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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Now that 2019 is here, the TEEA Executive Board is busily planning for the 92nd TEEA State Conference in San Marcos. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel Conference Center and Spa, 1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, 512-805-5327. You may call for reservations now; but be sure to ask for the TEEA Conference rate. The rooms are \$159.00 a night. They have double or king beds with a sofa bed in the room. They are very comfortable. Make your plans to join us September 10-11. The rate includes breakfast in the morning and snacks in the afternoon.

TENATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday Morning

Registration
Early Bird Workshops

Tuesday Noon

Alumni Luncheon

Tuesday Afternoon

First General Session

Tuesday Evening

District Parties

Wednesday Morning

Officer Election
Second General Session

Wednesday Noon

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday Afternoon

Educational Workshops
Optional Workshops

Wednesday Evening

Banquet
TEEA EXPLOSION (Talent Competition)

The conference theme is **"HONORING THE PAST, TREASURING THE PRESENT, SHAPING THE FUTURE."** We will be featuring the past, present and future throughout the conference in our meetings and workshops. You will be getting more information from the Education Chairs and the two host districts, District 10 and District 12.

We are showcasing the talents of our TEEA ladies and will be giving a \$50.00 prize for the winner of the talent competition; whether it is an individual or a group. There will only be one prize. If you have a talent and would like to participate in the show, please let your District Director know as soon as possible. Those of you who have talents, please share with us. Perhaps, a song, a dance, a choir, a comic, an artist or play a musical instrument; I know you are planning to make our TEEA EXPLOSION a huge success. This will be a fun occasion.

I have learned over the years that no two people are alike. We all have our differences. We must learn to accept each other's faults and recognize our differences. If this is done, we create a healthy relationship. My thoughts for you in this article are expressed in this verse.

YOU CHOOSE THE RESULTS

The answers you find will come from the questions you ask. The things you accomplish will result in the effort

you mount. The places you go will depend on the journeys you undertake. The rewards you enjoy flow from the risks you are willing to accept.

When you control the causes, the effects will be to your liking. What you get from any experience or situation depends primarily on what you put into it. Those who are wise have made the effort to learn. Those who are wealthy have made the effort to earn.

Output depends on input. Input depends on you. What you are giving determines how you are living. You can get whatever you desire by taking the steps that will cause it to happen. Everything you do has a consequence. Use that reality to your advantage. Choose your ideal consequences by carefully choosing your actions.

You cause outstanding positive results. Do what it takes right now to make them surely happen.

It was Frances E. Willard who said, "Sow an act and you will reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."

Michael Wynne

I enjoy being your president and I hope that there are others who aspire to become a TEEA officer. We have several positions open for elections in September: PRESIDENT-ELECT, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT FOR LEADERSHIP and TREASURER-ELECT. Be sure to check your TEEA Manual for guidelines and deadlines.

I ask that you take the good and bad and place them at the feet of God, because in the end, HE's the only ONE

who will be able to give you a relationship where faults are made.

As we prepare for the TEEA State Conference, remember it is OUR conference; so ask yourself, what will I do to contribute.

We can do all things because it is God given. It is necessary to be an integral part of our organization to make it thrive. Go out and find new members and when you do, keep them involved. This is how we have "THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

Nyanza Price
TEEA President



KAY JACOBS

1st VP FOR LEADERSHIP

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,
Wow!! What a crazy holiday season we had. We have had a crazy winter here in the south. One day we have spring like weather-sunny and bright and very windy to the next day it is cloudy, rainy and COLD.

I hope everyone will enjoy their Spring Conferences and are looking forward to your State Conference in San Marcos that is just right around the corner. I am looking forward to getting reports from your District Directors on how much fun your Spring Conferences were and learn what kind of education programs you had.

I can't wait until you see all the exciting things, we have planned for you!!!! We are working on the State Conference in San Marcos and I will be looking forward to seeing everyone there. I am pleased to announce that there will be a small Country Store with homemade items provided by District 12.

I am working on the Lunch and Learn program with our past presidents and past advisor. I think it will be educational as well as entertaining. I am asking our members to please share ideas with their district directors as to where you see TEEA going in the future. The board will review these ideas at the spring board meeting, and we will bring some of the best ideas to the state conference for discussion. So, in the meantime, get your thinking hats on and let's make the best better.

If there is anything I can help anyone with, please feel free to contact me.

Have a HAPPY SPRING!

CLARA JONES

2nd VP FOR MEMBERSHIP

Greetings and Happy New Year to all. Here's hoping your clubs are off to a great start in 2019. As I pondered what to write in this article, two things came to mind. First, on a recent Executive Board conference call it was pointed out that the overall 2019 membership has dropped. Second, I see this as an excellent opportunity to address membership recruitment. It's our

membership that we rely on to carry out our TEEA programs and community service projects. Also membership recruitment is near and dear to my heart!

The following are just a few of tried and true effective ways to recruit new members:

- Just ask someone. Imagine if every TEEA member asked just one person to join their club.
- Bring a guest to meeting and follow up with a newsletter or thank you note.
- Design a brochure for your club. See Chapter 4 TEEA Manual pages 6 and 7.
- Have a booth at fairs and festivals and distribute Club's brochure.
- Appoint Membership Chair to report at each meeting.
- Besides word of mouth, increase awareness of your club through print and social media.
- Have a Rewards Program for those that recruit new members.
- Have an Induction Ceremony for new members.
- Lead by example - how many members you have recruited?
- Pass out M&M Candy to remind members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members."
- Most of all have fun, but do not forget to report all of your club's monthly activities.

In closing, let me say we are so fortunate to have four outstanding Education Chairs. These ladies are already hard at work developing our 2019 State Education Programs. Read their articles in this issue of the Messenger as they tell you a little about the workshop they will be presenting.

Should you have any question regarding recruitment please email me at mzjonezj@gmail.com but most all have a super TEEA year!!

*"Be yourself.
No one can say you're
doing it wrong."*

~ Charles M. Schulz

ANGELA PIERCE STATE SECRETARY

Greetings!

I hope that everyone has had a blessed holiday with loved ones. Our family was blessed with spending time with some that we don't get to see as often, spending a holiday or two with family in their new house, playing games and having good fellowship. I know it is a busy time of year and hard to get together, I am blessed to be as close to my family as I am. And yes, that does go for living close by as well.

The board has already started working hard on planning this year's state conference. The executive board has visited the location and have the "blue prints" of where things will be. The board met in November with the committees having their meetings. The educational chairs are planning some outstanding workshops as well as the host districts optional and early bird workshops. You will definitely want to attend and get the information to take back home to share with the rest of your members and communities.

I encourage all to come to the state conference and to bring something back that will not only help the community but hope that you especially bring something back that is for you as well. I have made many new friends by going to state conferences and being on the board. I encourage you to do the same.

BANKER'S NOTES OLA CULWELL STATE TREASURER

Hello everyone. Hope you had a great holiday season and are enjoying this cold weather. Just glad we live south of the Red River. I'm really looking forward to spring. Which reminds me, our Spring Conferences will be happening soon. TEEA is buying the ribbons for the State Conference which will be printed with "TEEA Cultural Arts." I have ordered additional ribbons, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. If the District Directors would like to purchase some of these ribbons from me, let me know. I'm not sure of the price, but think they will be around 50¢ each. I hope to have them by the middle of March.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at San Marcos in September. It's always good to renew friendships and make new ones. In addition you have the opportunity to gain lots of information to take back home.

ALUMNAE NEWS GRACE GLAZE CHAIR

The Alumnae are pleased to award scholarships each year to young adults who are between 19 years old and 24 years old at time of application. The applicant must be a former 4-H member or son / daughter or grandson / granddaughter of a current TEEA member. The applicant must remain a full-time student. The committee awarded seven \$500.00 scholarships in 2018.

Applications are available from County Chairman, District Directors, or from the web

teea@tamu.edu pages 6-29 -6-30. Applications are due April 1, 2019, one copy to Alumnae Chair Grace Glaze and one copy to State President Nyanza Price. Addresses are on the applications. Please remind the students to be sure to send complete current application with all the required documents. Please encourage the boys and girls who meet the guidelines to apply for the scholarships.

Funds for the scholarships are raised from the silent auction at the state conference, donations, and memorials. Anyone may contribute to this scholarship fund. If you would like to honor someone with a memorial, please send it to me. Grace Glaze 2835 CR 385 El Campo, TX 77437. If you have any questions please call or e-mail me (979-543-4168) Email: graceglaze38@yahoo.com

Alumnae let me hear from you so I may share the updates with the members. Have a wonderful year. Hope to see each of you at the state conference in September.

**"People who wonder if
the glass is half empty
or half full miss the
point.
The glass is refillable."**

POSTAGE ALERT

VIOLET ALEXANDER
DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR

All TEEA members, your friends & families. Please continue saving all of your **cancelled stamps**. Bring or send with county reps. to the 92nd TEEA Conference in San Marcos in September. We hope to collect 1,000's for this special project. There will be a collection box at registration.

Also, continue to collect your **"Coins for Friendship"** that we donate to the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood for Mark Carroll & his staff to purchase much needed items that our 4-H kiddos use during camps & leadership labs.

At the November board meeting some of us older ladies were having issues getting in/out of the tubs. Safety came to mind immediately--so after talking with Mark, the board voted to go ahead & donate the funds for safety bars to be installed in the tub area of all the rooms at the Leadership Lodge. This is the lodge that the TEEA board members & some district retreats use. We will get to check them out at the May meeting.

All donations are appreciated. Former purchased items can be found on the TEEA website.

"To Make the Best Better"

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Following is a short description of what you can expect for the educational workshops in San Marcos. Your Education Chairs have some outstanding presentations for you at this year's State Conference.

When they meet for their Fall Board of Directors meeting, they will begin work on programs for the 2020 State Conference in Lubbock. If you have some ideas, please let them know.

INDOOR WINTER GARDENING
DALE NEVES
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 2

This workshop will show you how to set up an indoor garden where you can harvest some fresh vegetables during the cold winter months. You will learn how to choose the types of plants and seeds you can grow, and learn how to maintain healthy plants.

HOME SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE CONCERNS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AGED AND GENERAL CONSUMER
JOHNNIE POWELL
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 5

Whether because of age, health or finance, it's not always clear what household maintenance requires the most urgent or immediate action when dealing with health issues. What can be delayed and what cannot. This workshop will address those issues. Topics to be discussed include: required state homecare and safety at home or institutions; prioritizing and recognizing immediate hazards; ways of checking for reputable labor and handyman services in the community; when to involve friends or relatives to help; and possible assistance from major home repair store to advise or contribute to this presentation.

"USE IT OR LOSE IT"
CLAUDINE HARE
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 9

In looking forward to the 2019 TEEA State Conference, I am working on the education program to be presented there. My subject is "Use it or Lose It"-focusing on keeping or regaining balance to prevent falls. So many of us have sedentary jobs that keep us sitting and so many of us slow down as we get older that we must concentrate on keeping our balance. Regardless of age, as health care professionals will tell you, if you don't use it, you will lose it. So plan on joining us in San Marcos and see what you can do to improve your health. Chair exercises will be demonstrated (with audience participation) that can be done on the job, on the couch or just in a chair. The importance of keeping moving to all around good health will be emphasized.

"MEMORY LOSS: RECOGNIZE, IDENTIFY, UNDERSTAND"
MARSHA MILLER
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 12

My workshop will focus on memory loss and how to deal with it. How to recognize, identify

and understand memory loss will be touched on to help those of us who are dealing with this problem on a daily basis. You never know when you might be a caregiver for a loved one.

EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS

Tuesday morning during registration, there will be two workshops presented by the Host Districts (10 & 12). Each workshop will be presented twice so you will have the opportunity to attend both. Following is a short description of what they will cover.

VOLUNTEERS "R" US
DISTRICT 10

Bring your **SCISSORS** for a little cutting action. Learn how to make a bib from a towel. A great project for a great cause. Your local nursing home will appreciate it. A fun program for any club or county. See all of you there.

"PRESSURE COOKER VERSUS INSTAPOT"
DISTRICT 12

This workshop will focus on the InstaPot and ways to make a meal quickly. Recipes will be shared.

OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday afternoon during the Educational workshops, there will also be two optional workshops. These will be presented twice.

Following is a short description of what you can expect by attending these workshops.

CANNING-CANNING-CANNING
DISTRICT 10

There are new guidelines for canning & judging preserved foods at your county fairs. It isn't like it used to be. So come and hear the latest from a certified agent. Might be some goodies passed out.

"MAKING SUDS"
DISTRICT 12

This workshop will focus on making soap, and different recipes will be provided.

GOLDEN SPREAD QUILTERS EE CLUB

Sylvia Jordan

The Golden Spread Quilters have been enjoying growth this past year both with new members and new skills. We enjoy simple skill building each month and our Saturday Sew Days always keep us busy with new projects.

In September we elected a new president,

Diane Donnell, and said a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing president, Susan Stach. We are grateful to have such great leadership: Vickie Nelson, vice president, Judy Gannon, treasurer, Marcie Grabber as county delegate, and Sylvia Jordan as secretary.

The string quilt our club made was donated to the fund raiser for Behcet's Disease and was used in a raffle which raised \$735.00 for this organization.

Our Extension Agent, Amy Wagner gave us a program on the book by Martha Morris: *Diet for the Mind*. The diet emphasizes whole plant, greens and berries while limiting red meat and foods high in saturated fat. This diet has been proven to preserve your brain from aging just by changing the foods you eat.

We had lots of fun in December. Our annual Christmas party was filled with great food and fellowship. Chris Edler won the huge gift basket filled with sewing and quilting goodies. Our gift game went longer this year with lots of "stealing" and swapping around. We also did our annual service project for the moms of the Buckner Children's Home. These 16 single moms live in a gated apartment with their children. They are not only required to work but also to attend classes that help improve their lives and the lives of their children. These moms work so hard and receive very little time or special things for themselves. Our club made shopping bags for the moms and filled them with goodies and treats just for their enjoyment. We have all been in need of a pick-me-up, encouragement and these special ladies are no exception.

We also participated in the County Association Christmas party. The napkin exchange is

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always fun and the food is exceptional. We also bring cookies which are given to two retirement communities in our area as a service project from our Randall County Extension.

We are getting ready for the Ogallala Quilt Festival, April 5 & 6, in Dimmitt. The featured teacher this year is Laura Wasilowski. You can visit the web site to sign up for classes or enter your quilt for judging:

www.ogallalaquilters.org. We will be the featured quilt club with an exhibit of some of our quilts. This event features over 200 quilts for judging, quilts from the Hoffman Challenge and this year a special Quilts of Valor exhibit. It would be worth your drive to attend.

As always we extend an invitation to come join us as we meet the second Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, at the Randall County Extension building. On the first Saturday at 9:30am, each month is our sew day. You can find more information on our web site:

<https://welchjm.wordpress.com>.

SUNNYHILL EE CLUB NEWS

Sidona Rogers

On December 13, Sunnyhill TEEA met for its Christmas Party. We were lead in Christmas Carols by Trey Sweatt. We also played Dirty Santa and had lunch.

Our members had prepared and brought two dozen cookies each. After the meeting, three of the members delivered them to two local Assisted Living Centers and to our First Responders in Canyon.



1st row L-R Janice Bowen, Opal Lewis, Jeanie Eichenberger, Brenda Grabber, Sidona Rogers; 2nd row L-R Mary Rice, Lin Elbert, Leesa Wood Calvi, Betty Treadwell, Phyllis Ratjen, Kay Bell; 3rd row L-R Jan Henderson, Carolyn Robbins, Carolyn Hammontree, Mattie Hall, Elizabeth Alexander, Marcie Grabber

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil; there is no point.

HAPPY HOMES EE CLUB NEWS

Lisa Pipkin

Happy Homes Club met on November 27 at the Extension Annex with 10 members and one guest in attendance. We had a noon luncheon followed by a surprise baby shower for member Audrey Jarvis.



Following the meeting members gathered round to "build" 75 Snowmen Soup Cups which consisted of hot chocolate, marshmallows, peppermint sticks and a few chocolate treats. These were then taken to the Hansford Manor by members Marrienne Pipkin and Lisa Pipkin to be delivered to all the residents!!



Our "Texas Treasure Award" nominee is Andrea Woolley who has been a member of Happy Homes Club for 9 years and has served as our president for the past 5 years. The "Texas Leadership Award" nominee is Team: Town & Country Club. We wish them good luck at the spring district conference in April.

For our December meeting, we met on the thirteenth to have our Christmas luncheon. All members brought a covered dish and exchanged Christmas cards with one another. We all enjoyed a fun game of "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Our project for December was to honor our Veterans with warm socks and a Christmas card. We collected 159 Christmas cards and 151 socks. These were all delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, TX by member Marrienne Pipkin.

January's meeting brought some smiles as member Rosetta Barrera brought a happy program on "Smile into the New Year." She reminded us that laughter is like a medicine!! She quoted Phyllis Diller by saying "If you don't have wrinkles, you haven't laughed enough." She had lots of other humorous thoughts on aging as well!!

We are so happy to have Jessica Livingston as our new Hansford County Extension Agent! Happy Homes presented Jessica a check to Hansford County 4-H to help with the January 25-26 Stock Show expenses.



Our club met again January 22 where member Myrna Biggers presented a State Program: Do, Ra, Mi! Cha, Cha, Cha!! Enriching lives Through Music. Myrna, who is very talented musically, showed us she also has the gift of entertaining through her dancing. Members enjoyed participating in exercising through dancing for better health! There was probably some new laugh wrinkles after this program!!

Happy Homes meets on the second Tuesday of the month but remain flexible when needed. We always have a great time and welcome anyone who would enjoy a fun, community service club.



Back row: Melba Johnson, Joann Detmer, Myrna Biggers, Carrie Bardwell, Marianne Pipkin, Lisa Pipkin, Rosetta Barrera. Sitting: Patty Sheppard, Deloris Guthrie, Fran Duncan

BOWIE EEA NEWS

Kathy McPeters

Bowie EEA had an active start to the new club year. In October, Melanie Potter, Montague County AgriLife Agent, highlighted "Country Roads" and explained the challenges that drivers face as they travel the vast highway system in Texas. Additional facts about motor vehicle crashes were given.

Also, Melanie helped members understand rela-

tive caregiving as grandparents often must take on the role of parenting and explained support services available in these situations with "Parenting Again." The club started a new community service project collecting gallon cans of fruits and vegetables in support of God's Table that feeds the hungry six nights a week. Later that month, the club hosted the annual Fall Bazaar that brought in vendors from across north Texas to sell a variety of holiday decorations, gourmet foods and

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handcrafted items. Members served a soup and cornbread lunch and offered a selection of home baked items with proceeds to benefit Montague County 4-H.

Although winter had arrived, members traveled to Palo Pinto to attend the District 3 Fall Training learning of TEEA updates and enjoying great food and fellowship with other TEEA members. In December, we gathered at the historic John Hills Matthews House in Bowie. The Victorian Mansion built in 1896 was beautifully decorated for the holiday and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and gift exchange.



Bowie EEA hosted the Hospitality Booth for the Montague County Youth Fair in January offering breakfast items during the public viewing of the entries in the Creative Arts Division. Donations were collected to benefit 4-H scholarships. During the club meeting, members were inspired by speaker Karen Self. Karen is passionate about servicemen and veterans and has provided care packages sent throughout the world for more than 30 years. She showed sample boxes and suggested items that ship easily. Generous contributions were added to her efforts as well as canned foods collected for God's Table.



"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."
~ Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle

CORNBREAD

Symbolizes gold and is used for soaking up the pot likker from the greens when wheat was a rarity in the region. Southerners made cornbread as a regular meal staple.

GREENWOOD EE CLUB NEWS

Suzy Willeford

On the second Saturday of October, the GEE Club held our major fundraiser, the Greenwood Fall Festival. After 20 years of nice weather, the rain came down on this year's event. Oh no! With a rain or shine attitude, GEE Club members got set up and neighbors came out to enjoy the community event and we had our best year ever!

At the October meeting, we approved a budget for 2019 and planned for the club's community Thanksgiving lunch. We were told the GEE Club was named the winner of District 3 Honor Roll Counties. During November's meeting, after our Thanksgiving potluck with Greenwood neighbors, we planned the GEEC's Christmas party!

In December, members enjoyed the potluck Christmas lunch at a local venue and made yearbook decisions in the quick meeting afterward, then retired for 2018.

We got back to business January 25 during our first meeting of 2019, distributing yearbooks and installing officers.



With rain sometimes blowing sideways outside, the Greenwood EE Club set up the 2018 Greenwood Fall Festival under cover. The neighbors had a great time at the community event and GEEC celebrated our best fund-raiser yet.

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HUNT COUNTY NEWS

Dinah Rainey

Good day from Hunt County District 4. Hunt County holidays were celebrated with the Christmas party and luncheon. We had no association activities due to the holiday. The loss of Sandy Hurst on December 26, brought tears to the end of our year. Sandy with a smile, hug and inspiration has left us knowing this life is a journey. Live it well as Sandy would say. I see her now skipping the streets of gold holding a plush Snoopy, as that was her favorite. We miss you so dear one.

TARRANT COUNTY TEEA NEWS

Velma Tate

NE Tarrant County TEEA met for a Christmas luncheon and to complete their Community Project. Members brought items on a wish list for Heather's Old Skool Village. The purpose of this school is to provide a safe and stimulating place for individuals with special needs or disabilities, ages 18 to 35. There is no cost to attend. TEEA helps to sustain and grow their "home" by supplying paper goods and cleaning supplies. This school is helping 50 adults have a better life. TEEA is helping them to reach their goals.



"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."
~ Galileo

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UPSHUR EEA DECORATES COURTHOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sandra Fite

Over twenty-five years ago, the Upshur County Courthouse did not have a Christmas tree and the extension agent suggested that it would be a good community project for the EEA clubs to provide one. In the beginning, it was a live tree donated by a Christmas tree farm in the county. After a number of years, the farm went out of business and they have since gone through a number of artificial trees.

Various members have donated ornaments and over the years it has gradually become more and more ornate with many glass balls meeting their demise on the hard marble floor. The newer ornaments are shatter proof. Large glass entry ways are on the north and south side of the courthouse with the tree in between. The twenty strings of lights make the tree very visible from the street on both sides.

Members of Southern Belles EEC (in photo of Christmas tree) decorated the tree the week after Thanksgiving so that it would become a part of the Yule Fest celebration the first Saturday in December. Both clubs take the tree down the first business day of the New Year.



Left back to Front: Sandra Fite, Sharon Wise. Right back to front: Annette Johnson, Linda Steger

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers."
~ Khalil Gibran

SHELBY EEA USES CREATIVE WAYS TO RECYCLE

Ellen Manning

A number of years ago Shelby EEA members with the help of some friends made neck scarves to sell. They did not all sell so we sewed them together to make blankets or throws. We donated some of them to the Activity Director at Pine Grove Nursing Home. Skylar Hagler, Activity Director was happy to receive them.



We have a few more to use as door prizes at the next District meeting. Some of the scarves were used to weave into rugs which will also show up as a Raffle at the next district meeting. We enjoy doing things and were happy to make Sun Catchers at our last meeting. At our Christmas meeting, we painted Christmas ornaments. During our craft time we have a lot of time to learn from each other.

UPSHUR EEA CHILI LUNCH

Sandra Fite

Upshur EEA has a very successful Chili Luncheon fundraiser the last Wednesday in January and usually serves 400 people. It all got started 25-28 years ago when the extension agent found a chili recipe to feed 400 in a Texas A&M cookbook. It was called *A&M Touchdown Chili*, but over the years it has been tweaked and re-tweaked and over the years has evolved into their 'secret recipe' that only a few club members have access to. The chairpersons of the event, Nora Davis and Gwen Jewett from the Glenwood EEC, make sure it is kept a secret.

During January, Joyce Raabe and Joan Warren from the Southern Belles EE Club sell the

most tickets by going from one business to another. They know what they want when they see them walk in the door. Other club members also sell tickets, but these two are the most persistent.

Upshur EEA sets aside \$1,000 of the proceeds to fund a scholarship for a senior 4-H member. The students pictured in the group picture are 4-H that members who help with take outs, carrying the heavy cookers, and clean up. The Association also has a Bean Luncheon in July, but the chili is the most popular.

In addition to the \$1,000 4-H scholarship, proceeds from both fundraisers go back into the community, i.e. \$500 to the food bank, \$350 to the Back-Pack program, \$500 to the 4-H program, \$1,000 for delegate's expenses to the State Conference, and the Association's yearbook and operating expenses.

Members from each club, the extension agent, and 4-H students that helped with the fundraiser are in the group photo.



Club members help guests choose the sides and desserts to go with their chili.



Janice Green and Virginia Higginbotham serve the chili.

**I want to be like a caterpillar.
Eat a lot.
Sleep for a while.
Wake up beautiful.**

SMITH COUNTY EEA NEWS

Penny Hunter

Smith County Woman of the year Ann Santana of the Tyler Glass Club.



Club of the Year and Scrapbook of the Year winners were the Tyler Glass Club.



Shown are Penny Hunter and Ann Santana, members of the Tyler Glass Club and Claudann Jones, Smith County Extension Agent.

MARKETING TEEA IN SMITH COUNTY

Penny Hunter

Smith County hosted their 14th Annual Best Chocolate Dessert Contest. Members put together an excellent program for East Texas residents that featured a program by Dylan Humphrey winner of the Food Network Bake Off. Judges enjoyed tasting lots of Chocolate of all types. Snack donations were presented to Hospice of East Texas Wings youth support program. EEA has their separate contest for bragging rights. This year's winners were 1st place Barbara Garrett, Dixie Club; 2nd place Wanda Fields, St. Louis Club; and 3rd place Penny Hunter, Tyler Glass Club.



Joyce Morrow, county chair presenting 1st place to her granddaughter Kalyne.



Presenting Snacks to Wings of Hospice youth support director. Penny Hunter, Harriett Lane contest chair and Ann Santana.

Our EE members have worked on the Park of East Academic Rodeo for four years and added the AG ID contest this year. Clothing made from traditional and nontraditional construction were judged.



Linda Kunze and Ann Santana of the Tyler Glass Club, checking seams.



Ernestine Fields, St. Louis club and Harriett Lane, Dixie club judging paperwork.



Connie Troxell and Barbara Garrett of the Dixie club judging junior construction.



Robin Fields and Wanda Fields, St. Louis club judging nontraditional construction.

reception honoring Kim Miles to extend our appreciation for her excellent work as Jones County EE Agent. She recently transitioned to neighboring Taylor County to serve as CEA-FCS in Abilene. We are grateful for all that she accomplished for 4-H, the county fair, Jones EEA clubs, TEEA and numerous community programs.



Pictured from left: Susan Throckmorton, Barbara Shaw, Debbie Hailey, Bettye Sue Foster, Amie Price, Kim Miles, Carla Vest, Denise Roberts, Donna Morgan; Center: Judy Deatherage, Harlean Cutbirth, and Billie Wise.

Jones EEA members remained focused on local, district, and state projects from September 2018 through March 2019. Currently we are planning for participation in the District 7 Meeting in Brownwood this March. Following are highlights from recent events and upcoming activities:

2018 TEEA 91st State Conference – Members from Districts 6 and 7 joined forces to co-host the “Westward Ho! Tumbleweeds and Amazing Sunsets” themed state conference held in Abilene. In addition to general sessions, business meetings, and educational workshops, Jones County EEA joined Taylor County EEA members to manage Cultural Arts exhibits, and to set up and run the Country Store. (A multitude of beautiful handmade Texas themed potholders were sold). Over 400 attendees were well fed and entertained by “John Wayne” at the conference luncheon before the keynote speaker Dr. Patricia J. Sulak, MD, and founder of Living WELL Aware, enthusiastically shared her essential elements to health and happiness. That evening “Elvis” sang and entertained in the main meeting area while casino games and a silent auction raised funds. Incoming state officers were installed in a meaningful ceremony during the closing session.

60th Annual Jones County Fair – We kept our western hats and boots on and didn’t skip a beat the week following state convention. Three inches of rain could not slow down the 60 year celebration of this popular and well attended county fair and 4-H stock show. Jones EEA members and volunteers contributed time and talent toward a successful **Home & Garden Division** competition. Arts, crafts, quilts, textiles, canned food, baked goodies, vegetables, and plants were entered in youth and adult categories. Best of Show, first, second, and third place ribbons and prize money were awarded to winners. A BBQ Cook-off, arts & crafts mini-mall, and party in the park added to the celebration.

2018 NEAFCS National Conference – The national conference was held in beautiful San Antonio in September. Along with all Texas EEA clubs, we helped our Texas AgriLife agents by making Texas themed potholders shaped like our great state to be given as a gift to each agent attending this huge conference. Statistics showed our district among the highest number of potholders made and contributed.

District 7 Social - With so many members together in Abilene for the state convention, more than fifty from District 7 took the opportunity to celebrate BIG at Miguel’s eclectic and colorful restaurant. Great food, games, and laughter made this party a lot of fun! (what happens at Miguel’s, stays at Miguel’s).



From left: Barbara Shaw, Debbie Hailey, Kim Miles, Carla Vest, Donna Morgan, Judy Deatherage, and Billie Wise in center.

We take this opportunity to honor **the memory of Myrna Allred** who passed away in December 2018, after a lengthy illness. An original, long time Jones EEA member, Myrna served well in all official roles of

EEA over the years. We miss her.

Fast forwarding to the New Year (wow 2019 already) January 22, council members participated in a multi-county **TEEA Education Day and Cultural Arts** display hosted by Runnels County EEA in Ballinger. Members who attended the 2018 State Conference in Abilene shared state program presentations with members from Coleman, Jones, Runnels, and Taylor counties. Debbie Hailey (Jones EEA) gave an informative and interesting presentation on the topic, “Parenting All Over-Again”. A delicious soup and cornbread lunch was prepared by the Ballinger Friendly Neighbor EE Club. Attending from Jones EEA were: Judy Deatherage, Bettye Sue Foster, Debbie Hailey, Donna Morgan, Amie Price, Denise Roberts, and Carla Vest.

Several EEA members plan to attend the upcoming **Town & Country Women’s Fair** to be held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene on February 20.

We look forward to participating in the 2019 **District TEEA Spring Conference and Retreat** to be held at Brownwood in March. Hope to see you all there.

We welcome women and men from the Jones County area to join TEEA. **Sunshine Club** meets monthly at noon in Anson and the **Compere Club** meets in member’s homes. The combined **Jones EEA Council** meets monthly in Anson. Board members serving on the Jones EEA Council are: Carla Vest, Council Chair; Donna Morgan, Co-Chair; Debbie Hailey, Council Treasurer; and Barbara Shaw Council Secretary. Additionally, Debbie Hailey serves as District 7 Treasurer.

TAYLOR COUNTY EEA NEWS

Margie Wheeler

In December, the Taylor County EE Clubs held their Christmas party at the extension office.

In January, the clubs met with Runnels and Jones Counties in Ballinger for an educational day. State Conference programs were presented. Sherrel Cauldwell of the Honey Bees Club presented “Country Roads—Take Me Home,” Connie Adams of the Sunshine Club presented “Do, Rae,

Jones County News

Donna Morgan

Howdy from the Anson Sunshine Club and the Compere Club members. Together, we are the **Jones County Extension Education Association (Jones EEA)**. Agent Kim Miles, (CEA-FCH) served as Advisor to both clubs and to the Jones EEA Council from 2016 through January 16. **Congratulations Kim Miles!** Club members hosted a

Me — Cha, Cha, Cha, Enriching Lives Through Music and Dance” and “Happiness Is Homemade.”

Martha Crawford from Runnels County reviewed the rules of parliamentary procedure. “Parenting All Over Again” was presented by Debbie Hailey of Jones County. She reminded us of how many grandparents and other family members are raising children again. Marianne Ray of Runnels County had a display of glass bottles she has used from the “Recycle, Reuse Glass Bottles” workshop.

The Friendly Neighbors EE Club of Runnels County provided a very delicious lunch of soups, crackers, cornbread, and dessert.

Taylor County ladies will be serving lunch in February at the Town & Country Women’s Fair, an all day fun day for women during the Texas Farm & Ranch Show.

The Honey Bees Club has collected throws, caps and shawls for the Texas Cancer Center in Abilene. Also baskets were packed and delivered to area shut-ins.

Carolyn Atkins, longtime Honey Bees member (3rd generation) was featured as an “Everyday Hero” in the Abilene Reporter News. She does so many things for friends, family and strangers. She really deserved the honor. She gave Honey Bees a lot of credit too.

Taylor County also held their Cultural Arts day at Ballinger and have several items going to district competition in March.

LAMPASAS COUNTY EEA NEWS

Arlene Wingo

Our new year started off with our Rally Day luncheon on October 4. Our barbecued chicken was catered by a local business with the remainder being a pot luck. Club member Lucinda Flores gave an interesting program on “creating appliques.” On October 11, we helped our agent, Karen DeZarn, with her Dinner Tonight presentation.

The program for our November meeting was given by Mandy Walsh, the director of economic development for Lampasas. We all learned a lot from her about our city. We were also honored to have in attendance,

Polly Krenek, our district director. Then on November 15, several members attended the Fall Training session in Llano. We were informed about our district’s budget, as well as receiving information about next year’s state conference in San Marcos.

Our December 6, Christmas gathering was held at member Mary Kemper’s home with Marilyn May co-hosting. We had a pot luck and Christmas ornament exchange. Then at dusk, we caravanned to Goldthwaite, for a beautiful tour of lights and Christmas decorations.

January 3, began the new calendar year with a presentation and informative talk on bee-keeping by seventeen-year-old 4-H member, Luke Fowler, from Hutto. Then we were back to business planning for the spring conference in Brownwood. We will be co-hosting with Jones County with a theme of “Earth, Wind & Fire.” We hope to see you there!



BROWN COUNTY EEA NEWS

Sande Jackson

Good things happening in the May EE Club! With the beginning of our fiscal year we brought in some new members. We are now up to 16 members!! All of which were present at our Thanksgiving dinner on November 28. along with 5 guests. We had 1 member of 20 years that paid state dues and 1 member of 20 years that paid for local dues. Congratulations to Jean Jaynes and Margaret Jackson!!

The County Christmas party, hosted by Owens EE Club was held on December 6, and we had 13 members present. We had a great day! There was lots of great food, fun, gifts and fellowship. We had our club Christmas party on December 12 with 13 members present. We played Christmas Bingo and the Saran Wrap ball game. Lots of laughter came with that! Finger foods and lots of goodies were served and we had our gift exchange.

We delivered a big box of food to Good Samaritans and took baskets of goodies to the Rising Star Nursing Center. At all our monthly meetings, we have a door prize that everyone looks forward to winning. We serve snacks on our regular meetings and a covered dish on our Fun Days. We have Jean Jaynes and Sande Jackson to make reminder calls to all our members the day before our meeting/fun day. Our secretary sends out birthday, get well, and sympathy cards to all Brown County club members. At our meeting on January 9, Peggy and Judy were the hostesses and Carol gave a very good program on parliamentary procedure. Turned out to be a bit exciting when Peggy put the box of pizza in the oven to warm and it caught on fire! We all got a good laugh out of that! We are so proud to have 16 members. We now have reporters and a parliamentarian!

Our club membership is as follows: President - Peggy Bostick, Vice President - Liz Hardy, Treasurer - Judy Green, Secretary - Sande Jackson, Parliamentarian - Carol Nelson, Co-Reporters - Jean Jaynes & Sande Jackson, and members - Kay Brown, Sue Cummins, Linda Gregory, Ladell Hamer, Sue Hobbs, Denece Hubbard, Margaret Jackson, Laverne Lee, Vanessa Phinney and Tiny Seiler.

So much to look forward to in the coming months with our fund raisers, plans to deliver items to children’s hospitals, quilting, parties, meetings and fun days!! Hope you look forward to reading our news in the next newsletter! Y’all have a great spring!



*Minds are like
parachutes - they only
function when open.*

Thomas Dewar

BURNET COUNTY EEA NEWS

Roberta Eacott

The Burnet Extension Education Association (BEEA) hosted their annual Lunch & Learn program to present the TEEA state programs to their members. The day started with Amanda Dukes and Simone Cain from the Texas Department of State Health Services presenting a program on “Human Trafficking,” followed by Sgt. Caden and her husband, Officer Craig Caden’s presentation on “C.R.A.S.E.” This was followed by a luncheon of King Ranch Chicken, salad, and dessert catered by Emma’s Catering of Burnet. The afternoon session featured Amanda Hensley of Redbud Oakalla EE Club presenting “Parenting All Over Again,” Roxanne Dunegan of Redbud Oakalla presenting “Country Roads, Take Me Home,” and Roberta Eacott of Redbud Oakalla and Glenna Bell Orman of Bethel presenting “Do, Re, Mi — Cha, Cha, Cha, Enriching Lives Through Music and Dance.” Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions after each presentation.

Roxanne Dunegan, BEEA Chair, organized the all-day event and invited TEEA members from neighboring counties to attend. In addition to Burnet, we were pleased to welcome members from Lampasas, Llano, Blanco, and Travis Counties. We had a total of 55 members and five guests present.

Recognition was also given to Betty Chaney and Lorene Denney of the Bethel Club for the Burnet County Leadership and Treasure Award winners. Burnet County also held their Cultural Arts competition in preparation for district competition in March. All first and second place items will advance to the district. Kerry McDonald, Redbud Oakalla EE Club member, received the Hazel Gatliff Award for Best of Show.

It was an excellent education day!



ERATH COUNTY EEA NEWS

Doris Threadgill

The Achievers, Three Way and Clairette EE Club members of Erath County had their Fall Luncheon meeting at the AgriLife Research Center on 281 and Lingleville Highway. The programs were: filling the yearbooks for the coming year, helpful hints on perennial plants, and what plants do well in our area given by three Master Gardeners in attendance. This was followed by an update on the Museum grounds in Stephenville that the Master Gardeners have worked to update with an irrigation system and new butterfly garden. Labeling of plants was recently done, along with helping plant a new Burr Oak tree, donated by the DAR ladies.



Members of the Achievers, Three-Way, and Clairette EE Clubs, Master Gardeners, and Angrea Degelia, FCH Agent.

NOONTIME HELPS THE ELDERLY KEEP WARM

Charlotte Watson

For the second year in a row, Noontime EE Club members donated socks for the elderly at two Georgetown Nursing Homes. Since socks often "go missing" when the wash is done at long-term care facilities, Noontime partners with "Sock-it-to-me-Nancy" to provide socks to residents to keep their feet warm. Crew socks, knee socks, diabetic socks and colorful playful socks for men and women are delivered one Sunday afternoon in November. Club member, Charlotte Watson, was one of the volunteers who delivered socks. What a delight to see their faces light up when the residents were offered free socks. They could not believe someone they didn't know wanted to give them something so useful and needed.

What a great community

outreach. This year's donation included over fifty pairs of socks!



BELL COUNTY NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Bell EEA held its Club Christmas Party on December 3. Our Bell County nominee for the Texas Treasure was announced. In Presenting the award to Mary Stuessel, member of the Tejas Club is BEEA County Chair, Nancy Urbantke.



The State education program, CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event) was presented by Sgt. David Roberts, TX DPS Public Information Officer for Bell County. Sgt. Roberts did a great job. He was professional but with an easy manner and took many questions from the group. Shown below is Sgt. Roberts on the left, with Chair Urbantke and his Public Information Officer Bryan.



BEEA has participated in the annual Rescue Elves program sponsored by the Temple Fire Department for many years.

Members bring unwrapped gifts for children and teens. The Tanglefoot Club gave a check for \$150.00 for the Fire Department to use to buy gifts.



Pictured are members with Thomas Pechal, Fire Department representative. From left: LaVelle Parsons, Vernice Black, Mr. Pechal, Nancy Urbantke and Joe Ann Smith.

NOONTIME ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Charlotte Watson

This photo shows just a few of the delicious foods provided by members of Noontime EE Club and enjoyed by other EE Clubs' members and community friends at this year's Annual Christmas Luncheon. This event brings together people in the area for food and fellowship with the hopes that those who come will bid on silent auction items also donated by Noontime members. All proceeds go towards the county 4-H scholarships and Noontime's community projects. This year the addition of two great raffle items boosted the proceeds greatly. Even though the attendance was down a little, profits were the best ever with \$800 received for future projects. The foods were yummy! The variety of silent auction items was the best ever! Noontime can now enjoy spending the profits as they serve non-profits in their community.



WILLIAMSON COUNTY HONORS OUTSTANDING CLUBS AND VOLUNTEERS

Charlotte Watson

Even though there are only five EE Clubs in Williamson County, those five are very active and involved in their community and in county-wide activities and events. At the 2018 Awards Luncheon, the following clubs and volunteers were recognized:

- Club which enrolled the most new members: Morning Glory
- Club with most publicity: New Horizons
- Club with most 4-H Support: New Horizons.

An outstanding volunteer from each club, selected by their peers, was also honored. Clubs and Volunteers were:

- Heritage - Kathy Schwegmann
- Morning Glory - Jane Williamson
- New Horizon - Kathy Hubenthal
- Noontime - Charlotte Watson
- Sundowners - Joyce Purtle.

The top award was for Most Outstanding Club and the award went to Morning Glory EE Club.

ERATH COUNTY EEA NEWS

Doris Threadgill

The Clairette EE Club held their annual Thanksgiving Fall Luncheon Sunday, November 11, at the Clairette Community Center. This was the old school house on Highway 6 in the center of the town of Clairette. The EE members invited all to come to the open house at no cost, and if they so desired to bring a covered dish. The club members furnished the turkey, dressing, paper goods and tea. Approximately 180-200 happy and hungry guest attended, with a good time had by all.



Back Row L-R: Chery (Lowrey) Walker, Mary Lowrey, Linda Lowrey, Gayle Magee, Charlene Revels. Front Row L-R: Reta Wills, Bonnie Wolfe, Joyce Hughes

SPRING FLING TIME IN HAMILTON COUNTY

Linda Pledger

As I write, winter is back in Hamilton County. It was quite a surprise to the daffodils that are blooming and the winter garden that has been holding on to the spring days that have blessed us this winter. Despite the weather, Hamilton County is moving forward with plans for the annual Spring Fling which is scheduled for March 11.

This year the Fling will be at St. John's on Route 22 in Hamilton. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and for \$10 vendors will be on hand for you to check out their offerings of unique craftsmanship, for what's new in spring fashions and the always popular baked goods. There will be speakers on hand throughout the day, a silent auction and the always delicious Salad Luncheon. Hope to see you there.

This is also the time of year that scholarships come to the forefront of everyone's mind. The seniors in Hamilton and Hico districts are encouraged to present applications for their continuing education for the money the association has raised during the year. It is always a privilege to help these deserving students in their educational pursuits.

We, in Hamilton County, continue to uphold the Mission of TEEA and strengthen and enrich our families through education.

BELL COUNTY NEWS

Polly Ellizondo

District 8 Fall Leadership Training was held November 13th in Covington. Forty eight members from District 8 attended with two agents and one visitor in attendance. Dr. Donald Kelm, District Extension Administrator from Stephenville, attended and presented certificates of appreciation to each county chair for participation in the Pot Holder project. A national convention of county agents was held in San Antonio and with the help of each county's EEA members, each attendee received a hand-made pot holder in the shape of the State of Texas.

The program at the meeting in Covington was presented by Jackie McLaughlin, Bell County Family and Community Health Agent. Jackie's topic was "4-H

and You."

She talked about what 4-H is, its history, learning opportunities, volunteers, programs and projects, where TEEA fits in with 4-H, and more.

Hill County members are pictured below.



Left, Dana Wilson and Patsy Kelso, Treasurer



Irma Green, Hill County Secretary."

NOONTIME EE CLUB FEEDS THE HUNGRY

Charlotte Watson

Members of the Noontime EE Club are holding breakfast bars they donated to the Backpack Buddy Program in Georgetown. Their donation of 132 breakfast bars will be going into kits prepared by BPBP volunteers and delivered to qualifying students at Tippit Middle School. BPBP kits are taken home each Friday by students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The goal is to ensure they will not go hungry on the weekends and thus will return to school on Monday more ready to learn.



LEON COUNTY EEA INSTALLED 2018-2020 OFFICERS

Michaelene Perry

On September 26 the Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) met for their monthly meeting at the Annex Building in Centerville, 3rd floor conference room. Along with the business meeting LEEA had installation of new officers for the upcoming term (2018-2020).

Amy Smith of Citizens Bank honored us with a fun and interesting installation ceremony. Incoming officers are: Gail Huffine, County Chairperson, Martie Hanson, Vice County Chairperson, Donna Barrilleaux, Secretary, Helen Torrance, Treasurer and Michaelene Perry, Reporter. We wish them well and have high expectations to have our organization grow in Leon County where we have five EE Clubs - Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood.



L-R—Amy Smith, Citizens Bank, Gail Huffine, Normangee EE, Martie Hanson, Oakwood EE, Helen Torrance, Leona-Centerville EE, Donna Barrilleaux, Buffalo EE. (Missing is Michaelene Perry, Jewett EE)

Age may wrinkle the face, but lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

~Danish Proverb

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EEA ENJOYS FIELD TRIP

Charlotte Watson

The Williamson County Extension Education Association enjoyed a field trip to Taylor recently. First, the group of 29 toured CBE, Choice Bagging Equipment. It was interesting to see how they make specially designed bag filling equipment for companies that fill bags with their own products.

After a delicious lunch at

Southern Hospitality, the group toured Granite Publications. They print newspapers and news magazines for several small towns.

How exciting to watch the printing process with the presses running at full speed, plus watching the automated stuffing of fliers inside the newspapers.



Choice Bagging Equipment



Granite Publications

NOONTIME'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Noontime EE Club Member, Charlotte Watson, proudly holds the certificate she was recently awarded as Noontime's Club Volunteer of the Year. Watson was honored to be selected by her fellow club members. Watson contributes to her club's success by writing their monthly newsletter, coordinating their monthly community projects, writing club news articles and submitting with photos for The TEEA Messenger, and participating in county EE activities and events. She is a charter member of the Noontime EE Club and has been a member of the Williamson County EE Association for 38 years.



BELL COUNTY NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Bell Extension Education Association has set March 16 at 11:00 a.m. for our annual fund raiser, "Luncheon with Style." There is a new location this year. It will be held at the Temple College Pavilion. The address is 116 E. Marvin R Felder, Temple, College 76504. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available by calling 254-985-0145, 254-913-7111, or 254-931-4034. Tickets are available for purchase for a drawing for a beautiful hand-made quilt made by members, Joe Ann Smith and Lora Blacklock. See the flyers below for details or call 254-742-5431 with questions.




BELL EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

14th Annual Luncheon & Style Show

Step In to Spring with Style



Saturday,
 March 10, 2019
 at 11 A.M.
 Temple College Foundation
 East Campus
 Temple, Texas

FASHIONS BY:

Cochran, Blair & Potts
 SINCE 1909

Tickets available through:
 BEEA Member _____
 Or Bell County Extension Office
 1605 N. Main, Room 102
 Belton, TX 76513
 254-933-5305

Tickets:
 \$15
 Under age 5—FREE
 Ticket Deadline:
 Monday, March 11, 2019

BENEFITS BELL COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS & BEEA

The members of the Bell County 4-H Extension Association are responsible for preparing and submitting applications for consideration for the awarding of the scholarship. The deadline for the submission of applications is March 1, 2019. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who has the highest score on the application. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who has the highest score on the application. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who has the highest score on the application.




Queen Size Quilt

Crazy Eight pattern

BELL EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



Tickets: \$1- each or 6 for \$5.00
 Drawing to be held: March 16, 2019
 Temple College Davilion
 At the BEEA "Luncheon with Style" Show

Tickets available from BEEA Member: _____ or
 The Bell County Extension Office:
 1605 N. Main, Room 102, Belton - 264-933-6305

BENEFITS BELL COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS & BEEA

"Need not be present to win"

The members of Texas 4-H® AgLife will provide equal opportunities to agents and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity, and all other factors for equal employment opportunities throughout Texas. BEEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, contact the County Extension Office of Texas 4-H.

**NOONTIME EE CLUB DOES
THE “DO, RAE, ME, CHA,
CHA, CHA!”**

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club members are shown here enjoying the movements demonstrated by Noontime President, Becky Lycan, who attended the state

convention educational Workshop, "Do-Rae-Me-Cha-Cha-Cha." The goals of this conference were dance and music therapy is for everyone. Club members enjoyed the music-and-movement. They laughed at themselves and other club members as they all moved to the music. Noontime schedules all of the educational workshop programs during the year so they can learn from what the delegates learn at state convention. Keeping on moving keeps a person from getting old!



LEON COUNTY EEA ATTENDS FALL TRAINING

Michaelene Perry

Leon County EE members traveled to Covington, for the TEEA District 8 Leadership Training on November 13. TEEA State President, Nyanza Price, along with Clara Jones, TEEA 2nd Vice President for Programs were present with District 8 Director Laurie Veatch, Judy Hutchinson, District 8 Director-Elect and Mamie Bell, District 8 Expansion Chairperson representing Leon County quite well.

Each of the Leon County members who attended stated the training was one of the best ever and many brought back valuable information to share with each of the five clubs: Bufalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normandee and Oakwood.



Gail Huffine received the Certificate of Appreciation for Leon EEA participation with the Texas Potholders for the FCH 2018 convention. Certificate presented by Dr. Donald Kelm, District 8 Extension Administrator over the agents. Each FCH participant received one as a "take home" gift.



Leon EEA members during the program sessions from lt. to rt.: Kathy Counts, J.P. Borah, Mary Greer and Gail Huffine, County Chairperson of Normangee EEC; Celia Bell, Donna Warren and Mamie Bell, District 8 Secretary of Jewett EEC.



Nyanza Price, TEEA State President, Lavern Manning, Martie Hanson and Barbara Kloes of Oakwood EEC; Clara Jones, TEEA State 2nd Vice President for Programs, Pat Ferguson, Lora Nichols and Helen Torrance, Leona-Centerville EEC.

NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, serves their community in a variety of ways throughout the year. Members here are holding many of the fifteen plus stuffed animals they donated recently to the Georgetown Police Department's Victim's Assistance Department. Police carry the stuffed animals around in their patrol cars in case they are called out for a wreck or a family disturbance where a child is involved. They give the stuffed animals to the child to help them deal with what's happening. It's one great way Noontime partners with entities in their community to serve children and families.



LEON EEA PARTICIPATES IN COUNTY HEALTH FAIR

Michaelene Perry

On September 25, Leon Extension Education Association (EEA) members participated in the annual Leon County Health Fair at the Leon Expo Center in Buffalo, along with the Leon AgriLife staff and Leon County volunteers.

Multiple vendors provided health tips, medical and community services and information, and influenza vaccine to the community at large. The area sixth and ninth graders from all the Leon County schools attended and had educational gatherings where they rotated to booths. Attendees could participate in “hands on” basics of CPR, reasons for using seat belts and avoiding drinking while driving, appropriate safety when riding in a car, and safety around work, play and farm animals, as well as many other health related topics. The students learned valuable lessons at each of the booths and gathered healthy living tips.

The adult community also participated in fact-gathering of healthy information on hearing loss, vision difficulties, hospice and home care services, child and adult protective services in our area and many more pertinent issues to assist in creating a potentially long, healthy life.

Thanks for all 5 Leon EE clubs
for the assistance with this im-
portant annual event.



Pat Ferguson, Linda Van Ness,
Ginger Stehr and Barbara Hickman



Students and the seat belt demonstration machine



Demonstration of emergency care



Workforce Solutions vendor table

LEON COUNTY HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND TOY DRIVE

Michaelene Perry

On December 11, 2018 the Leon EEA club members met at the Stewart Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Buffalo for their annual Christmas celebration and Toy Drive for the Leon County Child Protective Services. There were over 70 members and guest who celebrated the holiday season.

Gail Huffine, Leon EEA County Chair, was mistress of ceremonies. Recognition was given to special members/guests TEEA State officers: Nyanza Price President, Clara Jones 2nd Vice President for Programs, Laurie Veatch District 8 Director, and Judy Hutchison District 8 Director-Elect. A very special member was celebrated at the event: Ella Mae Oxford, Normangee EE club who is 96 years old and still a member of TEEA. She received a standing ovation for her dedication to the organization. Appreciation gifts were presented to the AgriLife staff: Richard Parrish, Ag-Agent, JoFran Edwards, Office Manager and Laura Petty, FCH Agent.

This annual party is also one of our fundraising projects by having a silent auction. Thanks to all donors who helped make this auction one of the most successful auctions. We raised

\$1196 for our future activities and 4-H scholarships in the Leon community.

Our entertainment was given by Cheryl Loftin who has been a lifelong friend of Donna Ellis of the Jewett EE club. She not only directed the "sing along" portion of Christmas carols, but also performed inspiring melodies for the season. Following her program, we enjoyed a buffet potluck luncheon and if you went home hungry, it wasn't the fault of the wonderful cooks in our group of members.



Ella Mae Oxford, 96 years old and still an active member of the Normangee EE club on the far right in foreground



TEEA District 8 Director Laurie Veatch, TEEA State 2nd Vice President for Programs Clara Jones, TEEA State President Nyanza Price and Leon County Chair, Gail Huffine



AgriLife staff starting 2019 are Richard Parrish, Ag Agent, Laura Petty, FCH Agent, JoFran Edwards, Office Manager and Cassie Ferguson, 4-H and Youth Agent



Participants with sing-along entertainment

DISTRICT 9

DISTRICT 9 NEWS

D'Ann White
District Director

I just have to say that being a District Director was not even close to what I had imagined! It has been challenging at times, what with juggling forms and paperwork, as well as making sure deadlines have been met, but it has been extremely rewarding. I know this is only my first year, and I trust that next year will be even easier. However, I have to tell you that I really sweated the Fall Training, wondering if I had prepared enough for the time allotted, had sufficient information for the counties, and if what I planned was interesting enough to keep from boring everyone to tears. Yet, for all my angst, everything seemed to come together the day of the training. Our fall training was held on November 27 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg. We had great food and an abundance of door prizes. Dianne Gertson, FCH agent from Fort Bend County, brought a program on the True Colors personality test and how to work with others even when personalities conflict. I want to extend a huge thank you to Fort Bend County for all of their hard work in making the fall training such a success. I received quite a few ideas that I hope to incorporate for next year's training, and hope to make it even better!

Our spring conference will be held March 26 at the Burleson County Expo Center in Caldwell.

SNOOK EE CLUB NEWS

Karen Gaas

Peachie Burlin, Snook EEA Club member, quilted a beautiful table cover for the Burleson County Council. This table cover will be displayed and used at all EEA functions.



JEFFERSON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Claudine Hare

On December 7, the Port Neches EE Club members again hosted the Fedders Center clients at our Christmas party held in the great room of the Methodist Church where the club meetings are held. The party area was surrounded by tents, part of the church's nativity celebration. This certainly added to the atmosphere. Entertainment was provided by the church's preschool children singing "Happy Birthday Jesus." In addition to the children's singing, Denise Frantz provided the photo booth and all clients had their pictures made and were able to take their pictures home. The Fedders Center clients were given gift cards, the Center was given a \$200.00 check and the church was given a \$300.00 check in appreciation for providing a regular meeting place for the club meetings. A meal was provided by the club members and Merry Christmas was wished to all. Twelve members were present although some had left before our picture was taken.



Back Row L-R: Claudine Hare, Karen Mills, Katherine Richards, Toby Ash, Denise Frantz. Front Row L-R: Amy Boneau, Mary Tomplait, Renella Primeau

LEE COUNTY NEWS

Lucy Torn

Early on the morning of December 11, the Lee County FCH Agent made a sweep thru Lee County and picked up 16 individuals in a white passenger van. They were headed to Blanco to enjoy the day. The first stop was at a drive thru Safari. It was cold on the wagon ride but the animals didn't mind. They still wanted to visit. We then headed to The Bowling Alley Cafe in Blanco. We enjoyed a great lunch there, and the atmosphere was

fantastic. Later we attended The Buggy Museum and surrounding grounds. This was off the map in what they had to offer. Afterwards we went to Gruene, where we enjoyed a little shopping time and later our night meal at a great restaurant there. After eating, we headed home to drive thru an "out of this world" display of Christmas lights. Words can't even touch how beautiful this drive thru park was. A good time was had by all. And I might add that as we traveled, goodies were given away to everyone to enjoy.

JEFFERSON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Claudine Hare
After the December 11 JEEA meeting, members shared refreshments and visiting to usher in the Christmas season. Members provided snacks and were joined by Paula Tacker, Extension Agent and her intern. All were dismissed to enjoy the season and return for the January association meeting



Karen Mills, Martha Landrio, Jessie Hodge, County Chair, Ora Guillory, Visitor, Mary Harris, Joyrita Guillory..



Mary Tomplait, Renella Primeaux, Sue Jones, Paula Tacker, Extension Agent, Nikita Harris, Denise Frantz. Cora Wiggins, Gloria Williams, Claudine Hare

BRAZORIA COUNTY EEA HOLDS CHRISTMAS AWARDS BANQUET

Toni Tax
Our annual Christmas Awards Banquet was held on December 3, in our building at the fair-grounds.

We had a great speaker from the Women's Center. We played games and had a gift exchange. We gave out awards for perfect attendance, years of service, most volunteer hours, member of the year (our member of the year gets forwarded to district for consideration of the Texas Treasure Award) and leadership.

The Member of the Year was Dawn Gemmill and I was proud to present the Leadership Award to Kathy Wise. We had a great meal, fun and fellowship.



SNOOK EE CLUB SPREADS CHRISTMAS CHEER TO SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Karen Gaas
Snook EE Club made Christmas Cookie bags for the Burleson County Senior Citizen Center and definitely spread the cheer when they delivered them.



BRAZORIA COUNTY TEEA WEEK 2018

Toni Tax
TEEA Week kicked off with a Commissioners Court proclamation by the County Judge, Matt Sebesta and all the County Commissioners in attendance along with several Brazoria County Association members.



SNOOK EE CLUB NEWS

Karen Gaas
Snook EE club judges Snook area Christmas decorations during their annual Christmas Lighting contest. Judges were: Analeise Gautreaux, Kennedy Withem, Dakota Kienow, Patsy Schubert, Diana See and Karen Gaas.

Winners were selected from residents and a business in the Snook area.



BURLESON COUNTY EEA HOLDS MEETING

Karen Gaas
The January meeting of the Burleson County Council was well attended. Members from the Snook EE and Lyons EE clubs were in attendance to discuss the District EEA Conference to be held in Burleson County on March 26 and other events.



MCDAD EEE CLUB NEWS

Candace Sandefur
Our November meeting was postponed a week to November 28th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The McDade EE Club hosted Bingo at the Golden Years Retirement & Nursing Home in Elgin, on November 30. There were prizes for all participants, along with refreshments.

Our annual Christmas party was held December 12. A potluck lunch was enjoyed by all. There was a gift exchange, games and a white elephant exchange. The day was spent in fellowship with all members of our club.

The January 16 meeting was

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"A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure."

a planning meeting for our Achievement Day which was held February 4. Members were encouraged to enter. All members were requested to help set up for the event on Sunday, January 3 and clean up after the event.

The McDade EE Club has an exciting year planned for 2019 with the District 10 Spring Conference, March 19 in San Marcos and the State Conference in September.

CALDWELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

Sharon Nitz

Lockhart and Glenvoir EEA members enjoyed a great day trip in November. First stop was Lavendar Fields in Luling, where members shopped for gifts from handmade lavender soaps and shampoos to lavender chocolate bars and cookies. Next stop was Flatonia for a delicious lunch at Robert's Steakhouse and then on to Schulenburg for a tour of the Stangle Model Aircraft Museum.



Luling EEA hosted the county Christmas party with a great turnout of members and guests. A potluck lunch was enjoyed along with lots of door prizes. Funds for a monetary donation were collected and given to Pegasus School in Lockhart.

Luling Club member Sandra Simi challenged our artistic skills with a fun game. Christmas readings and songs made the party even more special.



GILLESPIE COUNTY EEA NEWS

Helen Usener

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018 a number of Pilot Knob EE Club members traveled to Castroville to attend the Medina County Women's Conference as their fall tour. They enjoyed listening to and learning from the interesting speakers, shopping from the different vendors, and checking out the raffle and silent auction items. The next day some of the members traveled to Llano to enjoy the Llano EEA Ham and Bean Lunch and enjoyed shopping their country store.

On Friday, October 12, Pilot Knob EE Club member Alicia Frantzen presented the TEEA program Rice: The Great & Healthy Grain to the club members.



Several of our members judged the county 4-H food show and 4-H quiz bowl later in October.

On November 1 several of our members got together to work on sewing together quilt pieces that were donated to our club. The club is planning to sell chances on the quilt to help raise money for the 4-H scholarships. Martha Crawford TEEA member from Runnels County presented her Chocolate program to our members on November 9. We all enjoyed learning how to make chocolate for gifts.



On December 10, some of our members gathered to wrap gifts for the children of the two Hill Country Needs Council families. Two of our members had purchased the gifts with money donated by our members throughout the year. Some money was also used toward the families' utility bills. Our members also selected suggested household items which were also donated to the families. All items were delivered to the Hill Country Needs Council on December 12.



Pilot Knob members gather on December 14 to enjoy their wonderful Christmas covered dish meal, the fellowship, Christmas readings, and singing Christmas Carols accompanied by Annabel Wilkinson playing her accordion. New member Rhonda Schaeffer and her grandson also enjoyed the activities. 2019 officers Helen Usener, historian; Annabel Wilkinson, vice chairman; Corine Klose, secretary; Sharon Kott, chairman; and Alicia Frantzen, treasurer; were installed.



January 11 some of our members gathered again to work on the quilt. Sergeant Brian Vorauer of the Fredericksburg Police Department presented the very informative program CRASE – Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event on January 18.



Gillespie EEA extends an invitation to attend our Spring Scholarship Luncheon to be held on Thursday, March 28 at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall located on the corner of East San Antonio Street and South Adams Street in Fredericksburg. Serving will be from 11:00 to 1:00.

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EEA-"SUMMER FUN CULTURAL ARTS WORKSHOP!"

Michelle Allen

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service sponsored a cultural arts opportunity for its members and friends to paint the summer heat away. Deborah Kollmann of West End EEA instructed and hosted the event at the Extension Office. At the end of the workshop, each member left with a barn quilt block painting to enjoy. If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Allen, County Extension Agent -Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything."

WASHINGTON COUNTY EE NEWS

Judith Finke

Recently members of the WEEA presented the Commissioner's Court with baskets of homemade breads, candy, cookies, jellies, and handmade items in recognition of Extension Education Week and a check for \$90,065 representing the value of the volunteer hours donated by EEA members in the county. The Commissioners Court declared October 7-13 as Texas Extension Education Week.



Judith Finke, Sharon Stolz, Edna Schroeder, Daulene Hopmann, County Judge John Brieden, County Chair Kathleen Flick, Michele Daniels, and County CEA/FCH Agent Hannah Krebs.

TAITON EXTENSION EDUCATION CLUB HEARS CRASE PROGRAM

Olivia McDonald

Wharton County Sheriff Shannon Srubar presented a program based on CRASE---- Civilian Response to Active Shooting Events to the Taiton Club--a program that had been presented at the Texas State Extension Education Conference in Abilene last September. He suggested that one should always be aware of one's surroundings, noting all exits in the public places you enter. RUN, HIDE, CONFRONT are the three things one can do. First run, if you can, second hide when possible and thirdly confront only as a last resort.

Community service projects of the last quarter included donations to Manna Meals, 4-H Food Show, CASA, Alzheimer's Association, Hospice, Community Thanksgiving Dinner and canned goods for the Blessing Cup.

"Be careful with your words. Once said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten."

2018 AUSTIN COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET AND OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Judy Schulz

On Sunday, August 19, EEA (Texas Extension Education Association) hosted the 2018 Austin County Awards Banquet and Officer Installation Ceremony. The event was hosted by the North Austin County EEA Club at the St. Paul Lutheran Church near Brenham. The members chose a patriotic theme for the event. Members hosting the event were Jessie Kokemore, Ellen Henske, Sheila Howard, Vernice Kokemor, Knellen Quinteros, Malinda Schramm, Mary Smentek and Delores Winkelmann. Texas A&M AgriLife of Austin County had the privilege of recognizing several of TEEA's outstanding members at the Annual Awards Ceremony. Members receiving honors at the banquet were: Barbara Brown (35 years), Gladys Frank (35 years), Patty McAlexander (35 years), Evelyn Wilke (35 years), Ida Mae Reddick (30 years), Pat Allee (1 year) and Danita Schovajsa (1 year). The event will be held once again in conjunction with the Progressive Dinner. In addition, the following members were installed as EEA officers in Austin County for 2018-2019: Knellen Quinteros - President; Karen Landrum - 1st Vice President; Debra Kollman - Recording Secretary; Doris Glenwinkel - Treasurer; Judy Schulz - Corresponding Secretary; Gladys Frank - Reporter/Historian; and Jessie Kokemor - Parliamentarian. Congratulations everyone and we look forward to another phenomenal year!

AUSTIN COUNTY EEA RECEIVES ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE PROGRAM CRASE - Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

Michelle Allen

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service had the opportunity to host an educational program which focused on how to react when faced with an active shooter. The program was instructed by Michael Macha from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. His informative program instructed participants on how to act in the face of danger. He left

42 participants with only three words to remember to recap his presentation... Run, Hide and Fight! The presentation, without a doubt, informed the participants on what to do when it counts. Special thanks to the members of EEA for bringing this very needed educational opportunity to the citizens of Austin County.

If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Allen, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences at (979) 865-2072. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



WASHINGTON EXTENSION EDUCATION NEWS

Judith Finke

"Play It Safe" was the Achievement Day theme for the 2019 Washington Extension Education Association at the Event Center Tuesday, February 12. Tables were decorated with playful children's "safe" toys. Washington County Sheriff, Otto Hanak, spoke on "Safety in Our Community" and stressed the handling of scam calls, identifying gas pump scams, recognizing the influence of drug use in our county as Highway 290 continues to move the "Big Town" closer. In the question and answer session he addressed the cloverleaf issue and drivers (including law enforcement vehicles) driving without headlights especially in the foggy condition. Kevin Deramus, Washington County EMS, told the group how the "The Advanced Community Paramedicine Program in Washington County" provides education to the community to reduce the incidence of those known to benefit from medical monitoring, ensure paramedic service for

those with critical level needs and reduce the usage of 9-1-1 recurrent callers.

Suzanne Kessler served as Chair of the Achievement Day Committee for the event. Committee members included Diane Ashorn, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Michele Daniels, Edith Erwin, Judith Finke, Patricia Graves, Joanne Guard, Mary Lister and Betty Rudloff.

Kathleen Flick, WEEA Chair and Kessler welcomed the group, led the pledges and introduced guests including John and Terry Brieden. Door prizes and the singing of the Extension song kept the flow from session to session. Hannah Krebs, County CEA, provided graphic programs and power point slides. Patricia Graves gave the invocation and Gary Goebel Catering served a delicious lunch, while committee members provided breakfast finger foods and valentine cookies for dessert.

During the Awards presentations, High Point Fair Exhibitor was Diane Ashorn. Outstanding Club Members for the year were After Five-Diane Ashorn; Greenville-Jeanell Dallmeyer; Lunch and Learn-Michele Daniels and William Penn-Edna Schroeder.

Awards for Most Volunteer Hours were After Five-Pam Bode; Greenville-Jeanell Dallmeyer; Lunch and Learn-Clara Martin and William Penn-Edna Schroeder. Outstanding Club (based on Pro-rata) was After Five.

Membership Awards presented were 25 years-Amanda Hafer & Edith Lehmann; 30 years-Vera Jean Klausmeyer, Billie J. Blackshire and Dorothy Wilburn. The Lunch and Learn Club also received a 30-year award. In the Cultural Arts Competition, blue and red ribbons were presented to the first and second place participants. These will advance to the district level at the Spring EEA Conference in El Campo April 10. Serving as judges were: Gladys Avis, Kathy Fuchs and Janis Mueller. Members who will advance are: Afghans, Tablecloths, Bedspreads, Blankets, and Throws — knitted, crocheted, and weaving -1st Barbara Wise, 2nd Betty Vierus; Craft Painting — tole and decorative, stenciling — 1st Barbara Wise; Fabric Creations — (must be

made of fabric) -1st Suzanne Kessler, 2nd Louise Newman; Fiber Arts crocheting, knitting, tatting, macrame, and spinning —1st Barbara Wise, 2nd Louise Newman; Garments and Accessories Handmade -sewing - 1st Suzanne Kessler, 2nd Valeria Mueller; Handstitchery — needlepoint, crewel, embroidery, candlewicking, smocking, and counted cross stitch-1st Nelda Muehlbrad; Machine Embroidery — 1st -Suzanne Kessler; Holiday Decoration — any holiday, any medium-1st Louise Newman, 2nd Pat Graves; Jewelry — 1st Judith Finke, 2nd place Cindy Lyles; Paper — may include note cards 1st Lee Ehrling, 2nd Barbara Wise; Traditional Scrapbooks (handmade) - 1st Judith Finke, 2nd Barbara Wise; Photography — photo paper — black and white-1st Judith Finke, 2nd Cindy Lyles; Photography — photo paper-1st Cindy Lyles, 2nd Diane Ashorn; Photography — any other medium 1st Judith Finke, 2nd Diane Ashorn; Quilts — smaller than 50 x 70 — Hand Quilted- 1st Jeanette Schwartz; Quilts — larger than 50 x 70 — Hand Quilted -1st Jeanette Schwartz; Quilts — smaller than 50 x 70 — Machine Quilted-1st Suzanne Kessler, 2nd Barbara Wise; Recycled Items — any medium 1st Barbara Wise, 2nd Judith Finke; Wall Hanging — any medium 1st Barbara Wise; Miscellaneous-1st Suzanne Kessler, 2nd Cindy Lyles.



1st 2019-back row: Judith Finke, Suzanne Kessler, Jeanette Schwartz, Barbara Wise, and Lee Ehrling, front row: Nelda Muehlbrad, Louise Newman and Cindy Lyles.



2nd 2019 -back row-Judith Finke, Barbara Wise, Cindy Lyles and Diane Ashorn. front row Pat Graves, Louise Newman and Valeria Mueller

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KLEBERG EEA NEWS

Marsha Miller

The Kingsville Club memers are busy helping with the Kingsville-Kennedy Junior Livestock Show. We are in charge of the judges luncheon and help in many ways.

We had a planning meeting with the Hidalgo County EEA, Rainbow EE Club, regarding our Spring Conference to be held in Kingsville this year. We are also making plans with our sister clubs for the State Conference to be held in San Marcos in September. Districts 10 and 12 are host districts this year and have major responsibilities. District 12 is in charge of the Country Store and will also be giving an Early Bird workshop and an Optional workshop. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

In Memory

Sandy Hurst - Greenville - Hunt Co. - D4
Lucille Hobbs - Smith Co. - D5
Lucille Adams - Bethel - Burnet Co. - D7
Myrna Allred - Abilene - Jones Co. - D7
Louise Barefoot - Lampasas - Lampasas Co. - D7
Alice Diener - Lott - Bell Co. - D8
Jane Patrick - Covington - Hill Co. D8

The Train



At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, **I thank you** for being one of the passengers on my train.

I had a little space left and couldn't help but share this wonderful email someone sent me sometime back. I wish I could remember who so I could give them credit, but hope you will find it as inspiring as I have.

Lela G. Goar

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Jeanell Dallmeyer-Greenvine and Edna Schroeder-Wm Penn (not pictured-Pam Bode After Five and Clara Martin-Lunch and Learn



Outstanding: Diane Ashorn, After Five, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Greenvine, Edna Schroeder, Wm Penn and Michele Daniels-Lunch and Learn.