so much excitement. We are just finishing up the Ogallala Quilt Festival in Dimmitt, Hosting the District TEEA Meeting in Canyon, finishing old projects and starting new ones. How time flies when you're having fun.

Five of the Golden Spread Quilters placed ribbons in the District Cultural Arts Fair, and two placed ribbons in the Ogallala Quilt Festival. What an accomplishment for all of these ladies.

Our sew days (the first Saturday of each month) are filled with work and fellowship. We made a string quilt which will be donated as a raffle item to raise money for Behcet's Disease. Each 12" block was quilted then blocks and rows were connected with sashing. It was a great learning experience and made for a great cause.

GSQ also participated in collecting needed items for Patsy's Place, Safe House and Socks for Soldiers. Our District was awarded state recognition for volunteer hours given, which if reimbursed for wages would total \$36,874.54.

We also did a revision of our By-Laws. Several changes needed to be made to bring the document up-to-date.



L - R: Cheryl Sander, Judy Yarbrough, Terrie Harper, Lisa Pipkin, Andrea Woolley, Dora Ward of Perryton TEEA, Rosetta Barrera, Fran Duncan, Janie Kunsleman.



Kay Rogers, CEA-FCS, Jan Meador, and Rosabelle Leal at the State Banquet

"I don't know how people can get so anti-something. Mind your own business, take care of your affairs, and don't worry about other people so much."

~ Betty White

One of our members, Marcie Grabber was awarded her 50 year pin at the District Meeting. We are so proud of her commitment to our club and district.

Officers were elected to serve another year: Susan Stach, chair; Vickie Nelson vice chair; Judy Gannon, treasurer; Sylvia Jordan, secretary; Marcie Grabber, county delegate.

Regular business meeting (second Tuesday each month) is not just for business, as we also share projects we have been working on. At a recent meeting Chris Edler showed several quilt squares she had printed for a Quilt of Valor she is making for her husband. She was able to have military emblems and battle ships on which he had served. At another meeting we were asked to bring our favorite sewing or quilting gadget. Lots of interesting, as well as useful items were shared. Other projects: Prairie Point table runner, Magic 9 Patch, 10 Minute Square quilt, Twist and Shout 9 Patch, Broken Bars and a Milfiore Quilt, which is in progress. Watch for future ribbons for this one, it is a beauty.

JULY

We had great fun on our July Sew Day. Sally Quiroz taught a class on how to make puff ball caterpillars. Some were green and red like in *The Hungry Caterpillar* book; others were bright colors or children themed materials, but all were creative.



Puff Ball Catapillars

Our quilt club is always looking for ways to use quilting for community projects. One suggestion was to make

placemats for the local Meals On Wheels organization. We accepted the challenge and will be making placemats for the Canyon and Hereford organizations. It is an easy way to practice piecing blocks, appliqué, and quilting. It is also a way to use up those left over blocks.

We are also doing a little historical project. Each member has been challenged to make a red, white and blue star block and learn the history of the block. One presentation will be given at our regular second Tuesday business meeting. At the end of the challenge, we will put the blocks together to make a quilt of valor for one of our veterans. This has been a really challenging project.

AUGUST
In August, our group joined with the district to collect supplies for Martha's Home. This is a place of refuge and safety for women in need. They provide a wide range of programs to help women and children rebuild their lives, further their education, and give them life skills to become self-sufficient and responsible citizens of our community.

For our Sew Day in August we had a special treat, Juanita Cato taught us Petal Pounding. Using a hammer we transferred the pigment of several kinds of flowers and leaves onto white muslin. We had great fun and made some beautiful blocks.

OCTOBER
A quilt room/studio tour is in the works for October. Six of our members will be on the tour. We will have a progressive meal in addition to seeing some sewing studios. Hopefully we will see some ideas we can use to improve our own sewing spaces.

If you are ever in the neighborhood and want to visit, come. Looking for a great quilt club to join? You will be welcomed!



String Quilt: Sally Quiroz, Susan Stach, Belinda Rivas. Fund Raiser for American Behcet's Disease Association



Petal Pounding quilt blocks: left to right: Judy Gannon, Ann Powell, Susan Stach, Bobbie Hatch.

DISTRICT 2



SWISHER COUNTY
2016-2017
District 2 - Honor Roll
County for Outstanding
Contributions in
Community Service



HALE COUNTY - 2016-2017
District 2 - Outstanding
County for Educational
Programming



Districts 1,2,&3 enjoyed a combined District Party at State Conference. They made plush pumpkins from toilet paper rolls, cloth and batting and had a great dinner and learned a new craft for fall decorating! A good time was had by all!

"You have to take the good with the bad, smile when you're sad, love what you've got and remember what you had. Always forgive but never forget, learn from your mistakes but never regret, people change, things go wrong, just remember, life goes on."
~ Author Unknown

DISTRICT 3



WISE COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 3
Honor Roll County for
Outstanding Contribution in
Community Service



PARKER COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 3
Outstanding County for
Educational Programming



MARY WHATLEY
Montague County
2016-2017 District 3
Treasure Award with
Dixie Range
District Director

Districts 1,2,&3 at their District Party at State Conference. They made plush pumpkins from toilet paper rolls, cloth and batting. They enjoyed a great dinner and learned a new craft for fall decorating! A good time was had by all!



COUNTRY CROSSROADS EE CLUB NEWS

By Kim Smith

Happy Fall Y'all from the Country Crossroads group! We are ready for a new year of exciting fun, fundraising and fellowship! Many events are planned. New this year is a Christmas open house, Stockings for Soldiers, blessings to the EMT'S, Grace house (home-made burp cloths). They have a very busy year ahead!



BOWIE EEA NEWS

By Kathy McPeters

In June, Bowie TEEA enjoyed a guided tour of the American Hat Company. The company opened its operations in Bowie using many of the same processes for the handmade straw and felt hats from more than 100 years ago. Members were fascinated by some of the sewing machines dating back to the Civil War. Cody Bates, manager, explained that the factory continues to use these machines because their quality exceeds the modern-day products. The iconic cowboy hat is shipped worldwide.

Members enjoying the tour were Kathy McPeters, Carla Whitaker, Traci Prestwood, Lois Neese, Mary Lynn Guedry, Jo McDonald, Sheila Schindler, Vivian Younkers and Julie Browning



Mary Whatley entertained members with a book review in July. Mary combined the characters of Elm Creek Quilters in the story of "The Runaway Quilt" with quilt block patterns from the "Underground Railroad Sampler". Mary's quilt top highlighted how coloring and settings could signal safe passage to slaves on their journey to freedom.

The August, members returned to the Tea Room of Shirley Roberts in Terral, OK. This trip is an annual tradition with a delicious soup and salad luncheon in a charming country setting.



Jane Edwards, Liz Bower, Kay Holloway, Jo McDonald, Julie Browning, Carla Whitaker, Lois Neese and Sheila Schindler at Shirley's Tea Room.

As the year came to an end, Bowie EEA members met at the Salona community room for a covered dish luncheon and crafting. Julie Browning demonstrated the One-Minute Bear and taught everyone how to turn a bath towel into an adorable bear. With a few rolls and a twist, the bears took shape and then were adorned with a ribbon to complete the fun project. The club was proud to announce that member Sheila Schindler was a 1st place blue ribbon winner in the Cultural Arts competition with her wool hooked Christmas decoration.



GREENWOOD EE CLUB NEWS

By Bobbie Ashley

Our June meeting program "Five Senses of Tasting Food" was presented by County Agent, Tanya Davis. She drew on the first chapter of Slidell ISD

second through fourth grade food program curriculum, "Learn, Grow, Eat and Go," an endeavor the Greenwood EE Club supports. Tanya introduced Jacky Gonzalez, a new person at the Extension Office. Linda Hood showed us a denim bag she had produced from Pinterest.

In July we had our annual Community Ice Cream Social. We had a good crowd and everyone had a great time.

In August, Linda Hood, Dixie Martin and Bobbie Ashley attended the Wise County 4-H Award Banquet. Greenwood EE Club President, Bobbie Ashley presented Lauren Luttrull of the Decatur 4-H Club, an award for her Record Book entry and Leadership. Tanya Davis, County Agent, was emcee.



The Greenwood Red Hat Society sold raffle tickets at the Taste of Wise event. All are members of the Greenwood EE Club. Member, Marilyn Collins made both quilts.



In September, attending the 90th TEEA Conference were three members and County Agent Tanya Davis, and District 3 Director Dixie Range. During the conference members were able to attend a tropical bird show.



RAINS COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 4
Outstanding County for
Educational Programming



On September 22, we resumed our monthly meetings. We are now in high gear getting ready for our Fall Festival. This is always a big event for us and we are really looking forward to it.

October 14 starts our twentieth year. Linda Hood and Marilynn Collins are shown selling quilt raffle tickets in front of a local store. We are looking forward to another busy, successful year.



DISTRICT 4



BOWIE COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 4
Honor Roll County
for Outstanding
Contributions in
Community Service

DISTRICT 5



SMITH COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 5
Honor Roll County for
Outstanding Contributions
in Community Service
and Outstanding County
for Educational
Programming



HARRIET LANE
Smith County - 2016-2017
District 5 - Treasure Award
with District Director
Ellen Manning

SMITH COUNTY NEWS

By Penny Hunter
Smith County had 10 members attend the 2017 State Conference. Three delegates received training and information on the state workshops and will bring the programs back to our clubs and community. Congratulations to the members for all the hard work they have done this year. Harriett Lane, Dixie Club and Robin Fields, St. Louis Club were recognized as District 5 Texas Treasure and Leadership Award winners.

Members if the Dixie and Tyler Glass Clubs collected cleaning and toiletries items to help people in South Texas after Hurricane Harvey

destroyed so many communities. The Salvation Army shelter was also a recipient of our donations.



DIXIE CLUB DELIVERS TO SALVATION ARMY

The Dixie Club delivered food in the amount of \$250.00 to help with meals for shelter residents and food pantry. Club members stated community service was very important to them, and they provide some form of community service every month. Good job Dixie.



EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR TIME

By Penny Hunter
It was fair time again in East Texas. Smith County EE members chose fibers and fabrics to educate youth touring the State Fair of East Texas AgriWorld exhibit. Elementary children from many schools in east Texas got to experience the touch of different fibers and learn about

HUNT COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Judy Clingan
Hunt County EEA is trying to stay busier. This summer we made a quilt for a raffle which was a new experience for some, and for some it had been awhile. We are very proud of our results.

The fall and winter holidays always brings busy months ahead. We are making plans for the next several months and anticipate the fun and action they will bring. The state programs will be a highlight to our meetings in October along with learning how to make mats for the homeless. Our annual Making Memories in November always brings excitement and we will also have our volunteer appreciation banquet. The holidays are approaching so fast, and already get our heads to spinning.

We wish all a lovely fall and a merry holiday season. Till next time, be safe and may God bless you all!

futuristic fibers. We also constructed a 6' loom for people to weave on. Our yarn was made from old tee shirts cut into strips.



Robin Fields, St Louis Club; Cheryl Davis, Dixie Club; Harriett Lane, Dixie Club; Tammy Meraz, Dixie Club; Connie Troxell, Dixie Club and Karen Pensinger, Wildcat Club



Sharon Rech, Lindale Club; Johnnie Powell, St. Louis Club; Connie Troxell, Harriett Lane and Cheryl Davis, Dixie Club



Karen Pensinger assists children with weaving.



Connie Troxell, Dixie, Penny Hunter, Tyler Glass Club; Tammy Meraz, Dixie Club; Robin Fields, St Louis Club, Harriett Lane, Dixie Club and Barbara Garrett, Dixie Club.



Robin Fields instructs children on stitching by using cards and plastic needles threaded with yarn. Hundreds of children enjoyed sewing.

A LETTER OF GRATITUDE AND LOVE TO A GREAT BUNCH OF LADIES

To the members of Smith County EEA. As my term has come to an end, it has been my extreme pleasure to be your County Chair. Before running the first time as, I warned you that if I was elected, we were going to do a lot more, and I would "throw you under the bus every chance I got". I also promised that I would jump under the bus first. When I called, with some crazy idea I came up with, you looked me in the face and told me I was asking the impossible, or laughed, which reinforced that you thought I wasn't all there, then stepped up and accomplished great things. The past two years I have witnessed the growth, strength and leadership emerge in our county from members that didn't think they could do it. I have learned so much and am grateful to have been your County Chair. You ladies made me look good. I'm looking forward to new ideas and more growth in the coming year with our new leadership.

Thanks,
Penny Hunter

SMITH COUNTY NEWS

By Connie Troxell

I would like to thank everyone that showed concern for my health at the 2017 State Convention. I am in full remission from my cancer scare in 2016. To District 5 members, thank you for having the confidence to elect me as D-5 District Director-Elect to take over duties in the Fall of 2019. I am looking forward to a productive term.

UPSHUR COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Gwen Jewett

Members of the Southern Belles Club are in stitches... Lesa Jackson, Linda Steger, Joan Warren, Annette Johnson. They are preparing quilt for raffle during the 80th East Texas Yamboree in Gilmer. Come for the fun the third weekend in October!



Betty Kather, center, surveys quilt progress. Betty does a fine job in keeping our clubs supplies available for our fundraisers and is a "go to" member for instructions and directions.



Thanks Julie York, our Upshur County Extension Agent, and our County Association Members; you do an excellent job in keeping our clubs informed and continue

to provide our clubs with exciting opportunities to participate in community activities. Here members attend a meeting at the "Pregnancy Center" in Gilmer.



July 26 was the Annual Upshur County EEA Bean Luncheon Fundraiser. When it was all over, it was a great success. We had 4-H helpers!



Members attended the State TEEA Conference in Horseshoe Bay. The Horseshoe Bay Resort is beautiful! The programs were educational and informative and we had a good time. Next year Abilene.



Joann Bilbrey, President of Glenwood Club won \$100 in the First Timer drawing at the closing banquet. Congratulations!



"I have never been hurt by what I have not said."
~ Calvin Coolidge



Upshur County District 5 – Hat and Purse made out of plastic bags. Well done Carol Tejcek

Please remember to keep Glenwood members Kathy Daniels, Dolores Stevens and others with health issues in your daily prayers.

CHEROKEE COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Marylyn Hoy Bennett
Cherokee County had seven members from the Ponta and Central Heights EE Clubs who entered Cultural Arts at the State TEEA Conference in Horseshoe Bay. Carolyn Easter won first in the Jewelry category with her jewelry set. Bobbie Russell won second place in Handstitchery with her embroidered pillowcases. Virginia Barefield won first in Fiber Arts with her crocheted christening set. Marylyn Hoy Bennett won first in Quilts smaller than 50 x 70 with her Desert Sunrise quilt, and first in Miscellaneous with a friendship quilt made by a local quilt guild and finished by Marylyn. Other competitors were Zoe Ann Conway with her sunflower crochet hot pad, Virginia Bush with her sunflower wreath made of clothespins, Mary Nell Wofford with her umbrella wreath for the Fourth of July. The group greatly enjoyed being together at the meeting.

DISTRICT 6



PECOS COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 6
Honor Roll County for Outstanding Contributions in Community Service and Outstanding County for Educational Programming

DISTRICT 7



BROWN COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 7
Honor Roll County for Outstanding Contributions in Community Service



BURNET COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 7
Outstanding County for Educational Programming



LISA ZINZ
Burnet County - 2016-2017
District 7 - Treasure Award with Brenda Camp District Director

COLEMAN COUNTY - GOOD NEIGHBOR CLUB

Commissioners' Court Signs Proclamation

Members of the Good Neighbor Club met with the Commissioners' Court, September 11 for the signing of the proclamation for TEEA Week October 1 - 7. Pictured at the signing of the proclamation were front row Commissioners Mark Williams, Rick Beal, Scotty Lawrence, and Alan Davis. In the back row were Helen Cross, Jean Langford, Cassie Shultz, Dora Newman, Dorothy McDonald, CEA-FCS Agent Janet Nelson, and County Judge Billy Bledsoe.



Good Neighbor Delegates Attend State Meeting

Delegates Helen Cross and Dorothy McDonald attended the State Conference at Horseshoe Bay September 12 - 13. They will be presenting state programs during the coming year which begins this October.

Other Activities Coming Up in October

October will be a busy month for Good Neighbor club beginning with the **Coleman County Fiesta de la Paloma** the first weekend on October 7. The club sponsors the Exhibits section of the Fiesta. They obtain judges, set up the building, register entries and assist with displays. Also on October 23 the club will host its annual **Appreciation Luncheon for the Commissioners' Court** to show appreciation to all of them for supporting the many phases of the AgriLife Extension program in Coleman County.



DISTRICT 7 WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

By Sherrel Cauldwell

October 2017 will be the beginning of a new era for District 7 Extension Education Association. Polly Krenak of Burnet County was installed as District Director at the closing ceremony of the 2017 State Conference held in September at the Horseshoe Bay Resort near Marble Falls. Polly replaces Brenda Camp of Taylor County who was District Director the two previous years. Brenda says she will miss the camaraderie of the other officers and directors she has worked with, and became friends with, and will still be available for missions when needed. So District 7.....let's all get behind Polly and give her our attention and support for the next two years!

TAYLOR COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Margie Wheeler

Six members of the Honey Bees EE Club represented Taylor County at the 2017 State TEEA Conference. Brenda Camp was District 7 Director (Yea Brenda!) Serving as delegates were Sherrell Cauldwell, Margie Wheeler, and first timer, Carolyn Atkins. Additional members attending included first timer, Pat Crawford and Mary Ann Kelley. Pat won a door prize and a grand time was enjoyed by all. Now on to a new year.

JONES COUNTY NEWS

By Donna Morgan

The Jones County EEA is pleased to be represented by the Compere and the Sunshine clubs. County Agent, Kim Miles, and members from both clubs, attended the 2017 TEEA Conference held at the beautiful Horseshoe Bay Resort this September. All enjoyed fun fellowship and learning during informative programs, the business session, cultural arts exhibit, silent auction, and the delicious food and entertaining gala event. Our attendees pictured from left to right: Debbie Hailey, Kim Miles, Amie Price, Carla Vest, and Joana Ager-ton.



The annual 2017 Jones County Fair was held September 22, 23 in Anson with the strong support of several members from both Jones County EEA clubs. Serving as Fair Superintendents throughout the well attended two-day event and pictured left to right are: Betty Sue Foster, Debbie Hailey, Donna Morgan, Kay Spears, Brenna Troncoso, Barbara Shaw, Carla Vest, Agent Kim Miles, and Susan Throckmorton. (not pictured - Judy Deatheridge)



To promote the Jones County EEA clubs, we are participating in the Anson Chamber of Commerce City-wide Garage Sale on October 7. Members from both clubs

plan to clean out their closets and treasure chests and donate items to sell during this community event. The funds raised at this event will help Compere and Sunshine members with conference and training expenses.

The Sunshine EE Club is also busy preparing for their annual Baked Potato Luncheon to be held October 26 in Anson. The community of businesses, teachers, medical professionals, and county and city employees are faithful supporters of this great fundraiser for the club. A portion of the proceeds is given back to the community in support of the local school backpack program.

We welcome women and men from the Jones County area to join us. The Sunshine Club meets at noon on the third Thursday of each month. The Compere Club meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The combined Jones EEA Council meets the third Wednesday of each month. We all anticipate a successful season and look forward to the next District 7 Meeting.



BURNET COUNTY NEWS

By Polly Krenek

The Burnet County TEEA clubs have had a very busy summer and are ready for the coming of the cooler and hopefully rainy fall weather. We have been praying and supporting all the people who have been affected by the Hurricanes and all the disaster they have brought to our great nation. Many individuals, different clubs and churches in the area have been making donations of money, food and clothing. We understand some of TEEA members were not able to attend the State Conference in Horseshoe Bay because of Hurricane Harvey. We missed them but understand the circumstances and our thoughts

and prayers are continuing daily.

It has been a very busy summer in Burnet County starting off with the Burnet County Area Fair in June. Each club was in charge of a division, setting up, decorating and helping man the fair during the two-day event. Thanks so much, to all the TEEA ladies who helped. You are awesome! June and July are devoted to 4-H, when we invite each 4-H club to visit a sponsoring TEEA club in their area. It's really wonderful to hear what each club has done during the last few months, and what upcoming events they are working on. The really fun part is getting to visit with each of these fantastic kids.

Our FCS Agent, Linda Wells presented a wonderful program on "Who gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate," a really great program. As always, Linda's programs have a special Linda touch. Each year she comes up with such great and inspiring programs.

It was wonderful to have the State Conference in Horseshoe Bay. There were 16 members who attended the conference. One of the Marble Falls TEEA members, Fred Oakley presented a workshop on Gourds. Fred is a multi-talented lady who does beautiful gourds, makes jewelry, an absolutely fantastic artist who can paint the most beautiful pictures on canvas, feathers and any other medium. We are extremely lucky to have Fred as a member.

We hope all the TEEA ladies and gentlemen have a wonderful 2017-2018 New TEEA Year.

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

~ Mother Teresa

LAMPASAS EEA NEWS

By Karen DeZarn

Wow! We missed the last publication, so we plan to catch up with the times! "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" was an interesting program on inheritance to begin this half of the year. Then an overnight stay at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood was enjoyed by the six attending. Arlene Wingo, read a 1957 magazine article about a special aunt as we "celebrated Texas Women." We liked the new arrangement of putting the Spring Conference with the District Retreat.

Vanetta Chapman, author, enthralled our April audience with the story of her career and its beginning. Several of her books are about the Amish and about Lampasas.

In May, Peggy Bostick from Star, Texas, gave a very interesting take on cording lawn chairs, both old and new. She also showed how to incorporate your own designs.

Each July in conjunction with the city's Spring Ho festivities, our club hosts the county fair in the county annex building. There are eight divisions for entrants to place their handiwork. We have had good participation and naturally are always looking for ways to improve.

In August, Freddie Oakley from Burnet County featured her collection of gourds and explained the process she uses in perfecting her work.

A field trip to the local Rock Museum owned by Mr. Merritt Romans was the grand finale for our year's programs in September. Spectacular!

The next week found five of us attending our State Conference at the beautiful resort located in Horseshoe Bay.



The very first early bird workshop we attended was the Tropical Exotic Bird Show. It was a great start to a great conference that ended with the best Elvis impersonator several of us had ever witnessed. This picture shows Arlene Wingo with her cousin Marilyn Collins. They only see each other at TEEA state conference once a year.



Eight days later five of us helped our agent, Karen DeZarn, with her "Dinner Tonight" for the community.

Five days after that we took to the road again and enjoyed a 'Holiday Extravaganza' in Georgetown, put on by District 8's TEEA ladies. Many great booths were featured, as well as demonstrations and entertainment by the Silver Spurs Cloggers.

Our County council is currently preparing for our October Rally Day. We will be celebrating our 70th anniversary with a birthday theme to include installation of officers.

The biggest task our club has faced in a long time is hosting our district's Fall Conference coming up on November 15. Our theme is "Texas in the Fall." We will pull it off!! Go Rumley Club!



Seated L-R Dorcas Wilson, Rene Alter, Mary Ann Rhodes, Ernestine Garcia, Cheryl Britton
Standing L-R Marilyn May, Shirley Beyer, Arlene Wingo, Margaux DuBas, Mary Kemper, Diana Fisch, Karen DeZarn, Gloria Morris, Cheryl Luker

BROWN COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Dale Henderson

June saw several members from the Owens EE Club enjoy a day trip to Abilene where they went to Frontier Texas and had lunch. If you have never been to Frontier Texas, you are missing a great experience. (Something to remember for next year's state meeting)

Vacation month, August was the Owens ice cream supper for members and friends and families. Everyone always looks forward to it.

May club members helped teach some school children how to make a quilt. They also enjoyed a day trip to Hamilton and their various volunteer projects.

McDaniel Club, though small, has their meetings and volunteer work. Sadly they are saying goodbye to Ruby Goodwin who is moving to Beaumont to be close to her daughter. She will be missed by all Brown County members.

The State TEEA Conference was attended by County Agent, Courtney Parrott, May members Peggy Bostic, Kay Brown and Liz Hardy; Owens members Jo Ann White, Martha Baker and Dale Henderson.



"Smile, for everyone lacks self-confidence and more than any other one thing a smile reassures them."
~ André Maurois

October 29 will be the annual Achievement Day banquet from 9-12. From 1-3 will be the Teach and Learn session that is open to the public as well as the club members. Delegates who attended the state programs will be presenting them to the attendees. All three Brown County EE Clubs are looking forward to the start of the new year in October.

May everyone enjoy a happy and healthy new year.

"To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater."

~ Bono

BETHEL EE CLUB NEWS

By Lela Goar

The Bethel EE Club was well represented at the State TEEA Conference in Horse-shoe Bay with a total of six members attending.



Pictured L-R: Lela Goar, Ann Cosper, and first timers - Ardean Coffman, Lorene Denney, Betty Buratti, and Glenna Bell Orman.

All members enjoyed the meetings, workshops, and fun activities provided. The Bethel club has been in existence for 82 years and still going strong with 24 members. A few of the programs our members participate in are the Walk Across Texas, Better Living for Texans, and Friend to Friend Cancer Awareness program. We also assist our County AgriLife office by serving on various county committees, helping with 4-H activities and judging, and volunteering throughout the county.

BURNET EEA NEWS

Burnet County was recognized for being the first county in the state to exceed 100 members. They have five clubs and are constantly looking for ways to recruit new members and introduce them to Extension Education. They have even been accused of flagging people down to invite them to their meetings. Kay Jacobs, State Treasurer, presented Lynda French, County Chair, and the Burnet delegation with a check for \$100.00 for having the most members statewide. Congratulations!



DISTRICT 8



**LEON COUNTY - 2016-2017
District 8 - Honor Roll
County for Outstanding
Contributions in
Community Service
and Outstanding County
for Educational
Programming**



**LINDA WILLIS
Bell County - 2016-2017
District 8 - Treasure Award
with Clara Jones
District Director**



Kay Jacobs
State Treasurer presents
Williamson County EEA
with a check for \$100 for
having the highest
percentage of membership
increase for 2016-2017.

LEON COUNTY NEWS

By Michaelene Perry
Lora Nichols (on the left)
President of Leona-
Centerville EE Club, Leon
County, presents the 20 year
membership award to Mary
Wallace at their June 13,
2017 meeting. Congratulation
and thanks for your commit-
ment to TEEA .



NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

By Charlotte Watson
In June every year, mem-
bers of the Noontime EE Club
look forward to hearing from
members of the Georgetown
4-H Club. All ten Noontime
EE Club members (100% in
attendance) loved hearing
from the 4-H'ers. From Clover
Annabelle Clark to upcom-
ing graduating senior Afton
Compton, there were fabu-
lous presentations on what
was going on in the
Georgetown 4-H club this
past year!! Thank you Aly and

Annabelle Clark, Afton Com-
pton, Joey Girvan, Connor Hef-
ernan, Isabel, Noah and Oli-
va Johnson, and Kaylah and
Ashleigh Thayer for taking
time to be there and share
your journey with our wonder-
ful TEEA Ladies!!! Noontime
loves 4-H!!!



TANGLEFOOT EE CLUB NEWS

By Polly Elizondo
Members of the Tanglefoot
Club enjoyed a Mystery Trip
organized by Lora Black-
lock, club Vice-President.
The mystery turned out to be
lunch at Mimi's Teapot in Bel-
ton. The setting is a historic
house, full of memorabilia
from a bygone day. Everyone
enjoyed it.



Pictured from left are members
Joe Ann Smith, Nora Sodek,
Doris Severson, Mary Ann
Niekamp, and Joan Plumlee.



From left: Sharon Riley, Linda
Willis, Lora Blacklock, Janice
Gossett, Robbie Lucko, Fredonia
Seely, and Cynthia Autrey

NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

By Charlotte Watson
Noontime EE Club gathers a
second time each month for
an optional Lunch Bunch to
celebrate the birthdays of that
month. Shown in the photo
are the three members who
met at Simmer Down, in
Georgetown to celebrate the
September birthday of Nelda
McCain, shown on the right.
Joining her were Becky Lycan
and Peggy Blair. The
"birthday girl" selects the local
restaurant. Lots of catching
up on life happens around the
luncheon tables. It's food, fun,
and fellowship to the Max!!!



Noontime EE Club, Wil-
liamson County, was well re-
presented at the 2017 TEEA
Annual Meeting. Attending
were Peggy Blair, current club
President; Becky Lycan (a
first timer) and incoming club
President; Mary Johnson,
county delegate; and Char-
lotte Watson, Past State
President, '92-94. All four of
them attended all the work-
shops, delegate and optional
member workshops. They
shopped at the Country Store,
bid on items at the Alumnae
Auction, and enjoyed all the
buffet meals. The facilities at
Horseshoe Bay were beauti-
ful. They enjoyed meeting
other EE Club members from
the other clubs, especially the
ones attending the District 8
Dinner. It was a fun two
days!!!

Each September, Noon-
time EE Club takes a field trip
to a local non-profit to learn
more about what they do to
help children and families in
the Georgetown area. This
September, they visited and

toured the Georgetown Pro-
ject which reaches out in
many ways to the under
served families plus to youth
classified by the Georgetown
School District as homeless.
Club members were amazed
at the multiple ways they
serve youth and families.
They toured The Empower-
ment Center and learned of
the many ways they are help-
ing youth survive high school
and prepare for life after high
school. They presented a box
of needed school supplies
plus athletic socks to the Di-
rector, Leslie Janca, CEO of
the Georgetown Project.
Shown in the photo are back
row, L to R, Ms. Janca, Becky
Lycan, Nelda McCain, Dedie
Johnson, Mary Lindsey, and
Mary Johnson. Front row are
Carola Meister and Peggy
Blair, Club President. Report-
er Charlotte Watson is behind
the camera. What a great
learning experience. Noon-
time is so glad to help the
Georgetown Project help high
school students.



*He who never made a mis-
take, never made a discovery."*
~ Samuel Smiles"

BELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Polly Elizondo
Twenty-two members and
one guest from Bell County
attended the State Confer-
ence. All who attended
agreed that the conference
was well done, interesting
and fun. Thank you to every-
one who contributed to its
success. Here are a few pho-
tos of some of the attendees
from Bell County.



L – R: Back : Lavelle Parsons, Polly Elizondo, Linda Willis, Lora Blacklock, Fredonia Seely, Mary Stuessel, Shirley Skala, Nancy Urbantke. Middle: Vernice Black, Dorothy Skrabanek, LaVerne Dissashaw. Front: Kimberly Marx, Laurie Veatch.



L - R: Rosemary Chudej, Kimberly Marx, Laurie Veatch, Doris Marek.



L - R: Shirley Skala, Dorothy Skrabanek, Gayle Pomykal



L - R: Doris Willis, Lora Blacklock, Fredonia Seely

“The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live only as you can.”
~ Neil Gaiman

NOONTIME CRAFT DAY ANGEL MAKING

Noontime EE Club members gathered at the home of Mary Johnson to make crochet angels for the county EE Holiday Extravaganza. After completing many, many angels, they enjoyed a covered dish lunch. What a fun way to accomplish a task and share food and fellowship at the same time!



Mary Johnson, Carola Meister, Nelda McCain



Crochet doily angels made by Noontime EE Club for county EE Holiday Extravaganza

LEON COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Michaelene Perry

On August 22, the Leon County members of Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) met at the Extraco Arts and Crafts building in Waco, TX for the annual District 8 Summer Retreat. Clara Jones, District 8 Director and President of the Leon EEA, welcomed all participants. This year's host counties were McLennan, Leon, and Milam. Special acknowledgement was given to: TEEA State President Millie Barrow, a member of Eastland County which is part of District 8 and County Chairpersons from all counties of District 8.

Each year we have members from the Buffalo, Jewett, Leona/Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood clubs gather with 9 other counties to learn creative skills in a variety of mediums. We all welcomed newly formed Oakwood EE Club for their club participation and 5 of the members attending this year's event.

Leon County had two crafts for all to make: 1) tile coasters made with 4 x 4 tiles and attractive cocktail napkins using Mod Podge, and 2) butterfly magnets from butterfly shaped cutouts of scrapbooking paper and Mod Podge. McLennan County instructed us on making: 1) iris paper folding greeting cards made from card stock paper, iris paper folding patterns and a variety of colored wrapping paper, and 2) polished rock crosses made with cardboard crosses, small rocks and glue (with option of gluing a lapel pin to wear crosses. Milam County showed us the technique for making fabric Christmas ornaments with colorful cut fabric pieces, glue and Styrofoam balls. Last, Hood County had us make 1) tea candle night lights out of baby food jars and decorated plastic cups, and 2) memo/menu/grocery list magnet boards using a picture frame, copy paper and a whiteboard marker for the refrigerator.

The guest speaker was Kathy May representing the Brazos Button Club of Waco with assistance from Debra Borger. Yes, there are all kinds of collectors and buttons is one of them. Kathy and Debra had a full display of the many types and ages of buttons collected over the years for us to view. Kathy gave us instructions on: 1) how to build a button collection, 2) valuating the worth of buttons, 3) information on the National Button Society, Texas State Button Society and 4) more details about their organization in Waco. It was

truly amazing to see buttons made from materials such as antler, bamboo, beans, ceramics, glass, ivory, jade, metals, pearl, and a whole host of other resources. Buttons on display were from the early 1900's, through the war years, up to more modern times. For more information about their meetings and more you may contact them by email: the-brazosbuttonclub@gmail.com or call 254-715-8439.

Along with the craft day we shared a delicious luncheon and visited with friends from all over the central Texas region. Wrapping up the day's event, Clara Jones reminded us of our mission with TEEA in our counties and challenged each of us to become more involved in community and 4-H activities, plus to encourage new members to join our organization.



Brazos Button Club of Waco representatives Kathy May and Debra Borger



Members attending the retreat



Clara Jones, District 8 Director, Millie Barrow, TEEA State President and Nyanza Price, candidate for TEEA State President-Elect



Oakwood Club-Lavern Manning, Judy Thomason, President, Martie Hanson, Nyanza Price, Vice President, and Shirley Tienert, Treasurer



Tile coasters made by participants

LEON COUNTY EEA ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE

By Michaelene Perry

TEEA members from Leon EEA attended the 90th State Conference at Horseshoe Bay Resort September 12, 13 with the theme "The Great Outdoors." It all started on the Monday before the conference with the trip through the "hill country" of Texas. Driving through the back roads to Horseshoe Bay stimulated our senses of sights and sounds. By the time we arrived at the resort, we were hooked on having a wonderful time. In our free time, we had opportunities to hit the golf or putting courses, tennis courts, yacht club, spa gardens, fitness classes, or lounge around the pool.

Of course the two days of meetings were filled with early bird workshops, delegate education and optional member workshops, cultural arts competition and viewing, hand-made crafts for sale in the Country Store made by the two host districts 9 and 11. Also there were the business meetings, election of new officers, and voting of amendment changes. The District 8 party at the Yacht Club and the closing banquet were fun, entertaining and good food.

In the Cultural Arts competition Leon County EE members brought home two first place ribbons: Category 12-Paintings and Drawings-Pam Groba-Leona-Centerville EE and Category 22-Recycled Items-Rhonda Exley-from Normangee EE. Second place winners are: Category 10-Holiday Decoration-Rhonda Exley from Normangee EE and Category 17-Quilts-smaller than 50 x 70"-hand quilted-JP Borah, Normangee EE. Congratulations to all the entries from Leon, District 8 and all over the state. Leon County was also recognized by TEEA with the Honor Roll of counties for their outstanding contributions in community service and their outstanding educational programming from District 8. To equate that for all Texas counties statewide EE contributed the equivalent of **\$4,663,295.96** for community service and program dollars. Yes, that \$4 million+ showed our TEEA members' involvement with services for Texans. Congratulations to Leon County for their hard work and volunteer hours.

Topics of some workshops kept with the full conference theme with "The Incredible Gourd," "Tropical Exotic Bird Show," "Gardening for Wildlife," "Hill Country Wild Flowers" and "Rice-The Great and Healthy Grain." We learned how to a) use 5 household items to make cleaning materials for your house, b) start finding resources to discover your family tree outline, c) identify sleep issues keeping you from a good night's sleep, d) work with chocolate to make candy, e) understand causes, effects and options for hearing loss, f) plan and control your aging years and g) make mats from plastic grocery bags.

Wednesday's Keynote speaker – the Mystery Guest – just happened to be Elvis Presley (or a facsimile of him). He kept all entertained and

"Rockin'" for over 45 minutes as we all went back in time to remember our younger days. With the closing banquet, we witnessed installation of new officers and board members. Leon County has been honored with Nyanza Price, Oakwood EE Club who is now the TEEA State President-Elect. We are proud of her skills and professional manner to represent our county and district. We will support her endeavors this year and in 2018 when she will become the state president.

If you are interested in becoming involved with Leon Extension Education Association please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife office for information in one of the 5 clubs in Leon County. You can call 903-536-2531 for more information.



JP Borah's 1st place Cultural Arts



Pam Groba's 1st place Cultural Arts



Judy Hutchison, Mamie Bell, Michaelene, Jewett EE



Clara Jones, Pam Groba, Marcia Lewis, Carole Huebner, and missing Helen Torrance, Leona-Centerville EE Club



Mary Greer and Gail Huffine Normangee EE Club



Donna Barrilleaux, Buffalo EE with Nyanza Price, TEEA President -Elect and Clara Jones, District 8 Director



Judy Thomason, Martie Hanson, Nyanza Price, Oakwood EE

"As you navigate through the rest of your life, be open to collaboration. Other people and other people's ideas are often better than your own. Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."

~ Amy Poehler

EASTLAND COUNTY NEWS

By Millie Barrow

Eastland County EEA ladies enjoying the banquet at the State Conference. Great meal and wonderful entertainment. Ruth Stewart, Joyanne Hathcock, Sandy Owen, and Millie Barrow. We are looking forward to next year.



LYDIA FAUST
Burleson County
2016-2017 District 9
Treasure Award
with Claudine Hare
District Director

FORT BEND EEA NEWS

By Victoria Zwahr

EEA members toured the new Fort Bend County Fire Station.



conference.

Thanks to Claudine Hare, District 9 Director, for the guidance and to Jenni Adams our "Wonder Woman" secretary for their time and effort.

And most of all, thank you to our six faithful members who came out and did everything from sign-in to serving the meal, set up, and clean up. We are still in a membership crunch and it is hard sometimes to get everything done, but these gals in our only club, Town & Country, really know how to work and get the job done.

Montgomery County TEEA also gave out a \$500 scholarship to Mikayla Wilkins from Morning Star 4-H. She is attending Texas A&M University in the fall and plans to earn her degree in business. She wants to work overseas with a non-profit organization. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. Congratulations Mikayla!



Pictured from left to right are: Debbie Flores, Ronald McDonald Office Manager; Jymann Davis, Galveston County FCS Agent; Betty Langer, Galveston Co. EEA Treasurer; Nell Yarbrough, Galveston Co. EEA Secretary; Judy Bahr, Galveston Co. EEA Chairman; Graciela Estrada, Ronald McDonald Staff Member; Frances Estrada, Ronald McDonald Staff Member.

DISTRICT 10



CALDWELL COUNTY
2016-2017 District 10
Honor Roll County for
Outstanding Contributions
in Community Service

DISTRICT 9



BRAZORIA COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 9
Honor Roll County for
Outstanding Contributions
in Community Service



JEFFERSON COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 9
Outstanding County for
Educational Programming

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Kaye Trott

District 9 Spring Conference was held on Tuesday, April 4, in Montgomery County. We had a "Deep in the Heart of Texas" theme; it was a great success!

County Judge Craig Doyal welcomed attendees and gave a little insight to what makes Montgomery County great. We appreciate him being with us.

Our speaker was Dr. Ray Innis who is an anesthesiologist at Conroe Regional Hospital and is an active speaker for "C.H.I.P.", a program for eating healthy for your heart. His topic was "You Can Be Healthy" and gave us tips to eat more vegetables and less meat and dairy to change our health.

We had an excellent meal, great company, and everyone I talked to really enjoyed the

GALVESTON COUNTY ALGOA EE CLUB

By Jymann Davis, FCS Agent

The Extension Education Association of Galveston County recently donated eleven gallons of pop-tabs and the Algoa Extension Education Club gave a \$25 donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston to help provide for children in recovery and their families. Galveston County members have collected and donated pop-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston for many, many years as one of their community service projects.



BASTROP COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 10
Outstanding County for
Educational Programming



MARY LOUISE DITTMAR
Gillespie County - 2016-2017
District 10 Treasure Award
with Violet Alexander
District Director

ROUND MOUNTAIN EEA NEWS, BLANCO COUNTY

By Shelley Levitt

The Round Mountain EEA Club has had a fun 2017. We put our heads together and planned some alternative ways to hold our fund raisers this year. First out of the box the Blanco County EEA had a very successful Quilt Raffle in April, bringing in \$1,115 and won by Helen Usener from the EEA Club in Gillespie County!



The next rattle out of the box was a bake sale by the Round Mountain EEA Club held in conjunction with the Blanco County Master Gardeners in the City Park. We had a lot of sales and a lot of great stories but the best one was the lady gardener who was selling her Llama Poop. Yes, she had bagged the poop pellets from her Llamas into quart sized zip bags and labeled them "Dolly Poop", i.e. Dali Llama. Mid morning she moved her table of Dolly Poop next to our table where we were selling brownies and chocolate chip cookies!! It was great fun to hear her tout her "tea" of mixing poop with water to put on plants right next to our brownies.

One of our Community projects is the Texas Ramp Project, where local men, ladies, and teens build wheelchair ramps for those who cannot afford them. All you have to do is have a doctor fill out a form and send it to the Texas

Ramp Project for approval and once approved they send the funds to a local organization and they in turn build the ramp. Our member, Tommy Levitt, is in a wheelchair and is the QA guy of the Johnson City crew. Our member Peggy Aldridge's husband Jim is also a crew member. So far this year they have built five ramps and have one in the queue.



Ten members attended the TEEA State Conference in Horseshoe Bay September 12-13, including our two male members who also served as delegates. We brought fun stories back to our club about the Elvis "Mystery Guest", the lady who crocheted all thru the conference and how we admired her skill, our wonderful District 10 Dinner Party and how much we won playing LCR, the great band "Algerita Hill" who entertained us Wednesday night, and the workshops each one us attended.



GILLESPIE EEA NEWS

By Helen Usener

The Pilot Knob EE Club member Ilene Crenwelge presented the program "Who Gets "Grandma's Yellow Pie

Plate", and twelve members made plans to attend the September 12-13 TEEA State Conference in Horseshoe Bay at the June 9 meeting.



At the July 14 meeting, Sharon Kott and Vicki Rust presented the program "Dementia and Caregiving". Alicia Frantzen represented Gillespie EEA at the Annual Gillespie County 4-H Banquet held on July 25.



On August 3, the annual family night was held. All in attendance enjoyed visiting and the delicious food prepared by members. Also in August, the Gillespie EEA display board was prepared and displayed at the Annual Gillespie County Fair. The display board included the TEEA Mission Statement and information about our EEA.



Eileen Whited, a member of the Gillespie County Country Schools, presented a power point she had prepared about some of the former Gillespie County country schools which included information about the Pilot Knob School, after which the Pilot Knob EE Club is named, and other schools

which members had attended. Also following the September 8, meeting the eight members finalized their plans to attend the TEEA State Conference.



The eight members who attended the TEEA State Conference were Helen Usener, Mary Louise Dittmar, Alicia Frantzen, Delores Castleberry, Annabel Wilkinson, Corine Klose, Sharon Kott, and Ilene Crenwelge. All members enjoyed the conference and their stay at Horseshoe Bay.



Mary Louise was recognized as a 45-Year EEA Member and as the District 10 nominee for TEEA Treasure. Among 4-H members recognized as having received District Scholarships was Dylan Slone of Gillespie County who received the District 10 4-H Scholarship.

MCDADE EEC NEWS

By Kathi Gremillion

The McDade Extension Education Club opted to suspend meetings during the summer, but still participated in some activities. The MEEC held a Bingo Party at the Elgin Nursing Home in June, distributing prizes and serving refreshments to the residents. Then in July, several members took a day trip to Brenham and toured the Rose Emporium, Toubin Park,

viewed the Giddings Stone Mansion, had a delicious lunch and did some shopping.

On June 28, our club lost a beloved member, Louise Goerlitz, aged 97. She was an active member of the McDade EEC for over 60 years and often brought home championship ribbons from the judging contests. She will be greatly missed.

In September, six members (three of which were delegates) attended the TEEA State Conference at Horse Shoe Bay Resort. Attendees were Kathy Prochnow, Bastrop EEA President; Brenda Kyle, McDade EEC President; Lola Cole, Bastrop EEA Vice President; Melba Skubiata, Bastrop EEA Secretary; Kathi Gremillion, Bastrop EEA Treasurer and McDade EEC Reporter and Candy Sandefur, McDade EEC Member. It was a great conference, and we want to thank Violet Alexander for hosting a very enjoyable District 10 Dinner at the Yacht Club.



Pictured enjoying dinner at the Yacht Club are, L to R: Lola Cole, Melba Skubiata, Candy Sandefur and Kathi Gremillion.

ELGIN EE CLUB NEWS

By Judith Lungren

On June 21, Elgin Club member, Irma Welch, presented a program on decorating cakes using the Russian piping tips. She made cupcakes for all club members and let them decorate their own cupcake and to take home. She also gave helpful hints on the "do's and don'ts" using the Russian piping tips.

On July 19 another Elgin Club member, Judy Lundgren, presented a program on making greeting cards and other craft ideas

using Washi Tape. Judy also made examples of the cards for club member to follow. Every member decorated one or two greeting cards using various craft supplies to make their birthday and thinking of you greeting cards.

On August 16, Rachal Bauer from the Bastrop County Extension Agent of Ag and Natural Resources gave an interesting program on Lawn Care to our club members.

On September 20, Kathy Prochnow, Chair of the Bastrop Extension Education Association spoke to all club members attending about the Texas Extension Education Association mission and objectives of the clubs.

CALDWELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Kathy McCown

Summer is over and members are busy with projects and activities. Members are so excited to be working with our County Agent, Elsie Lacy and being involved with our county 4-H members and their activities. Besides contributing to scholarships and various judging, on August 3 Judy Wheeler, County Chair, Barbara Darnell (Glenvoir), Madeline Brown, Shirley Gardner and Kathy McCown (Luling attended as sponsors and to show support for all 4-H clubs and their adult leaders at their 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

On August 7, Elsie Lacy, County Agent invited all county EEA members to a luncheon and program at which several 4-H members explained what they were doing in various 4-H programs and how it has helped them. Thirteen members of the three county clubs attended. We are so proud of these young people and their accomplishments.

As we continue working with young people and our communities, Madeline Brown

and Joel Webb volunteered to help the Luling Lions Club with their annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign to help students in need with school supplies. The Lockhart EE Club also gathered and distributed school supplies to the Lockhart schools.

Several members attended the State TEEA Conference in September. Those attending were Judy Wheeler, County Chair (Glenvoir), Ester Barney, Mary Briceno, Trini Martinez, Vel Martinez and Carol Uhles (Lockhart), Madeline Brown and Joel Webb (Luling), and Elsie Lacy, County Agent. Five items from various members were entered in the Cultural Arts event and Judy Wheeler placed second with her jewelry.

Members prepared for the annual Achievement Day held September 28. It was a time of fun and fellowship.

For a county fundraiser, members have chosen to have a garage sale on November 11. All are busy organizing, preparing, and gathering items for a successful sale so we can continue to support our community.



Pictured are: Caldwell County delegates to the State TEEA Conference in Horseshoe Bay. (l-r): Carol Uhles, Madeline Brown and Judy Wheeler.

DISTRICT 11



AUSTIN COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 11
Honor Roll County
for Outstanding
Contributions in
Community Service



WASHINGTON COUNTY
2016-2017 - District 11
Outstanding County for
Educational Programming



CAROLYN BALKE
Austin County - 2016-2017
District 11 - Treasure
Award with Carroll Davig
District Director

2017 ADULT CAREER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

By Violet Alexander
Stephanie Rudolph from Washington County is the 2017 TEEA Adult Career Scholarship Winner. She is a 3-year TEEA member who works part time in the

Extension office. Being a club/county officer she coordinates their monthly "Lunch & Learn" programs. She is getting her degree from A&M to become an AgriLife Extension Agent. Her husband is a Corporal Deputy Sheriff and also a TEEA member. We look forward to her success.



TEEC MEMBERS HELP HOST STATE CONFERENCE

By Olivia McDonald

Officers and members of the Taiton Club and our sister club, the Bluebonnet Club, were busy bees at the State EEA Conference hosted by Districts 9 and 11. They brought back programs to present to our clubs.

Taiton Extension Education Club members have been busy taking orders for pecans, other nuts, dried fruit and mixes. These sales and the Member's Auction in May are the two sources of income which support scholarships and charitable donations.

Community Service Projects for the past quarter included donations to Reading is Fundamental, postage for coupons for the military and the collection of comfort items for the Veteran's Hospital. "Bullying In The Work Place" and a program on Dementia were given in July and September. In August, we treated ourselves with a fried chicken feast and ice cream with all the toppings.

WASHINGTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Judith Finke

The Texas Extension Education Association State Conference was held at the Horseshoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls September 12-13. Locals attending were: Michele Daniels, Kathleen Flick, Daulene Hopmann, Louise Newman, Stephanie Rudolph and Edna Schroeder. The theme for the Conference was "The Great Outdoors" Wildflowers, Lakes, Wildlife." Hosts for the 90th state meeting were Districts 9 and 11. County members donated a generous amount of unique item and (and some cash donations) for the country store. They also assisted in the checking in of the cultural arts entries.

Stephanie Rudolph, Washington County Administrative Assistant Agriculture & Natural Resources, was recognized as a first timer at the conference and was awarded the TEEA Adult Career Scholarship. Washington County Extension was selected at the District 11 Outstanding Education Program of Counties for 2016-2017. Edna Schroeder was a nominee for the Texas Leadership Award.

Washington County Cultural Arts entries placing on the state level were: Michele Daniels, 3rd place in the Digital Scrapbook category with her Costa Rica Trip entry; Judith Finke, 3rd place on a necklace, bracelet and earrings in the Jewelry category; Linda Scott, 2nd place on a Christmas Cross Stitch in the Handstitchery category and Judith Finke, 2nd place on her church circle scrapbook in the Traditional Scrapbook category.

Workshops included "Hearing Loss-Causes, Affects and Options for Help," "Who do you Think you are?," "The Blueprint to Age your Way" and "A Good Night's Rest is Best," Early Bird and

optional workshops included "Hill Country Wildflowers and More", "Gardening for Wildlife," "Tropical Birds" and "Fantastic 5."

You can join Extension Education by calling 979.277.6212.

WEST END EE CLUB NEWS

By Cindy Slator

The West End EE Club members have had a busy year! Our annual Taster's Luncheon that was held in February brought enough proceeds to benefit ten organizations in the west end of Austin County which included the West End Fair Supporters, Master Gardeners Kids Kamp, Austin County Fair Bucket Calf Project, WEECO, West End Library Summer Reading Program, West End Boys and Girls Club and four local fire departments.



Pictured with President Gay Farr are: Ronnie Geistman, Industry Fire Department, Steve Doty, Bleiberville Fire Department, Mary Luedke, New Ulm Fire Department and Royce Bartles, Shelby Fire Department.

We also welcomed two new members this year who have already contributed their talents to our club.

For the Austin County EEA's annual fundraiser, the Baked Potato Luncheon held in early March, our members baked, stuffed and packed 190 of the approximately 650 baked potatoes that were sold. Our club also provided and sold over 100 hamburger meals for the January and July Four County Opry event which is held monthly in Industry, Texas.

Three members of our club won first or second place in the cultural arts exhibition in January. A total of fifteen items went on to the district meeting and five of those items were sent to the State Convention. Bonnie Schulz won first place for her "Dorothy" costume and second place for her Fall Window Quilt, and Debra Kollman won third place for her "Rooster" painting at State.

WASHINGTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Judith Finke

Washington County Commissioners Court signed a Proclamation Tuesday morning declaring the week of October 1-7 Texas Extension Education Week. The local Extension Education Clubs provide countless hours volunteering and extending the education programs of Texas AgriLife.

L-R front row: Washington County EEA Vice Chair - Stephanie Rudolph, County Judge - John Brieden, WEEA Chair - Michele Daniels and County CEA - Kara Matheney. Back Row: Commissioners Luther Hueske, Kirk Hanath, and Joy Fuchs.



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