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“MILLIE’S TIDBITS”



Hello Everyone,

Springtime in the country has been beautiful, wildflowers just a blooming! We received some rain which has helped Mother Earth as she really needed a drink. Birds are singing and making nests, some with little babies!!

For those that planted a garden, isn't it great? We have pulled our onions, had squash and zucchini and now have a mess of green beans for next week...yum, yum. Of course the weeds are growing too! Have been hoeing; not fun!!

The Board of Directors is excited about our 2017 State Conference which will be held at Horseshoe Bay Resort outside Marble Falls. The theme for our Conference is “The Great Outdoors” “Wildflowers, Lakes, Wildlife”. I cannot praise Claudine Hare, District 9 Director and Carrol Davig, District 11 Director enough for all their hard work. The Early Bird programs and the Optional Member Workshops are GREAT!! They have really worked at making sure we have some new and interesting programs. They and their Districts are hard at work on the Cultural Arts and the Country Store as well as decorations. I am so proud of them. If you have not made your room reservations, please do so as we only have

a few king and double rooms left for Wednesday only. For Tuesday and Wednesday you will have to reserve a one bedroom Paseo unit as nothing else is available for Tuesday.

More information on the State Conference is located elsewhere in The Messenger. This includes information on the Educational Workshops and registration fees. We will have several bylaw changes, so please look for them, discuss them with your club members and delegates and reach a decision on how you want your delegate to vote.

We will also be appointing a 990 Consultant, if approved, who will be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. This individual will handle all EINS and problems any club, county or district may have in filing their 990s. This is a new position and the State Treasurer will no longer be responsible for the 990s, if approved. We are hoping this will help solve our current problems. If you have experience in filing 990 e-postcards, are reliable, want to work hard and are an individual who will stay at it until an answer is received, and able to work without constant supervision, then please notify your District Director. The District Director will inform the State President of anyone interested and they will be interviewed for the position by the Executive Committee. This will be a position appointed by the TEEA State President.

We have three positions open on the Executive

Committee: President-Elect, First Vice President of Leadership, and State Treasurer.

We will also have some Manual changes which will be online after the State Conference. Your District Directors will have all those changes to report to the County Chairperson after our November State Board Meeting.

Several members have stated that a position on the TEEA Board would cost them personally. TEEA pays for travel expense to the Board Meetings (May and November) in Brownwood and also to the State Conference. Room and meals are paid for by TEEA at Brownwood as well as registration fee, rooms and meals (breakfast, Alumnae luncheon and banquet) at the State Conference. All of us are volunteers of our time, energy and leadership. TEEA is a wonderful organization for teaching leadership – for fellowship – for making friends for life.

We always have a need for District Director-Elects. It seems there is always a shortage. We currently have some

Districts without a Director-Elect. If you have been a County Chair or Vice Chair, please consider this position. Surely you are curious as to what happens at our Board Meetings. Become a District Director-Elect and find out!

I hope each of you have a great summer full of fun with family and friends. Be safe on the road, no texting, no talking on the cell phone. Leave that phone in your purse. Better to be safe than sorry. Also make sure you buckle up!!

My love to each and every one of you. I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Conference in September.

Remember, if you need an answer to a question or if you have comments or suggestions, I am always here for you.

With love and laughter....

Millie Barrow

Your TEEA State President
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TEEA... Bigger and Better

**BETTY BAUGHN
1ST VP FOR LEADERSHIP**

Hi, Ladies and Gentlemen of TEEA -

As you know, I will be leaving the Office of First Vice President of Leadership this coming September at our State Conference. I have truly enjoyed being on the Board as District 11 Director-Elect., District 11 Director, and as your 1st. Vice President of Leadership. As most of you know I still work and knowing this coming in to this office, I informed the board that I would only be able to keep this position for two years, and not move forward as President Elect. I appreciate all the help I received during these last few years as this was a totally new experience for me. Thank you to Dr. Judith Warren, Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Julia Mosley, Millie Barrow, Kay Jacob, Lela Goar, and the rest of the wonderful board members that I have met and worked with over the past several years. Also to all members; you are a beautiful and loving family of ladies and gentlemen that are truly dear to me.

Hugs and Love

**JAN MEADOR
2ND VP FOR PROGRAMS**

Greetings TEEA friends!

I hope you all are doing fine to a great summer, mine has started off with the birth of twin grand babies! A boy, Henry David, and a girl Hattie Mae. They are beautiful and really keeping us busy a long with their two year old brother Hatcher!

The education chairs have been busy working on their programs and you will get an introduction to their programs in this issue.

I'll be watching for the District reports in a few weeks so all county chairs make sure you are getting your county reports ready and in to your district directors.

I'm looking forward to a great TEEA State Conference for 2017 in Horseshoe Bay and I'm planning on seeing y'all there!

"Life is like a prism. What you see depends on how you turn the glass."

~ Jonathan Kellerman

**REXINE SCARBOROUGH
STATE SECRETARY**

Well, here it is summer time again. Hope you all have great vacation plans to a cool place and to spend more time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am planning to meet my great-granddaughter for the first time and spend time with my great-grandson. Also I hope to watch my granddaughter play softball. Whatever your plans, hopefully you will take time to make plans to attend the 90th TEEA State Conference.

We have been working to have a great 90th TEEA State Conference.

District 9 Director, Claudine Hare and District 11 Director, Carrol Davig have been working really hard to pull it all together. They have some really great Early Bird and Optional Workshops planned. I think you will have a difficult time deciding which ones to attend.

The Education Chairs have also been very busy getting the workshops together. They have been doing research gathering information on their topics which you will find very interesting.

We will have a Country Store with some great items including four (4) great baskets. The TEEA Sales Committee has the new State Pins that I know you need for your collection or start your collection of pins along with other items. Cultural Arts will have great entries to view and get ideas for next year.

So while you are planning that great vacation, remember the 90th TEEA 2017 State Conference at the beautiful Horseshoe Bay Resort, September 12 and 13. I know we will have a great time.

See ya'll there.

\$\$\$\$ MONEY TALKS \$\$\$\$

**KAY JACOB
STATE TREASURER**

Hello, Summer is back and it is HOT and Steamy in South Texas!!!!

As of May 29 TEEA has **2513** which includes **227** new members. We keep adding new members but losing a lot of members too. I am so proud of everyone's hard work on recruiting new members. I am happy to announce that we have one county in our organization that has **104** members!!!! Let's all clap our hands and congratulate

Burnet County in this accomplishment. Let's try to keep our current members and add at least another 300 members next year!!!!

County Presidents, a little reminder to get your State Registration forms to your District Directors by July 1st, so they can get them turned into me by July 15. We all have deadlines we should meet to have a successful State Conference. There will be no on-site registrations but there will be one day registrations for our host districts.

The 2017 State Conference at Horseshoe Bay in Marble Falls will be GREAT. I am happy to announce that we could go down on the price of registration this year. Hopefully this will help more people to be able to come to this conference. A lot of hard work has gone into preparing for this Conference and I think you all will be pleased. We will have informative educational programs, interesting workshops and a great facility. I am looking forward to seeing EVERYONE there.

As you know we are still having problems filing our 990's this year! Rest assured that I have been diligently working with the IRS. We are not the only non-profit organization that is currently having problems with the IRS and their 990's. I have constructed a letter with fill in the blanks to mail or fax to the IRS and hopefully we will have this resolved as soon as possible. If you have had any problems with your 990's please contact your District Director and they will be able to forward this letter and contact information to you.

Thanks for your help and patience this past year. It has been a pleasure serving as your State Treasurer.

If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.



The headrest of car seats is deliberately kept detachable and sharp so that it could be used to break open the glass of a car in case of fire or emergency. The car's glasses too are kept easily breakable from the inside. Very few people know about it and thus can't save themselves in case of emergencies.

**2017 STATE CONFERENCE
INFORMATION
HORSESHOE BAY RESORT
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Registration 8:00am - 11:00am
The Cultural Arts opens 8:00am for dropping off items
The Country Store opens 8:00am for your shopping pleasure
The Alumnae Silent Auction opens 8:00am for your shopping pleasure
TEEA Sales opens at 8:00am

Early Bird Workshops:

2 workshops 9:00 am - 10:00 am
2 workshops 10:15 - 11:15
Alumnae Luncheon at 11:30
A Buffet will be set up for members not attending the Alumnae Luncheon
OPENING SESSION 1:00pm
District Dinner Parties - evening

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

BUSINESS SESSION – 9:00am
Lunch and Learn 12 Noon

Delegate Educational Workshops

2 workshops – 2:00 - 3:00pm

Optional Member Workshops

2 workshops - 2:00 -3:00pm

Delegate Educational Workshops

2 workshops - 3:30 - 4:30pm

Optional Member Workshops

2 workshops - 3:30 - 4:30pm

CLOSING SESSION – BANQUET - 7:00 pm

All activities are in-house; no traveling after you arrive at Horseshoe Bay Resort.

It is a lovely place, a new experience for TEEA to be able to have activities out of doors in such lovely surroundings.

We hope everyone has made plans to attend as we shall have a relaxing, informative conference with something for everyone.

With love to all,
Millie

*"First thing to do every morning is read or listen to something positive. Your mind is like a garden. Whatever you plant grows. Plant good stuff."
~ Alwyn Cosgrove*

MAKING YOUR TEEA QUILT

Dr. Joyce Cavanaugh
TEEA Advisor

I was recently asked to speak at the District 3 Spring Conference in Decatur. District Director Dixie Range told me their theme was **TEEA Time**. And although she told me I could talk about anything I wanted, I wanted to talk about something meaningful to the group. Like many of you, I do my best thinking when my hands are busy; so, one afternoon as I was working in my sewing room I got to thinking about how TEEA is like a quilt.

A quilt has 3 layers; the top, the middle - batting, and the backing.

When you look at a quilt you first see the quilt top. This is the public side of the quilt - what everyone sees - the public perception if you will. Individual blocks make up the top - the individual blocks in the TEEA quilt are all of you - the members, your clubs, your county associations, and district associations. They are your actions, your events; the part of TEEA that the public sees.

The quilt back provides the finishing - it may be beautifully plain in comparison to the top or it may be intricately complimentary to the top. In our TEEA quilt the backing represents those who work behind the scenes - your club officers, county and district association officers, the State Board and officers, committees, CEAs - all of the people who work to provide substance to the organization.

Now let's look at the middle of the quilt - the stuffing or batting. These are those things that give body, warmth and strength to our TEEA quilt. Your programs, county and district meetings, the state conference, the TEEA manual, state education programs, awards and recognitions, resources, fundraisers, and the scholarships you provide.

The quilting stitches and quilt binding holds everything together. Your mission, vision, and creed serve this purpose. Think of the binding as the social, personal and emotional support you give each other and your communities.

So, yes, this is TEEA time! It's time to decide and recognize where your strengths are. How

can you as individuals, clubs and associations make a contribution to TEEA at whatever level of the organization you feel comfortable? How and where do you fit within our TEEA quilt?

Will you be part of our quilt top, the backing, or the middle of the quilt? What can you do to build programs? Remember that everyone has a role in keeping the quilt together - living the mission and creed.

So, celebrate TEEA Time, wrap yourselves in our TEEA quilt and invite others to join you to experience the warmth and strength you know to be TEEA.

ALUMNAE NEWS

By Grace Glaze

The Scholarship committee has selected seven very deserving college students to receive the TEEA Alumnae Scholarships. There were ten applicants. We were delighted to see so many applicants and so many of the TEEA member's grandchildren. The winners are: Jena T. Hermes District 11 Jane Leathers Alumnae Scholarship, Hunter Keith Bell, District 9 Ruth Taylor Alumnae Scholarship, Joy Malon Olson District 11, Dr. Bonnie McGee Alumnae Scholarship, Samantha Jo Witten District 10, Dr. Judy Warren Alumnae Scholarship, Hannah Gayle Winter District 11, Immediate Past President Julie Moseley Alumnae Scholarship, Kyle Joseph Roach District 8, Alumnae Scholarship Kade L. Kahane District 11, Alumnae Scholarship the Committee awarded each student a \$500.00 Scholarship. The applications are found in the TEEA Manual (teea@tamu.edu) Chapter 12 Pages 19-20 with instructions how to apply for the scholarships. You may fill the application in on the web.

As you know these scholarships are made available from the proceeds of the Alumnae silent auction at the state conference, memorials, and donations received each year. The amount and how many scholarships given next year will depend on how much money is collected from the silent auction and drawing at the State Conference at Horse Bay Resort in September at the Alumnae Silent Auction booth. Please be generous again this year, you may donate articles to

sell tickets on or items for the silent auction. Please stop by the booth and bid. The auction is open to all members attending the conference. If you will not be able to attend the conference you may mail your donations to me, Grace Glaze 2835 CR 385 El Campo, Texas 77437. I would like to remind you I also accept memorials throughout the year. The Alumnae booth will need your help to staff the booth, placing items for display and selling the tickets. I already have several items committed for the drawing and auction. If you have some time at the conference please volunteer.

The Alumnae Banquet and meeting will be on Tuesday September 12, Noon, at the conference center. Your county chairman will have the information for you to register. The lunch menu will be a Lunch Buffet Garden Salad, House-Made Meat loaf with Mushroom Gravy, Chicken Baked with LBJ Spice and Natural Jus, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Vegetables, Desert Chef's Selection of House Made Confections, Iced Tea. Past TEEA board members and the present board are Alumnae members.

I attended the May TEEA board meeting. Ruth Taylor is back in Nederland with her son. Phyllis McMakin has had knee replacement and shoulder surgery but is doing well. Kay Chastain and LaJuane Thanes passed away a few months ago. If you have news about any of the Alumnae members please send the information to me. Looking forward to seeing each of you at Horse Shoe Bay Resort. I would love to hear from you if you are not attending the conference.

4-H REPRESENTATIVE

By Barbara Sandlin-Sampson
What a WONDERFUL year it has been to get to know all of you great TEEA members & work with our super State Board. I really wish all members knew how much fun we have as a group. Even our business meetings we accomplish a lot for all statewide members, and we still have laughs doing it. We find lots of time to visit & get to know one another better. WHEN WE WORK HARD during the day,

our president rewards us by rest, visiting or letting us play games at night. A District Chairman named CLAUDINE even won enough for gas money to get home playing RLC. What fun a lot of us had playing that. Thanks Violet. Food at 4-H center is so good too. Two husbands also go, including my husband Joe. He enjoys it as much as I do. Ladies you can be a part of this, just run for District Director - a very rewarding job or Education Chair. You will be richly rewarded in new friends, travel, fun & knowing you have helped your club, county, community, state and yourself. The quality of my life & my family's life improved richly when I joined extension & became a member & 4-H leader in 1969.

As the state Boards 4-H Foundation Representative, I attended 2 meetings in College Station. I told Chris Bollman 4-H Director, my grandson - Dale Sandlin said "Hello". When Chris found out he was my grandson, he said, "Please tell him he failed at one thing in his life. He tried for a year to teach me how to play the guitar, meeting me every day at noon to teach me at the MSC & I still can't play".

I have met some fine people there too.

TEEA welcomes two new board members.



JANET REED

EDUCATION CHAIR-DISTRICT 4

I'm from Texarkana in Bowie County. I have one daughter and she and her husband have blessed me with three sweet grandbabies - three year old twins and a fourth month old. My hobbies include making jewelry and recycled art and I also volunteer at one of our local hospitals.

My workshop will be on "**Hearing Loss - Causes, Affects and Options for Help**". You will get lots of information that will benefit anyone who is dealing with or knows someone who has hearing loss.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Horseshoe Bay in September!



EDITH JONES

EDUCATION CHAIR-DISTRICT 6

I have been a member of TEEA since 1988. I am from the big city of Wink in District 6 of the TEEA organization. I am a Christian, widow of Mac Jones since 2006, married for 46 years, mother of three daughters, 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grands. In TEEA I have served in all offices our local club, as District Director for District 6 several times, Messenger Editor for 4 years, VP for Leadership and Education chairman a couple of times. TEEA has been a serious part of my life since I became a member. I believe it is the best organization for leadership, education, and fellowship of any other organization that I have joined or been a part of. This year I have been asked to continue the education chairman for District 6 after the death of LaJuana Thames.

The title of this program is "Who do you THINK you are?" I will try to make you aware of the ways to obtain this information. Hope to see you at this presentation.

PLAN TO CONTROL YOUR AGING YEARS
LINDA ROGERS

EDUCATION CHAIR-DISTRICT 7

Preparing for the last act of our lives can be an emotional, complicated process—so emotional and complicated that many of us fail to do it at all. And when the day arrives when we are no longer able to make our own decisions due to aging, injury or illness, our crucial information may be nothing but a blank page. When help is needed the most, family is left digging through the puzzle of our life rather than focusing on our care requirements. Decisions are made in a vacuum, without proper legal, financial, and medical information. It's unfair to everyone involved, and entirely avoidable.

The Blueprint to Age Your Way was designed to make sure that doesn't happen. Created as a companion piece to the book *Age Your Way*, author and registered nurse Debbie Pearson has provided all the tools you need to create

a personal aging plan in one convenient system. When completed, it will present your vital information and preferences in a clear and easy-to-follow format, including the documentation essential to executing your strategy.

A GOOD NIGHT'S REST IS BEST
GAYLE POMYKAL
EDUCATION CHAIR-DISTRICT 8

Presenter: Adrew B. Crocker
Extension Program Specialist III
Gerontology and Health
Texas A&M AgrLife Extension
Service

Not sleeping well? Having difficulty falling asleep? Experiencing fatigue throughout your day. This Educational Program will provide you with hints and helps to conquer sleep deprivation, thereby making your waking hours more productive and rewarding.

Learning why restful sleep is necessary and how to prepare for sleep to get the results that you want will be provided in the material. You will receive information regarding medical disorders which result in poor quality of sleep and suggestions for seeking professional help for certain disorders.

Did you ever wonder why sleep is necessary and what it does for you? "A Good Night's Rest is Best" will provide information to help you get to sleep, sleep restfully, and understand the reasons for not being able to sleep well. Turn exhaustion and fatigue into being alert and productive with these hints and suggestions for preparing our bodies for sleep and developing a healthy sleep pattern.

STATE MEETING NEWS
BY CLAUDINE HARE
& CARROL DAVIG

District 9 and District 11 members are hosting the State Conference this year at the Horseshoe Bay Resort September 12, 13. District 9 is in charge of the Country Store and District 11 is in charge of Cultural Arts.

All members have been working hard all year to make items for the Country Store and in addition there will be four (4) themed baskets (bath, kitchen, entertainment and travel) to bid on. All participants are encouraged to bring your money and have a great time shopping during the conference.

All district first place items are eligible to be entered in the Cultural Arts and members are encouraged to get them in and registered for the judging. Be sure that you have the information tag attached to each item with the signature of the person entering, the county chair, and the district director. Items will not be judged if they do not have the proper identification.

EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS

By Claudine Hare
MATS FOR THE HOMELESS
(Plastic Bags to Mats)

If you like to crochet, recycle, and serve, this is for you. Bring your size P crochet hook and learn to make "yarn" balls from plastic bags and then crochet the yarn balls into mats for the homeless. They are lightweight, can be washed with a water hose and rolled for easy carry. Ms Wilma Pace from Jefferson County will be presenting this program.

The Incredible Gourd

Come learn to plant and grow gourds and then prepare, paint and embellish them into wonderful pieces of art. You do not need to bring anything to this workshop. Mrs. Freddie Oakley from Burnet County will be presenting this program. A coffee table book, The Incredible Gourd will be available for those who are interested.

By Carrol Davig
TROPICAL BIRDS

See the exciting tropical exotic birds perform on the exceptional, lovely grounds of the Palm D-OR Pavillion.

FANTASTIC 5

Super house cleaners you can make at home. There are many reasons why making your own cleaners is a good idea. Aside from the health concerns is also a financial consideration. There will be demonstrations in making up to five super household cleaners with recipes to take home.

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

~ Mother Teresa

"Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world would do this, it would change the earth."

~ William Faulkner

OPTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

By Claudine Hare
"Gardening for Wildlife" and "Hill Country Wildflowers and More" will be presented by Robert and Sheryl Yantis who are Texas Master Gardeners and Earth-Kind Specialists and LCRA water monitors on the Llano River. They are also members of the Native Plant society as well as members of the Highland Lakes Birding and Wildflower Society.

"GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE":

Discussion will include garden practices that encourage and attract a wide variety of wildlife including birds, bees and butterflies to your garden. An effective Wildlife habitat provides the four basic needs for wildlife - food, shelter, water as well as breeding and nesting space -easily accessed and used.

"HILL COUNTRY WILDFLOWERS AND MORE":
In spring a changing riot of color signals the beginning of blooming wildflowers that last all the way through to the first frost of fall.

Though more prevalent in spring, colorful flowers can be seen throughout the growing season. The program features beautiful wildflowers that are familiar to everyone and some that appear only occasionally. Most of the pictures were taken in the Texas Hill Country by Robert and Sheryl Yantis over the last several years.

By Carrol Davig
"CHOCOLATE":

Find out why chocolate is known for making people feel good at this workshop and learn how to make your own candies for gifts or self. Recipes and instructions from melting to storage will be given.

"Rice":

The great and healthy grain. You will receive nutritional facts, demonstrations, recipes and samples.

**TEEA BUDGET
October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018**

INCOME				
	State Membership Dues		\$39,750	
	Coins For Friendship		5,000	
	Dollars For Scholars		3,000	
	Name Badges		1,000	
	TEEA Sales		1,750	
	State Conference		35,000	
	Interest On Accounts		600	
	Alumnae Silent Auction		3,000	
	State Board Silent Auction		500	
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME				\$89,600
EXPENSES				
4-H SUPPORT				
	Food & Clothing Program	\$3,600		
	4-H Foundation Representative	1,000		
	Scholarships	12,000		
	Coins For Friendship	5,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		\$21,600	
STATE CONFERENCE				
	Planning	2,350		
	Conference	30,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		32,350	
SCHOLARSHIPS				
	Adult Career	2,000		
	Alumnae	3,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		5,000	
EDUCATION & TRAINING				
	Education Committee	2,000		
	Fall Board Meeting	6,000		
	Spring Board Meeting	6,500		
	SUB-TOTAL		14,500	
NEWSLETTER				
	The TEEA Messenger	7,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		7,000	
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE				
	Conciliation/Tax Preparation	500		
	Treasurer's Operational Support	1,000		
	District Directors/Officer Liability Insurance	3,200		
	Parliamentarian	800		
	Printing	500		
	Office Equipment & Supplies	1000		
	Treasurer/Editor Bonds	650		
	TEEA President's Discretionary Fund	500		
	Other Board Expenses	500		
	State Board Equipment	500		
	SUB-TOTAL		9,150	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES				\$89,600

TEEA BUDGET NARRATIVE
October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018

INCOME

- State Membership Dues - @ \$15.00 X 2650 members**
Anticipated income from membership dues
- Coins for Friendship (4-H Center)**
Contributions received from TEEA members for projects at the 4-H Center
- Dollars for Scholars**
4-H Scholarship Fund contributions received from TEEA members
- Name Badge Sales**
Income from the sale of TEEA name badges
- TEEA Sales**
Income from the sale of TEEA pins and other items
- State Conference**
Funds for State Conference based on registration fees and meal tickets
- Interest on Accounts**
Interest earned on accounts
- Alumnae Silent Auction**
Funds and donations from auction held at State Conference
- State Board Silent Auction**
Funds and donations from Board Members' auction at Fall Board Meeting

EXPENSES

- 4-H Support**
- 4-H Food and Clothing Program**
Funds given to each district to assist the 4-H programs at the district level (currently \$300 per district)
- 4-H Foundation Board Representative**
Partial reimbursement of the TEEA representative's expenses to attend 4-H Foundation Board meetings and report to TEEA
- 4-H Scholarships**
Funds for the 12 4-H scholarships (currently @ \$1,000) given by TEEA
- Coins for Friendship**
TEEA members' donations given to the 4-H Center for selected projects

State Conference

- State Conference Planning**
Funds to cover expenses of Executive Committee for site review and planning meeting
- State Conference**
This includes expenses for Pre-conference and Post-conference Board meetings and expenses incurred at the State Conference.

Scholarships

- Adult Career Scholarships**
Funds for two (2) scholarships for TEEA members
- Alumnae Scholarships**
The number of scholarships and the amount are dependent on funds available each year

Education & Training

- Education Committees**
\$500 each for 4 Education Committee Programs presented at State Conference
- Fall Board Meeting**
Expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and printing for Board meetings (includes expenses for Extension Advisor)
- Spring Board Meeting**
Same as the Fall Board Meeting

The Messenger

Funds to print and mail *The Messenger* to all members (includes editor's expenses)

Legal & Administrative

- Conciliation/Tax Preparation**
Fee for annual reconciliation and tax preparation
- Treasurer's Operational Support**
Funds to cover operational expenses
- District Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance**
Liability coverage for directors and officers
- Parliamentarian**
Expenses for parliamentarian to attend the State Conference and the Fall & Spring Board Meetings (if needed)
- Office Supplies, Postage and Printing**
Funds to purchase office supplies, postage, and printing
- Treasurer's/Messenger Editor's Bonds**
Cost for these two positions to be bonded
- President's Discretionary Fund**
State President's discretionary account to offset unanticipated expenses
- Printing**
Funds to pay for printing TEEA manual, Bylaws, and other organizational printing
- Other Board Expenses**
\$125 each for 1st Vice President for Leadership, 2nd Vice President for Programs, Secretary, and President-Elect
- State Board Equipment**
Funds from Board's Silent Auction used to purchase equipment needed by the State Board to do TEEA business, to replace broken or outdated equipment as needed.

IN MEMORY

- Kay Chastain - Rains Co. - D4
- Ann Edwards - Smith Co. - D5
- Earline Johnson - Marshall - Harrison Co. D5
- Vivian Williams - Nacogdoches Co. - D5
- LaJuana Thames - Monahans - Ward/Winkle Co. - D6
- DeLyse Malant - Bethel - Burnet Co. - D7
- Geneva Hahn - Bethel - Burnet Co. - D7
- Mildred Arnold - Lake Victor - Burnet Co. - D7
- Susie Mary Rister - Merkel - Jones Co. - D7
- Sue Allsup - Morton Valley - Eastland Co. - D8
- Marjorie Lamb - Morton Valley - Eastland Co. - D8
- Sheila Penney - Morton Valley - Eastland Co. - D8
- Ida Cole - Alvin - Galveston Co. - D9
- Pat Allen - New Braunfels - Travis Co. - D10
- Verda Krause - Austin - Travis Co. - D10
- Cristie Moore - Cibolo - Travis Co. - D10
- Charlotte Brown - Bay City - Matagorda Co. - D11
- Barbara Middleton - Bay City - Matagorda Co. - D11
- Charlene Girndt - Ganado - Jackson Co. - D11
- Lucille Matson - Telferner - Victoria Co. - D11

“We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience.”
~ Martin Luther King, Jr

**2017 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TEEA BYLAWS
 APPROVED BY THE TEEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 2017
 TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2017 STATE CONFERENCE IN HORSESHOE BAY, TX.
 IF ADOPTED, THE PROPOSALS WILL TAKE EFFECT
 OCTOBER 1, 2017**

Article V – OFFICERS

Section 1.

<p>Now reads: The officers of TEEA shall be a President, a President-Elect, a First Vice-President for Leadership, a Second Vice-President for Programs, a Secretary and a Treasurer.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: The officers of TEEA shall be a President, a President-Elect, a First Vice-President for Leadership, a Second Vice-President for Programs, a Secretary, a Treasurer and <u>a Treasurer-Elect.</u></p>
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Rationale: Amend by addition
 Submitted by: Bylaws Committee
 Recommendation: To Adopt

Section 2. B

<p>Now reads: Second Vice-President for Programs, Secretary, District Directors-Elect 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 and Education Chairs shall be elected in even-numbered years. District Directors-Elect take office as Directors in even-numbered years, two years after their elections, or as needed.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: Second Vice-President for Programs, Secretary, <u>Treasurer-Elect</u>, District Directors-Elect 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 and Education Chairs shall be elected in even-numbered years. District Directors-Elect take office as Directors in even-numbered years, two years after their elections, or as needed. <u>Treasurer-Elect takes office as Treasurer in odd-numbered years.</u></p>
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Rationale: Amend by Addition
 Submitted by: Bylaws Committee
 Recommendation: To Adopt

Section 3.

<p>Now reads: The President-Elect shall be elected for a term of one year. All other officers shall be elected for a two-year term. Officers shall assume their duties on the first day of the month following the TEEA State Conference.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: The President-Elect <u>and Treasurer-Elect</u> shall be elected for a term of one year. All other officers shall be elected for a two-year term. Officers shall assume their duties on the first day of the month following the TEEA State Conference. <u>A Treasurer-Elect shall be elected prior to the last year of the current Treasurer's term.</u></p>
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Rationale: The addition of Treasurer-Elect and explanation of term limits.
 Submitted by: Bylaws Committee
 Recommendation: To Adopt

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section1.

<p>Now reads: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, who shall act as Chair, President-Elect, First Vice-President for Leadership, Second Vice-President for Programs, Secretary and Treasurer.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, who shall act as Chair, President-Elect, First Vice-President for Leadership, Second Vice-President for Programs, Secretary, Treasurer and <u>Treasurer-Elect.</u></p>
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Rationale: Amend by Addition
 Submitted by: Executive Committee
 Recommendation: To Adopt

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

<p>Now reads: The voting members of the TEEA Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Executive Committee, District Directors, Education Chairs, Alumni Chair(s), TEEA Messenger Editor and 4-H Foundation Representative. The Parliamentarian and Advisor(s) shall serve as non-</p>	<p>If adopted will read: The voting members of the TEEA Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Executive Committee, District Directors, Education Chairs, Alumni Chair(s), TEEA Messenger Editor <u>and 4-H Foundation Representative.</u> The Parliamentarian, Advisor(s) and <u>990 Consultant</u> shall</p>
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Rationale: Amend by Striking and Addition
 Submitted by: Bylaws Committee and Executive Committee
 Recommendation: To Adopt

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Section 4.

<p>Now reads: A candidate for Treasurer shall be eligible for bonding, knowledgeable in bookkeeping and familiar with long- and short-term investments.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: A candidate for Treasurer <u>and a candidate for Treasurer-Elect</u> shall be eligible for bonding, knowledgeable in bookkeeping and familiar with long- and short-term investments.</p>
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Rationale: Adding the Treasurer-Elect to these Qualifications in Section 4.
Submitted by: Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To Adopt

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

<p>Now reads: D. Appoint a 4-H Foundation Representative with the approval of the TEEA Board for a three year term at the appropriate Spring TEEA Board meeting.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: D. <u>Appoint a 990 Consultant with approval of the TEEA Board to attend the Fall TEEA Board Meeting.</u></p>
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Rationale: Amend by striking and substitution.
Submitted by: Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To Adopt

Section 6.

<p>Now reads: G. Furnish new clubs with forms and information for securing an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: G. Furnish new clubs with forms and information for securing an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service. (Editorial note: Additional Treasurer duties are re-lettered to G, H, I and J. NEW duty K as follows) <u>K. During the final year as Treasurer, serve as mentor and trainer for the Treasurer-Elect.</u></p>
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Rationale: Striking current G and addition of K and renumbering the rest.
Submitted by: Executive Committee
Recommendation: To Adopt

Sections 7. and 8.

<p>Now reads: Section 7. The duties of the Advisor Section 8. The duties of the Parliamentarian.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: <u>Section 7. The duties of the Treasurer-Elect shall be to:</u> A. <u>Assist Treasurer with State Conference Registration.</u> B. <u>Assist Treasurer with preparation of Financial Report.</u> C. <u>Assist with any other Treasurer duties as needed by the Treasurer.</u> <u>Section 8. The duties of the 990 Consultant shall be to:</u> A. <u>Submit an updated EIN Master List to the IRS annually.</u> B. <u>Request from the IRS EINs for new Clubs and report invalid EINs to the IRS on Clubs that have dissolved.</u> C. <u>Responsible for resolving EIN issues with the IRS.</u> D. <u>Work with the District Directors to correct any 990 problems.</u> E. <u>Attend the Fall TEEA Board Meeting.</u> (Editorial note: Existing Section 7 - Duties of the Advisor becomes Section 9 and existing Section 8 - Duties of the Parliamentarian becomes Section 10.)</p>
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Rationale: The addition of Treasurer-Elect and 990 Consultant duties. Adding a Section 9 as Duties of the Advisor and a Section 10 as Duties of the Parliamentarian.
Submitted by: Executive Committee
Recommendation: To Adopt

ARTICLE XX - RESOLUTIONS

Section 3.

<p>Now reads: A resolution must be received by the Chair no later than 10 days prior to the TEEA State Conference.</p>	<p>If adopted will read: A resolution must be received by the Chair no later than 10 days prior to the TEEA State Conference <u>Spring Board Meeting.</u></p>
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Rationale: Amend by Striking and Addition
Submitted by: Bylaws Committee
Recommendation: To Adopt



MEDIA UPDATE

By Gale Pomykal, Chair TEEA TAMU's website will be updated in the near future. TEEA's Facebook Page can now be accessed directly by a link from the TEEA TAMU home page. Click on the above address, and you have reached your destination.

When you are signed in to Facebook, click the search field at the top of the screen, then enter Texas Extension Education Association, Inc. to access the TEEA Facebook home page. In order to locate it more readily, "LIKE" one of the posts and the TEEA Facebook address will go to your "pages" on your Smart Phones and will be stored in the "history" of your personal Facebook Feed. This allows you, when you are signed in, to go to that display and click on "pages", then click on the page that you wish to access.

Your desk top computer, most likely would have a different access point, in the search field, after signing in to Facebook, on your personal Facebook page, enter Texas Extension Education Association, Inc. If you do not have an account or you are not signed in to Facebook, bring up the Internet/Google or Yahoo and in the search field enter <http://www.facebook.com/TEEA.State.Page/> if you do not have a Facebook account, you may set one up at this time, or you may enter your USER ID and password to access TEEA Facebook.

Districts wanting to post to the State TEEA Facebook page, may post it, where it will wait for approval from the Administrator or Editor. Upon approval it will be posted and be available for public viewing. Lets try to get a wider variety of TEEA activities for our members.

If you have questions, please send them to my email address: pomyranger@embarqmail.com.



**NYANZA PRICE
CANDIDATE FOR
TEEA PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Please support me in my endeavor to become your TEEA President-Elect. I have served TEEA in many capacities and held positions locally, county, district and state. I currently serve as Vice President for my local club which I helped in the reorganization this year. My last office was that of Second Vice President for Programs for TEEA. During my tenure on the state board, I worked diligently to revise and streamline elections procedures as Chair of the Elections Committee. I also served as Chair of the Expenditures Committee and served as a member of the Alumnae Scholarship, Adult Career Scholarship, Procedures and By Laws, Credentials and Finance Committees. At my last election, I asked you to help me on my journey with TEEA and I am soliciting that help again.

Community involvement is very important to me also. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Oakwood Community Food Pantry and Oakwood Cancer Walk. I also volunteer with these organizations. I work with 4-H for the county and often serve as judges for their events. I serve on the Planning Committee for the Leon County Health Fair. Last year I organized the Walk Across Texas event. I present workshops to the community and churches. I coordinate many activities at my church, Saint Kateri Catholic Church of Buffalo, Texas.

I married to a wonderful man, Charlie and we have two children and three grandchildren. I

love attending their events and they love having their "MiMi" present. They, along with my husband, are the light of my life.
Pd. Pol. Ad Nyanza Price



**KAY JACOB
CANDIDATE FOR
1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF
LEADERSHIP**

Kay Jacob has been a member of KEEA for 15 years, and is endorsed by her club and District 12 for the candidacy of TEEA 1st Vice-President of Leadership. She has held the offices of President (13 years), District 12 Director (5 years), and TEEA State Treasurer (4 years). As District Director, Kay served on several committees while on the executive board and served as TEEA Sales Chairman for 5 years.

Kay's work experience includes financial manager for a travel agency, financial manager for an architect, and office/financial manager for an orthodontist where she implemented the Quickbooks program for several years. She then retired to help care for her parents, help her husband run their small ranch, and kept their financial records.

Kay has been married to Jim for 15 years, and they have 4 adult children and 10 grandchildren. Her husband is a retired Allstate Agent. Jim and Kay have a small ranch where they raise longhorn cattle, horses, racing pigeons, peacocks, chickens, dogs and cats. They moved to their ranch from Corpus Cristi where they lived collectively for 35 years.

Kay believes in the TEEA Mission and Creed and enjoys working for the benefits of others. She

is a dedicated board member that will help our organization grow and remain successful.

PLEASE LEND HER YOUR SUPPORT BY GIVING HER YOUR VOTE.

Pd. Pol. Ad Kay Jacob

DISTRICT 1

**RANDALL COUNTY NEWS
SUNNYHILL EE CLUB**

By Carolyn Robbins
Sunnyhill meets on the second Thursday of every month.

The program for January 12 was given by Kandi Bell, Physical Therapist for Turn Center in Amarillo. She demonstrated the proper ways to treat our bodies as we age: good body mechanics, sitting correctly, bending, picking up items, etc.

The program for February 9 was titled "New Friends in Quilting". Presenters were Marilyn Ragler, Diane Donnell and Chris Ferguson. They displayed many antique quilts as well as many showing new methods in quilting.

On March 9 Lin Elbert, Vice President presented a program about True or False Questions of Humorous Facts while waiting for Randall County Agent J. D. Ragland to give an update on the devastating damage done by recent wildfires in the Texas Panhandle. The destruction is monumental and over 350,000 head of cattle have been lost. The saddest loss was eight human lives, three of whom were Texans. A total of 5 guests and 65 members attended the three meetings.

"Believe with all of your heart that you will do what you were made to do."
~ Orison Swett Marden

SUNNYHILL EE CLUB NEWS

By Kay Bell

Sunnyhill EE Club met for our regular meeting on April 3. Eighteen members and two guests were in attendance. Our program was presented by Dan Reese, the Director of Public Works for the City of Canyon. He gave a very informative and uplifting power point presentation on water usage. He showed the different things citizens can do to conserve water and at the current usage rate and wells operating how long our water supply should last.

We were also one of the clubs hosting District 1 Spring Conference held in Canyon. Sunnyhill had thirteen members registered to attend. Our club received a certificate that acknowledged our club has been an active club for 75 years. An added note of interest is that Phyllis Ratjen, an active member, is the daughter-in-law of one of our charter members.

On May 11 Sunnyhill met at the Blue Sky Airport. Thirteen members and the guest speaker were in attendance. The program called "Fly Over" was presented by Dr. Tom Nichols. Dr. Nichols, a retired surgeon, stated that World War II era airplanes and their pilots bring special formation flyovers for special ceremonies including Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Fourth of July events. Occasionally they also do the "Missing Man" formation for veterans funerals all across the Panhandle. He noted that they perform community service to say thank you to the military personnel for the freedoms they help insure.

Officers were elected for the 2017-2018 year. They are Kay Bell, Chair; Sidona Rogers, Co-Chair; Phyllis Ratjen, Secretary; Carolyn Robbins, Treasurer; Opal Lewis, Council Delegate; and Vicki Kiker and Elizabeth Alexander, Telephone Chairs.

HAPPY HOMES CLUB HANSFORD COUNTY

By Andrea Woolley

Happy Homes Club of Hansford County was delighted in having two new members join their club. Fran Duncan and Lisa Pipkin will be a real asset to the club.

Judy Yarbrough and a couple of members of Town & Country club met with Judge Benny Wilson to sign Proclamation for October 10-14, as TEEA week. Their picture was in the High

Plains Observer.

Members have given wonderful programs that would help one in awareness of safety, fun, health, laughter, and sharing of craft ideas.

The Club made 100 Christmas cards for the Veterans, 75 "Snowman Soup Cups" for the Hansford Manor residents. This was a joy and blessing that they made someone feel special and cared for. Also, the Club help with the "Shoe Box" project for needy children. The Shoe Box has pencils, small school books, coloring book, toothbrush, tooth paste, comb, hair items for girls, small toy, and socks.

Happy Homes had their Christmas Party December 6. For the luncheon there were all kinds of delicious food prepared by members and enjoyed by ALL! Members exchanged Christmas cards, sang songs, and shared their family's special Christmas memory.

Ida Ray and Cindy Trent brought supplies to the club meeting and with help of members Happy Homes made eighteen lovely Valentine Table Centerpieces for the Hansford Manor residents. It really brightened up their Valentine special dinner.

Members were very busy selling nuts for Hansford County TEEA. Everyone participated on this project. Happy Homes donated money to the 4-H Club as it is very important to our club and the community.

The Spring Conference was April 6 in Canyon. It was a wonderful conference. Happy Homes had seventeen entries in the Cultural Arts and nearly every entry received a ribbon. There will be six entries that will advance to the State Conference in September. These entries were made with love, sweat, and tears!

June Kelp made refreshments and delivered to Commissioners Court of Hansford County April 10.

Member Ida Ray of Happy Homes Club, Hansford County received the 2016-2017 District 1 Texas Leadership Award. She is a very strong leader of her club and always there supporting and promoting TEEA. Ida is described as a special friend, good neighbor and confidant, sharing her time when one needs her. Her main thing is the love of her Lord, our country and the men and women that fight and risk their lives for the United States of America.



Ida Ray receiving the Texas Leadership Award for District 1 from Andrea Woolley.



Members finishing the Christmas cards to the Veterans. L-R—Seated - Jean Smith, Patty Sheppard, Deloris Guthrie, Ida Ray. Back Row: Andrea Woolley, June Kelp, Judy Yarbrough, Fran Duncan, Cindy Trent

DISTRICT 2

HOCKLEY COUNTY NEWS

By Gail Turnipseed

District 2 TEEA Spring Conference was held in Snyder on March 23. Hockley County was represented by members of the Ropes and Levelland Moonlighters Clubs.



Back row: Gail Turnipseed, Crystal Riggins, Carla Ayres, Marsha Blair (FCS Agent), Nancy Reeves, Lera Wilson, Toni Kirkman. Front row: Wynelle Donnelle, Jimmie Dooley, Genell Ward, Sharon Robertson, JoAn Gilley

Levelland Moonlighters EE Club visited the Wind Power Museum in Lubbock on May 4. It was very interesting and would encourage anyone to visit the museum.



L-R: Betty Seward, Wynelle Donnell, Crystal Riggins, Sharon Robertson and Gail Turnipseed.

DISTRICT 3

PARKER COUNTY NEWS

By Cita Honeycutt

On February 13 three members from Springtown EE Club, Ola Culwell, Julia Moseley, Cita Honeycutt and our FCS Agent, Kathy Smith attended the proclamation signing for TEEA Week.



Parker County EEA held their annual Recognition Tea on February 22. This Tea honors the Association Officers, Committee Chairs and Outstanding Members. The three member honorees were Kim Smith - Country Crossroads, Carol Hailey - Bethel Harmony and Cita Honeycutt - Springtown. The lucky winner was Cita Honeycutt.



The District 3 Spring Conference was March 23 at the Decatur Civic Center. Nine members from Springtown attended.



Back row: Wanda Lacey, Sue Richardson, Julia Moseley, Margaret Avery. Front row: Ola Culwell, Barbara Sampson, Pat Lightsey, Cita Honeycutt, Sheila Woody.

On May 10 Springtown visited Chandor Gardens in Weatherford and lunched at Yesterday's Café for their May meeting. Seven members, three guests and

the FCS Agent were present.



Kathy Smith, Ola Culwell, Margaret Avery, Cita Honeycutt, Wanda Lacey, Ellen Carpenter, Julia Moseley, Sheila Woody and daughter Kim.

WISE COUNTY NEWS

By Bobby Ashley
Bobbie Ashley conducted her first meeting in February.



Linda Hood presented the program, "Top 10 Scams Targeting Older Adults". Members started plans for hosting the District 3 Spring Conference.



Marilynn Collins presented the quilt she has donated for raffle at the Fall Festival.



The District 3 Spring Conference was hosted by Montague and Wise Counties March 23 at the Wise County Decatur Civic Center. Judge J. D. Clark welcomed all the guests to Wise County.

Dr. Joyce Cavanaugh was the guest speaker. District Director, Dixie Range, led the meeting. Table decorations and door prizes were made and coordinated by Linda Hood. Fifty-five members and guests attended.

On March 24 we were still on a high from Spring Conference. Marilyn Collins and Suzy Williford won blue ribbons in the Cultural Arts. Members received many thank you notes from 4-Hers for the award plaques provided for the Youth Fair. More work was done on the Fall Festival.

Marilynn presented the program on "Nutrition: Myths and Facts" and Bobbie reported on "Walk Across Texas." Dixie reported that our 4-H scholarship recipient, Lindy Luttrell was also the District 3 winner for the \$1,000 scholarship.



On April 28 thirteen members gathered at the Greenwood Fire Hall for our regular meeting. Dixie Range presented the program "Navigating Pinterest" and presented a salad plate that she had found.



Our May meeting was early because of Memorial Day weekend. Members went to Bridgeport and toured the Bridgeport City Museum and then adjourned to the "Mask House." This is a very old home that has been turned into a lovely restaurant. Twelve members attended for our business meeting and a wonderful lunch.

"He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery."

~ Samuel Smiles

DISTRICT 4

MARY WHATLEY RECEIVES AWARD

By Kathy McPeters

Mary Whatley was named Texas Treasure in District 3 for 2017. Mary joined the Bowie TEEA after her retirement from education and committed to helping build the organization. When she attended her first Spring Conference, she was impressed by the Cultural Arts competition and began to encourage Bowie's members to showcase their talents and compete. As a result, the number of entries from Montague County has increased through the years often with winners at both the district and state levels.

Mary is in demand as a gifted book reviewer for a variety of programs. She always leaves her audience with a laugh and an appreciation of a good book. Mary has been an active member of Forestburg First Methodist Church where she played the piano and led the service in the pastor's absence. Additionally, Mary has been a member of Community Quilters, Maids and Matrons, and Bowie Library Book Club for many years. Always thinking of others, Mary can be seen around town delivering Meals on Wheels and visiting at the nursing home.

Mary will complete at the state level with two entries in the Cultural Arts Competition this year and continues to mentor and encourage others through Bowie TEEA.



BOWIE TEEA NEWS

By Kathy McPeters

In March, Bowie TEEA sponsored an informative program on beekeeping basics presented by Doug Hill of the Red River Valley Beekeepers Association. Mr. Hill addressed more than 50 attendees with facts about bees

and the structures of their colonies and hives. He provided pictures and examples to show the complete honey making process. The impact of bees on our environment was stressed as 80% of the pollination of crops is accomplished by honeybees. Mr. Hill outlined facts about honey and its nutritional and medical benefits. Refreshments were provided by Bowie TEEA members Liz Bower, Robin Boling, Mary Lyn Guedry, Jacque Hensell, Jo Kleinhans, Jo McDonald, Kathy McPeters, Lois Neese, Sandy Owens, Traci Prestwood, Genine Ringstaff, Sheila, Schindler, and Vivian Younker.

Chandor Gardens in Weatherford was the site of the April meeting for the Bowie TEEA. The 3.5-acre estate was first started in 1936 and features a mansion surrounded by ornate gardens. Designed with Chinese and English influences, the fountains, shrubbery and flowers offer an amazing site for visitors to enjoy a peaceful stroll. It is an ideal and picturesque setting for weddings, photography, meetings and special events. Jo McDonald, Sheila Schindler, Lois Neese, Mary Lynn Guedry, Kathy McPeters, Vivian Younker, Julie Browning and guest Glenna Hankins enjoyed lunch followed by the scenic haven of Chandor Gardens.



SIVELL BEND EE CLUB NEWS

By Beverly Evans

Sivell Bend EE Club had a busy winter and spring for a club of ten members.

June 2 members participated in the Relay for Life. The board for Relay for Life dubbed our members "Cookie Ladies Against Cancer." Members make and sell snacks for the Relay runners. All the proceeds go to Relay for Life. Members have also done a bake sale for the Volunteer Fire Department. It is one of the two the Sivell Bend Club does each year.

All four state programs have been presented this year. Clara Ball presented "Adult Bullies", "Navigating Pinterest" was given by Glenda Boriski, "Dementia

and Caregiving” by Eloise Larson, and “Nutrition: Myth or Fact” by Beverly Evans. All were very interesting and informative presentations and were well received by the members. Angel Neu, FCS Agent presented “Protecting Your Privacy.”

Two members attended the District Training in McKinney in the fall. Six members attended the Spring Conference and members are also participating in the “Walk Across Texas” program.

Our hope is that everyone will have a great summer and we will see you this fall.

HUNT COUNTY NEWS

By Judy Clingan

Hunt County has been busy making weighted blankets for children of CPS. These blankets are very useful in calming children with sensory problems. Our members, along with our FCS Agent, Sarah Latham enjoyed Spring Conference and are making plans for state in September. Plans for summer include making a quilt to be raffled. This will be new to many of our members and we are excited to try using our talent.

Our volunteer time at our 50th Anniversary of our County Fair was a busy time for us and in May we had our annual Spring Fling with two enjoyable speakers. Bosie Bwell talked about birds and Pat Abramson talked about Life After 50.

The summer months are filled with working on our quilt and projects for a craft fair in December. Have a safe, blessed summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

VAN ZANDT EEA NEWS

By Carolyn Minor

Members of the club have been busy this year. We have had a sewing or craft project each month. Some months we had extra work days. January was a big planning month. February we made each resident of a local care center Valentine's and delivered them' it was such a blessing.



March was cultural arts with the winning entries going on to Spring Meeting, which we had five ladies attend. April we had a health fair where we received good information as well as blood pressure check and blood sugar checks. In May we took a field trip to the Arboretum in Dallas. All the ladies have been busy judging fairs and 4-H competitions.

We would like brag on one of our members, Carolyn Davis. Ms. Davis has conducted the following sewing classes for 4-H youth. She has had 27 sessions with an average of 6 for a total of 152 attendees for the sewing program.

Adult Sewing classes- She held 11 sessions with an average of 6 attendees for a total of 63. Carolyn has also turned her Sewing Spin (Special Interest) group into the newly formed Kids N' Clovers community 4-H Club for the Canton area. This club is now has the largest membership in Van Zandt County with livestock projects ranging from heifers, lambs, goats, and pigs. This also includes shooting sports, archery and public speaking only to name a few. The best part about this club has been not only do her members show up for the meeting but parents do also. We are excited about the future of this club.

Carolyn was recognized in August of 2016 as the 4-H Leader of the year. She has inspired us all to step outside our box. Not only can we help Educate we will be educated. Just goes to prove we are never too old to share or learn. We are all looking forward to the second half of this year.

Wishing you God's Blessing.

DISTRICT 4 HOLDS SPRING CONFERENCE

By Angela Pierce,
District Director

District 4 had their Spring Conference and Cultural Arts in McKinney on April 18 & 19. We had several demonstrations and workshops. We also enjoyed viewing the various items entered into cultural arts and catching up with one another while enjoying the delicious food provided by host counties. I appreciate all that were able to attend and/or help make it a success!!!!



DISTRICT 5

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

By Ellen Manning

Members in District 5 have their looms dressed getting ready for their Cultural Arts on July 18 in Tyler. Actually some have quilts ready for display and others are knitting or painting or crafting. But we will all gather and “Celebrate TEEA”. The loom pictured below is very old but when rightly assembled works perfectly. It is a good representation show that our members work well together when we put our talents in use and are given a chance to show our colors.



During our Spring Conference we made a change in our By-laws and we elected Connie Troxell as the District Director Elect for 2019 - 2021. We had 90 people register but weather

kept some home. We enjoyed a meal cooked by the District 5 FCS Agents and met in the meeting room at the Nacogdoches Court House. We presented our District 4-H scholarship to Zachary Poorman from Diana and he was very gracious to attend and receive the award in person.

SMITH COUNTY NEWS

By Penny Hunter

Nine members and one agent attended the D-5 Spring 2017 Conference in Nacogdoches. We are honored that Harriett Lane, Dixie Club received the District 5 Texas Treasure Award; Robin Fields, St. Louis Club received District 5 Leadership Award; and Connie Troxell, Dixie Club was elected District 5 Chairman Elect. We are proud of all the hard work these ladies do in Smith County.

Smith County sponsors the East Texas State Fair Academic Rodeo Fashion Show.

Members judge paper work, construction, and modeling skills for youth in East Texas. We decorated the stage using the theme from our AgriWorld display, “The Mad Hatter's Tea Party”. We also helped hand out other projects to students and teachers at the end of the awards program.

Lindale EE Club rushed to aid tornado victims in Fruitvale. They purchased a car load of school supplies, water, Gatorade and gloves. Members delivered to the fire department and Fruitvale ISD. East Texans taking care of East Texas. Great job Lindale Club!

Dixie EE Club and Tyler Glass EE Club made a trip to the New London School Museum. If you get a chance to come to East Texas, put this visit on your to do list and bring your hankie. Volunteers that had family or friends in the explosion will give you a unique tour. It was well worth the trip.



L-R: Patrice Dunagin, Agent; Elaine Jackson; Sherry Smith; Karen Pinsinger; Penny Hunter; Rocky McMakin; Harriett Lane; Joyce Morrow; Barbara Garrett and Connie Troxell.

DISTRICT 6

SPRING IN WEST TEXAS!

By Abigail Pritchard

District 6 EE Clubs met in the Midland County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for their Spring Conference. There were seventeen present including three guests. One of our guests was Mandi Seaton, our new West Region Program Leader for Family & Consumer Sciences. The Prairie Lee Club from Midland hosted with a spring theme and served a continental breakfast and a very tasty soup and salad luncheon. We observed a moment of silence in memory of long time member LaJuana Thames, Ward County, who passed away just two weeks before the meeting.

The morning was devoted to business items such as the treasurer's report and selecting a District VI Director-Elect and a new Education Chair, led by District Director Connie Berry, El Paso. Our Director elect is Yolanda Carrillo Payne, Pecos County. Edith Jones will fill in as Education Chair for this year. We will judge Cultural Arts entries in April in Ward County.

After our tasty lunch, we enjoyed an informative program on potting large pots for spring color. Jeff Floyd, CEA-Horticulture, Ector and Midland Counties demonstrated the "thriller, filler, spiller" method of planting pots for big impact. He planted a large pot with 'May Night' salvia, asparagus fern, and colorful annuals. Margaret Acosta, Pecos County won the finished pot as a door prize!

Everyone was reminded to make hotel reservations and watch for registration information for the 2017 State Conference in Horseshoe Bay in September. Our Fall Training will be in December, hosted by Pecos County.



Members of District 6 EE clubs and Jeff Floyd, Horticulture agent Ector/Midland Counties admire front porch planter Jeff created during his program on Spring Garden Color.

We are thankful that Joyce Raabe, our County Chair and a member of Southern Belles, continues to make progress in her recovery from a fall earlier this year. We welcome new members: Bonnie Faggione, Jean Dougherty, Janice Green and Carol Tejcek.

The Glenwood Club hosted the annual Valentine Party for residents at the Gilmer Nursing Home complete with their all-time favorite Ernie Cox and his Elvis songs.

Later that day members had a visit with Betty Monasco (sitting). Betty served as secretary for the Glenwood Club for many years.



Southern Belles and Glenwood members participated in the District 5 Spring Conference in Nacogdoches on March 21.

The Glenwood Easter Bunnies provided treats for the Upshur Manor Nursing Home in Gilmer.



We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing all of you at State Meeting in Horseshoe Bay in September.

WILDCAT EE CLUB

By Elaine Jackson

The Wildcat EE Club presented a new American and Texas state flag to the Whitehouse Community Library. Rockie McMakin, club member also donated an American presentation flag from his uncle's funeral for the library display. Present for the presentation were Cindy Wingate, Library Board; Sherry Smith, Elaine Jackson, Rockie McMakin and Phyllis McMakin.



WILDCAT EE CLUB

By Elaine Jackson

The Wildcat EE Club presented a check for Toys for Tots to the local Whitehouse drop off location. Present were Elaine Jackson, Wildcat EE member; Mike Spier, Toys for Tots Drop Off site; and Wildcat EE members, Rockie McMakin, Phyllis McMakin and Sherry Smith.



CHEROKEE COUNTY ATTENDS DISTRICT 5 SPRING MEETING

By Marylyn Bennett

Five members of the Ponta Club and two members of the Central High Club attended the Spring Meeting held March 21 in Nacogdoches, with our agent Jennifer Pearman. Central High members are Carolyn Easter and Sammie Reed. To acknowledge this date as Down's Syndrome Awareness Day, Ponta members wore mismatched socks in honor of Harper, one of our members' ten month old granddaughter.

We thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and contributing to Down's Syndrome awareness.



L to R are: Jennifer Pearman (Agent), Marylyn Hoy Bennett, Virginia Barefield, Zoe Ann Conway, Mary Nell Wofford, and Virginia Bush.

UPSHUR COUNTY NEWS

By Gwendolyn Jewett

Southern Belles and Glenwood Clubs continue to support many activities; 4-H Food Challenge, the Clothing Construction Competition in Nacogdoches, the Upshur County Health Fair; and judging in the Upshur County Food Competition. The Pregnancy Help Center in Gilmer, TX and other local non-profit groups have also received donations and participation from the Clubs.



Pictures above and below are of the Academic Rodeo Fashion Show.



Members touring the New London School Museum.

PONTA CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

By Marylyn Bennett

District 5 Ponta Club received two membership awards at the District 5 Spring Meeting held March 21 in Nacogdoches. Both Mary Nell Wofford and Bobbie Russell received their Forty-Five Year Membership Awards. Certificates were presented by District 5 Director Ellen Manning. Pictured is Mary Nell Wofford with Ellen Manning. Bobbie Russell could not attend due to health issues. Many congratulations to Mary Nell and Bobbie for all their years of service and contributions to TEEA!



"Use what talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

~ Henry Van Dyke

DISTRICT 7

REDBUD OAKALLA CLUB VISITS ROCK AND MINERAL MUSEUM

By Roxanne Dunegan
Eleven members of the Redbud Oakalla TEEA Club visited an amazing museum in Lampasas, Texas. The museum includes pieces from around the world collected by Merritt Roman. Merritt is currently a nationally recognized member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Society but began collecting as a small boy growing up in Lampasas, TX. His early collection of fossils and arrowheads grew to include thousands of rocks and minerals. Each piece is meticulously labeled with the common and scientific name. The TEEA members were particularly interested in the pieces found in the Central Texas area and were amazed by what can be hidden inside a very plain looking rock.



Millie Williams and Edna Niebanck, both over 90 years old and active members of the Redbud Oakalla EE Club have cultural arts items that have won county, district, and are anticipating entering their items in the state Cultural Arts competition!



HONEY BEE EE CLUB

By Margie Wheeler
The Honey Bees EE Club of Taylor County has been buzzing around this year. In January we presented the Lawn Senior Citizens group with a check for \$660.00. This was half of the proceeds from our quilt raffle in 2016. This will be used to help pay the Senior Center's bills.

Carolyn Atkins presented a program on transferring photos to quilts, totes, and pillows at the District 7 Spring Meeting/Retreat. Honey Bees members helped serve at the Town & Country Women's Fair.

The March program was on Hospice Care and Volunteering, presented by Hospice of the Big Country.

April was the Easter Egg Hunt for pre-sechoolers, pre-k and kindergarten children from Lawn, Jim Ned Campus. Books were given to fifty-nine children at the hunt. Also, there was a full page story in the Abilene Reporter News about the hunt.

Jane Rowan, FCS Agent, gave a very interesting program on "Home Cooking".



Honey Bees members presenting the check to the Lawn Senior Citizens Center.



Carol Adkins presenting a workshop on making quilts with photos.

COLEMAN COUNTY - GOOD NEIGHBOR CLUB

By Dora Newman
Programs for Good Neighbor Club
This Spring the Good Neighbor Club has had the four state programs plus two optional ones. These were presented monthly by state delegates Cassie Shultz, Helen Cross, and Dora Newman. Also two other special programs have been given to the club. These were the following: "What is A traditional Funeral?" was presented by Lana Kading

Director/Owner of Stevens Funeral Home on February 17. She discussed funerals in olden times on up to modern times and encouraged members to plan ahead.

"Severe Weather Safety" was presented by Randy Turner, Chief Meteorologist from KRBC-TV in Abilene, on March 17. He discussed many things about severe weather including Doppler Radar, his association with the National Weather Service of San Angelo, and types of weather clouds, thunderstorm warnings and hail storms and also included information about safe places to be.



Bake Sale Friday April 14

Members had a bake sale Good Friday April 14 in front of Shoppin Basket the local grocery store. Funds raised from this sale will be used to support Coleman County 4-H youth and to support community projects.



Fun Day May 21

Members traveled to Brownwood May 21 for matinee performances of two shows at the Lyric Theatre. These were "Shut and Bar the Door" and "A Toby Show" both which included audience participation. Afterwards the group ate at the Section Hand Steak House.

MARBLE FALLS EE CLUB NEWS

By Mary Ann Cobb
Working with the Falls on the Colorado River Museum in Marble Falls, our club makes cornhusk dolls for local children two times a year. First, we have all 200+ second grade students from school in Burnet, visit the museum for a tour which includes making a doll and second, we join the Annual Children's Day in Johnson Park to make dolls. The children select the colors and the style of hair

for their own boy or girl doll. It is a fun day for two generations to interact and for two organizations, the museum and EEA, to partner in nurturing our local children. A member of our club, Sharon Spencer, organizes this effort and she teaches us holiday cornhusk dolls, like Easter bunnies.



BROWN COUNTY NEWS

By Dale Henderson
March was a very busy month for all three clubs in Brown County. The combined efforts of the ladies from May, McDaniel and Owens made the annual "Stuffed Spud" sale a huge success again this year with 647 potatoes sold.



Chopping Onions
Jo Ann White, Jerri Steele, Sandra Wylie



Butter Ladies
Martha Griffin & Lomah Pittman
Other members in the background.



Measuring and packaging the butter. We owe a big thank you to KOXE and KXYL radio and also the newspaper for advertising the spud sale for us. That is a lot of work for about forty ladies to bake and deliver every year, but well worth the effort because it has allowed us

to be able to award three 4-H scholarships this year. Sierra Gordon's record book was selected to represent Brown County at the district level and was the winner of the District 7 scholarship. We are very proud of all three 4-H seniors and wish them well in their future endeavors.

The District 7 Spring Meeting and Retreat was held at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood and a number of county members attended.



Things slowed down a little in April until time for the long awaited Easter party hosted by Ila Edgar from the Owens Club. We always have a great time each year.

All three clubs engage in their various volunteer activities all year long.

We hope everyone will enjoy a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone at state meeting in Horseshoe Bay in September.

TAYLOR COUNTY NEWS

By Margie Wheeler

Taylor County EE Club members have been very busy. January was our Cultural Arts competition, with several entries advancing to district. At district we also had several qualifying for state competition in September.

In February the Taylor County ladies served lunch at the Town & Country Women's Fair. This is an annual affair for us.

March was the District 7 Spring Meeting/Retreat at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. Brenda Camp is District 7 Director and conducted the meeting. Carolyn Adkins presented one of the programs on transferring photos to quilts, pillows, and totes, bringing several quilts that she has made to show the finished results. Attending from Taylor County were: Mary Ann Kelley, Margaret Crowley, Pat Crawford, Mary Voorhis, Brenda Camp, Linda Stockton, Margie Wheeler and Connie Adams. Not pictured are Sherrel Caldwell, Beth Ham, Irma Garrett and Carolyn Adkins.



In April members met at the Disability Resources for a tour of their campus.

Several members are making plans to attend the State Conference at Horseshoe Bay in September. Hope to see everyone there.

BURNET EEA NEWS

By Polly Krenek

The five Burnet County TEEA Clubs have had a busy spring, and summer is looking like it will be just as busy. Starting in February we had our one day, 2016 State Programs presentations and salad luncheon provided by Burnet County and TEEA ladies. Invited guests were Lampasas County TEEA club ladies, Brenda Camp, District 7 Director, Sheryl Caudwell, District 7 Treasurer, Martha Crawford, and Violet Alexander, District 10 Director. All the programs were presented by Club members, Linda Wells and Karen DeZarn, FCS Agents. We also had the Burnet County's Culture Arts competition and invited Lampasas County to have their Culture Arts competition that day too. It was a beautiful colorful display of works of art representing many hours of work and imagination and a day of meeting new friends and renewing old friendships.



Burnet County, along with Runnels County, were in charge of the District 7 Spring Conference and Retreat held in Brownwood on March 21 and 22. The theme was Celebrating: "Texas Women in History". Several members dressed up and read a short bio of famous Texas Women in History, including Ann Richards, Mrs Baird, Lady Bird Johnson, the first woman Mayor in Texas, and the wife of the longest serving sheriff in Texas.



Brenda Camp presented Sierra Gordon, from Brown County the 4-H Scholarship for District 7 and State. We wish her well in her future endeavors in college.



Sandra Spears presented a video of the National W.A.S.P. (Women's Air Force Service Pilots) WWII Museum at Avenger Field located in Sweetwater. Martha Crawford presented a program on "Texas Dames" reading about several colorful women who came to Texas or lived in Texas. We also had several very interesting demonstrations: Nifty ideas with Napkins; Wreaths; and Photo Transfer Imaging for Quilts, pillows and totes. But best of all was the Heart Bingo on Tuesday night bringing a lot of laughs and fun.

Following the Spring Conference was the Lawn and Garden Show and Sale and the TEEA ladies always have a booth selling our Rada Knives and Cookbooks. We also use this as an excellent time to hand out our brochures and recruit new members. Members also help our Agent, Linda Wells, with the concessions which help provide money for FCS programming.

In April, Linda Wells, Burnet FCS Agent and Karen DeZarn, Lampasas FCS Agent and invited guest Chef, Matthew Kepner, presented the "Dinner Tonight" program. Matthew is a 2017 graduate and is going to Culinary School in Abilene in the fall. Of course, the TEEA ladies are always ready to step in and help where and whenever we can, even washing dishes.

Most of our clubs participated in the Walk Across Texas program again and really enjoyed stepping up our exercise. Participants ranged in age from four to eighty-four and we set a new record for Burnet County for the

number of miles walked. We held a recognition session at the end and Linda Wells, FCS Agent presented Victoria DeMaurier with the "Golden Shoe" award for her efforts.



All of our members are busy with their respective clubs and volunteering in their communities, cleaning buildings, holding special events for veterans, helping in nursing homes and making and delivering items for the elderly, having community Christmas programs and helping with festivals in our communities. Many of us volunteer for food pantries, non-profit camps, 4-H judging and mentoring, donating to non-profits monetarily, and items for their thrift stores.

At the present time, Burnet has 104 members and daily we work on getting more people involved. Not only do we do everything above but we are all willing to step up and help any member or people in our communities who needs our help.

Our members are looking forward to the state meeting in Horseshoe Bay in September, and several are making plans to attend. It is an excellent way to network and make new friends.

We are the members of the Burnet County Extension Education Association.

DISTRICT 8

HOOD COUNTY NEWS

By Pat McNeely

Following the Hood County TEEA Christmas luncheon, Friday, Dec. 2, donations of action figures and soft baby dolls were delivered by Chairman Pat McNeely to the Rainbow Room of Hood County Child Protective Services. The Rainbow Room provides temporary shelter to children removed from their homes when their safety is compromised.

"You can never make the same mistake twice because the second time you make it, it's not a mistake, it's a choice."

~ Author Unknown

NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

By Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, participates in a community project each month. Recently, a new annual project was introduced. Although they only had six club members present that month, the project was successful. It was "Backing the Blue" - an outreach to the Georgetown Policemen and Policewomen who are on duty 24/7 to protect the city we all call home. The two policemen who hauled in the loot are shown in this picture. They were so surprised and excited to get Noontime's donation of 144 bottles of water and 44 bottles of Sports Drinks. Included were also two notes of appreciation to just say, "Thank you for all you do to make our community a great place to live." They both said they had served in other communities, and they had never seen a community as caring as Georgetown. What a great way to say, "THANK YOU."



STATE DELEGATES PRESENT PROGRAMS

By Charlotte Watson

The three delegates from Williamson County to the 2016 State TEEA Conference were Judy Adkins (New Horizons Club), Kathryn Adamek (New Horizons Club), and Charlotte Watson (Noontime Club). In recent months all three of them have been active back in their county presenting what they learned at the educational workshops. Over a period of several months, all of the state programs have been presented to the Noontime Club as well as to most of the other clubs in the county. Judy Adkins is presented "Nutrition: Myths and Facts," and "How Food Allergies and Celiac Disease Affect Seniors".



Kathryn Adamek is presenting "Dementia and Care Giving" and Adult Bullies."



Charlotte Watson and Senior 4-Her Hannah Chambers presented the program on Pinterest and Charlotte Watson, plus club member, Carola Meister, presented the Ancient Grains program. Everyone has enjoyed the variety of programs and appreciated all the helpful information from each program.



GREETINGS FROM HAMILTON COUNTY

By Linda Pledger,

As usual, Hamilton County is a busy place. The year is flying by. Plans for fall projects are being discussed BUT FIRST spring brought the annual Spring Fling. It was blooming with excellent guest speakers, fashions to die for, flowers from the hands of inspired gardeners and more food than anyone could ever eat.

The cherry on top was a performance by the Hill Country Plungettes.



There has been a change the last two years as per date and venue, so expect something different next spring.

Pottsville Extension Club is planning ahead for the fall. Their Holiday Market is on the calendar for November 11. It is a time

of thoughts for the holiday, housing vendors with merchandise from jewelry to clothes, knives to Tupperware, good food, baked goods and the greatest Salsa making competition in Hamilton County. Located at the Fair Grounds in Hamilton.

A contingent of ladies went to the District 8 Spring Conference. Judy Goodson, a first year member, won second place in the Handstitchery division of the Cultural Arts competition.

Several scholarships have been presented to area seniors from the county as well as Pottsville EEC. Support for the youth of Hamilton County is near to the heart of our association.

Hamilton County continues to heed our motto: "None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

NOONTIME EE NEWS

By Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club Member, Becky Lycan, won the HUGE Gourmet Kitchen Basket at the Spring Bell County Style Show. Becky was very excited about winning. Other Noontime Club members who also attended the Style Show were Peggy Blair, President, Mary Johnson, and Charlotte Watson. A total of fourteen EE Club members from Williamson County traveled to Bell County and enjoyed the style show and baked potato bar. It was a fun morning.



Each month Noontime EE Club meets the first Wednesday for their educational program and for club and county business. They meet a second time each month to celebrate club members' birthdays. The birthday person(s) get to pick the local restaurant where the group will meet and eat. They love to try new restaurants in town. Recently, they ate at the local Applebees. It is a moderately priced restaurant, and the menu has a variety of delicious dishes. Seated L to R is Mary Johnson, Becky Lycan, Peggy Blair, Carola Meister, former member

Dianne Painter, Mary Lindsey, Stella Guzy, and photographer Charlotte Watson. Those who come usually share about recent travels, their aches and pains, and a variety of other issues of mutual interest. Food is always good. Fun always happens when this group gathers. Fellowship is



LEON COUNTY NEWS

By Michaelene Perry

On March 28 the Leon EEA presented their annual Cultural Arts competition and Education Day with a theme of "Soaring High" at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Centerville.

President, Clara Jones began the occasion with the opening prayer and membership pledges then introduced Nyanza Price, Oakwood EE Club who lead the pledges to the American and Texas Flags. Rev. Buster Riley, Pastor of First Baptist Church-Centerville gave the invocation followed by Clara who presented appreciation certificates and a rose for each of EE members who have become very active with EE activities throughout the county. They are Mamie Bell and Joyce Sanders-Jewett EE, Helen Torrance-Leona/Centerville EE and J.P. Borah-Normangee EE.



The educational programs followed next. Lora Nichols, Leona-Centerville EE presented "Adult Bullies" with methods for dealing with them; Michaelene Perry, Jewett EE spoke on "Dementia and Caregiving" and provided a list of resources and helpful tips for caregivers; Marcia Lewis, Leona-Centerville EE offered a very informative talk on "Nutrition: Myth or Fact" which was very realistic when it came to making truly right choices for healthy foods, but also knowing ingredients of foods by reading the labels correctly; and last was Leslie Hensler, Buffalo EE who discussed "Navigating Pinterest" with a thorough handout for easy

instructions to help use that creative website.



Each EE member who created a craft in the past year displayed their creative skills with the Cultural Arts competition. Judges Judy Springer, Rhonda Lunch and Kay Ohendalski all from Huntsville, TX reviewed and awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons in 24 different categories. Those categories covered weaving, fabric art, porcelain art, jewelry making, painting, photography, scrapbooking, paper art, quilting, wall hangings, recycled art items and much more. The quality of work displayed was amazing. Winners of 1st and 2nd place competed on April 25 at the TEEA District 8 Spring Conference with winners of 1st place at that level going onto TEEA State Conference competition in September. Leon County EE members have quite a chance to advance all the way to 1st place. We wish them luck with their endeavors.



Clara Jones (left) and Judy Hutchison (2nd from the right) with judges Judy Springer, Kay Ohendalski and Rhonda Lynch from Huntsville, TX with their appreciation gifts of floral arrangements for each as a thank you for their time and talent as judges.

Special thanks go out to all the community participants who were our guests for this event. We had more than a dozen who took the time to come, learn and "ogle" the crafts. Each year Leon EEA has this event on the fourth Tuesday in March. We hope you will consider attending next year's event. It is free to the public and lunch is included. Not only the delicious meal provided by the EE members, but you could win a wonderful door prize as well.

"We do not heal the past by dwelling there; we heal the past by living fully in the present."
~ Marianne Williamson

BELL COUNTY NEWS

By Polly Elizondo

Bell EEA's 12th annual Luncheon with Style was held on Saturday, March 18, at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton, TX. This year's theme was "Swing into Spring with 4-H." Fashions were furnished by Vis-A-Vis dress shop in Rogers, Tx. and modeled by BEEA members, family members and friends. In addition, garments that were constructed by 4-H members and entered in this year's Youth Fair were modeled by the 4-H member. Many of the tables were decorated with 4-H items from the recent Bell County Youth Fair. As a treat, BEEA members modeled "unique" fashions to the delight of the audience. Guests enjoyed a baked potato and salad bar. Attendees also had the opportunity to buy chances for three theme baskets and a handmade quilt created by Gayle Pomykal, BEEA chair. Multiple door prizes were presented. We look forward to next year's Luncheon with Style on March 17, 2018. Please join us.



Vernice Black, unique fashion. Tejas EEA treasurer and 4-H member.

Seventeen members from Bell County attended the District 8, Spring Conference held in Rockdale. Pictured back row from left: Nancy Urbantke, Fredonia Seely, Wynona Williams, Lora Blacklock, Polly Elizondo, Doris Severson, Rosemary Chudej, Maxine Kalkbrenner, Nancy Posvar, Shirley Skala. Front row from left: LaVoyce Duskocil, Mary Stuessel, Doris Marek, Alice Hoelscher, Rose Crawford, and Laurie Veatch.



"No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow."
~ Alice Walker

"The truth may be stretched thin, but it never breaks, and it always surfaces above lies, as oil floats on water."

~ Cervantes

NOONTIME NEWS

By Charlotte Watson

Recently, four members of the Noontime EE Club spent the morning at Magnolia Market in Waco, built by Chip and Joanna Gaines of *Fixer Upper* fame. They enjoyed this fun adventure seeing all the creative decorative pies the Gaines have made and used in many of their television shows. The beautifully landscaped grounds, the fresh food store, the food trucks, and the benches and tables for eating completed the outdoor area. However the bakery was a highlight of the morning, even if the line was long. What a fun time these friends had! It's a must see in Waco.



L to R: Mary Johnson, Charlotte Watson, Peggy Blair, and Becky Lyan

One of Noontime EE Club's Annual community projects is donating shelf-stable foods to the local distribution center called The Caring Place. Every month the number of families who qualify to receive food increases. The need is great. The amount each person or family receives depends on their income, their emergency need, and the number of people in their family. Even though Noontime only had six club members present and making food donations, their donation was still a great amount that was greatly appreciated by the Food Receiving Coordinator ... and, eventually, by the families who received the food. Noontime club members donated thirty six items weighing a total of thirty seven pounds and six ounces. Every donated food item was given in appreciation for what we have and our desire to help others not go hungry.



WILLIAMSON COUNTY TOURS "BIG"

By Charlotte Watson

Williamson County EE Club Members are always heading out to unique places to tour and learn what makes that place special. Recently, on two different tour dates, seventeen EE Club Members toured the recently relocated facility of BiG (Brookwood in Georgetown). What began five years ago in one room, because of a mother's heart for her special needs daughter's "life after high school", has now blossomed into a wonderful facility modeled after the Brookwood Community in Houston. BiG presently provides a four day vocational program for forty citizens who are celebrated for who they are and empowered by engaging in a variety of different enterprises: horticulture, pottery, card making, jewelry making, baking granola, packaging, cafe and retail support. BiG citizens also benefit from social activities, physical fitness, and giving back to the Georgetown community through various service projects. The tour began with an overview by one of the BiG staff and then the group toured the facilities seeing many of the citizens "in action". They watched as they worked together with other citizens, with staff, and with some of volunteers. Over sixty volunteers help BiG attain its mission, "To provide an educational environment that creates meaningful jobs, builds a sense of belonging and validates dignity and respect for adults with disabilities." After the educational and informative tour, EE members shopped at the BiG Shop and ate lunch at the Big Cafe ... "Where adults with special needs contribute to the world."



NOONTIME EE CLUB ATTENDS ANNUAL EXHIBITION DAY

By Charlotte Watson

Exhibition Day is always highly anticipated by EE Club members in Williamson County. The 2017 event was no exception. All ten Noontime club members were present. Mary Johnson and Carol Frymire were both Superintendents. Becky Lycan assisted them. Most of the club members entered food dishes and/or cultural arts for judging. Club members won the following ribbons: three blue, five red, three white, and one Reserve Champion!!! Congratulations to the winners. Each club has a key responsibility to help ensure the success of the event. This year Noontime was responsible for the refreshments for the morning break. Their goodies included an assortment of fresh fruit, mini muffins, a variety of sweet breads, sausage balls, and yummy mini-cinnamon rolls. All of the food was enjoyed by the attendees ... club members, judges, and guests.

DISTRICT 8 HOLDS SPRING CONFERENCE

By Michaelene Perry

On April 25 the TEEA District 8 Spring Conference was held in the George Hill Patterson Community Center in Rockdale. With a theme of "Volunteers Plant the Seeds of Kindness!"

Guests: Rev. Willie Whitfield of Little River Missionary gave an inspiring invocation that had the TEEA Creed, Mission and prayer as reinforcement in his prayer; and Mayor John King presented an inviting welcome and shared historical highlights for us to visit while in town.

Roll Call of counties showed an attendance of 105 (24 Delegates, 5 TEEA District 8 officers, 61 TEEA members, 3 Extension Agents and 12 Guests). The special speakers: Kent Givens, Milam County Master Gardner spoke on points to protect us in the garden, such as mosquito traps, reducing erosion and protecting plants from the natural wildlife destroying your garden. Micah Holcombe, Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agent for Milam County presented a talk on communication styles. Both were informative and useful for future endeavors with landscaping and TEEA work.

Special recognition awards for TEEA membership with 20

years (J.P. Borah, Amy Kelton, Shirley Kelton, Francis Petty-Normangee EE and Mary Wallace-Leona Centerville EE); 25 years (Vernice Black and LaVelle Parsons); 30 years (Darlene Gilbert, Mary Greer, Kitty Malkey, Ella Mae Oxford-Normangee EE and Joyce Sanders-Jewett EE); 40 years (Janice Gossett, Robbie Luco and Mary Neekamp); 50 years (Glenda Fry); 65 years (Lyla Louise Hillman); and the Orchard Lane EE Club, McLennan County, for 90 years as a club.

Texas Treasure Award went to Linda Willis, Bell County. Nyanza Price, Leon County, received the Texas Leadership Award. Both ladies have contributed for many years as active members, holding many offices at the club, county and even district level.

One of the most important parts of our TEEA 4-H projects is awarding scholarships to qualified 4-H High School seniors. This year's winners of a \$500 scholarship each are Joshua Ryan Crumley, McLennan County, Ty Lanham Jordan, Coryell County and Hanna Marilyn Chambers, Williamson County. Emma Polster, Hamilton County received the Geraldine Zummer state scholarship of \$1000. All winners will be attending colleges here in the central Texas area.

Judging of the Cultural Arts competition was done by guests Carolyn Stone, Janice King, Mary Ann Fenske, Marie Gest, Stella Booker and Judy York. All first place winners will advance to the TEEA State competition at our annual state conference to be held at Horseshoe Bay Resort just outside Marble Falls in September.

Following a catered tasty barbeque lunch the afternoon was the business meeting. Coins for Friendship and Dollars for Scholars donations were collected so that we can assist with the Brownwood Camp and provide funds for scholarship in the future. District 8 Director Clara Jones presented Leon County with the most new member plaque with Bell County receiving the greatest percentage increase in members for the 2016-2017 years. Congratulations to both counties.

We welcome all who are interested in EE membership. For more information, you can contact the Texas A&M AgriLife office in your county.

Before parting McLennan County gave an invitation to all members of TEEA to attend our next event Tuesday, August 22, at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds, in Waco for the annual District 8 Summer Retreat where we have much fun learning new crafts to keep our creative juices flowing. Come and "Party on the Brazos" with us.



Nyanza Price receiving the District 8 TEEA Texas Leadership Award from Clara Jones, District 8 Director



L-R Ty Lanham Jordan, Emma Polster, Hannah Marilyn Ryan Crumley



Judy Hutchison, Leon County Chai receiving plaque from Clara Jones for the most new EE members in the counties of TEEA District 8

JEWETT EE CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL FIELD TRIP

By Michaelene Perry

The Jewett Extension Education Club had their annual field day trip on May 8. A caravan of three vans left Jewett to visit the Magnolia Market at the Silos 601 Webster Avenue, Waco.

There was much to do during the trip. We shopped in the Magnolia Center where there are many clever and unique items to buy. Outside on the grounds, the play area is unbelievably kid friendly. Also you can take advantage of the swings on the property. The gardens on site are well kept and full of seasonal herbs, vegetables, flowers and a quaint shop, called the Magnolia Seed and Supply, for purchasing seeds, gardening tools, yard art and

just the perfect items to make your own "fairy garden." According to the website it states "the Market itself is staged and set up with one goal in mind: to inspire you to own the space you're in."

Also on the location is the Silos Baking Company with Joanna's recipes. It is like food truck items that taste wonderful. You can eat on the go or relax on the patio attached to the bakery.

The Silo District Downtown Trolley is a free and fast way to see the historic museums, tasty restaurants, Spice Village, the Hippodrome lunch and/or dinner movie/theater and some live venues. On the trolley you can get off and back on at any area along the route. They call it a "flag-stop route."

Following our morning activity we ate lunch at Buzzard Billy's restaurant with many Louisiana-style cuisine choices that were enjoyed by our group of hungry members.

Anyone interested in joining our club can visit us at the Jewett Civic Center Community Room on the second Monday of each month (September-June) at 10:00 a.m. Our club provides 4-H Scholarships and activities for students, crafts and educational programs for families in the community. Come join us!



L-R—Karen Hale, Donna Warren, Donna Ellis, Michaelene Perry, Celia Bell, Geri Cox and guest, Cozy Taylor



L-R—B.J. Henderson, Jane Ann Durbin, Joyce Sanders, Mamie Bell, Beth Jones, Peggy Taylor, Judy Hutchison, Peggy Bloomer

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

~ Buddha

DISTRICT 9

JEFFERSON COUNTY PORT NECHES EE CLUB

By Claudine Hare

On the first Thursday of May each year the Port Neches EE Club enjoys an outing rather than a regular meeting. This time, nine of our members, along with a visitor traveled to Orange to tour the recently restored Rail Road Depot, which played an important role in the history of Orange, TX. Katherine Richards, Kathryn Kendig, Marian Quinn, Amy Bono and her sister from California, Claudine Hare, Mary Tomplait, Denise Frantz, Jessie Hodge and Sue Jones attended.

After the tour the group enjoyed lunch together at Robert's Restaurant before returning home.



LYONS AND SNOOK EE CLUBS ATTEND SPRING CONFERENCE

By Peggy Robinson

Members from the Lyons and Snook EE Clubs attended their Spring Conference in Conroe. Members enjoyed the day and are now looking forward to the State TEEA Conference in Horseshoe Bay in September.



Members from the Snook and Lyons EE Clubs and CEA-FCS Tina Roehling



Lydia Faust is recognized as District 9 Texas Treasure.

LYONS EE CLUB HOLDS "HOW TO" CLASSES
By Peggy Robinson



Quilting



Lydia Faust and Ann Sebesta teaching how to make kolaches



Donna Gage, Debbie Schumacher, Cathy Moore, and Anna Moore preparing their kolaches.



Ann Sebesta making cards in the card making class.

Lyons EE Club held a "plant potting party" at Autumn Harry's house preparing for the Spring Fling plant sale in April. Those pictured are Sharon Stevenson, Cindy O'Brien, Autumn Harry, Patsy Stavinoha, Debby Schumacher, Mary Brown.



FORT BEND EEA NEWS

By Natalie Heimann

Members of the Fort Bend Extension Education Association attended the District 9 Spring Conference in Conroe at the Montgomery County Extension complex on April 4. Members attending, who also served as

delegates, were Carol Gubbels, Cherie Heimann and Erna Thielemann. Following the business session, two speakers presented programs. Leticia Hardy, FCS agent from Fort Bend County, gave a program, entitled "Delectable Bath" with a demonstration on how to make your own soap. The second speaker, was Dr. Ray Innis, a local anesthesiologist whose presentation was "Heart Healthy Lifestyle". In his practice, he shared his experience of assisting heart surgeons, on how fat affects our hearts. Emphasis was made that lifestyle is not a diet program and how important it is to keep your heart healthy by reducing excess fat in your diet. In his power point presentation he impressed us of the importance of reducing fat in our diet by increasing consumption of vegetables.

At the conference, cultural arts judging was held with entries from District 9 members in 24 categories including many kinds of handwork, machine and hand, jewelry, painting, and photography. Fort Bend is proud to report we had one of our own members, Donna Van Horn, exhibit her white crocheted christening gown, which received a first place and also the Best of Show Award. There is only one award for Best of Show in the district. Her entry will be eligible to compete in the cultural arts competition at the State Conference in September in Marble Falls. Donna also received a third place on a tote bag she entered in accessories. Rose Jaynes received second place with her crocheted cream top and a second place with a neck scarf with beads in the jewelry category. Other entries were submitted by Carolyn Jones and Carol Gubbels.



L-R: Carol Gubbels, Erna Thielemann, Leticia Hardy, CEA-FCS, and Cherie Heimann were in attendance



Donna Van Horn, Best of Show Rosette Recipient with her white crocheted christening gown

SNOOK EE CLUB NEWS

By Karen Gaas

The Snook EE Club received a monetary donation from Chilifest, Inc. for \$3,000.00. The Snook EE Club members provide desserts for the three-day event which involves cooking for over 2,000 people. Members present receiving the donation are Lydia Faust, Betty Anderson, Karen Gaas and Dennis Gaas.



JEFFERSON COUNTY EEA

By Claudine Hare

JEEA's 2017 Educational/ Historical trip was to Fredericksburg. Thirty members and friends made the three day trip. On arrival we toured the Texas Ranger Heritage Park, guided by retired Texas Ranger, Joe Davis. That was followed by shopping and trying out some local cuisine. On the second day, we toured the World War II museum and the shopped and tried more local food. The third day started with a historical tour of the city, guided by Evelyn Weinheimer, local historian. Then it was on to the Wildflower Seed Farm before heading home. It appeared that all enjoyed the entire trip.



DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 10 SPRING CONFERENCE

By Helen Usener

The Gillespie Extension Education Association hosted the District 10 EEA Spring Conference on Tuesday, March 21 at the St. Mary's Holy Family Center in Fredericksburg. Ninety-six members, FCS Agents, and guests representing eight counties attended. District 10 EEA Director Violet Alexander of Travis County presided over the conference. Boy Scout Troop 135 posted the

the colors and Charles Olfers, Gillespie County Commissioner Precinct 1 gave the welcome. St. Mary's School music teacher, Jessica Weinheimer, led her kindergarten, first, and second graders in singing "This Little Light of mine" thus carrying out the TEEA theme "Let Your Light Shine."

Dylan Sione, Gillespie County 4-H club member, was the winner of the first place District 10 EEA Scholarship. Shea Nebgen, the Gillespie County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, read a note from Dylan thanking District 10 EEA for awarding the scholarship to him and stating his accomplishments in 4-H. Jaycie Braune, Guadalupe County 4-H Club member was the second place District 10 EEA Scholarship winner. Jaycie spoke about her accomplishments in 4-H and thanked District 10 EEA for the scholarship.

Mary Louise Dittmar, Gillespie County was recognized for being a 45-year member of EEA, having joined when it was known as Home Demonstration. She was also honored to receive the District 10 Treasure Award for her accomplishments in those 45 years. She will represent District 10 at the TEEA State Conference at Horseshoe Bay, September 12, 13.



Violet Alexander announced the cultural arts winners. Coins for Friendship and Dollars for Scholars were collected.

Guest speaker Evelyn Weinheimer, retired teacher and Pioneer Museum Archivist, gave an interesting talk about Fredericksburg, the Pioneer Museum, and the Vereins Kirche Museum. Door prizes were awarded and silent auction winners retrieved their winnings. Guadalupe EEA performed a skit inviting members to attend the District 10 EEA Spring Conference in Seguin on Tuesday, March 20.

GUADALUPE COUNTY NEWS

By Valerie Posey

The EEA of Guadalupe County held their first mini conference Tuesday, February 22 with twelve members and one guest

attending. Delegates to the 2016 TEEA State Conference presented the State Programs on Adult Bullies; Dementia and Caregiving; and Nutrition: Myth or Fact.

The mini conference was followed by potluck lunch and door prizes.



Ten members of the Guadalupe County Extension Education Association traveled to Fredericksburg for the 2017 District 10 Spring Conference. Joining them from Guadalupe County were three guests, Henry Moczygemba (EEA scholarship recipient); Jaycie Braune; and her mother, Jamie Braune.



Lorine Damerau and Myrtle Hubinger were honored as the oldest EEA members attending. Evelyn Weinheimer, Pioneer Museum Archivist, presented a very interesting program about Fredericksburg and the Pioneer Museum.

Guadalupe County EEA will host the 2018 District Spring Conference, which Anne Theiss and Valerie Posey invited District 10 EEA members to attend by presenting a "Friendship Soup" skit.



At the conclusion of the Conference, everyone was treated to a tour of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, one of the Painted Churches of South Texas and the Hill Country. The tour included the beautiful history of the church.



Back: RoseMarie Smalley, Darlene Bohmfalk, Beth Frankenburger, Alma Rosebrock, Rose Mary Moczygemba and Henry Moczygemba
Front: Faye Reinhard, Myrtle Huebinger, Lorine Damerau, Valerie Posey, and Anne Theiss

MCDADE EE CLUB NEWS

By Kathi Gremillion

Seven McDade members (pictured below) attended the District 10 Spring Conference in Fredericksburg on March 21. The McDade EE Club was recognized at the conference for their 80 years of organization. Also recognized for their years of membership in the McDade EE Club were Christa Prewitt (20 Years), Vernell Kastner (20 years) and Louise Goerlitz (60 years). McDade EE Club members entered fourteen items in the cultural arts competition. Seven items won first place and are eligible to compete at the State Conference in September. We are currently making plans for several members to attend that conference.



L-R: Brenda Kyle, Gale Arnold, Candy Sandefur, Kathi Gremillion, Lola Cole, Kathy Prochnow and Melba Skubiata.

On May 13, the McDade EE Club held their annual garage sale at Faith Lutheran Church in McDade. All sale items were donated by club members and local area residents. The sale was very successful, with proceeds benefiting the McDade Food Pantry, Scholarships and our local 4-H club. Sale items that were left over at the end of the sale were donated to Good Will and to a local church for their own fundraising garage sale. Club members worked to receive items and set up the sale for two days prior to the sale. Pictured below are some of our workers.



The McDade EE Club hosted a Bingo Party for the Elgin Nursing Home residents on June 8. In July, a day trip to Brenham is being planned.

At our May meeting, the 2017-2018 club officers were elected and will be installed in September. Our newly elected club officers are: Brenda Kyle, President; Kathy Prochnow, Vice President; Liz Nelson, Secretary; Loretta Dube, Treasurer; Kathi Gremillion, Reporter; Candy Sandefur, Recreation Chair; Sandy Dougherty, Inspiration Chair; Christa Prewitt, Photographer/Historian; Janice Payne and Patsie Gentner, Telephone Committee; Louise Goerlitz, Sunshine Chair.

ELGIN EE CLUB NEWS

By Kathi Lundgren

Our February program was on Paper and Crochet Doilies and their history. The Elgin Club members were shown how to decorate tables, gift wraps and make greeting cards with all shapes, sizes, different colors and seasonal Crochet and Paper Doilies by Judy Lundgren. Everyone went home with a decorated personal Place Card that they made with a Paper Doily.

In March every Elgin Club member shared their own ideas on Coloring Art with their different special techniques. We all learned new ideas on using marker and colored pencils. Congratulations to Deanna Tidwell on her hand painted and decorated gourd. It won 1st place at the Spring Conference in Fredericksburg and will be entered in state competition in September at the Horseshoe Bay Resort.

For our April meeting Elgin Club members shared their indoor and outdoor plants with instructions on how to plant and grow them. Every club member got to take the plants home.

In May our program for the Elgin Club members was given by Eldridge Tidwell, a very talented Wood Carver and Artist from Coupland. He showed his wood examples to the Club members on how to carve and draw on different types of wood. Mr. Tidwell displayed and demonstrated his unique carving tools for all club members to see. With these special tools he uses on his wood crafts it helps him design and paint on wood. All Elgin members enjoyed and learned about his Wood Carving Art.

GUADALUPE COUNTY NEWS

By Valerie Posey

The Guadalupe County Extension Education Association clubs gathered for a luncheon and tour of the Heritage Museum in downtown Seguin. Throughout the day members were given the opportunity to tell about TEEA and invite people to join.



Jonnie Canfield, RoseMarie Smalley, Darlene Bohmfalk, Alma Rosebrock, Faye Reinhard, Valerie Posey, Terri Rosebrock, Rose Mary Moczygomba, Myrtle Huebinger, Beth Frankenburger, and Anne Theiss

TRAVIS COUNTY NEWS

By Ethel Tarleton

Travis EEA has been busy with their long-time projects. Since its inception in 2007 over 10,000 "Raise a Reader" packets have been delivered to St. David Hospital, Austin Life Care and S. Austin Pregnancy Resource Center. The packets include a burp pad, made by TEEA members, a book, Austin Public Library Storytime flyer, library card application, TEEA membership information, and a "Reading to Children" booklet which gives tips on reading to young children to make them lifelong readers. The project is a collaboration between Travis EEA, Austin Public Library, and the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation.

Both clubs, Bluff Springs EEA and Sprinkle EEA, for the last 17 years have prepared and served meals monthly at the Ronald McDonald House. Each club serves approximately 25 meals on their designated day.

Travis EEA always makes time for "fun", so a week of fun and games is scheduled at Beverly Shepherd's Lake House every year. Members from both clubs are invited to eat, sleep and participate in Domino's, Rumicube, LRC, or any game of their liking. A good time is had by all!



There is no lack of educational programs, we've learned about: "Palliative Care", "Dementia & Caregiving", "Avoiding Fraud", "Adult Bullies", "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" and visited a local nursery to learn about ferns and shade plants.

Members attended the District 10 meeting in Fredericksburg with Bluff Springs EEA member, Violet Alexander, serving as District 10 Director and Sprinkle EEA member, Una Kunkel, serving as District 10 Treasurer.

Supporting 4-H is ongoing, with scholarships, judging and serving on the 4-H/FCS Coalition Committee.

All was not happy news, however, as we lost our member Cristie Moore in the church bus accident near New Braunfels in April.

GILLESPIE EEA NEWS

By Helen Usener

Pilot Knob EE Club member Sharon Kott presented the TEEA program "Adult Bullies" at the February 10, meeting. Four club members signed up to participate in Walk Across Texas. Members made plans for the hosting the Tuesday, March 21 District 10 EEA Spring Conference and the April 27 Spring Scholarship Luncheon.

March 10, the club members put items into the bags which each person attending the spring conference would receive. With money donated by Patricia Isles, the club had ordered silver lantern charms and put them on colored elastic which they tied into bracelets to put inside each bag. Scrubbers were made by Sharon Kott and Ellen Reeder, and one was put into each bag. The bags and other items in the bags were donated by One Quilt Place in Fredericksburg. Members also put together donated items for conference door prizes and for silent auction items.

As hosts for the March 21 District 10 EEA Spring Conference, members served delicious morning refreshments as attendees arrived. The St. Mary's Holy Family Center was decorated with table centerpieces of jars covered with blue net and silver lighted branches inside the jars. The centerpieces and lantern charms reminded EEA members of the theme "Let Your Light Shine". More information about the conference can be found in a separate article titled

District 10 EEA Spring Conference.

On Thursday, April 27, the annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon was held at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Fredericksburg. Along with preparing a great meal, members organized a raffle, a silent auction, and a country Store. Mary Louise Dittmar was recognized as a forty-five year EEA member and Gillespie EEA's Treasure nominee for District 10. Dylan Sione and Lindsey Behrends were recognized as the two scholarship recipients. Gillespie EEA members were pleased to have EEA members from Blanco, Llano, and Travis Counties attend the luncheon.



Dylan Sione received a District 10 EEA Scholarship and a Gillespie EEA Scholarship. He is pictured with Helen Usener Gillespie EEA chairman.



Lindsey Behrends was a recipient of a Gillespie EEA Scholarship at the Gillespie EEA Scholarship Luncheon.

4-H members presented their Share the Fun skits for the May 12 EEA meeting.



Thirteen Gillespie EEA members traveled to Llano on Wednesday, May 17 for their Spring Tour. Members visited The Country Quilt Shop, a number of other shops and the Llano County Historical Museum. The group had lunch at Inman's and visited with the owner whose mother had been a charter member of the Pilot Knob Club, the only club left in Gillespie County.



Spring Tour to Llano



Gillespie EEA members attending District meeting included: front row, Helen Usener, chairman; Dot Maner, Jeanne Wallace, Mary Louise Dittmar, Ilene Crenwelge, Joyce True; back row, Shea Nebgen, AgriLife Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Agent; Alicia Franzen, treasurer; Emmie Usener, Lou Awalt, Vicki Rust, Annabel Wilkinson, Nina Olson, Sheila Edwards, Corine Klose, secretary; Sharon Kott, vice chairman; Toni Schandua, Janie Nielsen, Roslee Lochte, and Harriet Wilson.

DISTRICT 11

DISTRICT 11 SPRING CONFERENCE

By Carrol Davig

Victoria EEA members hosted the 2017 District 11 Spring Conference at the Victoria Education Garden Pavilion in Victoria March 29. The day started out early with a gully-washer rain storm, but once it passed the day turned out sunny and bright.

District Director, Carrol Davig presided over the meeting. Attending were eighty-eight members from eleven counties, along with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agents and guests. The meeting opened with Pastor Ileen Foley, an EEA member, giving the opening prayer, and the Air Force ROTC members presenting the flags. Pledges of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags, and the TEEA Creed were recited by members. Victoria County Judge Ben Zeller and Jo Ann Bone, Victoria EEA Chair welcomed everyone to Victoria County. District Director Davig welcomed everyone to the 2017 Spring Conference, introduced the officers and Erika Bochat, Regional Program Leader FCS/4-H Districts 9 & 11 introduced the FCS Agents.

Education programs presented on "Food Allergies and Celiac Disease" by Jean Heil, Victoria EEA Officer and "Aging Well" by Gracie Walling, Victoria FCS Extension Agent were enjoyed by the attendees.

District Director Carrol Davig announced the District 11 first place 4-H Scholarship winner, Payton Hemmitt from Fayette County, receiving \$500. Second place 4-H Scholarship winner was Lane Marback from Victoria, receiving \$250.

Special awards went to District 11 EEA Treasure winner, Carolyn Balke from Austin County. She received a certificate, corsage and engraved star-shaped paper weight. The District 11 EEA Leadership Award was presented to Edna Schroeder from Washington County. She received a certificate, corsage, and engraved Texas-shaped paper weight. Both ladies are special long time members that continue to make a difference in their communities through their EEA work. They both were excited about winning the district award and knowing that their names and applications were sent to state to be reviewed for the state award in each category.

Bieblerville EE Club was recognized for 85 years and West End EE Club was recognized for 70 years of continuing activity throughout the years. Both clubs are from Austin County and each was presented with a certificate. A 40 year award went to the Bay City EE Club from Matagorda County who also received a certificate.

Twenty-three members received member certificates and corsages for 20 – 50 years of service.

Lunch was catered by Mike Pozzi who has been chosen the best caterer in the Victoria area for four years in a row. Needless to say, our meal was delicious. After lunch, Dillard's of Victoria gave a look into the new spring fashions for all to enjoy.

Cultural Arts contests had 92 entries and the first place winners were announced and will advance to state competition in Horseshoe Bay in September.

Corsages were given to the youngest person in attendance, Kashara Bell, a BLT Extension Agent from Wharton County and also the most senior member, Juanita DeLaney from Victoria County.

District Director Carrol Davig

reminded members that along with District 9, we are the Hostess for the TEEA Annual Conference, September 12 and 13 at the Horseshoe Bay Resort just outside Marble Falls. Members were reminded of the duties District 11 is responsible for and were encouraged to make their reservations early.

Washington County members issued an invitation to the 2017 Fall Training and Planning meeting. A Courtesy Resolution by a Wharton County member was read.

District Director Davig thanked everyone for attending and gave thanks to the hosts for all their hard work in getting ready for the meeting.

"HOME EMERGENCY CARE AND TRANSPORT"

By Felicia Hale
EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service sponsored an educational program entitled "Home Emergency Care and Transport on recently at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Bellville. The program was conducted by Austin County EMS Paramedic Jim Turnbull of Sealy. Mr. Turnbull shared a wealth of information surrounding logistics related to the transportation process of individuals when emergencies arise. He also shared how EMS has evolved in relation to the services rendered in the past and as we know them today. The members were given the chance to ask numerous questions and Mr. Turnbull's knowledge and expertise in field was truly evident. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of this great organization, please feel free to contact Michelle Allen, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences at (979) 865-2078. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



TEEC MEMBERS' AUCTION NETS OVER \$1000.00

By Olivia McDonald

Over \$1000 was collected for Taiton Club projects from the sale of baked, frozen and canned goods, plants and a variety of other items. Bidding was lively with cinnamon rolls going for \$27, a platter of cookies for \$55 and dewberry jelly for \$15. Pies sold for \$30-\$32 and eggs for \$15. Dorothy Faas, finance chairperson, announced the rules for the auction. Kathryn Sellers debuted as auctioneer. She was assisted by Mary Ann Gerla, Janet Holub, Gerry Graham and Sandra Cranek. Each member brought one or two items for the auction.

Community Service Projects for the remainder of the club year are cookies for the nursing home, a \$200 donation for postage to mail coupons to the military, comfort items for veterans in the hospital, a donation to Reading is Fundamental and belts for school children.

TEEC is happy to have a growing membership. Each member is given hostess duties and committee positions if able. Members in nursing homes and shut-ins receive cards and visits.

VICTORIA EEA NEWS

By Carrol Davig

The Victoria Raisin-Coletoville EE Club members enjoyed an educational tour around the surrounding counties. First stop was to the Lira Rossa artisan cheese factory located at the 4E Dairy Farm out of Moulton, Texas, which is a fifth-generation jersey cow dairy.

The artisan Italian creamery in Moulton was created by Andrea Cudin, who is from the region in Italy that creates a variety of cheeses from Friuli-Venezia Giulia. His focus is on creating quality products with both raw milk and pasteurized milk cheeses, while sharing the essence of Italian tradition and flavor in every bite. Members enjoyed learning about the process of cheese making and at the end of the tour enjoyed tasting samples of the different cheeses.

Next on our agenda was lunch in Moulton at the historical Klosel's Steakhouse and Bar. After a delicious meal the group headed to Shiner, Texas.

Shiner is famous for the Spoetzi Brewery, the Wolters Memorial Museum and so many

other historical sights of interest. After a driving tour around Shiner the members enjoyed shopping in an Amish Furniture Store and gift shops along the street.

The members reflected on what they had done and seen as they headed home and declared to plan another trip in the future.

SPRING CAR TRIP -LA PETITE GOURMET SHOP BON APPETITE

By Felicia Hale

On April 16, ten EEA members treated their tastebuds by venturing to the La Petite Gourmet Shop in LaGrange to participate in a "Lunch and Learn" opportunity which focused on the art of culinary. The class was led by Chef Mike. He prepared a three course meal consisting of spring vegetable soup with homemade croutons, roasted pork loin with mushroom sauce, buttered herbed zucchini, rice pilaf and lemon and lime meringue pie. The group enjoyed a fantastic meal while learning fun aspects related to cooking techniques and tips, new kitchen products and utensils.



Front Row: Gladys Frank, Jessie Kokemor, Megan Klausmeyer
Back Row: Doris Glenewinkel, Carolyn Balk, Annette Balke, Joan Buenger, Donnelle Dopslauf-Cernosek (owner of LaPetite), Chef Mike, JoAnn Reichle, Judy Schulz and Sharon Pieper.

WASHINGTON EXTENSION EDUCATION NEWS

By Judith Finke

Members of the Washington Extension Education Association attended the District 11 Spring Conference in Victoria on March 28. Attending were: Nelson and Michele Daniels, Diane Ashorn, Kathleen Flick, Daulene Hopman, Louise Newman, Edna Schroeder, Betty Vierus and guest Diane Harris.

Edna Schroeder received the District 11 Leadership Award, while Valeria Mueller and Gail Pinto were recognized for 20 years of membership. Cultural Arts first place winners were: Betty Vierus in Afghans, Tablecloths, Blankets, etc. with her knitted bedspread and her dresser scarf in Fiber Arts; Sharon Steele in Decorated Garments with her Pink Cancer

T-shirt; Linda Scott in Handstitchery with her Christmas Cross Stitch; Suzanne Kessler in Machine Embroidery with her kitchen towel; Maurine Graham in Holiday Decoration with her Christmas Ball; Judith Finke in Jewelry with a necklace, bracelet and earrings and in Traditional Scrapbooks with her Circle # 1 scrapbook; Michele Daniels in her Digitally Produced Scrapbook with her Costa Rica Trip. Those awarded first place will be entered in the State Competition in September.

Those winning second place were: Louise Newman in Afghans, table cloths with her colorful afghan and in Fiber Arts with her table runner and in Quilts smaller than 50" x 70" with her Patch quilt; Maurine Graham in Machine Embroidery with her Tater Baker; Alice Kyle in Painting and Drawing with and Old Barn oil painting; Diane Ashorn in Paper with the 80th Birthday invitation; Cindy Lyles in Photography with Tree Roots; Suzanne Kessler in Quilts smaller than 50" x 70" with her Brown Lap Quilt; And Sharon Steele in Wall Hangings with Cross Rhinestone.

Michele Daniels WEEA Chair extended an invitation to the group for the 2017 Training Meeting in Washington County.



left to right: Edna Schroeder, Nelson Daniels, Betty Vierus, Diane Ashorn, Kathleen Flick, Louise Newman, Diane Harris, Daulene Hopman and Michele Daniels.



Edna Schroeder wins District 11 Leadership Award with Carol Davig, District 11 Director

"Don't be afraid to cry. It will free your mind of sorrowful thoughts."

~ Hopi Native American Saying

WASHINGTON EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Judith Finke

"Giving Comes from the Heart: A Community of Opportunity" set the tone for Achievement Day Tuesday, February 28 at the Event Center. County Extension Chair, Michele Daniels welcomed the guests and led the pledges.

Suzanne Kessler chaired the event and introduced speaker Steve Miller board member of the Washington County Healthy Living Association. Miller underscored the changes since the inception of SHAPE in 1975 with the current membership currently at 2700. Serving those over 60 years of age, members enjoy lunch, and options in the game room, the computer room, the exercise room, the quilting room, arts and crafts, bingo and library. The WCHLA also provides opportunities for volunteering.

Melinda Van Ostrand, Executive Director of New Beginnings Life Ministries outlined ways to contribute including sewing bibs or book bags, providing children books, being a receptionist, a prayer partner, a mentor, tech support or donating or buying at the resale shop.

Mardi Gras beads and Fleur de Lis gave color to the backdrop and tables for the delicious chicken fried steak lunch. Guests were County Judge John Brieden and Terry along with County Commissioners Luther Hueske and Joy Fuchs.

Honored at the Awards and Recognition program were: Billie Blackshire, county Texas Treasure, Edna Schroeder, county Texas Leadership recipients.

Outstanding Club Members from each Club were: After Five-JoAnn Gard; Greenvine-Daulene Hopmann; Lunch & Learn – Michele Daniels; and Wm Penn-Gail Pinto. Outstanding Volunteer Club Members were: After Five-Cindy Lyles; Greenvine-Daulene Hopmann; Lunch & Learn-Judith Finke; and WmPenn-Edna Schroeder. Based on a pro rata basis of volunteer hours, the Wm Penn was named the Outstanding Volunteer Club for 2015-2016.

Valeria Mueller was named the Fair High Point Exhibitor and she and Gail Pinto were recognized for 20 years of active Extension members.

Cultural Art Winners for the county included: Betty Vierus, first and Louise Newman,

second for Afghans, Tablecovers, Blankets, Bedspreads and Throws. Kathleen Flick, first and Judith Finke, second in Craft Painting. Louise Newman, first and Sharon Steele, second in Decorated Garments. Suzanne Kessler, first and Maurine Graham, second for Fabric Creations. Betty Vierus, first and Louise Newman, second in Fiber Arts. Linda Scott, first and Carol Kolar, second in Handstitchery. Suzanne Kessler, first and Maurine Graham, second in Machine Embroidery. Sharon Steele, first and Maurine Graham, second in Holiday Decorations. Judith Finke, first and Corene Niemeyer, second in Jewelry. Alice Kyle, first in Painting and Drawing. Betty Rudloff, first and Diane Ashorn, second in Paper. Judith Finke won first in Traditional Scrapbooks. Diane Ashorn, first and Michele Daniels, second in Digitally Produced Scrapbooks. Cindy Lyles, first and Tonya McGonagill, second in Photography. Suzanne Kessler, first in Quilts-smaller than 50 x 70 hand quilted. Suzanne Kessler, first and Louise Newman, second in Quilts-smaller than 50 x 70 machine quilted. Maurine Graham won first for Recycled Items. Sharon Steele, first and Lori Lignes, second for Wall Hangings and Betty Vierus, first and Cindy Lyles, second for Miscellaneous. Betty Vierus won Best of Show. Education Committee members complimented for crafting the event were: Suzanne Kessler, chair and members: Diane Ashorn, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Michele Daniels, Edith Erwin, Mary Lister, Tanya McGonagill, and Stephanie Rudolph.



First Place Winners: seated I – r: Betty Rudloff, Louise Newman, Kathleen Flick, Linda Scott. Standing I -r: Sharon Steele, Maurine Graham, Betty Vierus, Cindy Lyles, Suzanne Kessler, Diane Ashorn, Alice Kyle, Judith Finke.



Second Place Winners: Seated I - r: Diane Ashorn, Louise Newman, Michele Daniels, Corene Niemeyer. Standing I – r: Sharon Steele, Maurine Graham, Cindy Lyles, Tanya McGonagill, Judith Finke. Not Pictured: Carol Kolar, and Lori Lignes.



Billie Blackshire
Washington County Treasure



Edna Schroeder
Washington County Leadership

"Welcome every morning with a smile. Look on the new day as another special gift from your creator, another golden opportunity to complete what you were unable to finish yesterday. Be a self-starter. Let your first hour set the theme of success and positive action that is certain to echo through your entire day. Today will never happen again. Don't waste it with a false start or no start at all. You were not born to fail."

~ Og Mandino

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Leg-Pulling Long Gone... Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Back in the 20th century, kids--as well as adults who sometimes acted like them--seemed destined to "make their own fun." Not too much in the way of "time-passing" was in play if it cost anything, thus fertile minds were often in "creative mode," if only in the sharing of jokes and stories.

Many times conversations began with, "Did you hear the one about...?" Sadly, these words rarely are heard anymore.

My old daddy could tell stories with the best of 'em, and he'd laugh as heartily as hearers at "punchline time." Clearly, such banter lessened the cares of the day....

Much "fun-poking" came at the expense of youngsters. They took most everything seriously from adults who'd "been there, done that."

Carpenters took advantage of apprentices, often asking them to retrieve make-believe items. Such requests seemed legitimate to the eager-to-please, wide-eyed youngsters. A carpenter, sawing away, exclaimed, "Dad blame it, I sawed this board an inch too short. Would you please run down to the lumber yard and borrow their board-stretcher?"

The youngster immediately headed downtown. He returned empty-handed, telling the carpenter that the man at the yard had "loaned out the board-stretcher, and it's not due back until tomorrow." (The guy was, of course, in on the joke, and played along.)...

There was a whole 'nother category for the military, what with a steady inflow of recruits to send hither and yon on aimless tasks. Many wandered around military bases seeking keys to the parade grounds.

Not every installation had parade grounds, and those that did rarely had fences. And if they had fences, the gates were never locked....

Ask locals in resort areas if you'd like to be regaled by dumb questions they've fielded from tourists on first visits to distant locales. One "flat-lander," amazed upon first seeing mountains, asked, "Reckon where they came from?"

When the local answered that the glaciers brought them, the visitor countered, "Where are the glaciers now?"

The local's answer: "They've gone back for another load."...

Lonn Taylor, a recognized author/historian/columnist who traded in life in Washington, D. C. and Austin, TX to reside in the Big Bend area of Texas, wrote recently about a Marfa hotel clerk who fields questions regularly about the mysterious Marfa lights.

Many ask him about the best time to see the lights. "We don't turn them on until after dark," he answers.

I've heard about these lights since Hector was a wee pup, and saw them in the 1960s. (Theories abound, including Taylor's mention that some folks believe the lights can be traced to the glow of radio-active jackrabbits.)...

Sometimes real life occurrences are funnier than made-up stories. Another from the Big Bend is an account of the late Hallie Stillwell, a crusty ranch woman, peace justice and columnist for the weekly *Alpine Avalanche*.

Pad in hand, she was among journalists and broadcasters invited to a Davis Mountain press conference for America's first astronauts prior to their first moon mission.

Present were nationally-recognized figures from TV networks, wire services and major newspapers. Hallie asked just one question: "Now you fellows don't really think you're going to walk on the moon, do you?"...

Much has been made lately of "fake news." It has been around for quite a spell. As a lad, I wondered about blaring claims that seemed largely unsubstantiated.

For several years, an over-the-counter elixir called *Hadacol* was heralded as a cure-all for everything, as were "uranium-sitting" emporiums that attracted sitters from far and wide to claim the magical cures. Two centers where ailing folks sought magical sand in which to sit were in Marlin and Mineral Wells. (In the latter city, many "sitters" also soaked in the mineral water for which the community is known.)

I never knowingly swallowed *Hadacol*, or sat in sand beyond the boxes, but many friends did. Bottom line, there may not be much truly new under the sun....

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"What are the things that you can't see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love. You can't see any of those, but they're the guiding lights of a life."

~ Jimmy Carter

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