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GREETING TO ALL ACROSS THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS!

It is amazing to me that my term as TEEA State President is coming to an end this September 30, 2014. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you as TEEA State President these past two years. I want to thank each person who served on the TEEA Board these past two years. Thank you for working hard for TEEA. I will be passing the torch on to Julia Moseley who will continue to lead TEEA through its many trials and tribulations and accomplishments. The most rewarding thing about being TEEA State President is meeting some very interesting and inspiring people. TEEA has such a wonderful opportunity for members to network across the Great State of Texas. This can continue to be accomplished with the TEEA Facebook page. I want to challenge each of you to continue to educate your community using what you have learned through TEEA. Our name is the Texas Extension Education Association. The Extension part is the spreading the education and knowledge past ourselves into our communities ad across our great state and the Education part is focusing on teaching university based programs. I challenge each member to remember to extend and to educate. This doesn't have to be formal, but every opportu-

nity, even in informal conversations, education about family and consumer topics can be happening with every one we meet. Always, bring up the name TEEA. This would be the best marketing for our organization.

On June 9, 2014, I was honored to attend the 4-H Round-Up Scholarship Awards Ceremony in College Station. It was such an honor to present certificates to and shake the hands of each of the 12 Districts' TEEA 4-H Scholarship recipients and then to have lunch with them. It is admirable that TEEA continues to make an investment in our 4-H youth. TEEA should be so proud to be a part of this endeavor.

The 2014 TEEA State Conference is scheduled for September 9 & 10 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Districts 1 and 2 are planning to make this TEEA State Conference the best that it can be. One thing to note is that registration has been shortened and will end at 11:00 AM on Tuesday. Please make travel arrangements so that you arrive in Wichita Falls in time to register before 11:00 AM. The Wichita Falls Visitors Bureau is providing free tours of the city. The tours are scheduled for 8:30 and 10:30 on Tuesday and will last approximately an hour and a half. This is on a first come, first serve

basis. On the 10:30 tour, a box lunch will be arranged for a fee so that those taking the 10:30 tour will have an opportunity to eat before the Business Session starts that afternoon. There are plans to have educational booths during the Tuesday registration for free health screenings and information. The keynote speaker for the State Conference is Diane Cunningham, M.Ed. Ms Cunningham is a gifted communicator who offers inspiration, motivation, and encouragement to all those who come into her path. She is the President and Founder of the National Association of Christian Women Entrepreneurs (NACWE), as

well as a consultant, author, video guru, artist, plane crash survivor, marathon runner and former master's level therapist. She created NACWE May of 2010 as a global association for women to connect, create, and collaborate through monthly online training, conferences, networking, and business strategies. Her mission is "to inspire women to dream big, catch on fire, and change the world."

I look forward to seeing you at state.



Pictured with Cathy Hanzik, State TEEA President, are Hayley Meyer (D 12), Dakota Bramble (D 11), Joelle Foster (D 10), Miranda Jones (D 9), Ty Robertson (D 8), Jillian Waldron (D 7), Taylor Johnson (D 6), Jacob Alexander (D 5), Kaitlyn Kilpatrick (D 4), McKayla Lewis (D 3), Timonthy Warren (D 2), and Madeleine Bezner (D 1).

**2014 TEEA STATE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
 MULTI PURPOSE EVENT CENTER
 WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
 SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2014**

Tuesday	
8:00 – 11:00 AM	Registration
8:30 & 10:30 AM	Free 1 ½ hour Wichita Falls Tours for TEEA members (Funded by Wichita Falls CVB) First come first served.
10:30 -11:00 AM	Page Training
8:00 – 11:15 AM	Cultural Arts Drop-off
11:30 – 12:45 PM	Alumnae Luncheon
1:00 – 4:30 PM	Opening Business Session
6:30 PM	District Parties
Wednesday	
7:30 – 8:00 AM	TEEA Board Voting
8:00 – 8:55 AM	General Voting
9:00 – 11:30 AM	Business Session
10:00 AM	Keynote Speaker – Diane Cunningham
12:00– 1:30 PM	Leadership Workshop/Lunch & Learn Box Lunch
2:00-3:00 PM	Educational Sessions (4 ~ #1 & #2 State Educational Programs and #1 & #2 optional educational programs
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Educational Sessions (4 ~ #3 & #4 State Educational Programs and #3 & #4 optional educational programs
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Pick up for Cultural Arts
6:45 PM	Banquet

**2014 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO TEEA BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES**

FOR 2014 STATE TEEA CONFERENCE
APPROVED BY THE TEEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 2014
TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2014 STATE CONFERENCE IN
WICHITA FALLS

IF ADOPTED, THE PROPOSAL WILL TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2014

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Amend by Addition

Section 6. Emeritus Membership may be conferred upon a member who has been a TEEA member for 20 years or more if that member can no longer actively contribute to the club due to permanent, serious mental or physical disability. The title Emeritus may be granted by the executive board of a club. No state dues will be paid, but The Messenger could be purchased.

Rationale: To add membership status for non-active members of 20+ years.
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Amend by addition

Now reads
No officer shall be elected to serve more than one term in the same office with the exception of the Treasurer, who may be elected to two consecutive terms.

If adopted will read
No officer shall be elected to serve more than one consecutive term in the same office with the exception of the Treasurer, who may be elected to two consecutive terms.

Rationale: To add the word consecutive to term limit of officers.
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Amend by substituting and striking.

Now reads
A candidate for state office shall be endorsed by the club, county and district in which membership is held. No candidate shall be presented who has not consented to serve. A club may not present a candidate until thirty days following the close of the TEEA State Conference. A candidate must be a current member of TEEA.

If adopted will read
A candidate for state office shall be endorsed by the club, county and district in which membership is held. No candidate shall be presented who has not consented to serve. A club may not present a candidate until thirty days following the close of the TEEA State Conference. A candidate must be a member of TEEA for at least 1 year and membership must be current.

Rationale: To clarify membership of candidate
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS - PARLIAMENTARIAN

Section 8: C - Amend by substituting and striking

Now reads
~~Attend the Fall and Spring Board Meetings and the TEEA State Conference.~~

If adopted will read
Attend the TEEA State Conference and attend the Fall and Spring Board Meetings, if deemed Necessary.

Rationale: To limit attendance of Parliamentarian
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

ARTICLE XVI - COUNTY ASSOCIATION CHAIR

Section 1- Amend by addition

Now reads
To be eligible as a County Association Chair or Vice-Chair, a person shall have been a TEEA member for at least one year.

If adopted will read
To be eligible as a County Association Chair or Vice-Chair, a person shall have been a TEEA member for at least one year and have held an office at the Club level.

Rationale: To add qualification
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

ARTICLE XIX - FINANCES

Section 5 - Amend by substituting and striking

Now reads
All expenditures with receipts shall be submitted for reimbursement ~~within 30 days~~ to the Treasurer.

If adopted will read
All expenditures with signed receipts shall be submitted for reimbursement to the Treasurer.

Rationale: Clarification
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

**STANDING RULES OF THE
TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1. Amend by substituting and striking

Now reads
Dues of \$15.00 per year will be paid by each member to become effective ~~October 1, 2012~~

If adopted will read
Dues of \$15.00 per year will be paid by each member to become effective October 1, 2013.

Rationale: To correct date
Submitted by Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To adopt

TEEA IS...
By Brenda LeCour



Learning things we didn't know
Helping each other expand and grow
Giving back to the community
Displaying our talents for all to see
Traveling to the most interesting places
Smiles on scholarship kid's faces
Hosting a district wide conference
Boosting each other's confidence
Raising money to fill the coffers
Serving on a committee or as an officer

Sharing good times, food and fun
Passing out ribbons we have won
Recruiting friends to join our effort
Honoring each others many endeavors
Judging at a 4-H show
Handing down the things we know
Exchanging a recipe, a gift or good cheer
These are the things we do all year.

TEEA BUDGET

OCTOBER 1, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

INCOME

State Membership Dues	\$45,350
Coins for Friendship	5,000
Dollars for Scholars	3,000
TEEA Sales	2,500
State Conference	30,000
Interest on Accounts	800
Alumnae Silent Auction	2,500
State Board Silent Auction	500

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME**\$89,650****EXPENSES****4-H Support**

Food & Clothing Programs	\$3,600
Round-Up Presentations	500
4-H Foundation Representative	1,000
Scholarships	12,000
Coins for Friendship	5,000
Consumer Sciences Contest	500

Sub-Total **\$22,600****State Conference**

Planning	\$2,000
Conference	30,000

Sub-Total **\$32,000****Scholarships**

Adult Career	\$2,000
Alumnae	2,000

Sub-Total **\$4,000****Education & Training**

Education Committees	\$400
Education Committee	2,000
Fall Board Meeting	6,000
Spring Board Meeting	7,500

Sub-Total **\$15,900****Newsletter**

The TEEA Messenger	\$6,000
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Sub-Total **\$6,000**
\$6,000**Legal & Administrative**

Conciliation/Tax Preparation	\$500
Treasurer's Operational Support	1,000
Dist. Dir.'s & Officer Liability Ins.	3,000
Parliamentarian	600
Office Equipment & Supplies	650
Treasurer/Messenger Editor Bonds	650
President's Discretionary Fund	1,000
Printing	1,000
Other Board Expenses	750

Sub-Total **\$9,150****TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES****\$89,650****SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE II**

By Julie Neusch, TEEA Secretary

We are becoming a little more active on our Facebook page, but much more activity is needed in order to get the word out about TEEA. The board members determined that explaining the process step-by-step would be helpful.

Don't be afraid to join Facebook if you're not on it already. You can get security pointers from many sources, including our own state programs and your FCS Agent. Once you're on Facebook, and have your security settings set, then you can go to the TEEA page by searching for "Texas Extension Education Association, Inc." Then click on that & it will go to our page. Then you can click on the "Like" button, so you can get future posts on your news feed. While you're still on our page, you can post any news from your club, county or district. Tell everyone what's going on with TEEA in your part of Texas. Post pictures, videos, & even recipes. There have been some recipes posted already, and I've actually printed & used a couple of them. When you see something good on our page, then "Like" and/or "Share" it, so your friends can see it on their news feed. MAYBE some of them will then look into our organization, and MAYBE some of those will want to join. You, as a member of TEEA can easily spread the word about our organization through Facebook. It might also help when you "share" a post, that you make a positive comment, making it more interesting to those who see it on their newsfeed.

My district is helping to host this year's State Conference, and we're all making things for the Country Store. So now I have the idea that I will post some photos of some of the crafts I'm making for the Country Store. If I make something for the Alumnae Silent Auction, I might put that on there too. This is one simple idea to use Facebook to promote our organization. YOU can use your own ideas to do the same.

PICTURES PLEASEBy Julia Moseley,
President-elect

The phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words" emerged in the USA in the early part of the 20th century. Its introduction is widely attributed to Frederick R. Barnard, who published a piece commending the effectiveness of graphics in advertising in *Printer's Ink*, December 1921. It was entitled "One look is worth a thousand words". He attributed it to an old proverb. The Chinese proverb is "One picture is worth ten thousand words."

Our pictures are important to our memories and aren't nearly as apt to be lost as our words. I really do want your pictures. I'm updating the power point that was made for the 75th anniversary of our extension clubs--adding to the history and to the pictures, to honor the 100th anniversary of our extension agents in Texas. They are a large part of our organization—we owe them so much.

If you have pictures both new and old, that you would like to include, you can email them to moseley67@verizon.net, or mail a flash drive to: Julia Moseley, 503 Allesson Road, Springtown, TX 76082. We will use as many as we can. I already have District 7's flash drive. If you have any questions or help, call Julia at 817-220-7759.

CVU - CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER UNIT RECOGNITION

By Gwen Risinger CVU Chair

Completed CVU books must be received by Gwen by August 1 to be recognized at our State Conference. Address is 50 Delaware Creek Rd, Blanco, TX 78606.

It is not too late to be recognized for your volunteer hours in the community! CVU record books may be obtained for \$3. If you will be ordering several books in a club/county, please send one order and check. Email is gwenr08@gmail.com

CLUB REPORTS COUNT!

Your Advisors,
Dr. Judy Warren
Dr. Joyce Cavanagh
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Service

Of all the challenges that TEEA faces, Club and County Reports may be the number one "complaint" by members. "Why are these necessary?" "It's too much work." "Who reads these reports anyway?" Members say they love TEEA, the friends they have made, the activities and education-they say TEEA goals are important. But documenting educational outreach and honor roll of county efforts is labeled "a hassle." TEEA District Directors say they often have to remind counties to send reports, with some counties never sending anything. Then there are counties who send in all the monthly club reports at the end of the year leaving the District Director extra work to create a county annual report! This saga seems to have a life of its own!

There is good news ahead!! Club reports have been simplified and shortened to help TEEA clubs "count" the most important activities of the organization: educational outreach; fund raising for 4-H youth scholarships, and community service. Take a note from counties that are successfully and with less stress completing their club reports in a timely manner: Note monthly accomplishments during a club meeting or use individual forms to help members track their contributions to TEEA goals. **Do what counts and count what matters!** Be proud of TEEA and show it!

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas Edison

TEEA STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES 2014-2016



Nyanza Price, a retired educator, worked for the Houston Independent School District for 39 years. After retiring my husband, Charlie and I moved to Oakwood Texas where we have a cattle ranch. I have two children, a daughter and a son and three grandchildren.

I joined TEEA in 2005 and immediately became active in my local club. A year later I was elected as Vice President. I brought new and innovative programs and crafts to the organization. I later became Vice Chair of the Leon County Association. After serving two years in this position I was elected County Chair and later County President. Presently, I serve as District Director for District 8. Serving on the Board of TEEA, I've worked on TEEA Sales and Election Committees. Currently I serve as Chair of the Election and Expenditures Committees.

I believe in the mission of TEEA and strive to carry out its objectives. 4-H is of the utmost importance to me, and as District Director I encourage our members to stay involved. Community involvement is our way of giving to our communities.

As 2nd Vice President for Programs, I will bring valuable education to our members so that each of you can expand the outreach of TEEA. I ask for your support in this election.



Nelda VanHoose wants to serve you as State 2nd Vice President of Programs. I have been a member of TEEA for 6 years, but in that short time I have been a delegate to state and district meetings every year, club president (1 year), club vice president (2 years), county vice chair (2 years), county chair (2nd year), State Education Chair (2nd year). Andy Crocker and I did the "Google Goggles" program at last year's state meeting. The Education Chairs are currently working closely to make the next State Meeting cohesive and entertaining, as well as educational. I have a Master's Degree in Management and am 6 hours from Master's degrees in both Education and Counseling. I am an adjunct professor for the School of Business at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and enjoy working with young people in my classes.

4-H is very important to me and I gladly worked with our EE club to provide several membership scholarships for local 4-Hers the past 2 years. I have given State programs to my club every year and also to other groups, such as Lions Club, Soroptimists and Senior Citizens. I am active in my church and Lion's Club.

My husband, Sam, also a professor of Business and Management Information Systems at Wayland Baptist University, and I have been married for 47 years and have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. In my spare time I enjoy knitting, crocheting, silver-smithing, beadwork, china painting and sewing. I love to read, cook, and spend time with my friends.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as State 2nd Vice President of Programs and ask for your support.



My name is Kaylene Layton and I want to serve you as TEEA State Secretary. I have been a TEEA member for over 12 years and have held many positions at both the Club and County level including President, Secretary, County Chair, Treasurer and currently serve as Director in District 2. I have attended many spring conferences and have helped in the planning and presentation of several Fall Training events. State meetings that I have attended include Amarillo, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, San Marcos, Beaumont, Plano and others. Currently, our District 2 is in the planning stages for the 2014 State Conference to be held in Wichita Falls in September. I believe my leadership experience in TEEA qualifies me for the office of State Secretary.

I am married to my husband, Wayne, of 56 years. We have 3 grown children, 11 grand children and 19 great-grandchildren. My favorite things to do are family related. I also enjoy playing bridge and reading. I am currently employed as secretary for the First Methodist Church in my home town of Petersburg, Texas.

I thank God for all the blessings that he has bestowed on my family and me through the years. I think staying busy is the key to staying young at heart, so I look forward to the opportunity to continue my service to TEEA as State Secretary.

From Judith Finke



REVERSE MENTORING: 4-H YOUTH MENTOR ADULTS

Jessica Epps and David Wright

The Geeks are coming! The Geeks are coming! And we are delighted that the AARP Mentor Up 4-H Tech Wizards will be at the State TEEA Conference to simplify the iPad for us.

The 4-H Tech Wizards are youth from military and civilian families located at College Station, Georgetown, Houston, and Roscoe, Texas. Through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Mr. David Wright and his Tech Wizards Team have obtained a grant through the AARP Foundation specifically to help people 55 and older learn to use new technology.

Because the iPad is the most popular tech phenomenon, it will be featured in the educational lineup. The iPad was first introduced in 2010 and has been updated from first through fifth generation revisions. The "i" simply stands for "internet". The Apple founder Steve Jobs wanted a computer in a book that you could learn in 20 minutes, thus it was "born".

The mini iPad has a 7.9" screen and the iPad Air has a 9.7" screen. But the capabilities are endless. You can shoot video, take photos, play music, email, search the web, play games, use it for social networking and for GPS navigation. It has a virtual keyboard. There are thousands of Apps available.

The iPads range from about \$399 up and can be purchased from Apple stores, Amazon and Wal-Mart to name a few.

You will leave the conference skillful and self-assured as these trained experts demonstrate the use of the iPad. Bring your iPad with you! You will be so proud of yourself.



"TEEA TIDBITS" - JUNE 2014

Hello everyone, school is out and graduations are over, now to get ready for summer !!! We have had some rain here in Eastland County and are so thankful to God for answering our prayers. Not completely over the drought, however, it is a start. Hope everyone who planted a garden is now gathering some fresh veggies. I have gathered green beans, onions, potatoes, and blackeyed peas and squash.

Please look closely at the 2014 Proposed Amendments for our ByLaws . Review them at you Club meeting and determine how your delegates will be voting on them. Our ByLaws are important, so please review them. We will also

be voting on a State Secretary and 2nd Vice President of Programs.

I hope everyone is getting excited about the State Conference. I am looking forward to it and am excited with our Lunch and Learn on Wednesday. The Magic of TEEA Magic you say..... make sure you attend the conference so you will find out Be prepared to answer some questions.....get ready to participate !!! If you have not made your room reservations, please do so. \$79.00 for a room regardless of how many stay in the room.

Our State Conference is a good time to invite a guest to attend. It is a good opportunity for them to see TEEA at work and play. Your guest

EDITOR NOTES

By Lela Goar
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Thanks to all of you who sent articles for this issue of the paper. Hopefully I have been able to include all of them. Any articles that arrive after the deadline will be saved for the next issue. This promises to be a full one because of state meeting information.

Please note: I will bring extra copies of the February and June issues to state meeting just in case you did not receive yours. When you turn in your name and address to your county chair with your dues make sure the address you give is your mailing address.

Exciting news! From now on the Messenger will also be on the website. You can access it from your computer as a PDF file. On the homepage you can access it by clicking on The Messenger at the top of the page or scroll down and there is a box where you can click on the current issue. The February issue is also on the website too, in case any of you never received it. I do apologize for the problems we had with the first issue, but feel that those are behind us now.

If you have any suggestions or comments, feel free to email me or contact me at state and I will be glad to visit with you.

Millie Barrow, 1st V.P. Leadership will see the good TEEA does for the community and how hard we work to help educate ourselves, our community and our family. It is a good opportunity to show how much we appreciate our 4-H kids and through our scholarship programs help to further their education.

Have a safe, fun filled summer. See you in September in Wichita Falls !!

Remember: It's not what you have; it's what you do with what you have that makes all the difference.



MONEY TALKS

By Kay Jacob,
TEEA State Treasurer
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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope everyone had a GREAT Spring with family and friends and are looking forward to a great Summer. The first half of 2014 has been a busy one and the rest of the year promises even more for TEEA....community work...obtaining new members...and meeting new friends.

Through January 31st, 2014, we have 2,856 members of which 146 are new members. Congratulations to the clubs with new members and a **BIG WELCOME** to our new members. Last year we had 3,249 members. We have lost 393 members due to loss of life, age, and other activities.

GOOD NEWS!!!! The Board will again this year file ALL 990N epostcards for the organization with the exception of any Association or Club grossing \$50,000 or more; then you must file your own 990N. We are getting closer to being in compliance with the IRS and getting the EIN's under control.

DO NOT FILE A 990N EPOSTCARD THIS YEAR UNLESS YOU GROSS OVER \$50,000!!!!!!

We are planning a wonderful State Conference in Wichita Falls. I look forward to seeing everyone there!!

TO TOSS OR NOT TO TOSS

By Gwen Risinger,
Education Chair, District 10

Do you feel you are drowning in paper stuff? Ever throw out some receipt that you later needed? We review how long to keep all those documents we get in daily life such as receipts, bank statements, credit card statements, and tax returns.

ALUMNAE NEWS

Grace Glaze Chairman

The Scholarship committee has selected six very deserving college students to receive the TEEA Alumnae Young Adult Scholarships. The winners are: Skyler Cooper District 8 Jane Leathers Alumnae Young Adult, Kirby Chase Vineyard District 8 Ruth Taylor Alumnae Young Adult, Clay Patrick Altenhoff District 11 Dr. Bonnie McGee Alumnae Young Adult, David Samuel Roach District 8 Dr. Judy Warren Alumnae Young Adult, Shelby Kerrin Kilpatrick District 4 Immediate Past President Phyllis McMakin Alumnae Young Adult, Nickita Rae Harris District 9 Alumnae Young Adult Scholarship. Each student will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship. The applications are found in the TEEA Manual with instructions how to apply. These scholarships are made available from the proceeds of the Alumnae Silent Auction at the state conference and memorials received each year. The amount and how many scholarships given next year depends on how much money is raised throughout the year. Please be generous again this year. You may donate articles to sell tickets on (I will need what you will donate so I can make the tickets before the conference), items for the Silent Auction, or cash donations are accepted or stop by the booth and bid. If you will not be able to attend the conference you may mail your donations to me Grace Glaze 2835 CR 385 El Campo, Texas 77437. I also accept memorials throughout the year. The Alumnae booth will need your help to staff the booth, placing items for display and selling the items. If you have some time at the conference please volunteer. The Alumnae Banquet and meeting will be on Tuesday September 10, Noon at the conference. Your county chairman will have the information to register. The lunch menu will be a Deluxe Sandwich Buffet (trays of various sandwiches and various salads) Brownie; the chef has promised it will be nice. Past TEEA board members and the present board are Alumnae members.

I attended the May TEEA board meeting. If you have news about any of the Alumnae members please send the information to me. Looking forward to seeing each of you in Wichita Falls. I would love to hear from you if you are not attending the conference.

SAMPLE "ELEVATOR" SPEECH

"TEEA is a volunteer organization dedicated to families, education, leadership and service."

Judith Finke & Nelda Van Hoose

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

By Kay Taylor
2nd Vice President of Programs

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014, the education programs will be presented at 2:00 – 3:00 pm and 3:30 – 4:30 pm. The educational programs are:

- Respect for All – Bess Farr
- To Toss or Not to Toss – Gwen Risinger
- Abuse of the Elderly – Nelda VanHoose
- Tech Wizards – Judith Finke & assisted by David Wright & Youth team

Additional info may be found in the individual articles written by the educational chairs.

The annual reports indicated that we reached 15, 234 individuals in 2011-2012 with our educational programs. This is very impressive in many respects; however, we can always improve. Many other organizations are searching for programs; thus giving us the opportunity to educate others outside our club members.

We continue to emphasize the value of educational programs, volunteer work and scholarships presented by TEEA clubs. Our grand total was \$5,908,972.01 for the year 2011-2012. After studying the figures in regards to membership of each district, I can see a definite relationship between sparsely populated districts and those from large populations. However, the total dollars donated in relationship to membership is not always absolute. According to the annual reports, District 10 contributed the largest amount of dollars which was \$1,120,396.36 and had the fourth largest membership in the state. Districts 7, 8 and 9 donated large amounts while Dist. 8 had the second largest membership, District 7 was third and Dist. 9 was fifth in the state with number of members. I highly commend these districts for their many accomplishments.

D I S T R I C T 1

SOUTHERN COUNTRY CLUB'S "TEA PARTY BASKET" A BIG SUCCESS!

By Lynda Duncan
A Tea Party Basket was assembled by the members of the Southern Country EE Club from Randall County in District 1. The basket was made for the silent auction for the District 1 meeting on April 10th in Amarillo. The basket contained an assortment of teas, tea cups, teapots, cookies, scone mixes, placemats, napkins and many other items useful for a tea party. The basket sold for \$92, more than the other baskets in the silent auction. The members involved in donating items and organizing the basket were Carolyn Sadler, President Bonita Christian, Novella Hewitt, Mae Hollis, Ramona Price, Betty Burleson, Ruby Tharp, Mary Ueckert, and Jesse Solomon.



D I S T R I C T 3

The District 3 Spring Conference was held on April 22, 2014 in Haskell, Texas. There were 72 members present. The counties participating were Haskell, Baylor, Knox and Parker. The speaker was Nancy Robinson Masters. Awards presented were Sammy Chapman (Baylor) 65 year member, Pleasant Ridge EEC-Montague 65 Year Club, District 3 Texas Treasure-Greenwood EEC-Decatur, Leadership-Country Crossroads-Parker Co., 95 Years -Springtown EEC-Parker Co. Elected as District 3 Director-Elect was Dixie Range-Decatur and State Education Committee Chair, Cita Honeycutt-Parker Co.

SPRINGTOWN EE CLUB PARKER COUNTY

By Barbara Sampson

Springtown EEA club really has an active club & very proud of its members and all their accomplishments. We realized one day what an achievement we currently have and it is some thing that just happened not something we set out to do. Currently we have the following:
Wanda Lacy - Club President
Margaret Avery - Club Vice President
Barbara Sampson - County Chairman & TEEA Chairman
Wanda Lacy - County Vice Chairman
Ola Culwell - District 3 Director
Cita Honeycutt - Immediate Past District 3 Director
Julia Moseley - State President Elect
Charlsta Smith - 40 year club member & mother of our agent
Kathy Smith - Extension Agent who is from Springtown 4-H club, who's mother is a 40 year member & Grandmother was a charter member of the 95 year old Club.



BOWIE AND PLEASANT RIDGE EEA GROUPS TAKE TOUR

By Julie Browning

The Bowie and Pleasant Ridge Texas Extension Education Association groups gathered at the Montague County Courthouse and were given a guided tour of the museum. Members enjoyed pictures and old records of towns previously busy but some no longer in existence. Schoolhouses and teacher contracts from the 1800's made for interesting reading. A tour of the old jailhouse followed. Up steep steps, with newspaper clippings of famous and not-so-famous criminals displayed on the walls, then into very small cells. Seeing conditions available and foods listed made everyone relieved to leave the jail and travel on to Nocona for a delicious lunch.



GREENWOOD EE CLUB HAS BUSY SPRING

By Bobbie Ashley

The Greenwood EE Club (Wise County) has done four of the required programs for this year. Bobbie Ashley presented "Google Goggles" in February, Janice Millican presented "Gardens" in March, Bill Hood (member Linda's husband) from the Wise County Co-op Electric presented "Social Media" in April, and Joyce Enis, one of our many retired teachers presented "True Colors" in May. June's program is done by the local 4-H club.



Joyce Enis presenting "True Colors".

Planning for the Greenwood Festival, October 11th is an on-going affair that we add to each month. Members are busy selling homemade quilt raffle tickets that will be awarded at the Festival this fall. From the Festival funds, we sponsor a scholarship to a 4-H Club senior. This year's winner was Anne Marie Wells.

GEEC had two team, the Greenwood Hooper's and Hood's Walking Warriors participate in Wise County's Walk Across Texas. There were a total of 18 teams and our two accounted for 4,809.12 of the county's total, 25,745.34 miles. Great job to all the Hoopers and Warriors for a job well done.

Attending the District 3 Spring Conference in Haskell were Greenwood EE Club members Linda Hood, Phil & Rosa Martinez, Suzy Willeford, Dixie Range, Janice Millican and Agent, Tanya Davis. Dixie Range was elected District 3 Director.

PARKER COUNTY MEMBERS HONORED

By Kathy Smith

Parker County Extension Education Association honored three Parker County Extension Club members at the annual Recognition Tea held recently. Margaret Avery of Springtown Extension Education Club, Alta Fey Kendig of the Country Crossroads Extension Education Club and Karen Rutherford from the Bethel Harmony Extension Education Club. Each are very active members of their clubs and in Parker County through community service and church involvement. Margaret Avery was named Texas Treasure and was recognized at the District 3 Texas Extension Education Association conference in April.



Participants in the 2014 Wise County Walk Across Texas are Greenwood EE Club members; Janice Millican, Bobbie Ashley, Linda Hood and Jayne Ann Holladay. Janice and Linda were Team Captains.



Ola Culwell, District 3 Director announces Dixie Range as the District 3 Director-Elect and Cita Honeycutt as the incoming State Education Committee Chair.

DISTRICT 4

PIECEMAKERS EE CLUB PREPARE QUILT FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

By Kay Chastain

The Piecemakers Quilting EE Club enjoyed two sew days at the Rains County AgriLife Extension Conference Center in Emory to plan, piece and sew their annual fund raiser quilt "Scrappy Trails". This beautiful red quilt, 100 inch square, is set in scrappy strips of members scrap piles to create a stunning quilt top. The quilt will be on display at the Rains Co. Founder's Day in Emory on May 3rd, where the club host their annual quilt show in the restored historic courthouse. The public is invited to attend the day's festivities throughout the town. A special presentation of a "Bed Turning" will be on the agenda for the afternoon where attendees will see and hear the stories of a collection of antique quilts.



VAN ZANDT COUNTY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS AND NEW FCS AGENT

By Carolyn Minor

The Van Zandt Extension Education Association held their Christmas party on December 9, 2013 at the chapel of the Lake Church. The cold weather did not dampen the ladies spirits. All clubs from the county were represented. The highlight of the day was meeting the new FCS agent, Melisa Rhodes.



Agent Tommy Phillips and Extension office manager, Eva Stuart were the other honored guests. A big thank you went to Eva and Tommy for all they do to help the club members. With Ms Rhodes on board 2014 is sure to be a productive one.

The party started off with a game of guess what's in the bag. Members were led in a series of Christmas carols by Inez stamper and guest, Debbie Clark. Then a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.



Sample Elevator Speech

"TEEA, Inc. - We educate members and community through programs given at our state conference and others. We work with 4-H scholarships, judging, and support by attending their awards banquets, etc. We are volunteers who serve our community in various ways by giving of our time, talent and money."

Una Kunkel

SEWING THE SEEDS OF TEEA IN DISTRICT 4

By Kay Chastain

Spring was in full bloom on April 15 & 16 in Gainesville, Texas as District 4 met for their annual Spring Conference and Cultural Arts Retreat. The two-day event was hosted by Cooke, Denton and Tarrant Counties and the theme was "Sewing the Seeds of TEEA". Tables were decorated with beautiful baskets of flowers and packages of wildflower seeds and everyone wore their favorite gardening hat.

Clara Ball, District 4 Director, presided at the Spring Conference Day. Fifty-four members and agents were present. The oldest in attendance was Mildred Davis, 87, of Cooke Co. and the youngest in attendance was Angela Pierce, 32, of Bowie Co. Billie Biggerstaff of Hunt Co. was selected as the District 4 Texas Treasure winner. Two \$500 4-H scholarships were given this year, Denton and Cooke applicants were the winners. A \$300 check was presented to the District 4 - 4-H account for use in district events as the Food Show.

During the luncheon, the state leadership workshop "Taters Take the Lead" was presented. A parade of hats followed the leadership skit. "Top Hat" awards were presented to outstanding hats worn.

Sixty-two exhibits were entered in the District Cultural Arts Contest. Best of Show was a beautiful quilt entered by Kay Chastain of Rains Co. named "Alaskan Skies". Rains Co. also had the most blue ribbons won (8). All first place winners will represent D4 in the state contest.

The District 4 Budget & Finance Committee presented the 2014-2016 Proposed Budget and Committee Guidelines for adoption. Both were adopted. The combined events of D4 Spring Conference and Cultural Arts Retreat were divided into two separate events. Those with the Fall Training Meeting will provide three separate events to travel throughout the

host zones in the district to promote TEEA and increase member attendance.

District 4 named their district scholarship after Maxine Guffey of Bowie Co. to honor her life of service and dedication to extension clubs and 4-H. Maxine had served on the state board as District Director, Education Committee Chairman, and all county and club offices.

An arousing live auction ensued in the afternoon activities which raised \$939.00 for the District 4 Scholarship fund.

Day two had 61 in attendance and was filled with county demonstrations of handcrafted projects. We enjoyed speakers of "Container Gardening", "Spinning Your Own Yarn", and "Vial for Life". Two make-n-take workshops completed the afternoon as all participated made note cards and soap bunnies. Door prizes were distributed throughout the event. The District Raffle Drawing closed the day and raised an additional \$512.00.



Clara Ball, District 4 Director presents \$500 scholarship to Meagan Fleming.

Many people seem to think that opportunity means a chance to get money without earning it. People are funny; they spend money they don't have to buy things they don't need to impress people they don't like.

HUNT COUNTY EEA STAYING ACTIVE

By Dinah Rainey & Judy Clingan

District 4 Hunt County EEA has been busy with members volunteering for the Creative Arts Building of the Hunt County Fair. Several members enjoyed the Spring Conference in Gainesville. Judy Clingan was a winner of the gardening hat contest.



Judy Clingan and her winning hat.

Our spring event in May was a big success with speakers, Pat Abramsom on Square Gardening, Bosie Boswald on Birds and our agent, Mary Sue Cole on Living to be 100.

A June garage sale was held to raise money for our projects. We also held a workday on Alzheimer Aprons and a Fabulous Friday. Plans for State Convention are already in the making and all are looking forward to attending.

Our Friend to Friend event will be in July at the Hope Center in Greenville. We are looking forward to that and hope for a big crowd.

Summer days are here! Enjoy and be safe.

POSITIVE CHARGES

Start today and put your ideas into action.

Expect positive outcomes every day.

If what you're doing now isn't providing you with a sense of satisfaction, then change what you are doing.

Always look your best.

XYZ CLUB LEARNS FLOWER ARRANGING

By Ellen Manning

The XYZ Club in Shelby County learned how to make a flower arrangement using live flowers at their meeting in May. Jheri-Lynn Smith, FCS Agent gave the lesson. Pictured are Margaret Robertson, Bobbie Nutt and Sylvia Jackson with their arrangements. In the background are Deryl Bishop and Weldon English who also made arrangements.



We enjoyed this meeting in which we shared our ways to pinch pennies, evaluated past events and made plans for the next meetings. Refreshments are a part of every meeting and during that time we continue to share experiences and make plans for involvement in future projects.

CHEROKEE COUNTY TEEA CLUBS HOST COMMISSIONERS BREAKFAST

By Marylyn Bennett

The Central High and Ponta TEEA clubs hosted the annual Commissioners Breakfast on April 28 at the Cherokee County Courthouse on the square in Rusk, Texas. The clubs brought breakfast casseroles, fruit, juice and thanks to the County Judge Chris Davis and County Commissioners Kelly Traylor (Precinct 1), Steven Norton (Precinct 2), Dr. Katherine Pinotti (Precinct 3), and Byron Underwood (Precinct 4), for all their hard work during the year. The local Texas A&M extension was also greatly involved in the event, providing coffee, decorations, and eating essentials. We appreciate the support we receive from these folks for our clubs.

DISTRICT 5

**DISTRICT 5 SPRING MEETING
AT THE EXPO CENTER IN
NACOGDOCHES**

By Joyce Morrow,
District 5 Director

District 5 members enjoyed a different style show at our Spring Meeting in March. Cherokee, Polk, Shelby and Nacogdoches Counties gave the educational program "Taters Take the Lead".



Several awards for clubs and members were presented. Polk County "Good Neighbors Club" received an award to celebrate it's 85th year.



St. Louis Club in Smith County celebrated it's 50th year.



Smith County Chair, Connie Troxell, was elected to Education Chair for District 5.

Plans are underway for Cultural Arts on July 22, hosted by Smith and Wood County.

**PONTA TEEA SUPPORTS THE
RAINBOW ROOM**

(Cherokee County District 5)

By Marylyn Bennett

The Ponta TEEA members have chosen to support the Rainbow Room at the Jacksonville Child Protective Services (CPS) as one of their three community service projects for 2014. Members have finished thirteen small blankets and donated them to the Rainbow Room. The people who need the services of CPS often get out of a bad domestic situation with only the clothes on their backs. We hope these blankets will bring warmth, comfort, and the love we stitch into these special blankets. The Ponta members are Virginia Barefield, Marylyn Bennett, Virginia Bush, Zoe Ann Conway, Leslie Dawn Elliott, Brenda Hendrickson, Jo Nell, Elna Perkins, Bobbie Russell, Loretta Sorenson, and Mary Nell Wofford.

Other community service projects consist of a donation to the Gallatin Volunteer Fire Department who so courageously fight fires in our area, and Brown Bag Santa Gifts for residents of the Travis Heights apartment complex in Jacksonville.

Doubt sees the obstacles
Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees the darkest
night
Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take a
step
Faith soars on high.
Doubt questions "who
believes?"
Faith answers, "I."

LAMPASAS COUNTY EEA ACTIVITIES

By Arlene Wingo

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Lampasas County is well known for its annual Spring Ho events during the second week of July. That's when the Rumley Club really gets "wired" for its largest community service project of the year – hosting the County Fair. It covers a four day period and includes everything from food, art, crafts, and horticulture, to photography. So guess who's busy right now!

Some of our other community service projects include the county senior centers, clothing and food pantries, quilting, schools, library and HIS Kids. We also like to support our very active FCS Agent, Karen DeZarn, in her AgriLife programs. The "Dinner Tonight" series is a recent popular one. One of our members also serves on her Leadership Advisory Board as treasurer.

The highlights of some of our club programs this past year included a patriotic craft, parliamentary procedure workshop, Texas Wildscapes, and the most popular one on cheese making. Each member got to eat some of the cheese and take home a kit with rennet to make their own. We are looking forward to an upcoming program on concealed handgun carry rules, laws and safety.

We may be the only club in our county, but we have some very active members. We've had attendees at all of our fall, spring and state conferences. One member Mary Ann Rhodes, was our nominee for the Texas Treasure Award.

We all love to go to other county's events when they have them; like Hamilton's Spring Fling, Lake Victor's annual spring luncheon, and San Saba's May event. In San Saba we were able to attend workshops and bid on silent auction items, such as those in the picture. The chocolate candy was from a workshop presented by the past District 7 Director, Martha Crawford, on candy making.

Our main fundraisers are an annual garage sale and participating in the Lampasas Bloomin' Fest held the first Saturday in April. The funds from these are used to fund our community service activities and our participation in TEEA activities at local, district and state events.

October is our annual Rally Day luncheon and everyone tries to bring a prospective member. Then in December we end the year with a very festive celebration at Siddonia Umphres' home. She is well known for "decking the halls" and everyone really enjoys attending.



L-R: Shirley Beyer, Louise Barefoot, Pat Clepper, FCS Agent Karen DeZarn, Siddonia Umphres, and Arlene Wingo

DISTRICT 7 SPRING CONFERENCE HELD IN ABILENE

“Hats off to Extension” was the theme for the District 7 Spring Conference held on April 3 in Abilene with Taylor County as the hosts. District 7 Director Lynda French presided over the conference with the help of District 7 Director-Elect Brenda Camp and District 7 Secretary Barbara Rieger.

After the opening ceremonies, the program was “Centennial Celebration of Cooperative Extension Service” with a special video message by Reba McEntire.

Ten of the eleven active counties in the District were represented with a total of 69 in attendance. Jillian Waldron, Tom Green County, was the 2014 4-H scholarship winner. Elna Preston, Llano County, was recognized with 55 years of service. New/reorganized club was the Oatmeal EE Club from Burnet County. Barbara Rieger, Burnet County, was the District 7 winner of the Texas Leadership Award and Ollie Ann Baker, Burnet County, was the District 7 winner of the Texas Treasure Award.

The State TEEA organization donated \$300.00 for District 7 4-H

By Barbara Rieger & Polly Krenak to be used for their Food and Fiber Shows. A motion from the floor was approved for District 7 to give an additional \$700.00 to 4-H for the Food and Fiber Show. The motion passed.

The main order of business was the passing of District 7 Extension Education Association Bylaws and Standing Rules, which went into effect immediately upon approval.

Sherrel Cauldwell was appointed District 7 Treasurer by Lynda French, District 7 Director. The appointment was approved by the membership.

The fun part of the conference was the decorated hat contest and the winner was Helen Cross with a patriotic themed hat. There were many ingeniously decorated hats and everyone had a fun time choosing which one to vote for with their bean.

Upcoming events for District 7 are: District 7 Retreat, August 5th and 6th, hosted by San Saba with the theme “Hill Country Cowgirls” and District 7 Fall Conference, October 24, 2014 hosted by Burnet County. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend these important and fun events.

SPRING GATHERING-TOM GREEN COUNTY SHOW AND TELL DAY

By Elaine Beeson

Our ladies enjoyed showing and displaying our favorite items on this Spring Gathering, May 21, 2014. Spring Gathering is our name we now go by in place of Cultural Arts Day. This picture shows Dorothy Morrison-kitchen: Dolores Gully-Spanish Doll; Helen Roach-newspaper article (Elvis Presley); Jean Wilde-tatted wedding veil, handmade; Ruby Matschek-triple red riding hood doll; Nancy Schantz-plaque & doll; Janie Pritz-china doll found under old home; Elaine Beeson-Coats & Clark thread box; and June Helwig-18th century plate from Russia.



A wonderful morning was enjoyed by all, decorations, pot-luck luncheon and last but not least, fellowship with all of our dear friends and members that were present.



Lynda French, District 7 TEEA Director presents Garry Branham Extension Program Specialist 4-H, West Central District 7 with a check for \$1,000; \$300 from TEEA, Inc. and \$700 from District 7 TEEA to assist with the 4-H food and fiber competitions.

JILLIAN WALDRON RECIPIENT OF DISTRICT 7 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

By Barbara Rieger

Congratulations to Jillian Waldron of San Angelo, who was awarded the District 7 EEA 2014 4-H scholarship. The \$500 scholarship was in recognition of a lifetime of 4-H involvement in project development, leadership and community service. The selection of Jillian from the other scholarship submissions was because of her participation in several key project areas and her work reflected in her application and her 4-H Yearbook. From all her accomplishments, it is obvious that she is a dedicated and talented 4-H member.

Kathy Aycock, FCS Agent for Tom Green County, presented the \$500 scholarship to Jillian at the annual school awards event.

Jillian plans to attend Texas A&M University where she will study Bilingual Interdisciplinary Studies for a career as a bilingual speech pathologist. With her strong character and steady persistence, Jillian will finish what she starts at Texas A&M, and the District 7 EEA is honored to partner with her to achieve her goals.

This scholarship is presented each year to a deserving 4-H member and was one of the main purposes of the Home Demonstration Association when it was organized.



SADDLE UP FOR THE DISTRICT 7 2014 RETREAT

“Hill Country Cowgirls” is the theme for the 2014 District 7 Retreat at the Brownwood 4-H Center. San Saba county members are making plans for a fun and exciting time.

Bring a standard bandana for a game, and dress like a cowgirl. There will be lots of fun activities.

The dates are August 5-6, so check with your County Chair for details and get signed up!

**DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR
LYNDA FRENCH OFF TO A
GOOD START**

Lynda French, District 7 Director, has had a very good beginning to her term. She has been busy putting new procedures in place and planning and presenting fun, informative, and productive meetings.

Among the functions she has energetically and creatively planned and carried out are the Fall and Spring Conferences, District 7 officers meetings, getting bylaws and standing rules in place for the District, and implementing many organizational and administrative procedures. She is well versed in the requirements of the State Manual and State Bylaws and Standing Rules and makes sure District 7 is properly following those guidelines. She has done and continues to do all this in addition to her functions on the State Board and her participation on projects and in committees there.

Lynda appointed a Bylaws Committee to draft bylaws for the District. They prepared and refined the bylaws and presented them at the Spring Conference. The membership approved them, and they were put into effect immediately.

Lynda also appointed a Finance Committee to prepare a District Budget and conduct a financial review. The financial review was conducted in March. After working hard on the budget, they presented it to the Spring Conference delegates, and it was approved.

This only touches on the many things Lynda has accomplished since taking office. She has worked tirelessly on getting things organized and in accordance with the TEEA Manual and State Bylaws. Thanks, Lynda, for your leadership.



BEE A QUEEN FOR A DAY!

By Connie Roark



Lake Victor EE Club (Back Row) Lisa Zinz, Connie Roark, Judy Mayfield, Debbie Webb, Doris Griffin Poe, Jeanette Mulhollan. (Front Row) Dortha Collins, Maggie Feild, Jane Parker, Elaine Holbrook, Louann Barrett.

On April 24, 2014, members of Bethel, Marble Falls, Oatmeal and Redbud Oakalla EECs of Burnet County; the Rumley EEC of Lampasas County and the Busy Bee Quilt Club of Lake Victor were treated like Queens. All attended the Queen Bee Luncheon hosted by the Lake Victor EEC. Honored guests included Miss Callie Herring, Briggs 4-H Club; Lynda French, District 7 Director; and the following District 7 Family Consumer Science Extension Agents: Linda Wells, Karen DeZarn, Debbie Hailey, Kathy Aycok, Melanie Potter, Jacque Behrens, Kristy Powell, Jan Yanez, Melissa Wright, Janet Nelson, Sandy Taylor and Judy Gully, Regional Program Leader.

Guests decorated their own crown for the occasion. They also received little "honey pots" filled with goodies. The Lake Victor members planned and prepared

these gifts and a meal fit for a "Queen". The seventy-five attendees especially enjoyed member, Judy Mayfield's Pineapple and Pretzel Salad. She promised to share this delicious recipe with everyone.

Guests were treated to a wonderful program presented by Miss Callie Herring, Beekeeper and member of the Briggs 4-H. This talented young lady shared information about how vital bees are for our planet and man's survival. Everyone commented on how much they enjoyed this program.

District 7 Director Lynda French shared with the members news about upcoming plans and events for TEEA.

The Lake Victor EE Club was grateful to those who attended for donating \$177.00 and 162 pounds of food for the local food bank, LaCare.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR
MEMBERS ATTEND HATS OFF
TO EXTENSION**

By Dora Newman

"Hats Off To Extension" was the theme of the District 7 Spring Conference held April 3 in Abilene. Hosting the event were members of Taylor County Extension Education clubs.

Theme of the event was celebrating the 100 years of Cooperative Extension Service in Texas. Slides were shown of club pictures through the years. A member from each club gave its history. Anna Jenkins made the presentation for Good Neighbor Club and Coleman County.

Members modeled hats representing the era which were judged. Helen Cross from Good Neighbor Club was awarded first prize which was a gift certificate to District Camp at Lake Brownwood in August.



Those attending included Nina Childress, Helen Cross, CEA-FCS Agent Janet Nelson, Dorothy McDonald, Jean Langford, Sherry Anderson, and Anna Jenkins.

SAMPLE ELEVATOR SPEECH

A wise old owl sat on an oak.
The more he saw the less he spoke.
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?
Edward H. Richards

"TEEA is a volunteer organization working to strengthen families and communities by providing educational programs, leadership opportunities, 4-H scholarships and giving service. We work through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension program and strive to make our communities a better place to live."
Lela Goar

Do all the good you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you ca,
At all times you can,
To all people you can,
As long as you ever can.

John Wesley

BYLAWS IN PLACE FOR DISTRICT 7

By Barbara Rieger



Brenda Camp, District 7 Director-Elect, headed up a Bylaws Committee appointed by District 7 Director Lynda French to create from scratch Bylaws and Standing Rules for the District. Other members serving on the committee in addition to Brenda were Nancy Horton, County Chair, McDaniel County; Ruby Goodwin, Brown County EEA Delegate, and Barbara Rieger, District 7 Secretary from Burnet County.

After much research, decision making, editing, fine tuning, and polishing, the arduous task of preparing these documents for presentation to the District 7 membership was complete. Advance copies were mailed to the delegates, and Brenda Camp presented the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules at the District 7 Spring Conference held in Abilene. They were both approved and put into effect during the conference. Final copies were signed by the officers.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules will be reviewed annually and revised and updated as needed.

Humans can, by their thoughts and acts of will, considerably influence their feelings, health, and even their chemistry. This is the truth behind the effectiveness of positive thinking.

Donald Meyer

DISTRICT 8

On Tuesday, February 25, 2014 the Leon Extension Education Association (EEA) held their annual day of fun and learning at the 1st Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Norman-gee, TX. The theme for this Education Day was “Tators Take the Lead.” Leon EEA President Donna Ellis introduced each of the speakers who presented informative programs for all.

First on the program was Marcia Lewis from the Leona-Centerville EE Club. Her topic was “Google Goggles.” She let us know that with the Internet the world is at our fingertips, but all information is NOT created equal. She provided great handouts to let us know what’s in a name—when we look up something, the suffix tells us the source. For example: .com—commercial, for-profit site, .gov—government, federal & state, etc. She discussed “apps” for cell phones such as alarms/calendars. She also brought to our attention how to look up information and where to verify that it is true or false. Important advice to follow—do your homework, be smart, and verify information; what great instructions we should follow.

Second on the program agenda was Michaelene Perry from Jewett EE Club. The title of her talk was “True Colors.” Through an assessment exercise each attendee dis-

covered qualities and characteristics of their particular personality style or type. Increasing our understanding of ourselves and others will result in a decrease in conflict and a more cohesive organization, or even family.

The third presentation was again by Marcia Lewis on “Necessary Documents.” There are many documents which we should have available throughout our life. She gave participants a checklist handout on what is beneficial to have and suggestions where to keep important papers. Organizing important documents and records can assist in managing one’s own affairs and assist children or executors when necessary. Some examples are: birth certificates, driver’s license, passport, social security information, childhood/youth medical records and immunizations, and a multitude of legal document—wills, burial plot deeds and information, house/land deeds, leases, power of attorney papers and financial information. There were good suggestions for all.

Fourth on the agenda was “Social Media/Social Networking” by Mamie Bell of Jewett EE Club. Stressed above all in her presentation was to first start with a very strong password. The stronger, the better to avoid hackers. Once you have good security, then you can connect socially, share information, and increase visibility for yourself

By Michaelene Perry - Jewett, Leon EEA and TEEA District 8 Reporter or organization through websites for your organizations. Facebook is free and you can easily set up a restricted link for your specific business or church group for instance. Lastly, she warned us to be very cautious as to what is put on the internet—once it is out there it is available for anyone!

The last program was a “Lunch and Learn—‘Tators Take the Lead’ program.” Narrated by Nyanza Price, Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) District 8 Director and member of the Jewett EE Club, the attendees enjoyed a humorous skit by members of Leon EEA Clubs to identify positive and negative qualities of leadership, demonstrate personal leadership traits, and identify the importance of group involvement to insure success. She had the group look at qualities of a good leader and those of a leader needing training. Nyanza summarized her discussion (and really the entire morning’s lessons) with a “Recipe for a Successful Leader.”

We all left with lots of knowledge and many ideas to make our lives better, whether working alone or with groups. TEEA and Leon EEA are available to present any or all of the above topics for your school or organization if you wish. You can call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office at 903-536-3804 for more information. The office staff will put you in contact with the appropriate individual to coordinate a date for presentation. Come join our clubs located in: Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville or Norman-gee. We would love to have you as a guest at one of our meetings (and possibly become a member). Hope to see you soon!



L to R: 1st row—Donna Ellis, Nyanza Price, Michaelene Perry; 2nd row—Loretta Lewis, Marcia Lewis, Donna Barrilleaux, Mamie Bell, Helen Torrance, Wanda Crowder; 3rd row—Celia Bell, Joyce Sanders, Patricia Ferguson, Virginia Crabb, Peggy Bloomer, Judy Hutchison.



L to R: Speakers Nyanza Price, Michaelene Perry, Mamie Bell, Marcia Lewis and Leon EEA President, Donna Ellis

DISTRICT 8 HOLDS SPRING MEETING

The Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) District 8 met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Expo Center in Belton, TX for their annual Spring Conference. The theme of the conference was "Road Map to Happiness." District 8 includes 21 counties with currently 13 active in TEEA. Those present were 37 delegates, 88 members, 7 Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agents, 16 Guests and the District Director, Nyanza Price. Bell, Hamilton and Williamson Counties were the hosts for the event. Happiness was definitely in the air and the room with the tables decorated with 8" diameter happy faces and spring colors and tiny candy baskets for all attendees as a souvenir.

Posting of Colors were done by Ashley Payne, Billy Woods and Katherine Woods, Bell County 4-H members with the pledges to the American and Texas Flags led by them. The invocation was given by Reverend Darren Walker, Senior Pastor, Belton First United Methodist Church. Jon Borrows, Bell County Judge gave the greeting and Mayor Jim Covington of Belton and Maxine Kalkbrenner, Bell County TEEA Co-Chairperson, welcomed all.

Nyanza Price, District 8 Director (and a member of the Jewett EE Club) presided over the day's proceedings. She introduced our guests and County Chairpersons of District 8 for the 12 counties attending. Jackie McLaughlin, Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agent for Bell County from the TX A&M Agrilife office, introduced the other FCS agents present.

Gayle Pomykal, Bell County, introduced our keynote speaker, Pam McKown, LCSW, Psychotherapist from Scott & White Counseling Center. Pam gave her definition of "Happiness" which can be temporary or long lasting. She broke down the idea that joy creates contentment which leads to stability, more energy, and peace. "Being positive actually increases our life span by 7.5 years. Without happiness it can lead to increased coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, increased toxins in the body which increases

chronic diseases and risk of infection." Obstacles for peace/happiness/ positive outlook according to Pam can create fear, comparisons and questioning ones worthiness to happiness. Pam listed 10 stepping stones to help us get on the right path to our goal of happiness. Some of those are: giving to others, relating to people—that is connecting genuinely with people, trying out new things (i.e. learning and applying them), have goals, and exercise the body and mind to name a few. Her closing remarks were "It is a Journey—the joy is in the journey. Happiness is within us."

Nyanza presented award recognitions to various counties. Winner of the county with the most % increase in new members for the past year was Leon County; winner for the county with the most new members was Bell County.

4-H Scholarships were presented to graduating high school seniors next. Morgan Brooke Cavitt of Erath Co., will attend Tarleton State; Robert Koby Rogers of Hamilton Co., will attend Oklahoma State; Kyle James Bajer, McLennan County was unable to attend the presentation and will attend Tarleton State. Each of these 4-H graduates received a \$500 scholarship.



Morgan Brooke Cavitt, Erath Co. (center) with her parents, Barry and Paulette Cavitt



Robert Koby Rogers of Hamilton County (center) with his grandmother, Linda Havell and mother, Cindy Rogers.

Ty Kevin Robertson (unable to attend due to school commitments), Hood Co., received the \$1000 scholarship and will attend Texas A&M. His father, Homer Robertson, received the award in Ty's place. TEEA of District 8 offers these scholarships to support our 4-H seniors so that they may continue their educational endeavors.

The TEEA District 8 Texas Treasure Award goes out annually to an EE member who is extremely active in Extension work and of great value to the organization. This year's winner is Frances Elliot of Bell County with runners-up Joyce Sanders, Leon County, Jane Patrick, Hill County, Esther Umphress, Hood County, and Lynda Ballard of Erath County. Our thanks go out to them for their dedication to TEEA.



Frances Elliot & Nyanza Price

Following lunch our guest entertainer was Gary Gosney, DVM, Veterinarian and Comedian. He continued the theme of happiness in his presentation telling many, many jokes. We definitely had "happy faces" from all his one liners and stories.

After lunch the District 8 business meeting began. Each time we meet at this level we collect money for Coins for Friendship (which helps support the State 4-H Center at Brownwood) and Dollars for Scholars (which supports the 4-H scholarships). We also had a silent auction for scholarships at the district level. We collected \$100.65 for Coins for Friendship, \$122.83 for Dollars for Scholars, and \$258.00 for the Silent Auction. Thanks to all members and guests who donated towards these worthwhile 4-H fundraisers. The treasurer's report and proposed

By Michaelene Perry, District 8 Reporter
2014 District 8 budget were presented by Mary Ann Matthews and approved by the delegates. The report will be filed for audit.

New officers for TEEA District 8 for 2014-2016 are Alice Lance, Somervell County, District 8 Director, Pat McNeely, Hood County, Secretary, Carol Russell, Leon County, Treasurer, and Michaelene Perry, Leon County, Reporter. The delegates took nomination from the floor for District 8 Director-Elect and Clara Jones of Leon County was unanimously voted into that position.

Mary Dulaney of Williamson Co. announced the Cultural Arts competition winners for 1st place in 24 separate categories. Congratulations to all winners and entries from District 8. The first place winners will compete at the TEEA State Conference competition with the other 11 districts. A special thank you goes out to our judges: Jan George, Bernie Hurta, Ilene Miller, Nancy Lewis, Bonnie Olan, Ester Thorton.

Nyanza reminded all District 8 members to attend the Summer Retreat on August 19-20, 2014 at the Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX with the theme of "Re-cycle, Re-use, and Re-purpose" and the TEEA State Conference on September 9-10, 2014 in Wichita Falls, TX. Also reminders were given to attend District 8 Leadership Training in the fall of 2014 hosted by Erath County, Spring Conference of 2015 hosted by Hood County, and Summer Retreat, 2015, hosted by Eastland County. Betty Hubbard, County Chairperson of McLennan Co. read the Courtesy Resolution. Final announcements were made by Nyanza and Mary Ann Matthews of Johnson County gave the closing prayer prior to dismissal.

SAMPLE "ELEVATOR" SPEECH TELLING WHO WE ARE!

TEEA is a group that works to enrich families through educational programs, leadership development and community service. We support 4-H to create good citizens for the future.

Julia Moseley

NOONTIME EE CLUB HOSTS LUNCH AND LEARN

By Charlotte Watson



Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, recently hosted a county Lunch and Learn. Pictured above, Georgetown High School Girls Basketball Coach, Rhonda Farney, was the guest speaker. This past season, Coach Farney won her 1,003 career basketball game. However, her focus was not just on teaching the girls how to win basketball games but on how the girls learn how to be winners in life. Coach Farney's teams have had winning seasons and many have gone on to college on basketball scholarships. However, it is the character building skills she and her coaches teach the girls that makes them winners throughout their lives. Bravo goes to the winner coach and her teams!!!



L to R (front) are Peggy Blair, Carola Meister, Stella Guzy, Dedie Johnson, (back) Mary Johnson, Carol Frymire, Nelda McCain, and Charlotte Watson.

They prepared and served the food which included Cheesy Smoked Sausage and Potato Casserole, House Salad, and Carrot Pudding Poke Cake. Yum! Yum! All proceeds from this fund raiser go towards Noontime's monthly community projects.

STEPHENVILLE ACHIEVERS CLUB PLANS GARAGE SALE

By Sallie Smith

Summer brings many outdoor activities to our clubs. As we prepared for a garage sale, Achievers member, Martha Ables was inspired to write the following poem.

A GARAGE SALE?
By Martha Ables

We all know what a garage is for
It is a safe place to park your car

But, our garage has lots of room to put things on the sides
And there are plenty of slots for junk to hide

At first glance, things look somewhat organized
Until you come to reality of what's before your very eyes

Over 48 years of accumulated treasure
I guess it would be a good way to be judged by life's measure

There are toaster ovens, coffee pots, skillets, pots and pans, and a toaster
Fans, clocks, irons, grills, glasses, plates and bowls, candles, clocks, and a roaster

Suitcases, umbrellas, cookbooks, trunk, even an etiquette book
Anything you might need, to the garage you should first look

Dolls, toys, games of all kind
If you let it, it will boggle your mind

Each box uncovers more and more of this wonderful stuff
Now the going is getting a little rough

The stacking and sorting and things to send to the trash
We're very careful to not do anything rash

But wait, today we seem to be in a different stage
We almost seem to be in a daze

So many things are making us recall
Like we got that hair dryer back in 1962 at Sage Mall

The kids played with that jewelry when they were small
Do you think we have to get rid of it all?

And, those books we read to them at bedtime
They could remember by heart every nursery rhyme

That dish, that pan, those boxes of knick-knacks
I remember how pretty they looked on our bedroom rack

STOP REMEMBERING, CLEAR UP THE SPACE
YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY MORE TO PUT IN ITS PLACE!

BELL COUNTY PRESENTS UNIQUE STYLE SHOW

By Gayle Pomykal

Bell EEA entertained residents of Cornerstone Nursing Home with a "Unique Style Show". Pictured left to right: Doris Severson modeled her "paper doll" creation in black with red accents. Maxine Kalkbrenner wears her "pill box" hat made of pill bottles and "can can" skirt embellished with cat food cans. Gayle Pomykal shows her yellow overblouse with red "sweet-heart" neckline, edged in ruffles (Ruffles chip bags) accessorized with canning jar earrings and a gold Kerr jar lid medallion necklace. Vernice Black, introduced as "Ms. Common Tator" served as the commentator wearing her burlap "tator sack" complete with a "stick pin" (tree branch). LaVelle Parsons showed up as "Toast of the Town", her navy blue ensemble was adorned with freshly made slices of white bread toast. Jackie

McLaughlin, Bell County Agent, sported a camouflage hunting outfit complete with binoculars as she set out on a hunt for fashions, seeking hidden apparel on the sale racks and hoped to fill her hunting bags with bargains. Thelma Pelzel, the ultimate recycler, wore a two piece dress made of 13 gallon kitchen trash bags, the radiant white of the bags was accented with baby blue velvet ribbon worked through the bottom of the blouse and the skirt's hem. She pulled many recycled items from her multiple tote bags. Thelma's accessories were pull tabs from soda cans embellished with pale blue beads. The activity director indicated that she planned to call other Nursing Home directors to inform them of the fun entertainment. Who knows Bell EEA may become a regular "Road Show".



MORTON VALLEY EE CLUB HOSTS LUNCHEON FOR SUNRISE HOMEMAKER EE CLUB

By Millie Barrow

More good food being enjoyed by Eastland EE Members. Morton Valley EEC hosted the luncheon which was attended by the Sunrise Homemaker EE Club from Cisco along with several guests.



POSITIVE CHARGES

- Look forward, not backward.
- Be a leader, not a follower.
- Focus on your successes and learn from your failures.
- Stay away from people who try to belittle your ambitions.
- Trust your hopes, not your fears.
- Go the extra mile at your job.
- Develop high values.
- Remember, you can if you think you can.
- The biggest mistake you can make is to be afraid of making one.
- Look at the challenges in life as stepping stones to success.
- If you want respect, have self-respect.
- Act, don't react.

NOONTIME EE CLUB HELPS THE COMMUNITY

By Charlotte Watson



Pictured are the foods Noontime EE Club donated recently as their monthly community project. Thirty five items of food were donated to The Caring Place, a food pantry in Georgetown that helps feed those in need. Food donations to TCP is one of Noontime's annual community projects.

NOONTIME EE CLUB STUDIES TRUE COLORS

By Charlotte Watson

Florence Frost, Chairman of the Williamson County EE Association, also a delegate from her county to the 2013 TEEA State Meeting, has been sharing with all the clubs the interesting information she learned at one of last year's Delegate Training Workshops. Her program recently at the Noontime EE Club was entitled, "True Colors, Working Together to be More Productive." Everyone enjoyed taking the assessment provided. Then they enjoyed lots of laughs when Florence shared the characteristics of persons with each of the assessed colors. Florence helped them realize how their EE club can be more productive when all colors are represented and involved.



There is one guaranteed formula for failure, and that is to try to please everyone.

EASTLAND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON AND CULTURAL ARTS

By Millie Barrow

Eastland EEA holds luncheon for members and cultural art competition. Shown are left to right discussing the event are: Clara Matthews, Marie Arick, Ext. Agent, and Cheri Clark



MCLENNAN COUNTY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

By Jane Guest

The McLennan County May Assn. meeting was held May 8, 2014 at the Extension office in Waco. The theme was Flutter and Fly. After the association meeting, Assn. president Betty Hubbard presented an educational program on Hummingbirds and played songs about birds. Each person present was presented with bird house chimes. The Progressive Club entertained us with Bird Bingo and a fill in the blank challenge of songs about birds.

Committee 4-H chairperson, Eunice Dick presented \$300 scholarships to Kyle Bajer of McLennan Co. and Casey Glover of Falls Co. Everyone enjoyed a salad luncheon brought by members and we were blessed with rain in the afternoon.



Standing: Mary Hodde, Eunice Dick, Jean Layman, Jean Vorderkunz, Kathy Marek, Blanche Willis, Sara Petty. Seated: Jane Guest, Betty Hubbard, Willie Frances Smith, Winnie Forseille

JEWETT EE CLUB'S CHARITY FASHION SHOW AND TEA PARTY

By Michaelene Perry

On April 14, 2014 the Jewett EE Club had a Charity Fashion Show and Tea Party at the Jewett Civic Center Community Room. It was such a fun day with 26 EE members attending and participating in the event.

Rules of the Fashion Show were as follows: 1) wearing apparel purchased from a charitable organization such as Goodwill, Salvation Army, resale shop or church clothes closet, etc. in our area; and 2) all clothing, or the dollar equivalent, to be re-donated back to a charitable organization.

The members really outdid themselves with their ensembles and many in the community will benefit from the event. Prizes were awarded in the following categories: Most Unique, Most Creative, Best Dressed and Most Elegant. Emcee for the program was Judy Bottoms who gave quite an interesting history of Coco Chanel who believed in "wearing minimal". Judy wore a dress by Chanel with a short skirt which lengthens by pulling down a lace portion. Along with rose-colored jewelry and a yellow scarf to accent the outfit, Judy won the Most Unique award.

The Best Dressed trophy went to Judy Hutchison who wore a light green/blue mint colored pantsuit with accessories of white sandal heels. She carried a white purse and wore a straw hat, both trimmed in matching spring flowers.

Debbie Karl won the Most Creative attire with a pink and black patterned broom skirt, black shell blouse, white pearls and black hat (trimmed in pink and white lace and flowers). The piece-de-resistance were her black heels with white and pink lace around the edges (decorated by her). She shopped in 5 different charitable organizations to create this look. She is definitely the creative one.

Most Elegant went to Michaelene Perry who wore a red, olive

green and black dress made in Vietnam. The front was layered with a spandex fabric covered by see-through duplicate patterned fabric. Her accessories were a black silk scarf, rhinestone tiara, earrings and necklace. She wore a black rabbit fur cape and carried a black satin clutch purse. Her shoes were open toed black, silver and clear Mootie Tooties. The tiara, necklace and fur cape were heirlooms received to her from both her mother-in-law and mother upon their deaths and with April being special to each of them she wore those items in their memory.

All twenty-six members had a wonderful time on the "runway" modeling their outfits and the members, charitable organizations and the needy were all winners that day! After the style show our hostesses Dorothy Fagan, Nyanza Price and Cleo Streater, treated us to a delicious buffet luncheon and tea party including tea and teacakes.



L-R—Michaelene Perry, Judy Hutchison, Debbie Karl and Judy Bottoms

This week take a few minutes and send a note to those people who reached out and greatly affected your life. Also do this: take a few minutes and reach out to help someone else get ahead.

OVERFLOWING ENJOYMENT IN HAMILTON

By Linda Pledger, Hamilton County Reporter

Hamilton Counties Spring Fling was packed full of enjoyment for everyone. The months of planning paid off with a good attendance and excellent program.

Armand Hufault is an avid Salvia Gregg gardener who convinced us that there is nothing better than Salvia Gregg for our hot, caliche soiled gardens. Listening to Irene Sandell talk about Texas history in her novels was inspiring and Holly Browning of the Historic Waco Foundation reminded us that those shoe boxes full of pictures should be handled with tender loving care. The original play "Don't Mess with Texas Women" presented by the Pottsville EEC got raving reviews. It was a stellar program for everyone. Door prizes abounded and at the end of the day, people were asking for more time to shop.

Since enriching families through educational programs is part of the TEEA Mission, the

months after Spring Fling have been filled with programs about getting to know Hamilton area services and programs. The Historical Society of Hamilton County, the Hamilton Library and a program on fire proofing our homes by Candace Thompson of the Master Gardeners of Hamilton CT have all graced our meeting room.

Summer will not slow down extension activities. It only means we sweat a little bit.

The next big event for Hamilton is a Holiday Market, sponsored by Pottsville EEC. It will be Nov. 15th at the Pavilion on the Fair Grounds, 9 to 4. Not to early to mark your calendars. The club has been preparing since the day after Spring Fling.

In Hamilton County, friendships run deep. This exemplifies our county motto, "None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."



Cast of "Don't Mess with Texas Women"



Members and guests enjoying a potluck luncheon.

FORT BEND EEA ATTENDS DISTRICT 9 SPRING CONFERENCE

By Cathy Hanzik

DISTRICT 9

On, Wednesday, April 2, 2014, members of the Fort Bend EEA (Extension Education Association) attended the District 9 Spring Conference held in Harris County at the Golden Acres Baptist Church in Pasadena, Texas. Those attending were delegates Kathleen Herold, Rose Jaynes, and Erna

Thielemann and members Cinda DeBons, Cathy Hanzik, and Carol Gubbels. The theme was "Spring into TEEA". There was a business meeting where Cathy Hanzik was elected to serve as State Education Chair for 2014 - 2016.

An educational program titled "Net Etiquette" was presented by Barbara Evans, FCS Agent for Jefferson County AgriLife Extension Service. This program addressed answering and sending emails. Some of the points from the presentation were to be nice, be brief, and answer emails promptly, even if you have to say that you received it but need more time to respond fully. Don't use more than one exclamation point or capital letters because it sends a message that you are shouting.

Don't leave the subject line blank, include a greeting and a closing, and be very conscientious regarding personal information included in the body of the email. Before the send button is clicked, proof read checking spelling and grammar. Don't use "emoticons" except for family and close friends.

Bethany Copple of the Lamar 4-H Club was the recipient of the District 9 \$1,000.00 TEEA 4-H Scholarship. Fort Bend EEA is very proud to have their county winner be the recipient of the \$1,000 District 9 TEEA 4-H Scholarship. The winners are judged on their Texas 4-H Record book looking for leadership skills and community service. Bethany's 4-H Program Area was Companion Animals. Bethany plans to attend WCJC in the fall for a dental hygiene degree and then on to UT Dental School in Houston to become a dentist.

If you are interested in TEEA or Fort Bend EEA or need free educational programs for your club or group, contact your local Texas AgriLife Extension Service office. In Fort Bend County, the telephone number is 281-342-3034.



Pictured left to right: Cinda DeBons, Rose Jaynes, Kathleen Herold, Cathy Hanzik (TEEA State President), Bethany Copple (\$1,000 Scholarship Recipient), Erna Thielemann, Carol Gubbels

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL HISTORICAL TRIP

By Claudine Hare



Jefferson E.E.A. members took this year's educational - historical trip to Lake Charles, La on March 13. Twenty members along with two members' husbands enjoyed a full day of touring. A very informative guide showed many points of interest on our way including the Charpentier District (Lake Charles Architecture). A much awarded Senior Dance Troup's performance was a high point of the day. After touring the Mardi Gras Museum, lunch at the Seafood Palace was a big hit. Viewing an Art Showing at the Old City Hall was included before a short shopping time concluded the day's activities.

SPRING INTO TEEA WITH DISTRICT 9

By Claudine Hare

Harris EEA ladies graciously hosted the District 9 Spring Conference in Pasadena, TX on April 2, 2014. Eighty eight were in attendance. In addition to usual business some of the high points were as follows.

1. County chairs assisted in honoring our extension personnel by presenting them with yellow roses in memory of our 100 year history.
2. Kaye Trott, Montgomery County was elected District Director Elect while Cathy Hanzik was elected Education Chair, both to serve this October 1 through September 30, 2016.
3. Several club presidents shared how their clubs serve their community.
4. Barbara Evans, Jefferson County Extension Personnel, presented a program, "Net Etiquette", which was very well received.
5. Miranda Jones, Waller County, received the \$1000 District 9 State Scholarship while Bethany Copple, Fort Bend County, received the \$1000 District 9 Scholarship.

Cultural Arts had many entries from several counties.

The meeting was adjourned after Cathy Hanzik shared information about TEEA and the 2014 TEEA State Conference.

JEFFERSON EEA LUNCHEON

By Claudine Hare

On June 3, 2014 Jefferson EEA hosted a luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Port Neches, TX. Seventy-Four attended, including Texas A&M AgriLife Extension personnel, staff and county dignitaries. High school graduating scholarship winners with their parents and charitable organization representatives were in attendance. Two \$1000 scholarships were awarded to 4-Hers; one \$1000 adult scholarship was awarded; and four EEA relative scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded. In addition, five charitable organizations each received \$600. These scholarships and donations are made possible with funds made from EEA pecan sales. Lunch was served by the Knights of Columbus after which the meeting was adjourned.



County Vice Chair Jessie Hodge, Charitable Donations Chair Ruth Taylor and representatives of the five charitable organizations receiving donation checks.



County Vice Chair Jessie Hodge, scholarship recipients and Pat Mansfield, Scholarship Chair.

Sample Elevator Speech

"TEEA is an organization of people with extension help. We have education programs provided from our state meeting workshops and resource people. We do community projects each month, support 4-H activities, fellowship and getting to know each other."

Grace Glaze

SNOOK EEA CLUB RECIEVED CHECK

By Lydia Faust

The Snook EEA club receive a big check from Chillifest after working the festival and baking dozens of cookies and brownies for all the workers for the two day event. The proceeds will be used for scholarships and other EEA projects.



Pictured are Lydia Faust, Betty Anderson, Karen and Dennis Gaas with the Chillifest chairmen receiving the \$2,500.00 check

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Attitude is the way you think. Your attitude is something other people can actually see. They can hear it in your voice, see it in the way you move, and feel it when they are with you. Your attitude expresses itself in everything you do, all the time, wherever you are. Positive attitudes always invite positive results. Negative attitudes always invite negative results. Attitude makes a difference in everything you do for your entire life, every hour of every day. What you get out of each thing you do will equal the attitude you have when you do it.

Anything that you do with a positive attitude will work for you. Anything you do with a negative attitude will work against you. If you have a positive attitude, you will look for ways to solve the problems that you can solve, and you will let go of the things over which you have no control.

You can develop a positive attitude by emphasizing the good, by being tough-minded, and by refusing defeat.

Anonymous

GUADALUPE COUNTY RECEIVES AWARDS AT SPRING CONFERENCE

By Valerie Posey

Myrtle Huebinger member of the Guadalupe County Clear Springs EE Club received certificate for 65 years in TEEA at the 2014 District 10 Spring Conference.

DISTRICT 10



Six Guadalupe county EE ladies were recognized for being 80 years and above:

left to right standing: Dorothy Wosnig, Lorine Damerau, Myrtle Huebinger, Mickie Roth, Anne Theiss - front sitting: Lorine Krackau



Congratulations!

A friend of mine has a great attitude: "When something doesn't go his way, instead of crying over spilt milk, he just milks another cow!"

CALDWELL COUNTY COLLECTS BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

By Esther Barney

Our club collects children's books for schools and libraries. Some are for children to take home for the family. After hearing about this project, we were presented 600 books from our HEB

Grocery Store. We invited HEB, the schools and libraries to attend our board meeting and receive the books. This was such a blessing for the children.



GUADALUPE COUNTY LADIES PARTICIPATE IN TASTE OF HOME COOKING SCHOOL

By Valerie Posey

Six Guadalupe County EEA members, FCS Agent, 4-H, FCS Secretary, and a guest participated in Seguin's annual Taste of Home Cooking School in April.

of the Taste of Home kitchen. A few of the dishes prepared were a plum glazed chicken, baked cannelloni, an Italian brunch torte, an almond torte, mushroom meatball parmigiana sandwiches and southwestern steak and bread salad.

Members prepared dishes to be demonstrated and measured out ingredients for the demonstration later. All were impressed by the organization with ten separate dishes being prepared backstage

The Taste of Home Culinary Specialist was much impressed by their skills and willingness to do whatever had to be done.



GILLESPIE COUNTY EEA SPRING SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

By Helen Usener

The Gillespie County EEA Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon was held on Thursday, April 3, in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Fredericksburg. Pilot Knob EE Club members served approximately 180 people who enjoyed the food and fellowship. Other activities included the country store and raffle.

The purpose of the annual luncheon is to raise money to award two \$250 scholarships to Gillespie County 4-H members. The 2014 Gillespie County EEA Scholarship recipients are Amy Heimann and Mackenzie Spisak.



Pilot Knob EE Club members who attended the Gillespie County EEA Spring Scholarship Luncheon are as follows (seated) Nina Olson, Jeanne Wallace. Erna Jacoby, Ellen Reeder, Mary Louise Dittmar, and Roslee Lochte; (standing) Judy Leddy, Ilene Crenwelge, Corine Klose, Lou Awalt, Viola Jones, Linda Mohr, Barbara Jacoby, Janie Nielsen, Dot Maner, Alicia Frantzen, and Helen Usener.

GUADALUPE COUNTY HOSTS ANNUAL SPRING FLING

By Valerie Posey

The Guadalupe County Extension Education Association celebrated spring with Annual Spring Fling on May 15 2014. The three clubs gathered for fellowship, making jar gardens and enjoying a potluck lunch.



DISTRICT 10 SPRING CONFERENCE

Twelve members of the Pilot Knob EE Club and the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent represented Gillespie County at the March 25, District 10 EEA Spring Conference held at Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio.

The Pilot Knob EE Club was recognized as a 59 year club. Dot Maner was honored with the Texas Treasure Award for her 59 years as an active EEA member.



Dot Maner and Una Kunkel

Ellen Reeder and Joyce True were Cultural Arts winners. Also attending was Gillespie County 4-H member, Mattie Lastovica who was the recipient of a \$500 District 10 EEA 4-H Scholarship.

THREE OAKS EE CLUB MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT DISTRICT 10 SPRING CONFERENCE

By Michelle Alewine
FCS Extension Agent

Three Oaks EE Club members from Wilson County attended the District 10 Spring Conference. During the meeting 3 of their members were recognized for their years of service. They are: Edna Meyer – 48 years, Evelyn Raabe – 41 years, and Margie Arnold – 52 years. Congratulations!



CALDWELL COUNTY HOLDS ACHIEVEMENT DAY

By Esther Barney

Caldwell County presented "The Little Basic Black Dress" program during their Achievement Day meeting. Those performing were Naomi Josephson, Bethany Christinson and narrator Esther Barney. A good laugh was enjoyed by all forty attending.

Pictured is Esther Barney with some of the accessories used in the presentation.



POSITIVE CHARGES

- Finish what you start.
- Learn to laugh at yourself.
- Be consistent.
- Determine what success really means to you, Then, put your thoughts in writing.
- Analyze and evaluate the attitudes of current friends and associates.
- Always have alternative plans.
- Believe in yourself and what you are doing.
- Focus your effort on constant achievement.
- Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can.
- Change the thoughts you hold in your mind, and change your life.
- Be decisive.
- Build a positive attitude of expectancy.
- Refuse to be discouraged.
- Don't try to win arguments.
- Always find the best in people.

DISTRICT 11

David Vince, author of "When Life Throws You Curves, Keep Swinging" and Dr. Darlene Locke, Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth Development and Director of Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood were the keynote speakers for the Washington Extension Education Achievement Day Tuesday, February 25th at the Washington County Event Center.

Head, Hands, Heart, and Health was the theme for the event organized by the Education Committee-Diane Ashorn, Edith Erwin, Mary Lister, Chere' Martin, Patricia Renn, and Mary Young. Dark green covers and vases of red carnations graced the tables. A delightful lunch was served with desserts created by the committee. Tanya McGonagill and Judith Finke served as emcees for the event.

Joycine Hanath was the county winner of the Texas Leadership Award.



Louise Newman was the county recipient of the Texas Treasure Award.



WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

By Judith Finke

May Dell Lanham was the Extension High Point Exhibitor at the Washington County Fair.



Prairie Hill earned the club pro rata most Volunteer Hours Certificate. Club members earning certificates were: After Five; Cindy Lyles, Lunch and Learn; Judith Finke, Prairie Hill; Jan Herbst, Washington; Joy Dickschat, Greenvine; Valeria Mueller and Wm Penn; Edna Schroeder.



Outstanding Club members for each club were: After Five; Diane Ashorn and Bobbi Jo Supak, Greenvine; Debbie Reed (not pictured), Lunch and Learn; Michele Daniels, Prairie Hill; Jan Herbst, Washington; Joy Dickschat, and Wm Penn; Kathleen Flick.



In the Cultural Arts competition, First place ribbons went to Ericka Rochelle in Machine Embroidery, Jan Herbst in Quilts smaller than 50" x 70" machine quilted and Wall Hangings, May Del Lanham in Quilts larger than 50" x 70" hand quilted, Decorated Garments, and Holiday Decorations, Alice Kyle in Painting and Drawing, Betty Vierus in Afghans, Tablecovers, Blankets and Bedspreads, Judith Finke in Jewelry and Traditional Scrapbooks, Bobbie Jo Supak in Photography, Barbara Burrow in Fashion Creations, Louise Newman in Recycled Items, Barbara Wise in Paper, Garments and Accessories, handmade and Fiber Arts, Rose Lee Lohmeyer in Quilts any size made by more than one member and Carol Quinn in Miscellaneous.



Second Place went to Ericka Rochelle in Wall Hangings, Valeria Mueller in Fabric Creations, Garment and Accessories and Holiday Creations, Diane Ashorn in Photography, Mary Young in Afghans, Tablecovers, Blankets, Bedspreads and Barbara Wise in Quilts smaller than 50" x 70" and Quilts larger than 50" x 70" (not for district competition.)



TAITON EE CLUB HAS BUSY SPRING

By Georgia Henderson

Taiton EE Club has been very busy with many activities this spring. Educational programs brought back from the 2013 State Conference have been presented with much success.

Members held a very successful Taco Luncheon that made enough money to meet the Wharton County EEA budget. Members also worked at the Wharton County Youth Fair which had a very successful year with 5000 entries. Volunteers helped with the cultural arts, attended the 4-H and FFA animal projects, and Senior Citizen Day. Our quilt scholarship raffle brought in enough money for several scholarships.

May was the month for our club auction and potato luncheon. Each member brought 3 items from baked goods, plants, canned goods, garden produce and white elephant items from home. A lot of fun was had with the auction. The money will be used for community service projects (Cancer's Relay for Life, WCYF Inter. High Point, Plastic Bags for Day Care Centers). June has been busy with homemade cookies for the Czech Catholic Home for the Aged and Garden Villa Nursing Home.

Pat Sanders and Rose Marie Bain have been chosen as nominee and alternate to Wharton EEA as possible delegates from Wharton County to the State Conference in Wichita Falls.



Taiton EE Club members with numbers ready to bid on auction items.

LAVACA COUNTY HOSTS FALL 2013 AND SPRING 2014 DISTRICT MEETINGS

By Gayle Bludau



Lavaca County has been very busy. They hosted the Fall Kickoff District 11 Meeting. Sixty-eight members from the District attended. Homemade refreshments and a catered meal was provided by the hostesses. Betty Baughn, District 11 Director, presided over the meeting. The District 11 Spring meeting was also hosted by Lavaca County on April 11, 2014. Eighty-eight members were present.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTENDS DISTRICT 11 CONFERENCE

By Judith Finke

The District 11 Spring Conference was held in Hallettsville on April 11, 2014. Washington County was well represented.



From left to right: Edna Schroeder, Nelda Muehlbrad, Louise Newman, Betty Vierus, Valeria Mueller, Daulene Hopmann, Mary Young, Doris Klingsporn and Maurine Graham.

Congratulations to Joycine Hanath who received the District 11 Texas Leadership Award and Louise Newman who received the District 11 Texas Treasure Award. They will now represent District 11 at the state level in Wichita Falls in September.

THE PARADOXICAL COMMANDMENTS

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

From the book **ANYWAY**
By Kent M. Keith
Published by G.P. Putnam's Sons

TAITON CLUB SUPPORTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

By Olivia McDonald
Taiton EEC reporter

Taiton Extension Education Club members and members of the Bluebonnet Club have been busy with Wharton County Extension Education Association projects. Members baked cookies and served the to-go plates for the April Taco Salad fund raiser. This annual WCEEA project helps to meet association expenses. We manned the Creative Art Section at the Wharton County Youth Fair and sold tickets on the Double Wedding Ring Quilt that was raffled for scholarships.

Back home, about fifty members and guests enjoyed a games party and spaghetti lunch in April. Mexican Train, Chicken Foot, "42" and "88" were the games of choice. Door prizes included money, candy and a set of dominoes.

More fun and a profitable day for our scholarships and other charitable projects was the members' auction held at the May meeting. Lively bidding on fresh vegetables, baked goods and plants was followed by a baked potato luncheon.

Community Service Projects for the spring months included donations to the Women's Crisis Center, 4-H Fashion Show, Cancer Society and Relay For Life. Cookies and Bingo prizes for the county nursing homes and collecting plastic bags for the nursery school were other projects. A new project was the collection of manufacturer's coupons for service personnel. Coupons valued at over \$14,000 were donated in one month by TEEC members.

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