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Winnie Felps (Oldest TEEA attendee—103 and Julia Moseley)

WHAT SHADOW DO YOU CAST

By Julia Moseley
State President

I've never felt that I was self-centered before, but in this job it seems to go with the territory. I, I, I, me, me, me, will you do this for me, will you do that for me. I really want to focus on the organization and the members. I'm speaking to you as the leaders or future leaders of our organization. I love being a leader in TEEA and other organizations, and I take that responsibility very seriously.

There is an old quote from author Robert Fulghum that sums up leadership, "Don't worry your children hear what you say, worry instead that your children are watching what you do!" As leaders our members are not listening to what we say but they are watching what we do. As leaders, we all cast a shadow and it's in this shadow that other members take their cues as to what to do and how to do it. What shadow are you casting?

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Who you are speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you're saying." Every leader casts a shadow. It is a simple, yet powerful concept that should resonate with every individual in a leadership position or anyone who aspires to hold one. The shadow of the leader is the phenomenon wherein leaders, through their behaviors and actions, project significant influence on those around them – thus "casting a shadow".

Larry Senn, in a 1970's doctoral dissertation said that over time

organizations tended to mirror the character and style of their leaders. Leaders often tend to underestimate the length of their shadow – not necessarily understanding that their impact goes well beyond those that work directly with them and becomes part of the fabric of the broader organization. As a leader, you cast a shadow -- whether you want to or not.

As a leader every move you make is watched and often emulated by the people who work with you. They take their cues in terms of what is important from what you, as their leader, pay attention to how you react in various situations.

Most importantly, those who work with you will decide what behaviors are acceptable and valued based on what they perceive your priorities are. To achieve the engagement you want and to ensure you get the performance that you expect, you should be very thoughtful about the shadow that you cast. And if you don't like what you see, work deliberately to change it. It could be that your members are mirroring a misapprehension.

If a leader treats every setback as a failure, so likely will the members. If a leader looks to blame others when deliverables are not met, so will the members. If a leader does not show up on time for meetings, so will the members. If a leader arrives early and stays late, pretty soon, so will many of the other members.

If every request is regarded



Oldest—Winnie Felps 103 and Youngest—Amanda Trevino 24.

as a fire drill, just watch how frantically the other members will begin to respond to the bell. If, on the other hand, you as a leader look at failure as an opportunity to learn, grow, and get better, other members will also. If you assume accountability and deliver on the commitments you make, other members will follow you. If you handle crisis in a calm and effective way, this approach will soon pervade the organization.

As I reflect on the shadow that I currently cast versus the shadow I would like to project, I know that I would like to empower others to demonstrate their strengths and abilities. The poem, "I'D RATHER SEE A SERMON" by Edgar Guest reflects some of my feelings about life.

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear, Fine council is confusing, but example's always clear.

The best of all the preachers are men who live their creed, For to see good put into action, is what everyone needs.

*I can soon learn how to do it, if you let me see it done,
I can catch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you in the high advice you give,
But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.
When I see an act of kindness, I am eager to be kind;
When a weaker brother stumbles, and a stronger stays behind.
Just to see if I can help him, the wish grows strong in me,
To be as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today,
Is not the one that tells them, but the one that shows the way.*



**Be with those that
bring out the best in you,
not the stress in you.**



“MILLIE’S TIDBITS”

By Millie Barrow
President-Elect

Hello everyone,

I am so proud to be your President –Elect and am so excited about the new position. Thanks to each and every one of you for your vote and support, I will try my very best to be what you expect me to be. This next year will be my learning period, time to learn more about TEEA and what I can do to help strengthen our great organization. Time to listen and take notes; notes to better help me to help you.

Most of you know me, however, let me introduce myself. I am Millie Barrow and I live at Lake Leon in Eastland County with my husband, Ron, of 54 years. We have one daughter, Sherinda, two grandchildren, Coy and Colbi, and two of the most beautiful great granddaughters on earth, Sophie, age 7 and Riley, age 3. (Yep, I do brag a lot, however, I have plenty of photos to prove it, just ask me, I will show them to you). We have a small farm where we have two gardens (organic, so that is a lot of hoeing), raise chickens for those great range free eggs, have a couple of calves and a mighty dog named Fokie who is 8 years old and is so sweet.

I have held all positions at club level with the exception of Vice President and all positions at County with the exception of Vice Chair. Don't know how I missed those two offices!! I was District 8 Director for 2 years, TEEA State Treasurer for 3 years and 1st Vice President of Leadership for 2 years. I have learned so much about TEEA from holding all of these offices and from the many wonderful members I have come into contact with. Throughout these years I have worked with five different State Presidents and have been extremely humbled to become close to them and they have taught me so very much about TEEA. Just listening to the experienced Board Members has been so very helpful. I have found with each new member you meet you learn something new and interesting. TEEA has such wonderful members and I always look forward to the State Conference

to connect again with everyone. TEEA has taught me to become a leader.

One of my goals for this next year, just like many others with the same goal, is to help increase membership, talking with the younger group of women and men in my County to help them realize the importance of TEEA and the good we do, not only for 4-H, but for our families, friends and the community.

If there is anything I can help you with, please contact me. I am always here for you. No problem or concern is too small or too large that can't be solved.

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I am also on Facebook.



GOODBYE 2015—2016 IS UP AND RUNNING

By Nyanza Price,
2nd Vice President for Programs

State is finally behind us and what a conference!! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and had a great interest in all of the workshops; Early Birds, Delegates and Members. I know the Districts and Education Chairs spent a lot of time preparing for them. But the work does not stop. I have been in contact with the Education Chairs and they have begun to plan for 2016. They are full of thoughts and ideas. It has become a fun thing now. Not only have the chairs been busy, but the experienced and new District Directors are busily planning the programs for their districts. REMEMBER they have deadlines so County Chairs please adhere to your deadlines. TEEA has so many talented people and I look forward to meeting more of you next year. I hope your year is exciting.

God bless you and your families.



88th TEEA CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS

By Kaylene Layton
State Secretary

.....and a good time was had by all who attended! Waco was great! Wonderful programs, loved the venue.....and those were just a few of the comments I overheard at our 88th State Conference in Waco.

A great big “thank you” to Districts 3 and 8 for a job well done; and to the City of Waco and the staff at the Convention Center for making all 443 TEEA members who attended feel welcome.

I know that those of you who did not get to attend this Convention will truly enjoy the Educational Programs that your delegates will bring to you in the coming year. Don't forget the new deadline of August 1st for your Annual Reports to be done.

Our accommodations at the Hilton were very nice. I really enjoyed the view from our window in the evenings and early mornings as our room faced the river and the lighted bridge that seemed to change colors every few hours. What a lovely memory. Thanks, Nyanza for drawing that to my attention.

The District 2 party was so much fun! Thanks to Glenda Gibson, our District Director, for discovering the yacht and the cruise. We saw Waco from the deck of the yacht while cruising up and down the Brazos! An entirely different view.

Our President, Julia Mosley did a bang up job keeping the business of the Convention flowing smoothly and efficiently so that we were able to enjoy some free time to do some fun things and have a great Convention, too.

Congratulation to our newly elected officers; Millie Barrow, President elect, Betty Baughn, 1st Vice President of Leadership and to Kay Jacob as she continues in the roll as State Treasurer. I know that they will continue to do fantastic things for TEEA in the future.

This first year has been really challenging for many of us on the State Board. What with health problems abounding, both personal and familial, losses of loved ones, and other happenings in this thing called life, we have persevered. Thank God for answered prayers, for strength to continue his work, and especially for those who remembered all of us in your prayers.

I am looking forward to another great year with TEEA.



MONEY TALKS

By Kay Jacob, State Treasurer
Hello TEEA Members. What a GREAT conference in Waco. We had great educational programs and breakout sessions. We had fun at our LUNCH & LEARN. The facilities were wonderful with plenty of room for all of our events. Thank you to Districts 3 and 8 who worked really hard to make it such a success. If you didn't get to attend the conference, I hope you are making plans for 2016 in Plano.

I am Kay Jacob and my mailing address is 625 CR 91, Bishop, TX 78343. My phone number is (361) 947-1070 and my email is kjacob1954@gmail.com. It is a pleasure serving as your State Treasurer for two more years. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

As a reminder, **dues are now due**. County Chairs, please use TEEA Membership List-County Form page 6-8 and only list 20 names per page. Send this along with Membership Dues of \$15/ member with the check payable to **TEEA, Inc.** and print **For Deposit Only** on the back of the check. This form and dues are to be sent to your District Director along with the County Association List of Presidents and EIN's-County form page 6-13 and the TEEA List of Association Officers-County form page 6-12. All of these will be forwarded to me by your District Director.

Again, if you have ANY questions, feel free to call me.

Thanks for all your support!!

MEET YOUR NEW 1ST V.P. OF LEADERSHIP AND THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF TEEA

By Millie Barrow

Hello everyone,

I truly enjoyed the last two years as your 1st V.P. of Leadership and appreciate your support while in this office. It was very informative and hopefully I was able to help answer some questions and help solve problems. I enjoyed working with each District Director and I know I have made some new friends. Always know that I am here to answer questions and help in any way I can. As my final duty as 1st V.P. of Leadership, let me introduce your new V.P. of Leadership and the District Directors of TEEA.



1ST V.P. OF LEADERSHIP – BETTY BAUGHN:

Betty just completed the position of District 11 Director. She lives in Mathis, Texas. She and her first husband of 24 years had two children. She lost her second husband of 27 years suddenly in March of this year. Between the two of them they have 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Betty works at her church as an Administrator, Secretary-Treasurer and Bookkeeper. She truly loves her work and feels it is a service that she provides for her Lord.

Betty is excited about her new position and is looking forward to working with the District Directors and all TEEA members.



DISTRICT 1–CHERYL SANDER, DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

Cheryl lives in Spearman, Texas with her husband Rick of 31 years. They have two children, Bryce and Brooklyn. She held the positions of Association Chair previously in her County. She

currently works for H & S EMS as an Advance EMT. Cheryl works with the PTO, on the county ambulance service and does volunteer work at the nursing home. Her fun activities include scrapbooking, shopping, traveling, and playing with her grandchildren. She is also a Red Hatter!! Cheryl's goals in the next year are to increase her district's membership and to attend each club meeting in her District at least once in her two year term.

WELCOME CHERYL, we are so glad to have you on the Board.



DISTRICT 2 – GLENDA GIBSON, DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

Glenda lives in Tulia Texas with her husband of 40 years; they have three children and three grandchildren. She held the positions of County Council Chair, Council Treasurer, Council Secretary, Club President, and Club Secretary. Glenda currently works for Texas AgriLife Extension of Swisher County as Office Manager. She visits nursing homes, teaches 3 and 4 year olds at City Church and 3, 4, and 5 year olds at the Mission Friends and she also coordinates Ag Safety Day. For fun she crochets and plays with her grandchildren. Glenda's goal is to encourage new members.

WELCOME GLENDA, we are so happy to have you on the Board.



DISTRICT 3 – DIXIE RANGE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

Dixie lives in Decatur with her husband of 11 years. They have five children and 7 grandchildren. She previously held the position of Club President, County Chair and Vice President of her Club. Dixie volunteers at the Wise

Choices, a pregnancy resource center and the County Extension Office. She is a member of Retired Teachers, teaches bible class, and on the Board of the Library Foundation for Decatur. Dixie enjoys meeting new people, reading, baking, and watching her grandchildren play in sports. Her goal for her District is personal connections between Clubs and Counties; grow more clubs and reach out to younger members in TEEA.

WELCOME DIXIE, we are glad to have you on the Board.



DISTRICT 4 – VELMA TATE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

Velma lives in Lake Worth with her husband of 59 years. They have 2 children, 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She comes back for her second year as District Director. Velma has a vast wealth of experience with TEEA; on the State Board she has held the positions of District Director, District 4 Education Chair, TEEA Secretary, Second V.P. of Education, and Alumnae Chair. She has held the position of Tarrant County Association Chairperson, Club Secretary and Delegate. She has held all of these positions many times. Velma is a Sunday School Teacher and teaches tating at the community college and the Senior Center. For fun she enjoys tating, church activities and reading. Velma's goals for her District is to grow and encourage members to take leadership roles.

WELCOME BACK VELMA, we are happy to have you another year.



DISTRICT 5–ELLEN MANNING, DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

Ellen lives in Center, Texas with her husband of 28 years.

She has previous experience as a District Director. Ellen is very active in her community, she is the Treasurer of Smith Cemetery, Assistant Treasurer of her Church, Secretary of the Rainbow Room, President of Woodman Life Insurance Lodge and Reporter for Golden Harvest Club. She leads a very active life. Ellen's goal is to work with Agents to start new 4-H Clubs in Shelby County.

WELCOME BACK ELLEN, we are happy to have you back on the Board.



DISTRICT 6 – LA JUANA THAMES, DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

La Juana lives in Monahans with her husband of 52 years. They have 4 children, 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She has been a member of TEEA for 32 years, held the positions of County Chair and Club President. La Juana has served several times as District Director of Districts 1 and 6, Education Committee Chair, V.P. of Leadership, and 2nd V.P. of Education. She has a vast knowledge of TEEA. She is a caretaker for her husband. La Juana is a 4-H volunteer in Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, lambs, pigs and whatever the Agent needs. She teaches Sunday school, Children's church and the Wednesday night classes. She is interested in genealogy, yard work (this relaxes her), teaching food preparation and clothing construction with children.

La Juana's goals are to obtain more members for the counties and encourage FCS Agents to help the Clubs more. She is on her second year as District Director.

WELCOME BACK LA JUANA, we are happy to have you another year.

“When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything you gave me’.”
~ Erma Bombeck



**DISTRICT 7 – BRENDA CAMP,
DISTRICT DIRECTOR:**

Brenda lives in Tuscola. She has served as County Vice Chair and the local Club Secretary this year. In the past she has held the offices of County Chairperson, Club President, Club Vice President, and Association Vice Chair. Brenda is a retired emergency department driver and R.N. She is involved with FFA and 4-H as a Sponsor. Also, she is the church custodial supervisor and helps with the County fair. As fun activities she enjoys crochet, crafts, yard work, and cooking. Brenda's goals for this year include knocking down borders of districts, counties and local clubs. To make members welcome to every TEEA activity and to visit each District 7 county associations.

WELCOME BRENDA, we are so glad to have you on board.



**DISTRICT 8 – ALICE LANCE,
DISTRICT DIRECTOR:**

Alice lives in Rainbow, is a widow with 2 children and 4 grandchildren. This is Alice's second year as District Director and prior to that she was the District 8 Secretary as well as holding many offices at club level. Alice is a volunteer at the Somervell Senior Center serving lunch and quilting. She oversees the quilting for The Quilt for Project Joy and is publicity chair for the Somervell County Cancer Support Group. Alice's goals are to make contact with counties in the District that are not represented with an EE Club and to increase awareness of the purpose of TEEA in all counties in the District.

WELCOME BACK ALICE, we are happy to have you another year.



**DISTRICT 9
REXINE SCARBOROUGH,
DISTRICT DIRECTOR:**

Rexine lives in Conroe with her husband of 53 years. They have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. She held the office of County Chair this year and has in the past held the positions of County Chair, Chair elect, and treasurer as well as holding offices at Club level. She is retired from HR/PR/ Benefits and accounting. Rexine helps with the fair, her church and 4-H. She enjoys crocheting, knitting and reading for fun. Her goals are to grow the membership and be supportive to clubs and counties.

WELCOME BACK REXINE, we are glad to have you another year.



**DISTRICT 10
GWEN RISINGER
DISTRICT DIRECTOR:**

Gwen lives in Blanco with her husband of 54 years and they have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. She is on her second year as District Director and has served previously as a District Director and Education Chair. She previously served as Club Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, County EEA Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. She brings plenty of experience to the table. She is involved with the Library Board and the Garden Club. Her main goal is to increase membership.

WELCOME BACK GWEN, we are glad to have you another year.



**DISTRICT 11
CARROL DAVIG
DISTRICT DIRECTOR:**

Carrol lives in Victoria, is a widow and has one child, two grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. This past year she was the County Chair and in the past has held the following positions: TEEA State President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and County Chairs. She will be an asset with all of her past experience. She is involved with the Mid Coast Family Services and the Child Protective Services. Carrol's goals are to listen to all concerns and meet those concerns with help from TEEA and the Extension Office.

WELCOME CARROL, to the board, we are happy to have you back.



**DISTRICT 12
DEBBIE GILLESPIE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Debbie lives in Pleasanton with her husband of 43 years; they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She is currently the Club President and the County Chair and has held these positions in prior years. She and her husband own The Cabinet Shop and Debbie works in the office. Debbie is involved in the County Emergency Management and volunteers at the County Extension office and in 4-H. For fun she enjoys fishing, camping, canning and preserving. Her goals are to build better communication between clubs and boards.

**TEEA ALUMNAE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

By, Grace Glaze, Chair
The Alumnae Silent Auction and Drawing was fantastic! I am still smiling! This is the Alumnae fundraiser to support our scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a success. You were very generous in your donations, purchasing tickets, and bidding on the items. There were 69 items donated for the silent auction and 4 items donated for the drawing.

The drawing, silent auction, memorials, and donations had an income of \$3,241. The committee will use this money to give college students scholarships. The information for the Alumnae scholarships can be found in the TEEA Manual.

The winners of the drawing were: Beth Frankenburger-Quilted Wall Hanging donated by Ola Culwell, D. Hagland-Hand Knitted sweater donated by Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Elna Preston-Handmade Afghan donated by Velma Tate, Patricia Jones-Vera Bradley Framed Traveler Bag donated by Kay Bezner. Everyone picked up their silent auction items or someone picked them up for the winner.

I would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, sale tickets, help check out, donated items and special thanks to Violet Alexander.

The Alumnae Luncheon was great. There were 47 in attendance. Membership list was updated, and if anyone would like a copy please let me know.

I have received several memorials from members. If you would like to send a memorial in memory of someone please send it to me. If your club or county would like to honor a member with an honorarium I will be happy to accept it.

Please encourage your college students who meet the guidelines to apply for our scholarship. The application is in the manual on the web teea.tamu.edu/. District Directors also have the information. The applications are due to me April 1, 2016.

Keep in touch and let me hear from you. Grace Glaze 2835 CR 385 El Campo, TX. 77437. If you have any questions please call me (979-543-4168) or send e-mail graceglaze38@yahoo.com.

“Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”

~ Joshua J. Marine





The 4-H Starr Chefs from South Texas won local, state and national competitions while explaining their culture and ancestry. Pictured from left are Jason Gorena, Crystal Alaniz, Garrett Gonzalez, Janay Rocha and Brandon Guerra. (AgriLife Extension photo by Yolanda Morado)

NEW ORLEANS — A team of five young 4-H chefs in extreme South Texas blew away the judges recently when they not only whipped up a delicious seafood dish in fierce competition, they explained that the ingredients they used were those of their ancestors who first inhabited the Americas.

“The 4-H Starr Chefs aced it,” said Yolanda Morado, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent in Starr County. “They took first place at the Great American Seafood Cook-off in New Orleans, beating out cooking teams from several southern states. I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

4-H is the youth component of AgriLife Extension.

The team worked long and hard to make it to competition in Louisiana, Morado said, having previously won competitions at local and state levels.

“In College Station at the annual State 4-H Roundup in June, the 4-H Starr Chefs competed against 4-H teams from throughout Texas,” she said. “They placed among the top four finalist teams, then in the second heat won first place overall. That got us invited to the national competition.”

The 4-H Starr Chefs team includes Janay Rocha, Garrett Gonzalez, Jason Gorena, Brandon Guerra and Crystal Alaniz. The team is coached by Roel and Rolando Hernandez, former Starr County 4-H’ers and owners of Elite Catering Service in Rio Grande City.

The team selected a delicacy known as seafood empanadas, or turnovers, to show off their culinary and presentation skills.

“The 4-H competition was an invitational,” Morado said. “Only

top-winning teams from throughout the country were invited. We had already been invited to appear on the Food Network but couldn’t because of conflicting schedules. But when we were invited to compete in New Orleans, I knew this would be good exposure for the team. They would compete among the best in the nation and would be judged by four top professional chefs.”

The event was sponsored by the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service 4-H division. To finance their trip, the Starr County team collected \$7,000 in six weeks.

“Starr County is said to be among the poorest in the country, but our community backed our team all the way,” Morado said. “Most were small donations, but the entire community got involved. None of this could have been possible without the support of parents, coaches, businesses and citizens. They made sure our team had everything they needed to compete.”

By the time the 4-H Starr Chefs competed in New Orleans, they were well-versed in addressing crowds and judges at many events, Morado said. For New Orleans, they had done their homework. But this was their first foray into national competition; many of the other competing teams had been there before.

“When judges asked about the ingredients they used, team members knew about sea life in the Gulf of Mexico, many from having gone on family fishing trips,” Morado said. “And when asked about the vegetable ingredients, they very confidently told the judges about their culture and how the Aztecs, Incas and others had been the first to farm

corn, onions, tomatoes, peppers, cilantro and other vegetables.

The judges were enthralled. They were very impressed.”

For placing first, the 4-H Starr Chefs won a \$1,000 award and \$500 for traveling expenses. They were also treated to a tour of a seafood packing facility and a five-course meal of lobster and prime rib at Dragos, a five-star restaurant in New Orleans.

“It wasn’t about the money,” Morado said. “It was about competing against the best and taking the opportunity to let the world know about our proud Hispanic history and culture.”

The chefs praised 4-H and their community for helping them gain confidence.

“This project has taken me from a timid and shy person to one who is confident and eager to meet challenges,” said Crystal Alaniz.

Janay Rocha said, “My 4-H food challenge experience has given me a great appreciation for my community. The support we have gotten has been a blessing and has showed our team how committed they are to young people pursuing their talents.”

Another, Garrett Gonzalez, said, “These 4-H competitions taught me how motivation and keeping the team composed and focused when facing adversity is very important.”

And Jason Gorena said, “Teamwork was what brought us this far, to me it’s not the value of one but the value of all.”

The 4-H Starr Chefs have one more challenge this year: representing Texas in September at the National 4-H Food Challenge at the State Fair of Texas.

4-H STARR CHEFS TAKE NATIONAL TITLE IN DALLAS

October 1
DALLAS—The 4-H Starr Chefs kept their winning streak alive by sweeping the 4-H National Cooking Competition at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

“They’ve won it all. There’s nothing more to win,” said Yolanda Morado, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service FCS agent for Starr County and the team’s mentor. “For us, this is like winning the Super Bowl,

World Series and Wimbledon all in one.”

To beat out 4-H cooking champions from as far away as Virginia, the Starr County 4-H’ers kept up their pledge of working hard to be the best, Morado said.

Submitted by Violet Alexander. Her comment, “This is why I bleed green.” Way to go STARR CHEFS!



ADVISOR ARTICLE

By Joyce Cavanagh, PhD., CPFFE

Howdy from College Station! It was so nice to see those of you who were able to make it to the State Conference in Waco. Every year the Conference grows and improves – in content and spirit! This is in no small part to the hard work of the Executive Committee, Education Chairs, Board members and the Host Districts. Much of their hard work is now posted to the website, <http://teea.tamu.edu>. You can find all of the State Education Lessons, the updated By-laws, contact information for the 2015-2016 Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and a Press Release you can use with your local media about your attendance at the conference.

As you progress through the year, remember that the TEEA Manual is posted to the website. This is a reference manual for all clubs, county associations and district associations. Any questions you have about how clubs or associations function, procedures to follow or forms to use can be answered by referring to the Manual. The Manual is updated every year so you can feel confident that the latest version is on the website.

Plans are already underway for next year’s conference in Plano. I hope more of you will be able to join us for the fun, to share the successes of the year and make plans for another year!!

My best wishes for a fabulous year!



2014-2015 TEEA STATE BOARD

Standing L—R: Cathy Hanzik, Education Chair-District 9; Connie Troxell, Education Chair-District 5; Rosabelle Leal, District 1 Director; Glenda Gibson, District 2 Director; Ola Culwell, District 3 Director; Velma Tate, District 4 Director; Joyce Morrow, District 5 Director; LaJuana Thames, District 6 Director; Lynda French, District 7 Director; Alice Lance, District 8 Director; Rexine Scarborough, District 9 Director; Gwen Risinger, District 10 Director; Betty Baughn, District 11 Director; Debbie Gillespie, District 12 Director; Jan Meador, Education Chair-District 1; Cita Honeycutt, Education Chair-District 3.

Seated L—R: Violet Alexander, 4-H Foundation Representative; Grace Glaze, Alumnae Committee Chair; Dr. Judy Warren, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Advisor; Kay Jacob, State Treasurer; Kaylene Layton, State Secretary; Julia Moseley, State President; Millie Barrow, 1st Vice President of Leadership; Nyanza Price, 2nd Vice President for Programs; Dr. Joyce Cavanaugh, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Advisor; Lela Goar, TEEA Messenger Editor.



CVU HONOREES 2015

By Gwen Risinger

The certificate itself is 500 hours; each seal is 500 hours.

NAME	CLUB	COUNTY	DIST	HRS
Mary C. White	Campbell	Hunt	4	1000
Connie Adams	Sunshine	Taylor	7	500
Lynda French	Oatmeal	Burnet	7	1000
Lela Goar	Bethel	Burnet	7	1000
Polly Krenek	Marble Falls/Oatmeal	Burnet	7	1000
Connie Roark	Lake Victor	Burnet	7	1000
Margie Wheeler	Honey Bees	Taylor	7	500
Kathryn D'Ann White	Sunshine	Jones	7	500
Lisa Zinz	Lake Victor	Burnet	7	500
LaVoyce Duskocil	Leedale	Bell	8	500
Laurie Veatch	Leedale	Bell	8	1000
Ethel Tarleton	Bluff Springs	Travis	10	500



CVU Honorees 2015

88th ANNUAL TEEA CONFERENCE

By Michaelene Perry,
District 8 Reporter

“Texas, Our Texas” sang out loud and clear as the theme for the 88th TEEA State Conference held at the Waco Civic Center in Waco, TX on September 15-16, 2015. With table decorations of yellow roses and Texas emblems all around we knew we were in this great state of ours. The program agenda had the TEEA state seal with a reminder of the added touch to the opened heart—we open our hearts to all.

For the 2-day convention we had 475 registered members, board, agents, advisors and guest attend. Having the

host hotel next door to the Civic Center made it very convenient for all with the back-up hotel just across the street. Waco was a welcoming city for all!

Host Districts 3 and 8 led by their respective Directors, Ola Culwell and Alice Lance, along with Dana Tarter, Regional Program Leader, FCS, Central Region, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are to be commended for the excellent job of coordinating this occasion.

Early Bird Workshops included: a) “Judging 4-H Projects” where we had 4-H members lead us in the importance of always giving feedback to them. Their purpose is to constantly learn and improve—

that is what makes them grow and be ready after school to compete in the real world; b) “I want to make a Quilt—How do I do it?” with explanations of how to get started with fabrics, themes, supplies needed, etc., c) “Birds of Texas” with the habitat, photos, migration and nesting preferences; and d) “Spice Village” shopping across the street from the Civic Center with yummy restaurants and fun shops.

The opening session began with Julia Moseley, TEEA State President, calling the meeting to order and Pastor Sue Milam, First United Methodist Church of Waco, gave the Invocation. The Vietnam Veterans Heart of Texas Chapter 1012 presented the colors. All remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags, the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner” and “Texas, Our Texas.” The afternoon covered the conference rules, review of the program agenda, introduction of TEEA Board of Directors, Past Presidents, TEEA Past State Board of Directors – Alumnae, and TEEA Advisors. Other business presented was Outstanding Educational County & Honor Roll of Counties, presentation of the “Big Check,” First Time attendees, Financial Report and Budget Proposal. Introduction of Officer Candidates and voice voting for the proposed slate of officers was announced by Julia. Nyanza Price, 2nd Vice President for Programs, gave an explanation of election procedures. This year’s delegates voted for the slate of officers and the submitted By Laws changes.

One of the most amazing parts of this day was the recognition of the oldest and youngest TEEA members. The youngest is Amanda Trevino, 24 years old, from Leon County in District 8. The oldest member is Winnie Felts, Burnet County in District 7 who is 103 years, still active in her club activities, is very

mobile and an amazing lady. She was recognized with a special gift for her dedication to TEEA.

Tuesday evening it was “Party Time” for all the Districts with each of the 12 having their own dinner. Maintaining the Texas Theme, District 8 had a Texas Trivia game with only a couple of participants answering 14 out of 15 questions. It sure made us realize we forget our Texas history and need to brush up on state facts.

The second day agenda completed the business portion with lunch entertainment by Judy James, singer of traditional western music radio talk show host, songwriter, guitarist, author and educator. Ms James sang a song of the migration to Texas of “Cowboys” to fill the need for workers on the range. Her lyrics were intermingled with a story about the cowboy, the great “American Cowboy” with horse, rope and gun—he tamed the west, not only cows, but horses, too. Judy sang a touching song about the Spanish Mustang of 1493 where we learned that of the 14 mustangs brought over by Cortez only 6 survived. Next Judy discussed and sang about women of the west, like Lizzie Johnson, who wrote a publication under a man’s name because women were not really accepted as writers back then. Other songs during Ms James performance were “Lilacs in the Rain”, “Peaches on the Shelf”, and “Where are the Heroes.” The closing songs were about Roy Rogers and Gene Autry with the audience singing along with Judy. Yes, we did learn about the west as it grew with different stories to entertain us.



Following Judy was Andy Crocker who with his entertaining methods presented "Moving from Knowledge to Practice." He discussed how we can utilize the principles of adult learning and behavior change to move knowledge into action. His topic was well timed because the afternoon educational sessions are important to all of us active in TEEA and to the community at-large that we serve. The great part of this talk was Andy making theory easy to understand and follow. We can't wait to go back to our counties to present the topics from the delegate and optional workshops.



Delegate workshops were "Eating What You Grow," "Emergency Evacuations," "Don't Let Blue Get To You," and "Preparing the Presenter for Progressive Programing—P4". Optional workshops were "Judging 4-H Projects," "Round Robin Quilt Techniques," "Preserving Memories," and "Driving for the Mature Driver."

Wednesday evening was the closing ceremonies and installation of the 2015-2016 TEEA Board by Dana Tarter. The meal, presentations and entertainment by the Brandon Reeves Band were exceptional. Brandon and the three other members, William, Jeb and Justin, are Valley Mills High School students. The last song was the absolute best and was written by Brandon at the age of 8. What talent he and his group have.

TEEA Districts 4 and 5 wrapped up the evening with an invitation to the 2016 TEEA

State Conference in Plano, Texas on September 13 & 14. Hope all can attend next year's event!



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Hi, my name is Cheryl Sander and I'm the new District Director for District 1. I'm so excited about this new leadership role that I'm about to endeavor into with all of you. I have a few goals that I would like to accomplish in my 2 year term.

First and upmost is membership. I would like to visit each club to get your ideas and share some of mine with you. Membership is a great concern. My aim is to increase each club by two new members, but more would be fantastic.

Second is our state programs. It's great that we present these programs to our clubs, however other clubs such as Lions, Kiwanis, and or Senior Citizen Centers are always looking for programs for their clubs. These would be great places to extend our programs to. I want each club to go outside their comfort zone and choose someplace besides their club meeting to present at least one state program.

Then lastly is our time management. We all have the same 24 hours in a day so we need to use them wisely. This is hard for everyone because everyone has a little procrastination in them at some point. Holding an office in TEEA is important, so execute your duties in a timely manner. Remember TEEA manual at the website - <http://TEEA.TAMU.edu>

These are just a few of my goals, if you need to get in touch, please don't hesitate to contact me at: Cheryl Sander, 718 Gibner Drive, Spearman, TX 79081 or call me at (806)659-2989 or my cell (806)330-0096. My E-mail address is the following: rsander44@windstream.net

Thank you all in advance and I can't wait to meet all of you in the near future.



Hansford County receives Honor Roll of Counties award for District 1 from Rosabelle Leal, District Director.



Potter County receives Outstanding Education Program award for District 1 from Rosabelle Leal.

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**LEVELLAND
MOONLIGHTER'S
CLUB SUMMER
OUTING**

By Gail Turnipseed
The Levelland Moonlighter's EE Club enjoyed an outing July 14 to the Texas Tech Museum in Lubbock. They saw a variety of interesting exhibits, including one on embroidery. Afterward they enjoyed a meal and shopping at KK's Craft Mall.



Members attending L-R: Crystal Riggins, Sharon Robertson, Gail Turnipseed, Verna Bowman, Betty Mathies, Wynell Donnell and Betty Steward

In May the Levelland Moonlighter's EE Club and the Ropes EE Club combined efforts and gave money for a scholarship to honor a longtime member, Judy Macha, who died of ALS. They gave two \$250.00 scholarships to two 4-H members.



Glenda Gibson, District 2 Director presents Hale County with awards for outstanding Community Service and Educational programming at State Conference in Waco.

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PARKER COUNTY NEWS

By Kim Smith
Parker County, Bethel Harmony TEEA Officer Installations for 2015 - 2017 were held on May 12 at the farm of newly elected club President Willetta Crosslin. Karen Rutherford, member since 2009, conducted the installation with a Formal Flower Ceremony. President Crosslin replaces former President, LaRaye Lester.



Karen Rutherford with new Club President Willetta Crosslin.



Club President Willetta Crosslin, Vice President Pat Friend, Secretary Beth Murphy, Treasurer Carol Hailey, District Delegate LaRaye Lester accepted for Josie Baker, Club member Karen Rutherford.



Ola Culwell, District 3 Director presents Parker County with the Educational programming award at State Conference in Waco.



Wise County received the District 3 outstanding Community Service award at State Conference in Waco from Ola Culwell, District Director.

COUNTRY CROSSROADS CLUB NEWS

By Kim Smith

The 2015-2016 Parker county, Country Crossroads group, is off to a great start. The groups 1st meeting was 9/23/2015 and met at the Red Barn. Great food and memories from the past year were discussed. It was voted unanimously that 10 year old Jenessa Smith, daughter of member, Kim Smith is now an honorary member of the Country Crossroads group. Jenessa attended all meetings last year and assisted in many group projects. Making Christmas balls for Home for the Holidays is just one example of the things she did to help the group. Jenessa was very pleased to be asked to be an honorary member of this awesome group of very special ladies. She is looking forward to many more exciting projects and learning in this upcoming year. Jenessa is also a 4-H day club member as well.



DISTRICT 4



Velma Tate, District 4 Director presents the District outstanding Community Service award to Bowie County at the State Conference in Waco.



The District 4 outstanding county in Educational programming award was presented to Rains County at State Conference in Waco by Velma Tate, District Director.



The coveted State Treasurer award was presented to Audrey Geron of District 4 by Velma Tater, District Director. Congratulations Audrey!

HUNT COUNTY GEARS UP FOR NEW YEAR

By Judy Clingan

Hunt County EE Clubs are looking forward to a new year. During the summer months we took a little break to gear up for the months to come. They held a workday on Alzheimer aprons and some of the members took aprons home to complete.

Six members attended state meeting in Waco and all reported on having a good time. Good workshops and many ideas were received for the coming year.

Hunt County is pleased to announce having a new agent, Sara Latham. She is on board and already filling up her calendar with things to do. Members welcome Sara to Hunt County and wish everyone a beautiful fall.

TARRANT COUNTY'S SUMMER FETE

By Velma Tate

Tarrant County AgriLife honored members of TEEA with a luncheon to thank volunteers for their service in Tarrant County. The luncheon's theme was the "Roaring 20's". Members dressed to attend a Speakeasy and feasted on food made from recipes from the twenty's. EEA members enjoy sharing educational programs and doing community projects. Members benefit by learning new and fun ways to enjoy life. There are always many volunteer opportunities.



L to R: Sherry Stuard, Virginia Williams, Mary Ann Kosan, "Mannequin", Agent Marian Ross, Pearl Cook, Martha Hudson and Velma Tate.

RAINS COUNTY CLUBS

By Kay Chastain

The 3 extension clubs of Rains Co. , District 4, conducted their annual mini conference in January for the state delegates to present the educational programs to all members. All of the state recommendations as well as the Leadership Lesson were presented. Achievement awards were also presented to clubs and individual for outstanding leadership and accomplishments throughout the year.

Twenty-six other programs were given throughout 2015 by the 3 clubs. Topics included: nutrition, gardening and landscaping, water conservation, recycling, quilting skills and techniques, holiday gift giving and decorating, and more. 12 guests speakers and 14 members presented this variety of educational

programs reaching 496 members and guests and donating \$2695.83 in volunteer time and materials.

Our community service project this year was to make "Snuggle Quilts" for the county's Rainbow Room, a supply room for Child Protective Services to provide necessities when a child is removed from an unsafe family situation and placed in the state's care. Twenty quilts were turned in at the August meeting and were designed for all ages from baby to teen. The quilts were on display at the Rains Co. Fair September 15-19, 2015 then presented to the Rainbow Room.



Pictured are members of the Piecemakers Quilting Club turning in their Snuggle Quilts at the August meeting.



Pictured are the "Snuggle Quilts" display at the Rains Co. Fair in September

Other community projects this year were: nursing home Valentine party, Holiday Bauble & Bows Christmas Show, annual Founder's Day Quilt Show, Christmas stockings for county's Angel Tree Project, monthly coin collections to Coins for Friendship and county food pantry, Good Samaritans. A \$600 and a \$250 4-H scholarships were given in May 2015. \$85.57 was given in coins to the Texas 4-H Center and \$170.00 to the Good Samaritans Food Pantry. 611 hours were donated to 4-H and community projects plus donated materials totaling \$41,694.74. Our total of Educational Programs, 4-H and Community Service totaled \$44,390.57 for our clubs in October 2014 through September 2015.

Rains Co. won the award for Outstanding Educational Programs in District 4 at the 2015 TEEA State Conference in Waco, Sept. 15, 2015. Delegates representing the county were Linda Smith, Cindy Polard, and Kaye Pressley. Other attending the conference were Melanie Stroschein, alternate delegate and past state president Kay Chastain.



L to R: Melanie Stroschein, Linda Smith, Kaye Pressley, Cindy Polard and Kay Chastain.

laundry at the East Texas State Fair in Tyler. We had an educational station in the AgriWorld building. Hundreds of East Texas elementary, scout groups, home schools and special needs students learned about the Evolution of Laundry from club members for four days and one evening. Students learned how pioneers coming to Texas washed their clothes in rivers or streams using a rock and lye soap. They got to scrub clothes in wash tubs on scrub boards.



Robin Fields of the St. Louis Club.

Their other activities were hanging clothes on a line, folding and using a flat iron to press clothes. Some had never seen a clothes line or used a clothes pin.



Harriett Lane of the Dixie Club.

Kids had a fun time working with the different steps of laundry. We had as much fun working with them as the students did, but we were tired.



Sharon Rech of the Lindale Club.

Members worked for over two weeks before the fair creating a great display. We repainted our house, made trees, a river, built a clothes line and assembled many old items for people to look at.



Cheryl Davis of the Dixie Club.

There was also TEEA our dog looking on.



Penny Hunter - Tyler Club, Connie Troxell - Lake Palestine Club, Elaine Jackson - Wildcat Club, Cheryl Davis - Dixie Club, Troyce Wilson - Dixie Club, and Harriett Lane - Dixie Club

The concept of AgriWorld shows people how agriculture works in our lives. This goes hand in hand with the purpose of TEEA.



Sharon Rech - Lindale Club, Connie Troxell - Lake Palestine Club, Cheryl Davis - Dixie Club, Diane Stubbs - Lindale Club, Helen Jobe - Lindale Club, and Penny Hunter - Tyler Club



Joyce Morrow, District Director presents the District 5 outstanding county for Educational programming to Shelby County at the State Conference in Waco.



The District 5 outstanding county for Community Service was presented to Smith County by Joyce Morrow, District Director at the State Conference in Waco.

DISTRICT 5

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.

SMITH COUNTY TEEA NEWS

By Penny Hunter

Smith County TEEA has been up to our elbows in

PECOS COUNTY NEWS

LaJuana Thames, District 6 Director, presented the District outstanding contribution in Community Service award and the outstanding contribution in Educational programming award to Pecos County at the State Conference in Waco.



"I've found that there is always some beauty left, in nature, sunshine, freedom, in yourself; these can all help you."
~ Anne Frank

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BURNET COUNTY NEWS

The Hazel Gatliff Best of Show award for the most outstanding Cultural Arts entry in Burnet County was presented to Rita Kincheloe of the Redbud/Oakalla EE Club by Hazel Gatliff. Rita's picture also won a blue ribbon at the Burnet County Area Fair in June.



BURNET RESIDENT HONORED BY TEXAS FCCLA

By Lorene Denney

Betty Sue Chaney, member of the Bethel EE Club was recently awarded an honorary membership in the Texas Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (Texas FCCLA).



Betty Chaney & Sharon Pierce

Chaney was honored for her role as an evaluator of scholarships given by the organization. Honorary membership is the highest honor ever bestowed on an individual, according to Sharon Pierce, Texas FCCLA State Advisor.

"The mission of FCCLA is

to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education," said Pierce. "The consistency, thoroughness and passion Betty Sue has to help young people makes her the perfect person to help FCCLA."

Pierce presented Cheney a plaque honoring her for serving as a scholarship evaluator for the past nine years.

Congratulations Betty Sue!

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS EE CLUB RUNNELS COUNTY

By Judy Harrison

Every September the City of Winters hosts a Dove Fest. This year more than 700 people attended. There were opportunities to hunt doves, enjoy a bar-be-cue lunch, hear songs in the Elvis Presley style, bid on auction items and visit with friends.

About \$18,000.00 was spent at the event. The various clubs in Winters worked to make it an awesome event. Nine members of the "Friendly Neighbors" served tea, water and cookies during the lunch. For the 45 hours of work, the club received a portion of the proceeds which was very much appreciated.



L to R: Brenda Hammer, Martha Crawford, Sarah Craig, and Jackie Jenkins

Members that worked were Ruby Carter, Sarah Craig, Martha Crawford, Judy Harrison, Linda Huckaby, Jackie Jenkins, Marianne Ray, Orita Smith, and Brenda Hamner.

BROWN COUNTY HAPPENINGS

By Dale Henderson

2015 has been a busy year for the three Brown County EE Clubs; May, McDaniel, and Owens. Each club has their own way to raise funds and do their volunteer hours. Starting in January at the Brown County Youth Fair a number of members volunteer with the homemaking division. In March the County Council Stuffed Spud sale found all three clubs members very busy baking, packing and delivering well over 600 potatoes. This county fundraiser allows us to award scholarships to active 4-H graduating seniors from Brown county that apply and are selected by a panel of County Council members. All three clubs are the backbone of this very successful endeavor that has been held for the last several years.



Patsy Storey, Owens EE Club.

The spring District 7 meeting hosted by Tom Green County was attended by several members. Mrs. Patsy Storey from the Owens club was recognized for being a member for 60 years.

Our hobby and craft fair had to change locations this year in June resulting in lower attendance. We hope to be back in our usual location for 2016.

Brown County was the host for the District 7 Retreat at the 4-H Center and Taylor and Coleman counties were co-hosts. The theme was "The Golden Age of Entertainment". Members were encouraged to come dressed as

their favorite actor or actress. Awards were given in several different categories. There were lots of great costumes and everyone had a great time. A group of ladies called "The Hattelines" entertained us by dressing as different country music singers and lip singing to different songs according to their attire. They were a big hit. Taylor and Coleman Counties provided some craft activities which were a hit with the attendees.

Programs included one on "Mature Driving" by Scott & White and TXDOT which was very informative. Other workshops on Mason Bees and Tea Time were also very interesting and provided lots of good information for the attendees. District Cultural Arts competition was held with the first place winners in each division qualifying for state competition in Waco. Closing out the retreat was an invitation from Taylor and Coleman Counties, co-hosts for 2016 to be held August 11,12.

Brown County attended the state meeting in Waco where they attended workshops and gained information for programming for 2016.



JONES COUNTY EEA

By Pam Jones

2014

October was the annual Potato Sale for Sunshine Club. Sales were not as good as last year. The money raised is given to school backpack each month.

November the club reviewed the new year book information. The Thanksgiving Dinner at Noodle was held on the 22nd by the

Compere Club. A luncheon was prepared in December for the Jones County officials and employees. Soup and cornbread plus dessert was served from Compere and Sunshine. Judy Deatherage was in charge and did a wonderful job.

Also in **December** many items including pillows were donated to the Noah Project. Council gave \$500 to Noah North and Noah South. Jones County Christmas Party was at the Elegante Hotel Restaurant in Abilene on December 17. Seventeen members attended and brought a \$10 gift card to be drawn as gifts.

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January – The White Family from Sylvester presented a 4-H program. Compere lost a precious member, Dolores Adair.

February – Club member Kay Spears gave a program on the Anson Museum.

March – D'Ann White gave a State program, "Disposable Medication" and Walk Across Texas exercise program started.

April – Club members attended the Spring Meeting in San Angelo. Council members had a brunch on April 15. Compere Club lost another member on April 25, Sandy Emerson and the whole community lost a precious person.

May – Club members met at the Anson Museum for a program and tour of the building. Council met on May 20 for meeting and covered Mexican pot luck.

June – Both clubs enjoyed Rally Day and pot luck. 4-H members from Hawley gave sewing demonstration. Joann Agerton entertained us with a "Road Trip of Texas".

August – Club members attended the Brownwood Retreat on August 4 & 5 at the 4-H Center, with the theme of "The Golden Age of Entertainment". 10 members and one agent attended this program.

Also in August – A retirement party for Agent Debbie Hailey was given on August 21 in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Anson. Office employees as well as Compere and Sunshine Club members furnished refreshments for a large crowd of well wishers for Agent Debbie Hailey, four years in Coleman County and seven years in Jones. Many friends and family members from both counties wished her a fun retirement. Everyone will miss her as our agent, but now welcome her as a member of TEEA in our county.



Debbie Hailey retires as Jones County FCS Agent.



Lynda French, District 7 Director presents Jones County with the District outstanding Community Service award at State Conference in Waco.



Burnet County EEA member, Delores Meiske was recognized as a 60 year member.



Lynda French, District 7 Director presents Burnet County with the District outstanding Educational programming award at State Conference in Waco.



Lynda French, District 7 Director and Linda Wells, Burnet County FCS agent congratulate Polly Krenek of Burnet County for receiving the coveted State Leadership award at State Conference in Waco.

Congratulations Polly!



Congratulations Winnie Felps! Not only was she recognized for being the most senior TEEA member at conference, but she also received a \$100.00 check from Kay Jacob, State Treasurer as winner of the 1st Timer drawing at the banquet.

**"Life is a gift, Freedom is a responsibility."
"For those who have fought for it, freedom has a taste the protected will never know!"
~Author Unknown**



Nyanza Price, 2nd Vice President of Programs, Hazel Gatliff and Linda Wells of Burnet County receive a very "Beary" welcome to State Conference in Waco.

LAMPASAS RUMLEY CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

By Arlene Wingo

Lampasas Rumley Club has had an eventful spring and summer going into fall's State Conference which was attended by Pat Clepper, Diana Fisch, Siddonia Umphres, Arlene Wingo, and agent Karen DeZarn. In addition our associate members who attended were Lynda French, Roberta Eacott, Barbara Reiger, Lisa Zinz and Polly Krenek. They were really excited about the early bird workshops and of course the chance for "Spice Village" shopping. Between the five members, most all of the workshops were attended, including the state recommended ones. The District 7 Party provided excitement for all with Linda Wells and all her costumes and storytelling! The closing banquet was outstanding and the entertainment was provided by three musically talented young men.



L-R is Pat Clepper, Arlene Wingo, Diana Fisch, Karen DeZarn and Siddonia Umphres at State Conference in Waco.

Spring began with Bloomin' Fest which is one of our fundraisers each year. Members were all involved by donating baked goods, crafts, and plants to sell in our booth.

Some members helped our agent with the "Dinner Tonight" series held in March.

Hamilton's EEA Clubs' "Spring Fling" provided a full day of education, entertainment and fellowship for five members. Besides a salad luncheon, speakers included Armand Husault, Texas native plantsman; Grace Bryce, Gracie's Garden herbologist; and Sean Jones from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, who spoke on geocaching, which was new to most of us.

Ten members attended Lake Victor's EE annual "Spring Event" on April 23. With the "Glamping" theme attendees dressed in glamorous camping attire and participated in several activities. The salad luncheon was great and had its own little twist! We were happy to donate food for their local LaCare Center.

AgriLife Extension hosted the Texas Community Futures Forum April 16 at the county annex. Arlene Wingo and Pat Clepper helped Karen with this and members provided the cookies for this as one of their community service projects.

Seven members attended the TEEA District Spring Conference held in San Angelo and said it was the most enjoyable they had ever attended.

The club's program for April was a PowerPoint presentation by Gail Eltgroth on "Texas landscaping." The May program was given by guest, Valerie Cortinovous on "Fiber Spinning." The audience saw a true, almost forgotten art and got to feel the many different fiber yarns.

Club members visited the Botanical Gardens and Native American Interpretive Center

in Goldthwaite on June 4. The gardens included a story area of ancient Texans, a wiki-up village, burned rock middens, bedrock mortars, an amphitheater, and a rainwater harvesting area. The tour guide helped with the architectural design of the center.

July is Rumley Club's busiest month, as it is the sponsor of the county fair in conjunction with the chamber's "Spring Ho" celebration. The fair is the club's most recognized community service project each year. It was once again a success with several people from the area helping out, as well as very capable judges from surrounding towns. Many things go on behind the scene in preparation for and organization of the fair. The August program was presented by member, Lanetta Sprott on "Star Quilts." She has organized a group of quilters to make and give as many veterans as possible their very own lap quilt. She gave a Power Point presentation, as well as having many quilt tops and designs for show and tell.

Five members attended the annual District retreat held in Brownwood. Since the theme this year was The Golden Age of Entertainment, individuals dressed up in a costume depicting Hollywood stars. Pictured from left to right are Elke White, Cheryl Britton, Arlene Wingo, Pat Clepper and Karen DeZarn. Karen won best dressed Entertainer of the Year trophy as Charlie Chaplin. Cheryl won the Most Creative trophy as Carol Burnett's parody in Gone with the Wind. The programs on Mason Bees and Japanese Teas were most informative and the musical Sweet Hattalines were fantastic.



There was a large display of cultural arts. Those entering were Arlene Wingo, Cheryl Britton, and Marilyn May. Marilyn's graphite college graduation self-portrait advanced to the state conference in Waco in September and came in third in her category.

In September the club caravanned to the San Saba Historical Museum. Several enjoyed eating out together beforehand.

October 1 was Rally Day and several new prospective members attended. A special program by a Vision Lampasas member gave the program on all the murals around town. Everyone enjoyed an old time "High School Reunion" theme with all the costumes, games and food.

New members to Rumley Club are: Cheryl Britton, Sandra Clancy, Linda Oxentenko, Connie Umphres, and Connie Roark. New associate members are: Lynda French, Roberta Eacott, Barbara Reiger, Lisa Zinz, and Polly Krenek.



L-R: Pat Clepper, Roberta Eacott, Arlene Wingo, Diana Fisch, Karen DeZarn, Lynda French, Siddonia Umphres, and Polly Krenek.



Kay Jacob, State Treasurer presents Diana Fisch, of Lampasas County with a \$100.00 check for one of the membership awards at State Conference in Waco.

D I S T R I C T 8 **EASTLAND COUNTY EEA**
By Millie Barrow
Seven members from Eastland County attended the 88th TEEA State Conference in Waco, Texas. What a wonderful time we all had with members saying this was one of the BEST they had attended. Our three delegates, Janis Keith, Jyoanne Hathcock and Ruth Stewart attended all of the Educational Programs and our remaining members attended the Member Workshops. They all enjoyed the Early Bird Programs on Tuesday stating they hoped we have them next year in Plano. Three of the Educational Programs will be given to all members of Eastland attending our Mini Conference on October 7. The remaining programs will be given to both clubs separately by the Delegates. We have already scheduled one of the Educational Programs to be given to another organization in Eastland this spring. We all met new friends and look forward to seeing them next year.

Again, thanks to District 3 and District 8 and all Board Members for their hard work and for such a great State Conference.... looking forward to next year.

Members attending the State Conference. Left to right Ruth Stewart, Jyoanne Hathcock, Janis Keith, Marj Lamb, Sandra Owen, Sue Allsup, Millie Barrow



Members attending the State Conference. Left to right Ruth Stewart, Jyoanne Hathcock, Janis Keith, Marj Lamb, Sandra Owen, Sue Allsup, Millie Barrow

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EEA TOURS LOCAL NEWSPAPER

By Ellen Dutkiewicz

The Recreation Committee for Williamson County EEA arranged 2 tours of Georgetown's local newspaper, the Williamson County SUN, located on the town square.



Tour 1 - Lillian Black, Laura Sue Smith, Miss Sunshine, Delores Wenzel and Ellen Dutkiewicz. All are members of the Morning Glory Club except Miss Sunshine, who sits on the bench in front of the SUN office.

The SUN is family owned and operated and is one of the oldest continuously published newspapers in Williamson County. EEA members enjoyed seeing the printing operation in the back room and learning more about what it takes to produce a successful newspaper. In addition to the SUN, several newspapers from smaller nearby communities are printed here as well.



July 29 tour included Charlotte Watson, Noontime Club, Dawn Steele, SUN Circulation Manager and Tour Guide, Cornelia Ferrell and Delores Wenzel, Morning Glory Club.

"Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work. Love makes all things beautiful."

~ Author Unknown

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H: IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Ellen Dutkiewicz

The handmade quilt, made and donated by EEA members, was auctioned off by auctioneer Jimmy Doerfler, and won by David and Nina Seaver. All of those pictured with the quilt, with the exception of the two Williamson County EEA co-chairs, are members of one 4-H family. The proceeds were designated to 4-H Leaders Organization, a parental support group for all the 4-H Clubs in Williamson County.



L-R Bailey Franklin and sister Elizabeth Franklin, 4-H students; Kathryn Adamek, EEA County Co-Chair; David and Nina Seaver, grandparents of Bailey and Elizabeth; Judy Adkins, EEA County Co-Chair; Mark Franklin, father to Bailey and Elizabeth.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

By Ellen Dutkiewicz

Eight members of Williamson County's EEA attended the annual 4-H Awards Banquet at the Jester Center in Round Rock on August 8. Awards were presented and numerous items supplied by individual 4-H clubs were auctioned off. Local auctioneer, Jimmy Doerfler kept the pace brisk and entertaining. Auction items included a quilt made by the members of the Williamson County EEA.



1st row: Barbara Knorr, Laura Sue Smith, Florence Frost, Delores Wenzel 2nd row: Sheila Camp, Ellen Dutkiewicz, Kathryn Adamek and Judy Adkins

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EE CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND 2015 TEEA STATE CONVENTION IN WACO

By Charlotte Watson

Club members attended all the Delegate Training workshops and the Member Training Workshops. They came home excited about presenting all the state programs in their local clubs and community.



L to R: Ellen Dutkiewicz, Mary Dulaney, Peggy Hergert, Peggy Blair, Delores Wenzel, Charlotte Watson, Kathryn Adamek, Judy Adkins

NOONTIME VISITS R.O.C.K.

By Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club took a recent field trip to R.O.C.K. (Ride On Center for Kids). R.O.C.K. has provided equine-assisted activities and therapies to children and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities in Central Texas since 1998. Serving over 200 clients, R.O.C.K. has begun Horses for Heroes, benefitting Veterans with special needs. Club members learned the history of R.O.C.K. and the many ways the horses are used successfully in therapy. Choosing items from R.O.C.K.'s "wish list," club members donated 18 rolls of paper towels and 82 rolls of toilet paper to R.O.C.K. as this month's community service project.



Carol Frymire, Carola Meister, Stella Guzy, Dedie Johnson, Nelda McCain, Mary Johnson, Betty Miller, Charlotte Watson, Peggy Abrams, Mary Lindsey

HAMILTON EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

By Linda Pledger

Surprisingly the semi-fall weather has been totally delightful and has put life back into plans for the up coming events in Hamilton County. Summer ended with an Ice Cream Social, to which perspective members and husbands were invited. Always a delightful time, not to mention one that fills our stomachs and makes us wish we had more restraint.

October 19th will be our Achievement Day. A Lunch and Learn is planned for the event, using the state "Emergency Evacuations" program for the community and the HEEA members.

October 31, we will again fill our stomachs at the Pottsville Club's annual "Souping." Ghost and goblins of all shapes and sizes will visit the soup pot and dessert table. Going away with a renewed sense of family among it's members.

November 14 from 9 to 4 is Holiday Market. Sponsored by our Pottsville Club along with other community sponsors, Holiday Market kicks off the holiday season at Hamilton's Fair Park Pavilion with vendors presenting one of a kind gifts. The Hamilton Library book sale is at this event. Also this year there will be a salsa contest. All proceeds from this event go to support scholarships for deserving youth and an opportunity scholarship for a person seeking further training in our community. All the HEEA members come with sleeves rolled up ready to show the community that HEEA can and does serve and enrich Hamilton.

Not to be outdone the Pottsville Club is already planning for their annual Spring Fling which will be at the end of March 2016.

HEEA works hard, has compassion for others, plays with enthusiasm upholding the best



Alice Lance, District 8 Director presents Hamilton County with the District outstanding Community Service award at State Conference in Waco.

BELL COUNTY EEA

By Gayle Pomykal

Waco Convention Center provided excellent facilities for our 2015 EEA State Conference. Districts 3 and 8 stepped up to their assignments and put in many hours of preparation and planning. Bell County along with other District 8 members had great participation with many crafted Country Store items, resulting in one of the "best ever diversified" available items for purchase by conference attendees. Registration hostesses were Laurie Veatch, Bell County Chairman, and Clara Jones, District 8 Director-elect.



Getting registered and picking up their materials are Nyanza Price, 2nd Vice-President for Programs, Dorothy Skrabanek and

Kimberly Marx, Bell County EEA-Leedale members.

Early Bird and Educational Program topics were excellent and enjoyed by many interested members who will benefit from the information throughout the coming year.

MORTON VALLEY HOSTS LUNCH AND LEARN

By Millie Barrow

Morton Valley EE Club in coordination with the AgriLife Extension Office presented our quarterly "Lunch and Learn" on Wednesday, September 23 at the Judge Scott Bailey Event Center in Eastland. The public was invited to attend this free luncheon and have an opportunity to listen and participate in our educational programs.

Crystal and Anna from Girling Healthcare presented a program on "Fall Prevention" for everyone, not just the elderly. Several suggestions were: do not climb on chairs or stools, have a rail to hold onto in the tub or shower, be careful of wet and slippery surfaces, watch out for items on the floor that might cause you to trip, and use a cane or walker, if necessary. Crystal also spoke on the importance of the flu vaccine and how taking a Tylenol would help to relieve the soreness and fever, if it affects a person in that way. Flu vaccines are available at your physician's office and local pharmacies, just check to make sure they are available.



Crystal of Girling Healthcare presenting to Morton EE Club "Lunch and Learn".

Blood pressure testing was done prior to the meal and presentation. Our thanks to Crystal, Anna and Girling Healthcare for their presentation.

Hostesses from Morton Valley EE Club providing the free lunch were: Sandra Owen, Sue Allsup, Joyanne Hathcock, Shirley Ables, and Millie Barrow. Our thanks to Cheri Clark for bringing a dish to share.

Our next Lunch and Learn will be in January 2016.



Leon County receiving the District 8 Outstanding Education County award for 2013-2014 from District Director Alice Lance. L-R—back two rows—Carole Huebner, Linda Van Ness, Pat Ferguson, Helen Torrance, Pamela Baines, Ethyl Horn, Lora Nichols, Marcia Lewis, Judy Hutchison, Mamie Bell, Peggy Bloomer, Donna Ellis, Carol Russell, Pam Groba, DeLonn McCall, Alice Lance, District 8 Director presenting the certificate; and Front row—Celia Bell, Clara Jones, Michaelene Perry and Nyanza Price, Jewett EE Club member and TEEA 2nd Vice President for Programs.



Leona/Centerville EE Club, Leon County, at the District 8 party: L-R—Lora Nichols, Carole Huebner, Marcia Lewis, Pat Ferguson, Clara Jones, DeLonn McCall, new member Pamela Baines, Linda Van Ness, Amanda Trevino -FCS Agent & member, and Pam Groba



Jewett EE Club, Leon County, at the District 8 party: L-R—Donna Ellis, Celia Bell, Donna Warren, Carol Russell, Judy Hutchison, Mamie Bell, Peggy Bloomer, Nyanza Price and Michaelene Perry

D I S T R I C T 8 SNOOK EE CLUB NEWS

By Karen Gaas

The Snook EEA Travel Club hosted a 10 day trip to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon on June 19 thru June 28, 2015. All 49 travelers enjoyed going to The Wildseed Farms and a German lunch in Fredericksburg, Texas, a tour of the El Paso Museum of History, a visit to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, a visit to the Ethel M. Chocolate Factory & Cactus Garden in Henderson, NV, a 2 night stay at the Harrah's Casino which included gambling and the JERSEY BOYS SHOW which is the #1 rated show in Las Vegas. The group also did some additional gambling at the Riverside Resort Casino in Laughlin, NV where the big winner won \$1,400. Everyone enjoyed a day long tour of the Grand Canyon National Park, then on to the Petrified Forest National Park. Homebound the group visited the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum in Waco. Everyone claimed the bus was a lot heavier coming home due to the wonderful meals the group enjoyed along the way.

The Snook EEA Travel Club was very happy at the great attendance we had from members from other EEA clubs. Members who traveled on the trip from the Snook

EEA Club were: Betty Anderson, Charlene Lednicky, Gloria Conrad, Maria Olivarrez, Jon Brooks, Joyce Brooks and the tour guides, Dennis & Karen Gaas. Also traveling on the trip were: Jackie Clark & Charlene Mueller from the Lyons EE Club, Violet Vacek & Rose Jaynes from the Ft. Bend County EEA Club & Barbara Walko from the Milam County EE Club. We all had a great time visiting and talking about EE Club activities.

The Snook EE Travel Club would like to thank everyone who supported our club fundraiser by going on this trip to Las Vegas & the Grand Canyon and hope everyone brought home some wonderful pictures and memories to last a lifetime.



Snook EEA Club members, Michelle Zuckert, Don Preston, Renee Preston, Betty Anderson, Tina Roehling (Extension Agent), and Karen Gaas enjoy District 9 dinner at BRONC'S RESTAURANT. The southern cooking dinner and the company of other District 9 members was just great.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

By Kaye Trott

County Judge Craig Doyal was guest speaker at the scholarship luncheon for club members, parents and recipients.



Montgomery County Judge
Craig Doyal

Two of the scholarship winners for 2015.



Mabel Helton and other club members are enjoying the scholarship luncheon. She is our oldest member and the one who has been in TEEA the longest. Montgomery County is really proud of her. She is also the mother of District 9 Director, Rexine Scarborough.



Montgomery County lost a long time member this spring, Susan Roshegar. Her wit and loyalty to the club will be

sorely missed. She was a very faithful member.



Susan Roshegar



TEEA OF FORT BEND SEW BABY BLANKETS FOR LBJ HOSPITAL

By Natalie Heimann

Members of the Fort Bend TEEA Clubs joined together to sew baby blankets for the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital in Houston. They made a total of 110 baby blankets to be sent to the hospital. Congratulations on a job well done.



Pictured is (from left to right) Front Row: Pat Walzel, Carol Freeman, Joy Pumphrey, Rosalea Vencil, and Kathleen Herold; Back row: Donna Van Horn and Donna Smith (Not Pictured: Pat May, Erna Thielemann, Bernice Meyer).

"The greatest danger to our future is apathy."
~ Jane Goodall

ALVIN EE CLUB

By Brenda Sturman

On September 23, 2015, the Alvin Extension Education Club (AEEC) installed new officers for the 2016 year.



The new officers are right to left: Toni Tax, President; Wanda Curlin, Vice President; Ellyse Bryce, Treasurer; Dawn Gemmill, Secretary; Judy Berg; Delegate; Joyce Taylor, Alternate Delegate.

On September 28, 2015, the Extension Education Association of Brazoria County conducted the installation of officers for the 2016 year.



The officers new officers are right to left: Toni Tax, County Chair; Theresa Winebrenner, 1st, County Chair; Brenda Beulow, 2nd County Chair; Judy Berg, Secretary; Mary Sinco, Treasurer.

The Alvin Extension Education Club earned an award at the district for the most education activities. These events included water bath and pressure canning techniques, how to make condiments, and making soap and laundry detergent. Participants took home samples of each project.



Making Laundry Soap—L to R – Nelva Urick, Judy Berg, Sylvia Zirkle, Joan Jeffries, Dawn Gemmill, Brenda Buelow, Toni Tax, Verma Wright, and Janice Dohmann.

**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR
TEEA ROSETTE WINNERS**

By Natalie Heimann
Division VI - Plants & Arrangements - Diana Marlowe - Best of Class (Thurbergin Floribunda), Donna Van Horn - Reserve Grand Champion (Aeonium); Carol Gubbels - Best of Class (Coral Vine), Best of Class (soft leaf yucca); Carol Freeman - Best of Class (Fairy Garden), Sheila Villado - Best of Class (cactus garden); Cathy Hanzik - Grand Champion (American Beauty Plant), and Rose Jaynes - Best of Class (basil).



Division VII - Fine Arts—Carol Freeman - Best of Class (wood gathering) & Best of Class (Necklace); Herman Hoot - Reserve Champion (photo of a green fuzzy worm) and Best of Class (photo of a cat face). Not pictured is Pat Walzel - Grand Champion (Hydrangeas oil painting).



Educational Exhibits - Cherie Heimann and Jo Svatek (Pat May – Not Pictured) with the 1st place educational poster from the Countryside Club. Not pictured is 2nd place from the Booth Thompson Club and 3rd place is from the Kountry Kousins Club.



King Arthur Flour Food Preparation - Susan Newsome 1st, Cinda DeBons 2nd and Trisha White 3rd.



Ball-Kerr Food Preservation Winners - Erna Thielemann – 1st - fruit category (peeled figs); soft spread category-1st (mixed berry jam) and 2nd - (blueberry jam), pickles category (pickles). Trish White 1st (Vegetable category (salsa)).



Overall High Point Winners - Carol Freeman 1st place, Carol Gubbels, 2nd place and Jo Svatek 3rd place.



One of the best feelings in the world is knowing that your presence and absence both mean something to someone.



Snook EE Club members Karen Gaas, Audrey Swain, Renee Preston, Betty Anderson, Michelle Zuckert, Ann Sebesta, Don Preston, and Lydia Faust attended the State Conference in Waco, Texas on September 15 and 16th. The members enjoyed informational meetings and workshops, lunch n learn workshop and visiting with other EE Clubs in the state.



Rexine Scarborough, District 9 Director presents Brazos County with the District outstanding Educational programming award at State Conference in Waco.



Rexine Scarborough, District 9 Director presents Jefferson County with the District outstanding Community Service award at State Conference in Waco.

DISTRICT 10
TRAVIS COUNTY BLUFF SPRINGS EE CLUB
By Lou Rose
Bluff Springs TEEA presented a check to management of The Ronald McDonald House in Austin for \$500.00. The donation is to be used for housing famil-

ies of patients who are in wait of lodging at the home. Often times residents must stay at the facility long-term and are in need of supplemental reduced-cost housing.

The club has volunteered at The Ronald McDonald House for 13 years. Club members prepare lunch and serve the residents on the third Monday of the month. We take pride in serving 'home-cooked' meals that, we have been told, bring comfort to the families there. This gives us the opportunity to visit with residents and offer compassion and a soft shoulder to families who are away from their homes.

Bluff Springs has had a busy year visiting Laguna Gloria Art Museum, The Camp Mabry Museum, touring The Clifton Center, judging at The Travis County Youth Show and participating in The Raise A Reader program for new mothers.



Pictured left to right are: Pat Allen, Cristie Moore, Missy Strittmatter, Darlene Freitag, Gino Edwards, Betty Medlock, Ramona de la Garza, Lou Rose, 'Ronald McDonald' and Carolyn Schwarz.

Club members not shown are: Leila Alexander, Violet Alexander, Joan Costello, Henri Daywood, Anita Garcia, Norma Homesley, Barbara McKinley, Agnes Owens, Ethel Tarleton, and Beverly Shepherd.

LOCKHART EE CLUB IN CALDWELL COUNTY WINS MEMBERSHIP AWARD

By Mary Briceno
Congratulations to the Lockhart EE Club in Caldwell County for winning a \$100 check from TEEA for the largest increase in membership.

Gwen Risinger, District 10 Director made the presentation. Members were very happy to receive this check and thanks TEEA very much.



Pictured from l - r: Stella Limas, Trinidad Martinez, Delegates & members of Lockhart EEA, Club Chairperson Mary Briceno, Dist. Dir. Gwen Risinger, Judy Wheeler, President of Glenvoir Club, Katherine King, Madeline Brown, & Kathy McCown, Delegates and members of the Luling EEA Club.

SAN MARCOS EE CLUB AIDS DISASTER RELIEF

By Camille Stephenson

As you may recall, the end of May 2015 was a very devastating time for Hays County and it's people.

So many lives, homes and property were lost. Volunteers spent much time searching, not only for people, but any little fragments of their lives. On June 3rd, San Marcos EE Club partnered with University of Texas at Austin School of Information to host a "Salvage Workshop" to train volunteers on how to clean damaged photos, books and documents.



Mary Briceno accepts \$100 check from Kay Jacob, State Treasurer for largest increase in membership for Lockhart EEA.

PILOT KNOB EE CLUB NEWS

By Helen Usener

Members of the Pilot Knob EE Club made a display board for the Gillespie County Fair which was held in August. The board included the TEEA Mission statement as well as photos showing club members involved in different activities throughout the year.

September 15-16 four club members attended the 2015 TEEA State Conference in Waco. The Pilot Knob Club was recognized as a 60 year club having been organized on April 21, 1955. JoAnn Kusenberger and Dot Maner were recognized as 60 year Gillespie county EEA members. Representing Gillespie County and District 10, Joyce True received a blue ribbon in the Cultural Arts Wall Hanging Category for her three panel nativity wall hangings. She received a red ribbon in the Cultural Arts Holiday Decoration entry of two patchwork quilted Christmas Bears.



Corine Klose, Ilene Crenwelge, Sharon Kott, and Helen Usener attended the TEEA State Conference.

BASTROP EEA NEWS

By Kathi Gremillion

The McDade EE Club took the summer off, and resumed meetings in September. They will install their new officers at the October meeting, since several of the officers were at the TEEA State Conference at the time of their September meeting. The following are the 2015-2016 McDade EEC Officers: Brenda Kyle, President; Kathy Prochnow, Vice President; Kathy Johnson, Secretary; Loretta Dube, Treasurer; Melba Skubiata, Delegate and Recreation Chair; Vernell Kastner, Inspiration Chair; Kathi Gremillion, Reporter; Christa Prewitt, Photographer/ Historian; Janice Payne and Karen Stadler, Telephone Committee; Louise Goerlitz Sunshine Chair.

Plans were made for the fall nursing home bingo party hosted by the McDade EEC, which will take place on October 15 at the Elgin Nursing Home. Also, several members are planning to attend the Williamson County Homemade Holidays event in Georgetown in October. This year's Christmas Party plans are underway. On September 22, McDade EE Club members, Karen Stadler, Kathy Prochnow and Brenda Kyle served as judges at the Burleson County Fair.

The following are the Elgin EE Club's 2015-2016 officers: Claudia Murphy, President; Adrene Bracewell, Treasurer; Judy Lundgren, Reporter.

Four EEC members attended the 88th TEEA State Conference in Waco on September 15 and 16. Representing the Bastrop EEA at the conference were Lola Cole, Chair; Kathy Prochnow, Vice Chair; Kathi Gremillion, Reporter, and Melba Skubiata, Delegate and Recreation Chair.



Pictured left to right are Lola Cole, Bastrop EEA Chair, and Kathy Prochnow, Bastrop EEA and McDade EEC Vice Chair at the TEEA State Conference in Waco.

GUADALUPE COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Valerie Posey

Guadalupe County Extension Education Association held their annual Achievement Luncheon and Cultural Arts Exhibit September 25th. President Alma Rosebrock presented a symbolic check to County Commissioner Greg Seidenburger for the amount of \$44,739 that represented more than 1984 hours of service and monetary contributions to the community by members of EEA. Mr. Seidenburger thanked the EEA ladies and commended them to continue the good work with a testimony that miracles happen everyday.

Services to the community included 4-H, Christian Cupboard, Meals on Wheels, Options for Life, Guadalupe County Fair, Marion Community Library, recycling and numerous other organizations. Guadalupe County EEA donated more than \$800 to 4-H for clothing and foods projects, scholarships, and the 4-H Center in Brownwood.

Guest speaker Carissa Wilhelm, FCS Agent from Caldwell County spoke an encouraging message on volunteering that encouraged EEA to continue good works. Special thanks was given to the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service staff of Guadalupe County, and the Family Consumer Sciences and BLT of Guadalupe County.

Guadalupe EEA members entered 25 Cultural Arts in the exhibit. All entries will be entered in the District 10 Cultural Arts Exhibit in the spring.



EEA President Alma Rosebrock and County Commissioner Greg Seidenburger



Clear Springs Club: Darlene Bohmfalk, Beth Frankenburger, Anne Theiss, Myrtle Huebinger; absent Dorothy Altenhof



Elm Creek Club: Valerie Posey, RoseMarie Smalley, Rose Mary Moczygamba, Leatha Jeffrey; absent Helen Hamilton, Maureen Koenig and Helen Stein



Marion Club: (back) Irene Wiedner, Diane Trice, Lorine Damerau, (front) Alma Rosebrock, Thelma Cale, Dorothy Wosnig; absent Debbie Foster, Betty Horan, Mary Jane Gerth, Charlene Calhoun, Marianne Bielke



Gwen Risinger, District 10 Director presents the District outstanding Educational programming award to Blanco County at the State Conference in Waco.



Gwen Risinger, District 10 Director presents the District outstanding Community Service award to Travis County at the State Conference in Waco.



Washington EEA received the Honor Roll of Counties as well as the Outstanding Educational Programs Award. Johnnie Roberson was recognized for 50 years of membership, Evelyn Fuchs for 65 years and Viola Warmke for 70 years. Lillian Wellmann was recognized on the memory board as a member who has recently passed away.



Eight cultural art items from Washington County reached state competition. Erika Rochelle of the Greenvine EE Club won 1st at state with her machine embroidery and Judith Finke of the Lunch and Learn EE Club won 3rd with her traditional scrapbook.

Chesley Rudasill received the Bobbie Elmore Alumnae Scholarship for District 11. She is a past recipient of the Washington Co. TEEA Scholarship.

The delegates attended the following workshops:

1. Learning How to Judge 4-H projects,
2. Eating What You Grow,
3. Emergency Evacuations,
4. Don't Let Blue Get to You (workshop about depression),
5. Preparing the Presenter for Progressive Programming (how to be an effective presenter),
6. Preserving Memories and
7. Driving for the Mature Driver.

Millie Barrow was elected President-elect, Betty Baughn, 1st Vice President for Leadership and Kay Jacobs, Treasurer.

For more information regarding the Extension Clubs in the County, contact the Extension office at 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd. or by calling 979.277.6212, ext 14.

Washington County received District 11 awards for outstanding education programming and outstanding contributions in community service. Awards were presented by District 11 District Director, Betty Baughn.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY EEA CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

By Judith Finke
The TEEA of Washington County hosted a Christmas in July Salad Luncheon on July 21st at the Washington County Event Center. The local Extension Clubs bedecked in their respective Christmas aprons greeted TEEA members from all the surrounding counties and the many guests to celebrate Christmas. 4-Hers assisted the elderly and handicapped to their table.

The tables creatively set the ambiance with themed decorations including *Christmas Cookie Jars*, *Wishing You a Merry Little Golden Book Christmas*, *Frosty the Snowmen* and *Pretty Gift Boxes All in a Row*.

Each club set up Christmas market tables selling crafts, food and Christmas pleasures.

RECRUITMENT NIGHT: TEEA MAGIC

By Judith Finke
On August 3, the Washington EEA Executive Board and Expansion Committee hosted a county wide recruitment event at the WCF VIP Room. Tables holding The Magic of TEEA programs and tri-folds telling the story of Washington County Extension of yesterday. A Power Point presentation on yet another table telling the story of the preceding year brought awareness to the county projects. Guests were greeted with club information and refreshments were served.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REPRESENTED AT STATE TEEA CONFERENCE

By Judith Finke
Diane Ashorn, Michele Daniels, and FCS agent Tanya McGonagill attended the State TEEA Conference as delegates at Waco September 15 and 16.



L-R: Tanya McGonagill, FCS Agent, Michele Daniels, WEEA President-Elect, Diane Ashorn, WEEA President, and Betty Baughn, immediate past District 11 Director.

TAITON EE CLUB NEWS

By Olivia McDonald

Taiton Extension Education Club begins a new year with its October meeting. Community Service Projects for the month include donations to Manna Meals, 4-H Food Show, CASA and the Houston area Alzheimer's Association. Sales of nuts for holiday baking and gift giving

has begun. This project funds our charitable donation. In November donations will be made to Hospice and to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Wharton County Extension Education Association held its Achievement Dinner Tuesday, October 6 at the Wharton County Youth Fair Director's room. A chicken fried steak dinner was served. Chairman Cindy Schmidt welcomed members and guests and presented the Friend of Extension Education award to Mike Prasek of Prasek's Hillie Smokehouse for their generosity to the County Association. Secretary Debbie Koudela gave the annual report of work for the Taiton and Bluebonnet Clubs. Entertainment was provided by the Coastalaires.

"Happiness is something that comes into our lives through doors we don't even remember leaving open."
~ Rose Wilder Lane

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Debbie Gillespie, District 12 Director presents the District Educational programming award to Kleberg County at the State Conference in Waco.



Debbie Gillespie, District 12 Director presents the District outstanding Community Service award to Atascosa County at the State Conference in Waco.

EDITOR NOTES

Just a friendly reminder for everyone. Deadlines for each issue have been changed. They are: Spring issue—**February 1**, Summer issue—**June 1**, and Fall issue—**October 1**.

I will not guarantee to include articles after the deadline date unless I have room and they may not be placed according to district. It is really tedious to have to keep moving articles around once they are placed.

DO NOT send newspaper or typing paper copies of pictures and expect me to use them. They need to be sent as a *jpeg* attachment to an email or the actual picture by snail mail. I cannot use them any other way.

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