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"THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

May's board meeting was very busy. It is a wonder how we can accomplish so much in so little time. With all the work that we had to complete, we arrived early to tour the 4-H Brownwood facility. This is where our "Coins for Friendship" campaign dollars are given.

Committees met and finalized some areas. It is still a work in progress.

Our theme for the state conference is *"Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future."* The conference is being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa and Conference Center, 1001 E. McCarty Ln., San Marcos, Texas, 78666, 512 392-6450.

Room Rate - \$159.00 a night (double queens w/sofa bed or king w/sofa bed)

Conference Registration
\$75.00 - Member/Extension staff

\$95.00 - Visitor /Non-Member

\$120.00 - Late Registration

One Day Registration
(Host districts only)

\$30.00 - Tuesday

\$45.00 - Wednesday (Lunch)

Extra Meals

Alumni Luncheon - \$20.00

Banquet - \$30.00

We are excited about the conference and we know you will be, also. We have a special treat for you. The banquet will include the "TEEA EXPLO-

talent from **OUR** very own TEEA members across the state. Districts 2, 7, 8, 9, and 10 will be performing. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.**

Our "Lunch and Learn" will be past presidents and advisor. They have some interesting information to share with you regarding TEEA. You may get an answer to a question you had about TEEA.

Our speaker will be Dr. Mark Faries.

You will enjoy San Marcos because everything is under one roof and the hotel provides breakfast and evening snacks with beverages.

We have candidates for President Elect and Treasurer Elect. You may still elect from the floor, but you must follow the guidelines in the manual. Be sure to refer to the manual. The candidates will provide more information about themselves in this issue. We still need a candidate for First Vice President for Leadership.

Our Educational Chairs are busily preparing for their presentations.

Educational Workshops
"Home Safety"

"Winter Gardening"

"Use It or Lose It"

"Cooking with Pressure"

You will receive more about these in this issue.

Early Bird Workshops

"Judging Home-Preserved Foods"

"Community Service Projects"

Optional Workshops

"Personal Safety"

"Car Fit"

There are also some recommended Bylaws changes to be voted on at the conference. Be sure you read those in this issue and be prepared before arriving at the conference.

Conference Schedule

Tuesday

Registration - 8-11

Page Training - 9-10

Cultural Arts Check-in 8-12

Early Bird Workshops

9-10 and 10:15-11:15

Alumni Luncheon - 11:30-12:30

General Session - 1:00

District Gatherings - 6:30

Wednesday

Board Voting - 7:30-8:00

Delegate Voting - 8:00-8:45

Business Session - 9:00

Lunch and Learn

Workshops

Session 1 - 2:00-3:00

Session 2 - 3:30-4:30

Banquet - 6:00

"TEEA Explosion"

We must all remember that TEEA is a team. We are all team players and it takes all of us to make it work. **RECRUITMENT** is a high priority to keep TEEA going.

In TEEA we honor others with **SERVICE**. "It is the ability to give self (*for example: time, knowledge, resources*) without an attachment to the expectation of reward or recognition.

Working with a consciousness of love (*unselfish giving*)." We are rarely taught

to serve in life. We are taught to work. "Service is the act of doing what you love for the sake of doing it." I truly love TEEA. When I recite the pledge, many things come to my mind, mainly **SERVICE**. When you serve, you are not tied to the outcome. You do this because you know that the unique way in which you do what you do will make someone feel good.

"JESUS mastered the art of **SERVICE**. He gave himself for the evolution of others." You may never know how the results of your actions may affect people, but you do this because you love it. Because you have the **"POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."**

Excerpts from ONE DAY MY SOUL JUST OPENED UP by Iyanla Vanzant

Nyanza Price
TEEA State President
2018 - 2020

KAY JACOB

1st VP OF LEADERSHIP

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,
Wow!! What a crazy spring we have had; very little rain. We are really needing some down here in the south. I have been busy being grandma to 10 little Boykin Spaniel puppies. They have all gone to their new homes except three that should go home this weekend. Whew!!!! The temperature is already in the triple digits here, so it is going to be a **HOT** summer.

I hope everyone enjoyed 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 they were and learn what kind of education programs you had.

Friendly reminder that the deadline for the registration for the State Conference is due soon, so please get these into your District Directors. Also, your year-end reports are due soon too. I can't wait until you see all the exciting things we have planned for you!!!! We are continuing to work on the State Conference in San Marcos, and I will be looking forward to seeing everyone there.

It has been a real privilege serving as your 1st Vice-President of Leadership these last two years. If there is anything, I can help anyone with, please feel free to contact me.
HAPPY SUMMER!

CLARA JONES

2nd VP FOR PROGRAMS

As members of TEEA we are all aware that our club work, educational outreach and community service projects are the most integral part of our TEEA activities. Documenting all your club activities is essential for show-casing your county at the 2019 State Conference in San Marcos.

Let me encourage all Club Presidents and County Chairs to complete your annual report documenting all of your yearly activities. The TEEA manual chapter 5 Club and Chapter 6 County will guide you in preparation of the Annual Report and the date it's due. Your District Director will compile your county annual report, and that information will be

used for state recognition of Outstanding Education Program Counties and Outstanding Honor Roll Counties.

I look forward to hearing your county name called at the State Conference.

ANGELA PIERCE STATE SECRETARY

Greetings.

Summer is here, seniors are graduating (high school and college), school is out for the summer, and it is getting hot outside. With summer comes summer things, like pools and barbecues. Please have a fun and safe summer!

State conference is really coming together. District 10, Violet Alexander, and District 12, Dolores Davis, have been working hard on early bird and optional workshops, country store, raffles, decorations, etc. The Educational Chairs have been working on their programs for the conference as well. Please look over these programs in the Messenger and see which ones you would be interested in attending.

The TEEA sales table will be set up as well. Don't forget to stop by and get your TEEA State conference pin for 2019! We do still have pins from previous years, ink pens, Ozark Trail (similar to Yeti) cups with TEEA decal on side, and other pins also. It will be open during breaks and closed during the meetings.

Hope to see you at State Conference! Have a safe and fun summer, and safe travels!

BANKER'S NOTES OLA CULWELL STATE TREASURER

Hello everyone. Hope everyone has enjoyed the rain and stayed safe during the storms.

We have just returned from our spring workshop in Brownwood. We accomplished lots working on the State Conference and next year's budget. Everything is shaping up nicely with good programs and early bird workshops. Everything takes place in the hotel at San Marcos, and I know you are going to enjoy these facilities. Looking forward to seeing everyone September 10-11 in San Marcos.

Stay safe and cool this summer.

ALUMNAE NEWS GRACE GLAZE, CHAIR

The scholarship committee has selected six very deserving college students to receive the TEEA Alumnae Scholarships, there were eleven applicants. We were delighted to see so many applicants and so many of the TEEA member's grandchildren. The winners are: Hannah McCrae, District 4 – Jane Leathers Alumnae Scholarship; Reagan Johanna Bills, District 7 – Ruth Taylor Alumnae Scholarship; Emily Phyllis Shimek, District 11 – Bonnie McGee Alumnae Scholarship; Tate Lee Fueche, District 11 – Dr. Judy Warren Alumnae Scholarship; Allen Joseph Grones, District 11 – Immediate Past President Millie Barrow Alumnae Scholarship; Tristan Anthony Frerich, District 11 – Velma Tate and Bobbie Elmore 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 on 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 the San Marcos Embassy Suites Hotel 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 during 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 10, noon, at the Hotel. Your county chairman will have the information for you to register. The lunch menu will be a platter display of different sandwiches with tea and cookie. The Alumnae members are past TEEA board members and the present board.

I attended the May TEEA board meeting. Ruth Taylor a dedicated board member who supported the Alumna passed away last month. If you have news about any of the Alumnae members, please send the information to me. Looking forward to seeing each of you in San Marcos I would love to hear from you if you are not attending the conference.

EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS DISTRICT 10

2 GREAT PROJECTS TO LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS "R" US

**--CHANGES TO NOTE--
PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR
SEWING SCISSORS**

Travis EEA ladies made bibs for a local nursing home at one of their club meetings. They had so much fun cutting and visiting. The facility was so appreciative. They plan to do it yearly. So they will now share with the rest of you. You will be given the pattern and a correct sized towel. Then you have everything you need to teach this as a project for your club. Also learn about the wheelchair ramp project that is available in your area.

"CANNING--CANNING"

Canning has been done for many, many years, but things change over time. The way you canned/preserved foods when you were a kid at home or even 20 years ago are no longer the correct way to do it now. Judging preserved foods at fairs has become tricky. Some believe the jars should be opened and tasted while others believe you should not open and taste. You will hear the truth from a certified instructor, Dr. Jenna Anding, Professor and Extension Nutrition specialist.

Saying a kind word is such a simple thing, and yet it can change a life.

Buffy Andrews

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

"INDOOR WINTER GARDENING" DALE NEVES EDUCATION CHAIR DISTRICT 2

Come learn how to grow plants indoors that can be used in everyday meals.

Learn what supplies you need to create an indoor garden. I'll show you some of the different methods on getting your plants started.

I hope to see you at this workshop! I can't wait to share this information with you!

"HOME SAFETY FOR ALL" JOHNNIE POWELL EDUCATION CHAIR DISTRICT 5

The goal for this workshop is to provide action steps to ensure a safe home environment. Attendees will gain knowledge, comprehension, and application on how to make your home environment safer for you and your family. You will be able to make connections between health, well-being, and the home environment; identify safety hazards in the home and near environment; and what actions you need to take to reduce safety hazards in the home.

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

This program will be presented by Dr. Suzanne Drolesky, assisted by Dr. Judy Warren, retired TEEA advisor. The purpose through chair exercises (and standing as well) is

- To help those with sedentary jobs or habits as well as the aging to gain balance, flexibility and strength for healthier, more enjoyable living.
- To prevent falls.

Since 2003 Dr. Drolesky has been practicing Tai Chi, a Chinese form of exercise that challenges both mentally and physically, promoting balance, flexibility and strength. She began teaching at the Confucius Institute at Texas A&M University in 2010 and has also taught at Brazos Healing Center. Later she began teaching for the Department of Kinesiology at the University where she continues at present.

"COOKING WITH PRESSURE"

This program will be presented by Dr. Connie Sheppard, FCH Agent - Comal County. She will discuss safety concerns of electric pressure cookers, identify desirable features, and how to find/adapt recipes for electric pressure cookers.

OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS (These workshops will be presented twice Wednesday afternoon)

"CAR FIT"

Baylor Scott and White Mature Driving Program will be presenting this program. The focus will be to increase driver safety by making sure your personal vehicle fits you.

"PERSONAL SAFETY AWARENESS & PROTECTION WORKSHOP"

Kay Jacob & D'Ann White
In a world where human trafficking, muggings, and random acts of violence are on the rise, there is a great need for individuals to learn how to be aware of their surroundings and how to protect themselves in the case of a crisis event. This workshop will prepare you for such an event. Easily adapted for a variety of ages and physical or strength limitations, anyone can learn how to escape an attacker. Sixth degree black belt, Bobby Core, from the Lumberton Tiger Rock TaeKwonDo Academy, will be presenting this workshop.



KAY JACOB CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

I, Kay Jacob, am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of President-Elect for Texas Extension Education Association.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am currently serving as First Vice-President of Leadership. I have been on the Board of Directors for eleven years. I started as District Director and worked my way up to State Treasurer. During that time, I have really enjoyed being a leader for this great organization.

I believed in the TEEA Creed and Mission. I enjoy working for the benefit of others and our organization. I am asking for your vote because I want to keep our organization moving forward while working with the Board of Directors and members to make this the best organization ever.

Thank you for your consideration and vote.

Political Ad was paid for by committee representing
Kay Jacob
Candidate for President Elect



REXINE SCARBOROUGH CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER-ELECT

Hello, I am Rexine Scarborough.

During our journey in life, we have to make decisions of how important God, Family, Country, State and Community are in our lives.

I am a third generation TEEA member and was just honored as a 25-year member. With encouragement of my mother, I joined TEEA in 1993. Since then I have held club and county offices, District 9 Director, and State Secretary.

My husband, Jim, and I were married for 54 years. We have two children, along with 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Both of our children received the Gold Star and I Dare You 4-H awards along with county TEEA scholarships.

I live in Montgomery County. Working on several church committees helps me to keep focused on the important issues to help make a better community.

In the community I worked with the sports associations serving on the boards, coaching, and umpiring. Also, as a Girl Scout troop leader and district leader, then switched to 4-H: as a club leader, chaperone to district, state and Brownwood events. Judging for 4-H county and district competitions. I have been working with the Montgomery County Fair for 29 years.

My professional career was that of a legal secretary, human resources and benefit administrator. I started in accounting doing accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, internal auditor, and payroll, reporting directly to the CPA or CFO of the companies I worked for. Enjoying working with numbers has helped me understand how each phase of accounting interacts with the other phases. This knowledge has helped me work with individuals to accomplish goals.

Thank you for your consideration for Treasurer-Elect.

Paid political ad by
Rexine Scarborough

IN MEMORY

Lori Adams - Gilmer - Upshur Co. - D5
Cathy Frost - Bethel EEC - Burnet Co. - D7
Minnie Morrison - Sunshine EEC - Jones Co. - D7
Mary Ann Rhodes - Lampasas Co. - D7
Judy Soloski - Honey Bees - Taylor Co. - D7
Robbie Lucko - Temple - Bell Co. - D8
Betty Chastain - Waco - McLennanCo. - D8
Ruth Taylor - Webster - Jefferson Co. - D9
Darlene Freitag - Bluff Springs - Travis Co. - D10
Jessie Lee Howard - Port Neches EEC - D10

TEEA BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020				
INCOME				
	State Membership Dues		\$33,000	
	Coins For Friendship		5,000	
	Dollars For Scholars		3,000	
	Name Badges		1,000	
	TEEA Sales		1,750	
	State Conference		25,000	
	Interest On Accounts		800	
	Alumnae Silent Auction		2,500	
	State Board Silent Auction		350	
	Transfer from Savings		22,700	
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME			\$95,100	\$95,100
EXPENSES				
4-H SUPPORT				
	Consumer Sciences	500		
	Food & Clothing Program	3600		
	Scholarships	18,000		
	Coins For Friendship	5,000		
	SUB-TOTAL	27100	\$27,100	
STATE CONFERENCE				
	Planning	2,500		
	Conference	30,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		32,500	
SCHOLARSHIPS				
	Adult Career	2,000		
	Alumnae	3,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		5,000	
EDUCATION & TRAINING				
	Education Committee	2,000		
	Fall Board Meeting	6,750		
	Spring Board Meeting	7,250		
	SUB-TOTAL		16,000	
NEWSLETTER	The TEEA Messenger	7,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		7,000	
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE				
	Conciliation/Tax Preparation	300		
	District Directors/Officer Liability Insurance	3,200		
	Parliamentarian	800		
	Printing	200		
	Office Equipment & Supplies	1,000		
	Treasurer/Editor Bonds	650		
	TEEA President's Discretionary Fund	500		
	Other Board Expenses	500		
	State Board Equipment	350		
	SUB-TOTAL	7500	7,500	
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME			\$95,100	\$95,100
May 9, 2019, Ola Culwell, Treasurer				

TEEA BUDGET NARRATIVE October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

INCOME

State Membership Dues - @ \$15.00 X 2200 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

Consumer Sciences Contest	Funds to support the Consumer Sciences Contest at 4-H Round-up.
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 Scholarships	Funds for the 12 4-H scholarships (currently @ \$1,500) 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

<u>The Messenger</u>	Funds to print and mail <i>The Messenger</i> to all members (includes editor's expenses)
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Legal & Administrative

Conciliation/Tax Preparation	Fee for annual reconciliation and tax preparation
District Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance	Liability coverage for directors and officers
Parliamentarian	Expenses for parliamentarian the State Conference and Fall & Spring Board Meetings (if attended)
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 Expense 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	1 st Vice President for Leadership, 2 nd Vice President for Programs, Secretary, Treasurer, 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.

**2019 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TEEA BYLAWS
APPROVED BY THE TEEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 2019
TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2019 STATE CONFERENCE IN SAN MARCOS
IF ADOPTED, THE PROPOSALS WILL TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2019**

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

NOW READS:

A. The President-Elect, First Vice-President of Leadership, Treasurer, and District Directors-Elect 1,3,5,7,9, and 11 shall be elected in odd-numbered years. District Directors-Elect take office as Directors in odd-numbered years, two years after the election, or as needed. The President-Elect takes office as President in even-numbered years.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

A. The President-Elect, First Vice-President of Leadership, and District Directors-Elect 1,3,5,7,9, and 11 shall be elected in odd-numbered years. District Directors-Elect take office as Directors in odd-numbered years, two years after the election, or as needed. The President-Elect takes office as President in even-numbered years.

RATIONALE: With the election of a Treasurer-Elect, we will no longer need to elect a treasurer.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

NOW READS:

B. Second Vice-President for Programs, Secretary, District Directors-Elect 2,4,6,8,10, and 12 and Education Committee Chairs shall be elected in even-numbered years. District Directors-Elect take office as Directors in even-numbered years, two years after their election, or as needed.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

B. Second Vice-President for Programs, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect, District Directors-Elect 2,4,6,8,10, and 12 and Education Committee Chairs shall be elected in even-numbered years. Treasurer-Elect will take office as Treasurer in odd-numbered years. District Directors-Elect take office as Directors in even-numbered years, two years after their election, or as needed.

RATIONALE: Clarification on treasurer-elect position's election and term.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

NOW READS:

C. There is no C in the current bylaws.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

C. In the second year of the Treasurer's term a Treasurer-Elect will be elected.

RATIONALE: By addition.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

NOW READS:

SECTION 3: The President-Elect and Treasurer-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. A Treasurer-Elect shall be elected prior to the last year of the current Treasurer's term.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

SECTION 3: The President-Elect and Treasurer-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.

RATIONALE: By addition.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

NOW READS

SECTION 4: No officer shall be elected to serve more than one term in the same office with the exception of the Treasurer, who may be elected to two consecutive terms.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

SECTION 4: No officer shall be elected to serve more than one term in the same office.

RATIONALE: Clarification of Treasurer's term of office.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

NOW READS:

SECTION 1 - C. A majority vote of the Delegates at the District TEEA Spring Conference at which the election is to be held shall constitute the endorsement of the District. The District Director shall notify in writing the TEEA President of any endorsed candidate by May 1.

SECTION 3. To be eligible for the other state offices, candidate must have served at least one year as an elected or appointed District Director or Education Chair.

SECTION 5. To be eligible for the office of District Director-Elect or District Director, a candidate must have served at least one year as County Chair or Vice Chair.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

SECTION 1 - C. A majority vote of the Delegates at the District TEEA Spring Conference at which the election is to be held shall constitute the endorsement of the District. The endorsement must be signed by the District Director and District Secretary and forwarded to the TEEA President by May 1.

SECTION 3. To be eligible for the other state offices, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the club or county level, or elected or appointed officer at the District level.

SECTION 5. To be eligible for the office of District Director-Elect or District Director, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the club and/or county level.

RATIONALE: To encourage more TEEA members to seek office at the District or State Level.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt.

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

NOW READS:

SECTION 6: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- I. Deliver all funds and records to the successor by December 1.
- J. Forward required file to successor upon completion of the term of office.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

SECTION 6: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- I. Deliver all funds and records to the Treasurer-Elect by December 1.
- J. Forward required file to Treasurer-Elect upon completion of the term of office.

RATIONALE: Define duties of Treasurer-Elect

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt.

NOW READS:

SECTION 8: The duties of the 990 consultant shall be to:

- A. Submit and updated EIN Master List to the IRS annually.
- B. Request from the IRS EINS for new clubs and report invalid EINS to the IRS on Clubs that have dissolved.
- C. Responsible for resolving EIN issues with IRS.
- D. Work with the District Directors to correct any 990N problems.
- E. Attend the Fall Board Meeting.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

REMOVE SECTION 8

RATIONALE: This is an appointed position and should not be included in the Bylaws. It will be placed in the Manual.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt.

ARTICLE XI - DISTRICT DIRECTORS

NOW READS:

SECTION 2. To be eligible for District Director, a candidate must have served as County TEEA Chair or Vice-Chair for at least one year.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

SECTION 2. To be eligible for District Director, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the club and/or county level.

RATIONALE: To encourage more TEEA members to seek office at the district and/or state level.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt.

ARTICLE XII - DISTRICT DIRECTOR-ELECT	
NOW READS:	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
SECTION 2. To be eligible for District Director-Elect, a candidate must have served as County TEEA Chair or Vice-Chair for at least one year.	SECTION 2: To be eligible for District Director-Elect, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the club and/or county level.
RATIONALE: To encourage more TEEA members to serve as an officer at the district and state level. SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt.	

ARTICLE XIII - EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
NOW READS:	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
SECTION 2. To be eligible for Education Committee Chair, a candidate must have served as County TEEA Chair or Vice-Chair for at least one year.	SECTION 2: To be eligible for Education Committee Chair, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the club and/or county level.
RATIONALE: To encourage more TEEA members to serve as an officer at the district and state level. SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt.	



Question - Does anyone know who made this banner and when?
Please let Nyanza Price, State President know if you do.

A pendant like the one below (front & back) is in the TEEA showcase at the Brownwood 4-H Center. Elaine Jackson - District 5 Director found a Cherokee EEA member, Susie Blackmon, whose mother was a TEEA member and passed on the Pendant that TEEA had in 1976. Are any of you familiar with this pendant. If so, please let us know.



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GOLDEN SPREAD
QUILTERS

Sylvia Jordan
Golden Spread Quilters were the featured club at the Ogallala Quilt Festival this past April. We exhibited over 40 quilts, all sizes and patterns made by the ladies from our club. They were so beautiful and well received by all who came to see the exhibit. We also had ribbon winners from the Festival: Charlotte Howard won 3rd place in two-person large quilt category, Vickie Nelson won first place (her first quilt entry) in one person appliqué and Ann Powell won 2nd place in one person appliqué and also won 2nd place in two-person large quilt category. We are so proud to be a part of this wonderful quilt festival every year. One of the highlights of the festival was an exhibit of over 150 quilts of valor made by one quilt club. They will be presented to soldiers from all over the Texas Panhandle in appreciation for their service and sacrifices. We found out in October that our donated String Quilt collected \$735.00 for Behcet's Disease. The winner was Mirta Santos from Rochester, Minnesota. Congratulations!

We had lots of wonderful programs and Saturday Sew Days this past quarter.
For our October program,

Vickie Nelson taught us how to wrap a roll of toilet paper with a square of flannel and using small branch pieces for the stem and leaves, voila, a pumpkin. For November Amy Wagner, our Extension Agent, brought us a program from a book by Martha Morris: *Diet for the Mind*. The diet emphasizes whole plant, greens and berries while limiting red meat and high saturated fat foods. This diet has been proven to preserve your brain from aging just by changing the foods you eat. In December we learned how to make a jelly roll rug. Sylvia Jordan brought us a humorous program on Unexpected Ways to use a Shower Cap in January. We had our two day sew in February and invited Janice Joiner to teach us how to use the Hot flash ruler in making the hunter's Star. March program was taught by Jan Welch. Using clay, we made decorative handles for our seam rippers. Janice Hathaway taught us her ribbon-winning-method of recovering a folding chair. Sylvia Jordan taught us how to prepare T-shirts for a T-shirt quilt and will be teaching her T-shirt quilt technique at our sew day in June.
We brought cookies for the county service project. The cookies are distributed to retirement homes and nursing homes in our area. They are always so appreciated. Our club also did a service project for the 16 single moms who are part of the Buckner's

Home Program. We made reusable shopping bags and stuffed them with all kinds of goodies. These moms are required to work as well as attend classes and include general house work and parenting. You can imagine the full schedule of these precious women. We wanted to do something just for them to enjoy and to give them encouragement. The shopping bags were filled to overflow.

Our new officers were elected and will begin their duties in September. Our President will be Diane Donnell, Vice President Janice Hathaway, Treasurer Tammy Lamberson, Secretary Sandy Beavers and County Delegate Marcie Grabber. We look forward to their leadership and for the new projects and training in the coming months.

As always we invite you to come join us anytime you are in the neighborhood. As you can tell we stay busy and enjoy fellowship, food and sewing.

Till next time, Happy Quilting.

*"If you want to, you could find a million reasons to hate life and be angry at the world.
Or, if you want to, you could find a million reasons to love life and be happy.
Choose wisely."*

HAPPY HOMES EE CLUB NEWS

Lisa Pipkin
Happy Homes Club met on February 5 where members made around 75 Butterfly snack bags for the Manor residents. Our second meeting was cancelled because of snow.

Carrie Bardwell gave an interesting program March 5th over Mardi Gras facts and traditions! She even made a traditional New Orleans King Cake where Fran Duncan found the hidden baby! We were very blessed with a new member, Feathers Combs!

Our county Extension Agent, Jessica Livingston, gave the program on upcoming events in 4-H at the second meeting.

April 2, our new member, Feather Combs, gave a fun program using her Heat Transfer Vynal press! Everyone got to make a little tea towel to take

home! With Easter around the corner, we had some bunnies show up too.



Standing L-R: Carrie Bardwell, Fran Duncan, Feather Combs, Rosetta Barrera, Marianne Pipkin, Lisa Pipkin. Front L-R: Patty Sheppard, Delores Guthrie, Myrna Biggers, Andrea Woolley

The District 1 Spring Conference was on April 11, in Perryton. Hansford County had 22 entries in Cultural Arts! Nine of those won first place! Fran Duncan painting won Best of Show! Congratulations Fran!!



Town and Country was honored with 55-Year Club Recognition!

RANDALL COUNTY TEEA NEWS

Sidona Rogers
On May 9, Randall County, Sunnyhill TEEA, District 1 met for our monthly meeting. Fourteen members of our club toured the new baseball park. It's called Hodgetown, home of the Amarillo Sod Poodles. They are a Double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres in the Texas League. We toured the grounds, Media and Communication rooms. The Fairly Group Club is available to private suites. Matt Hamilton, with the Sod Poodles led the tour. They are working to be an organization geared to promote family

fun and entertainment. It is a beautiful ball park and it was a wonderful tour.



DISTRICT 3

BARBARA SANDLIN-SAMPSON DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR

Wow !!! What a busy & accomplishing week State TEEA Board Meeting was in May at the Texas 4-H Center. It was a SAD & GLAD time for me. Sad because I probably won't be back. It was my last time as a District Director. District 3 will have a new director this fall and I will be 82 years old in October.

Glad because my history there is deep & goes way back. My 4 sons & I sold candy bars as a fund raiser for it in the 70's. I have stayed there 75+ nights. In fact the first night I ever spent away from my husband Wendell Sandlin (except to have his four sons was the Texas 4-H Center.

I have been there in many roles; as District Adult Volunteer Leader, VLAT officer- 1st VP & President, cutting ribbon to officially open (Parker County was in District 4 then.), Springtown HS Band bus driver- chaperone for band camp (1st outside group to stay there), TEEA 4-H Foundation Representative and District 3 Director. All have been wonderful. The 4-H Center has grown so much. From the first 4-H Center Director - Marshall Couch to current Director Mark Carroll they have been super people to know. People I have met there from all over Texas are friendly & great. My memories of the 4-H Center are endless, happy, rewarding & wonderful. (Even flag pole). It was sad to leave last Friday. I felt like I was leaving a friend and a large part of my life.

*"Kindness is not an act.
It's a lifestyle."*

GREENWOOD EE CLUB NEWS

Suzy Willeford

It wouldn't be a Greenwood EE Club meeting without some planning for our big fundraiser, the 22nd Annual Greenwood Fall Festival coming up in October. Pat Thompson showed us a quilt she crocheted to auction; Gerry Galloway has put together a To-Do List and a Quilt Raffle flyer; Marilynn Collins has created quilts for the raffle and silent auction; and sponsors have been enlisted.

Meanwhile, Linda Hood and Agent Tanya Davis attended the district meeting in Vernon March 28 where Marilynn won a first in each of three categories for her Cultural Arts quilt entries, while Joyce Smith's photo won a second place. The GEE Club will be bringing those winners to the State Meeting in San Marcos in September.



The Greenwood EE Club formed a committee to choose this year's scholarship winner. During the May meeting, President Joyce Enis presented 2019 Slidell High School graduate Brady Vanover a certificate for being the Greenwood EE Club's 2019 Wise County 4-H Scholarship winner. His involvement in 4-H, community and school - activities set him above other - applicants. Joyce asked what Brady's favorite subject in school was and he said Biology. The GEE Club scholarship this year amounted to \$2,680.

PARKER COUNTY TEEA NEWS

Kim Smith

On Thursday April 18, the Country Crossroads group of Parker County met at the beautiful home of Antoinette Reed. Nine members were in attendance. We had a wonderful brunch with delicious foods. We also discussed our successful outcome of the Parker County

"Spring Fling".

That event allows our group to award two college scholarships to 4H students in Parker County.



The Springtown Extension Education Club would like for everyone to help us celebrate our 100 Year Anniversary as a club. The party will be Sunday afternoon, August 11, at 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Springtown Senior Citizens Center in Springtown. The address is 1070 N. Main Street in Springtown. North Main is also Highway 51. If you need further directions, call Julia Moseley at 817-220-7759.

The club was organized on September 24, 1919, by the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Myrtle Murry as the Community Welfare Club. The purpose of the club was to make home and community life more attractive. There were eleven charter members.

From the beginning, the club has been involved in many activities. However, during the entire 100 years, almost every phase of work has been covered that is vital to the importance of home, family and community.

The club has continued to be active in the county, district and state organizations. Four of our current members (Ola Culwell, Barbara Sampson, Cita Honeycutt, and Julia Moseley) have served on the State Board. Two of them are serving at this time. Our County AgriLife agent, Kathy Smith, is the granddaughter of one of those eleven charter members.

Think of all the good this club has done. Please come and help us celebrate!!

BOWIE EEA NEWS

Kathy McPeters

In March, members were provided information about the mentor program at Bowie Elementary by counselor Mark Neese. This program shows success in improving reading skills and needs additional volunteers. All club members were encouraged to participate and help children struggling to read on grade level. Later that month, Bowie EEA traveled to Vernon for the Spring Conference and Cultural Arts Competition. Club participants included, Melanie Potter, Donna Roth, Helen Edwards, Jacque Hensell, Mary Whatley, Carla Whitaker, Robin Bowling, Lois Neese, Genine Ringstaff, and Julie Browning. Representing Bowie County at state in Cultural Arts will be Melanie Potter, Helen Edwards, Jacque Hensell, Robin Bowling, Lois Neese, and Donna Roth. We are proud of all our participants and wish those going to state good luck. We are always delighted to showcase their talents.



Genine Ringstaff, Julie Browning, Robin Bowling, Mary Lynn Guedry, Jo McDonald, Carla Whitaker and Melanie Potter enjoying lunch at District 3 Spring Conference

The April program "Do Re Me, Cha, Cha, Cha" was presented by club member Genine Ringstaff. Genine highlighted the role of music and dance in improving both motor and communication skills and reduction in pain and stress levels. Everyone enjoyed the interactive program and shared many examples of how music made an impact in the health and recovery of friends and family.

In May, members were glad to have Sheriff Marshall Thomas speak to the club about the reactivation of the Crime Stoppers Programs for Montague County. This program has been beneficial to alert law enforcement of persons of interest in investigations, yet remaining totally anonymous. The program had been inactive but has shown great

success since its restart in the county. Members were encouraged to be observant of their surroundings and not be fearful to report suspicious activity.

Members continued to Fill the Pantry with monthly canned food contributions for God's Table. Started by First Freewill Baptist Church, this community effort is now joined by many other church groups, organizations and individuals. This ministry feeds the hungry six nights a week serving 45-60 per night. Bowie EEA is proud to join this worthwhile cause.



Robin Bowling, Sheila Schindler, Lois Neese and Mary Lynn Guedry with contributions to God's Table

PARKER COUNTY EEA NEWS

Cita Honeycutt

Parker County EEA had 10 members present at the District 3 Spring Conference held in Vernon, Texas on March 28. District Director, Barbara Sampson, awarded Certificates to Shirley Riebe from Country Crossroads EEC for Texas Treasure Award and Springtown EEC for 100 years as a Club. Springtown plans to hold a Tea on August 11 at Springtown Senior Center from 2:00 to 4:00.



Back row L-R: Julia Moseley, Wanda Lacey Shirley Riebe, LaQuita Gruver, Ola Culwell, Margaret Avery, Linda Whitaker. Front row L-R: Christi Dickey, Cita Honeycutt, Barbara Sampson

*"Love is spoken here.
Joy is chosen here.
Grace is given here."*

DISTRICT 4

DISTRICT 4 EEA NEWS DINAH RAINEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR

District 4 Spring Conference, was held in Gainesville, with the theme, "Medal of Honor." Cooke was the host county and they did an amazing job with red, white and blue flag decorations, fantastic speakers, a visit to the museum and delicious food. A big thank you to Cooke County for a wonderful time. We have several cultural arts going to state conference in September.

May each of you have a safe and healthy summer, and I look forward to seeing you at state in San Marcos.

"I am thankful for my struggle because without it, I wouldn't have stumbled upon my strength."

~ Alexandra Elle

HUNT COUNTY TEEA NEWS

Judy Clingan

Hunt County TEEA celebrated Mary White's 99th birthday. She is a 69 year member and has already paid her dues for next year to make number 70 official. Mary has served in many positions at the local and state levels of TEEA. She has volunteered so many hours we can only imagine the high number. We are all looking forward to celebrating her 100th birthday next year. Congratulations Mary!



We in Hunt County are beginning a new service project soon. We will be making Hospice bears and bears for children at the hospital.

DISTRICT 4 EEA NEWS

April Thompson

District 4 held its annual Spring Meeting and Cultural Arts on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10-11 in Gainesville at the New Life Bible Church. The theme for the meeting was patriotic. Morning refreshments were provided by the host counties. Cooke County Chairman Elouise Lancaster welcomed everyone to the meeting. A troop of American Heritage Girls presented the colors. We were led in the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Kristine Samek gave the devotional based on the song 'Ragged Old Flag' by Johnny Cash.

Roll call was answered by 33 members from Bowie, Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Hunt, Rains, and Tarrant Counties. Andrea Cooley gave a program on poppies. She gave everyone an artificial poppy. She told us the poppy is a symbol of Remembrance or Armistice Day. In the beginning, it represented those soldiers who died in the First World War. The American Legion adopted the poppy to symbolize all those who have given their lives in every conflict. The symbol came from the poem written by John McCrea "In Flanders Field".

Dinah Rainey, District 4 Director, introduced the winner of the Maxcine Guffey Memorial Scholarship. It is Christian Deterick of Denton County. He gave us a demonstration on robotics which was one of his 4-H projects. The winner of the Kay Chastain Scholarship is Morgan Bradshaw from Grayson County.

Lunch was served by Cooke County members. It was a baked potato bar with all the fixings, drinks, and desserts.

Dinah reminded us to pay attention to deadlines. A discussion was made about the district party. We voted not to have ours at the hotel. Coins of Friendship and Dollars for Scholarship were collected. The coins collected were \$48.34 and dollars were \$29.66. Ed Kinter was the auctioneer for the auction. After the auction several of us went to the Morton Museum to hear the Medal of Honor program.

On Thursday we had our demonstrations. Winners of the Cultural Arts were announced. Everyone voted on her/his favorite. Our lunch was barbecue

sandwich, drinks, and desserts. The raffle items were passed out. Collin County members passed out supplies for the workshop which was a decorated styrofoam egg.

The auction netted our district \$345.00 and the raffle brought in \$213.00. Dinah thanked everyone for her/his participation in the district meeting. She also wished everyone a safe trip home.

DISTRICT 5

ELAINE JACKSON DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe that my two years as district director is coming to an end at the close of business on September 30. It has been a learning experience and a pleasure to represent all our members in District 5. We have been working hard with the agents in our district's 22 counties to increase the number of applicants for our two 4-H scholarships. In 2019, we had seven applications an increase of two from 2018. The District 5 4-H scholarships were awarded at our spring conference in March. The first place winner of \$1250 was Jacob Poorman from Upshur County, agent Julie York.



The second place winner of \$750 was Ashleigh Grace Sugg from Rusk County, agent Liz Buckner. Thanks to all our county chairs, clubs, FCH Agents, Shelia Harris and Paula Butler for making my two years of service easy.

CHEROKEE COUNTY NEWS

Marylyn Hoy Bennett

Chili Lunch

Cherokee County TEEA clubs from Central High and

Ponta held a chili lunch fundraiser on February 1 at the Texas A & M Agrilife building in Rusk. Lunch included chili, homemade cornbread, homemade dessert, and drink for only \$5.00. The desserts came from the Dessert Bake-off held earlier in the day. TEEA member winners in the cake baking category were Carolyn Easter in second place for her coconut cake, and third place in the pie baking category was Virginia Barefield for her apple jalapeno pie. Approximately fifty people enjoyed the lunch. Proceeds help provide educational programs to the youth and adults of Cherokee County. This lunch was held in conjunction with the Agrilife Annual Seed Swap, sponsored by the local Master Gardeners.

CRASE Class held in Cherokee County

TEEA clubs Central High and Ponta assisted the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension sponsor a CRASE class in Rusk on March 12, 2019. CRASE stands for "Citizen Response to Active Shooter Event", and this class was presented by DPS Sergeant Jean Dark. The "Avoid, Deny, Defend" strategy was developed in 2004 at Texas State University. The basic premise is to avoid the situation if possible, deny access to one's location, and defend one's life if necessary. Information presented by Sergeant Dark included reviewing video clips of active shooter events as well as understanding the physical effects of stressful situations. Approximately twenty five people attended this presentation held at the Civic Center in Rusk.

District 5 Spring Meeting

"All Aboard the TEEA Train" spring meeting was a resounding success! The decor was designed by Ponta EEA member Susie Blackmon, and consisted of a train ticket window for registration, train track, conductor hat, lantern, and train whistles on each table and a train engine with railroad crossing signals on the stage at the Civic Center in Rusk. The March 19 meeting had 48 members, 15 agents, and 22 guests in attendance representing fifteen counties. Morning refreshments were provided by Central High and Ponta clubs, and a delicious chicken spaghetti lunch was

hand prepared by all the agents. Elaine Jackson, District 5 Director, conducted the meeting. We were honored to have an eight member Cherokee County Marine Corp League present the flags and lead the pledges of allegiance. These men are all veterans and we sincerely thanked them for their service. The welcome address was given by the Honorable Judge Chris Davis of Cherokee County, who has been a long-time supporter of TEEA. The relaxer was a hilarious rendition of "Baby Shark" led by Penny Hunter of Smith County. Entertainment was given by the Cherokee Cloggers, who got everyone's feet moving to the beat. Guest speaker was Sarah Welch, a travel agent from Classic Cruises & Tours in Rusk, who gave us some tips on senior traveling. Scholarship winners were second place Ashley Grace Juggs from Rusk County, and first place went to Jacob Poorman of Upshur County. The Cultural Arts meeting will be held in Tyler on July 19. After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

SMITH COUNTY EEA NEWS

The Wildcat EE Club presented a donation to the Troup Community Food Pantry. From Left to Right - Trey Rousseau, Director; Sherry Smith, Wildcat EE Club President.



DISTRICT 6 PECOS COUNTY TEEA NEWS

Kirby Warnock

Pecos County TEEA Names Diann Warnock as its Woman of the Year

TEEA volunteer Diann Warnock was honored as this year's selection for Pecos County Woman of the Year. In a meeting held at the Sagebrush Café, Diann was presented with her award by last year's winner, Vea Anna Hooker and

Pecos County Extension Agent, **Karan Heffelfinger**. Diann was chosen on the strength of her volunteer work with 4-H clubs throughout Pecos County and her service on the boards of the Pecos County Senior Center, El Buen Vecino (a clothes closet for the underprivileged) and the First Baptist Church Food Bank. She is also a member of the Fort Stockton Garden Club, Fort Stockton Literary Club and currently serves as the Chairman of TEEA. Diann moved to Fort Stockton three years ago and has been active in TEEA since arriving.



Senior Celebration

TEEA District 6 in Fort Stockton held its annual Senior Celebration on May 2. The event serves a free lunch to all attending seniors and hosts booths from several area vendors and healthcare providers. Entertainment was provided by **Piccolo the Clown** (Kathy Keaton) the Therapeutic Clown and Humor Therapist at San Angelo Community Medical Center. After the luncheon, TEEA presented scholarships to two area 4-H youth. This year's recipients were **Shannon Wyerts** and **Zeke Davis**, who was presented the scholarship by last year's winner, **Stacey Jamieson** and **Diann Warnock**. The Senior Celebration is held every year in the first week in May.



"A wise man once said nothing."

Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.

~Aloted Omoba

DISTRICT 7

POLLY KRENEK DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR

Hello to all the District 7 TEEA members and to all the members across the State of Texas. I hope everyone has not had any major damage with this unsettled and very severe weather we are having. I know there have been tornadoes, flooding and some hail. My prayers are for all the ones who have suffered damage and those who have been hurt.

The May Board meeting, as always, is a good time to get to know the members and learn more about our great organization. Next year there will be several new District Directors. Martha Baker from Brown County will be the new District 7 Director. She has been a member for several years and held many offices. She will be a great District Director.

As this is going to be my last few months as the District 7 Director I thank all the members for all your support and help during my two years. This has given me a wonderful opportunity to get to meet members of the district and to put faces with names. Thanks to all of you wonderful members who made items for the County Store, the great baskets and all the help making the State Conference in Abilene a great success.

I am hoping several members will make the journey to San Marcos to participate in the State Conference. This is such a wonderful way to meet other TEEA members and to learn more about the operations of the State TEEA Association.

My challenge for you today is put a BIG SMILE on YOUR FACE, and tell someone new what a great club you have as a TEEA member and invite them to your meeting.

Have a Happy and Safe summer!

DISTRICT 7 EEA NEWS POLLY KRENEK DISTRICT DIRECTOR

"Earth, Wind, Fire and Rain" was the theme for the District 7 Spring Conference and Retreat. It was a fitting theme for the months of April and May. Hopefully, not any fire this summer!

Jones and Lampasas were the host counties for the conference and retreat.

Great job ladies! Randy Turner, Meteorologist from Abilene, gave a weather program that was so fitting for the Texas weather we are having. I heard many ladies said they could have listened to him a lot longer.



Debbie Hailey and Randy Turner

We had so many wonderful entries in the District Cultural Arts contest. Every category, except one, had several entries. A very special thank you to Amie Price, Ollie Ann Baker and Denise Roberts for doing such a great job. Kerry McDonald, a member of the Red Bud Oakalla Club in Burnet County, won the People's Choice award with her beautiful quilted wall hanging.

The Earth, Wind, Fire and Rain fashion show had four entries: Karen DeZarn, Lampasas FCH Agent, was a weather reporter who was caught in a Hurricane; Cherryl Luker was a thunder cloud with a lightning bolt and rain; Arlene Wingo was the forest; Jackie Jenkins was the earth and Glenna Orman was an Australian Cowgirl in the Rain. Cherryl Luker was the winner of the fashion show with the best costume.



Ladies, you are so talented with such an array of painted rocks. They were beautiful and so realistic looking. Thank you, Barbara Shaw for bringing the rocks and being the in charge of the crafts.



During the business meeting a motion was made and voted on to go to a one-day Spring Conference and Retreat. It was also decided to have it in a central location so members do not have travel more than two to two and half hours. The central locations are Runnels, Coleman and Brown Counties. Brown County will be hosting the 2020 Spring Conference. The rotation schedule of host counties is being revised and will soon be available.

The Fall Trainings will still take place in the different host counties around the district. The fall schedule will stay the same.

District 7 4-H scholarship winner is Tate Everett Jones, from Wall High School in Tom Green County. Tate has been a member of the Lone Star 4-H club for 10 years. He is attending Texas A&M University and majoring in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. His preferred career choice is a design engineer. Congratulations to Tate and to all the District 7 County 4-H Scholarship winners.

I hope all the members of District 7 are making plans to attend the State Conference in San Marcos and have made your room reservations. I have heard a brief synopsis of the programs and they are very interesting.

Have a great Summer and I hope to see all of you at the State Conference in September.

My mouth is like a magician's hat. You never know what's gonna come out of it.

BROWN COUNTY EEA NEWS

Sande Jackson

Happy spring everyone!!!! Hope all is well with each of you! It's been a busy spring here in Brown County!! We had our County Cultural Arts on February 7. There were a lot of great items, making the judges work hard to make the placings. May EE Club had 7 first places and 6 second places. While Owens EE Club had 10 first places and 3 second places. Congratulations to Owens EE members: Dale Henderson, Martha Baker, JoAnn White, Ila Edgar, and Sharon Wolsey! Congratulations to May EEA members: Kay Brown, Tiny Sieler, Judy Green, Peggy Bostick, Jean Jaynes, Denece Hubbard, Liz Hardy and Sande Jackson!!

We had a great turn out! Chief Nichols from the Brownwood Police Department, gave a program on K.R.A.S.E. Proved to be very interesting!! If you have a chance to learn about it, DO IT!! We also had a lady with "Damsel in Distress" who gave a program. She had some very good products for protecting yourself! Our entertainment was provided by George Allison, who is a local country singer. I think I may have even seen a few women dancing!!

District Cultural Arts was held on March 26 and 27. So many great items!!! Definitely hard for the judges to place them!! May EE Club ended up with four first places while Owens EE Club had three first places going to State Conference in September. One member from each club had more than one first place ribbon! Congratulations to Judy Green, JoAnn White, Kay Brown and Sande Jackson!!!!

Brown County has an annual "Spud Sale" every spring. April 8th brought a lot of the women from the 3 county clubs together prepping for the spud sale. April 9 and 10 they delivered 620 fully loaded LARGE baked potatoes!!! They come with chili meat, and ALL the fixins!!! Always a great fund raiser!

Now on to May EE Club...the girls have been busy working on the quilt we have up at the clubhouse. February 13 we had our Valentine's Day meeting with Jean Jaynes and Sande Jackson as hostesses. Lots of yummy

goodies!! They also had a program on making jewelry. Everyone was very busy making bracelets and earrings. It appeared they all loved what they made!!

The club, along with the Baptist Church had a women's conference called, "Happiness is a Choice" on March 23. We had 42 guests, 6 singers made up of college and high school girls and 2 speakers. Turned out to be a great conference. They all enjoyed the group sessions and the goody bags along with the planters made from little kids jeans. So cute!!

Club members made and delivered 36 Easter baskets to the local Nursing Home. The patients all were overwhelmed with the baskets. I think it even made the hearts of club members feel pretty good too.

The club is working on having a garage sale on June 7. Jean and Sande have been busy making sun catchers to sell. Jean has been making jewelry as well. These items will be donated to the club as well as 90% of Jean's storage unit!!! She has so much craft making items and other great items she just doesn't have room for anymore since downsizing. The other members have been gathering up items to donate to the garage sale as well. You won't want to miss this garage sale!

I would also like to send my condolences to Dale Henderson, as her son passed away from complications of an illness. Please keep her in your prayers.

Wishing you all a great summer!! Til next time... Stay cool and don't forget that sunscreen!!!

LAKE VICTOR EE CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON "RUN FOR THE ROSES"

This year's Annual Spring Luncheon hosted by the Lake Victor EE Club featured a Kentucky Derby theme, "Run for the Roses." Guests from Burnet and Lampasas counties were to come dressed for the derby with their stick horses. Jane Parker, secretary gave some history of the Kentucky Derby, including the food they usually serve at Derby Events. Club members treated us

to some of the more interesting dishes for our lunch. A great time was had by all attendees, even having our own version of the race using stick horses.

Thanks to all the Lake Victor members for a great day filled with lots of information, good food and fun activities. Each year we always wonder how they can top the last one, but they are absolutely the best at thinking of new ways to surprise us.



TAYLOR COUNTY EEA NEWS

Margie Wheeler

The two Taylor County EE Clubs have been very busy this spring.

The Sunshine Club had a very good program by a Master Gardener on butterflies and hummingbirds. Several of their members attended the District 7 Retreat in March.

The Honey Bees lost a dear friend and member in February. Judy Soloski was also a member at the county and state level. She will be missed by all her friends. To honor her memory, the club made a donation to the Roberta Watters Memorial 4-H scholarship given to a Taylor County 4-H member.

The Honey Bees Club had a spring fling to Fredricksburg. Members toured the herb farm,

had lunch at The Peachtree and then went to Wildseed Farms. They also got to see the beautiful wildflowers along the way.

Honey Bees also held their annual Easter Egg Hunt for area preschoolers, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten for Lawn's Jim Ned Elementary students. Many eggs were hidden and the Easter Bunny (AKA Carolyn Atkins) made an appearance. There were 74 kids and 55 adults present for the hunt.

Carolyn Atkins gave a very good program on the Hobo Quilts from the 2018 State Convention. She has personal experience with hoboos from her childhood.

Several Honey Bees attended the District 7 Retreat in March. Also, two members have cultural arts entries going to state in September.

New association officers were elected at the May meeting: Brenda Camp - Chair, Margie Wheeler - Vice Chair, Connie Adams - Secretary and Sherrell Cauldwell - Treasurer.

State delegates are Margie Wheeler, Connie Adams and Pat Crawford, with Mary Ann Kelley and Gail McMillan as alternates. Programs for next year were also discussed.

LAMPASAS COUNTY EEA NEWS

Arlene Wingo

Rumley club's year started off with several road trips, the first being to Burnet County's "Lunch and Learn" and "Cultural Arts Showcase" held February 6. Eight of our members attended and found the "Human Trafficking" and the "Civilian Response to Active Shooter" programs most interesting. It's amazing to find today's topics of needed information so different from times past.

Our March 7 meeting was "All About Grains" presented by Marilyn May. She and Arlene hosted with grain free foods and members enjoyed the delightful tastes. We also spent time preparing for the upcoming Brownwood Retreat that we co-hosted with Jones County. Several conference calls were held with them because of the distance between the two counties.

The Spring Conference was a success, but not without a lot of work involved. A style show with

participants wearing outfits depicting this theme produced our own Cheryl Luker as winner with her large cloud hat that included sparking lights (for lightning) and falling rain! A silent and live



auction was held each day with cultural arts viewing in a separate room. Our own Marilyn May won a blue ribbon in the art division of pastel pencil drawings and it will go on to the state conference. Karen DeZarn headed up the scavenger hunt and the rock painting workshops. The business meeting focused on a financial review for the district and produced a resolution to have a one-day spring conference next year in a central location. In addition, Martha Baker was elected as District 7 Director-Elect. She will be installed at state meeting.

A road trip to Fredericksburg on April 4 replaced our regular meeting. Those attending really bragged on Mary Kemper for heading up this trip. It included a tour of the National Museum of the Pacific War, and an herb and wildseed farm.

Bloomin' Fest was held April 6 on the square in downtown Lampasas. It is our annual fundraiser and form of recruitment. The day started off with two squall lines of heavy rain, so we didn't set up until noon. It turned out okay with some sun later on.



Lake Victor's annual invitation turned out to be the most fun ever on April 25. Their theme

was "Run for the Roses" and was fashioned after a typical Kentucky derby. Each dish in their meal even had a derby name! Three of our ladies actually won the top races (with their stick horses)... were they ever excited!

Our May 2 meeting was hosted by Shirley Beyer and Gloria Morris. The program, Senior Medicare Patrol, was given by our agent, Karen DeZarn. We selected delegates for State Conference and elected new officers for the next two years. We then had a discussion about our annual County Fair that we host as a community service each year in conjunction with the Spring Ho Festival event.

We welcome new member Ramona Dahl. In addition, we are saddened with the passing of two of our members: Louise Barefoot in January and Mary Rhodes in March.

REDBUD / OAKALLA EE CLUB NEWS

Roberta Eacott

Members of the Redbud/Oakalla EE Club held a workday at the Briggs Community Center for their community service project in the spring. Eleven members and two guests spent the day at the Briggs Community Center. They painted baseboards, painted the frames around chalkboards, glued fabric to a bulletin board, cleaned flower beds, trimmed trees and shrubs, blew off the playground, raked gravel on the playground, and had a good time!!!

Yes, they even discussed the idea of making it an annual event! See evidence below of their handiwork.



JONES COUNTY EEA NEWS

Donna Morgan

Heads-up for the latest news from the Anson Sunshine Club and the Compere Club. Together, we are the **Jones County Extension Education Association (Jones EEA).**

We are focused on local community, district, and state programs. Following are highlights from recent events and upcoming activities:

Welcome Kelli Maeberry! Recently approved for hire by the Jones County Commissioners Court and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, Kelli Maeberry will serve as County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health beginning June 17. Kelli has been a teacher for Christoval ISD since 2009. She and her husband and two children are moving to the county from San Angelo. We are excited to have them and look forward to her joining our Extension team.

Celebrating 10 Years! - The Sunshine Club of Anson was organized in April 2009 when Debbie Hailey was the Jones County EE agent. Now retired from her position, Debbie currently serves as club president and keeps us active and involved. We are grateful to celebrate ten years of alignment with Jones County's 4-H, county fair, community volunteer programs, and support of various community activities.

District 7 Spring Conference/Retreat - "Earth, Wind, Fire, & Rain" was the theme for the conference held March 26-27. Jones and Lampasas counties co-hosted the two day event at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. Many TEEA members enjoyed weather and nature themed festivities, delicious meals, and unique style show.

The Brownwood County Judge extended a warm welcome during the opening ceremony. An area-wide meteorologist and TV weather reporter presented an informative educational talk on how our wild Texas weather forms in the clouds and winds; how rain, hail, high winds and tornadoes are forecasted and reported; all done through strategically placed sophisticated weather alert systems. The lively question/answer session led to many of us sharing memorable, scary, funny, weather/nature stories. Who knew that learning

about weather could be so entertaining!

District officers and delegates conducted a productive afternoon business meeting and election of officers. Then everyone enjoyed cultural arts exhibits, fundraiser auction, door prizes, rock painting, and a delicious supper followed by games and fellowship at The Lodge where we were blessed with a beautiful sunset reflected across the lake.

Pictured in front of a beautiful "Earth Wind, Fire & Rain" themed mural specially created by a talented Anson (Jones County) artist are: Denise Roberts, Barbara Shaw, Donna Morgan, Debbie Hailey, and Carla Vest. The mural was a focal point at the front of the meeting hall and now hangs in the education building of a local Anson church.



2019 TEEA 92nd State Conference – Arrangements are being made for our members to attend the September state conference in beautiful San Marcos. Afterward, we will plan and schedule TEEA presentations from the conference to be given by Jones EEA club members during the upcoming year. We look forward to these programs as an outreach for new members.

2019 Annual Jones County Fair– Plans are underway for the two day 61st celebration of this popular and well attended county fair and 4-H stock show to be held during the third week of September. Jones EEA members and volunteers contribute time and talent toward the **Home & Garden Division** competition. Arts, crafts, quilts, textiles, canned food, baked goodies, vegetables, and plants will be entered in youth and adult categories. Best of Show, first, second, and third place ribbons and prize money will be awarded to deserving winners. We look forward to this event the week after the TEEA state conference.

2020 Multi-County Education Day and Cultural Arts Competition - Fast Forwarding to January 2020, we are planning programs,

meals, and fun activities to be hosted by Jones County EEA in Anson. Members from Coleman, Jones, Runnels, and Taylor counties enjoy combining resources to give state program presentations and to share ideas, and fellowship.

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.

We take this opportunity to **honor the memory of Minnie Morrison** who passed away in April 2019, after a lengthy illness. Minnie was valued as a joyful friend and one of the original Jones EEA Sunshine Club members.

BURNET COUNTY EEA HELPS WITH COUNTY FAIR

The 2019 Burnet County Area Fair is in the books. This year's theme was "Homegrown, Handmade, and Farm Fresh." Nearly 200 exhibitors from Burnet and surrounding area counties entered almost 700 exhibits in 19 different divisions. Each division had a junior youth, senior youth and adult category and the Burnet Community Center was filled to the brim with outstanding exhibits.

Opening ceremonies started the festivities on Friday morning with a variety of patriotic songs by the Hill Country Blenders followed by the presentation of colors by the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Southern Command Color Guard. With the judging done and ribbons placed, visitors were able to enter and enjoy seeing the multitude of exhibits in the different divisions.

After a day of workshops, an awards ceremony was held in the evening for the Best of Division winners, People's Choice and Sweepstakes Awards presented to each age group in the evening.

Saturday was equally as busy with activities for the kids, vendors, a 42 tournament, music from "Rio Rising" (a local group from Bertram), and a street performance by the "Plungettes," followed by a barbecue fundraiser by the 4-H.



DISTRICT 8

DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE

Polly Elizondo

The District 8 Spring Conference was held on April 5 at the First Baptist Church in Eastland. Host counties were Eastland, Hill, Erath, and Hood. Introduction of the County Chairs was done by Laurie Veatch, District 8 Director. Laurie and the County Chairs are pictured below: left to right: Jeanie Harrison, Hamilton; Nancy Urbantke, Bell; Gail Huffine, Leon; Bonnie Wolfe, Erath; Laurie Veatch District 8 Director; Jimmie Zapp, Hill; Barbara Walko, Milam; Betty Hubbard, McLennan; Lillian Black, Williamson; Millie Barrow, Eastland.



A program was presented by Sherinda Barrow, daughter of Millie Barrow, on how to make your home "smart" and why. She discussed how to use your cell phone to connect your garage door, gates, front door, temperature control, etc. All controlled by your cell phone for ease of use and safety. Sherinda is a member of the Morton Valley EE Club and works at Open Options, a security company. She presented new and interesting information for the EEA members.



The Covington Club in Hill was acknowledged with a check for the most new members. Bell

EEA was acknowledged with the most new members for the county. Centerville Club in Leon County has been in existence for 85 years and the Morton Valley Club in Eastland County for 75 years. LaVoyce Daskocil, a member of the Leedale Club in Bell County, has been a member for 20 years. The Geraldine Zimmer Scholarship for \$1,500.00 was awarded to Payton Holcomb from Williamson County.

The "Hop into Spring" theme was beautifully depicted with lovely table decorations and stage decorations. Congratulations to the host counties and those in the program for presenting a successful conference.

ERATH COUNTY NEWS

Doris Threadgill

The Three Way EE Club met in March at the cafeteria in the Three Way School and had Master Gardeners of Erath County, Gloria and Lloyd Lietz, describe better ways of gardening, what soils to start with, and particularly taking soil samples. Each member also received a packet of seeds.

At the end of school in May, the Three Way EE Club provided all the students and staff a treat of cookies and punch to celebrate. This is an ongoing project of the club each year, much to the delight of both students and staff. The club also got a tour of the new high school that was recently built.

Officers of the club are: Ruby Turner - President, Beth Miles - Vice President, and Pat Little - Secretary/Treasurer. They meet the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



L - R: Three Way members - Carol Dismukes, Master Gardener - Beth Miles, Pat Little, Ruby Turner, Donna DeCross, Dixie Worrell, Gloria Lietz - Master Gardener and her husband Lloyd.

NOONTIME RIBBON WINNERS!

Charlotte Watson

EE Members in Williamson County always look forward to the annual Exhibition Day. Food entries are judged in many categories and are then enjoyed for the noon meal. Cultural Arts entries are judged in the same categories as the TEEA District and State rules with winners advancing to the District 8 competition. (L to R) are Noontime Club members, Nelda McCain, Stella Guzy, and Mary Johnson, holding some of the ribbons won by Noontime club members at the county competition.



Noontime won a total of seventeen ribbons! (Seven Blue, three Red, three White, two Reserve Champion, and two Grand Champion). Three of the cultural arts entries went on to also win Blue ribbons at the Spring District 8 competition. (Nelda McCain, woven basket; Mary Johnson, Christmas Tree Skirt; Charlotte Watson, Color Photography). They are all headed to State Cultural Arts competition in September!!!

ERATH COUNTY NEWS

Doris Threadgill

Achievers, Three Way, and Clairette Clubs of Erath County held their Cultural Arts contest, with all three clubs in attendance. It was hosted by the Three Way club members, who always do a great job with wonderful dishes for all to try. There were 23 members and our new County Extension Agent present, along with two judges for the cultural arts.

After the contest, we all gathered to enjoy a good meal before we discussed upcoming plans to attend the District 8 Spring TEEA Meeting to be held in Eastland. The Eastland and

Erath Counties were co- hosts on April 5, in Eastland, where the District 8 Cultural Arts competition was held.



BELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Bell EEA held its annual Rally Day on May 6 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Temple. Invited guests were the county commissioners, county judge and county clerk. Each official who attended was invited to speak about what is happening in their area of Bell County. The program was presented by Dr. Patricia Sulak, obstetrician and gynecologist at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. She is the founder and director of Living WELL Aware, a medically accurate wellness educational program. She is also the author of "Should I Fire My Doctor".



Dr. Sulak with Bell EEA Chairman, Nancy Urbantke.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.



Laurie Veatch, District 8 Director with Christian Koffman, a member of the Oenaville 4-H who was presented with one of the scholarships from BEEA. Christian was the scholarship representative from Bell EEA at the District 8 Spring Conference.

BELL COUNTY HOSTS STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Polly Elizondo

Bell EEA held our 14th annual Style Show and Luncheon, "Step into Spring - with Style", at the Temple College Pavilion on March 16. Fashions were provided by Cochran, Blair and Potts, a Belton clothing store which has been in business since 1869. Fashions were modeled by BEEA members, friends and family members. One of the highlights each year is the fashion review by 4-H members who wear garments that they constructed for the Bell County Youth Fair held in February. Entertainment was provided by Susan Baker, a local vocalist. Bell EEA presented scholarships to four senior 4-H members. Pictured below is Wynona Casimir, modeling one of the fashions. Wynona is a member of the Tanglefoot Club. We appreciate all the members from Bell EEA and other counties who attended and supported our annual event. We look forward to 2020 and hoping to see you there.



NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club Members, Williamson County, gather around the Birthday Box they filled recently. Each one brought items needed to provide a fabulous birthday party for a teen boy in foster care. This Community Project was in partnership with a local non-profit, Birthday Boxes, which provides a birthday box for every child in foster care in the greater Williamson County area. Noontime chose to fill a box for a teen boy because the need is great and the resources are not. The items were included for a party for 10-12 party attendees. Items included cake mix and icing, candles, cupcake liners, sprinkles, party themed napkins, plates, and tablecloth, party decorations, blowers or additional party supplies, Skittles, drinks, and \$25 WalMart gift card. The box's theme was balloons, and all club members signed the handmade birthday card. When the box was delivered, the coordinator was so excited that Noontime had chosen to meet this great need. What a fun project!



Shown in the photo are members of the Noontime EE Club in Williamson County.



They are showing the suitcase they filled with items helpful to a teen girl who has been placed in Foster Care. Many times these children/teens show up at their new-to-them foster home with their few belongings in a black trash bag. Noontime partnered with a local non-profit, Project Care Case, that provides a filled suitcase for every foster

child/teen in the greater Williamson County area. Each suitcase is age-specific, baby to teen. Included inside Noontime's suitcase with wheels and a handle are the following all-new items: Pillow, Blanket, Teddy Bear, Bible, and hygiene items (comb/brush, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, soap, and deodorant). Since they filled a suitcase for a teen girl, they also included a \$50 Walmart gift card so she can select clothing items she likes and that fit her. This is a great annual community project where Noontime partners with another non-profit in the community that already has the connections to assist foster children/teens.

LEON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Michaelene Perry

Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) members attended the 2019 Spring Conference in Hamilton. There were 20 LEEA members and our FCH Agent, Laura Petty to participate in the event. Our county received a certificate for the "Most Members" attending this event.



Laura Petty, AgriLife FCH Agent, with Normangee EE members Mary Greer, Rhonda Exley, J.P. Borah, Kathy Counts, and standing, new member Melinda Green



Barbara Kloesel, Jackie Morrow, Lavern Manning, Nyanza Price and Judy Thomason from Oakwood EE



Donna Barrilleaux, Buffalo EE and Mamie Bell, Jewett EE

We are so proud of the Leadership Award recipient, Clara Jones from the Leona-Centerville EE Club. She has been such an asset to all members of Leon County and now she is on the TEEA State Board as well. Also, congratulations to Leona-Centerville EE Club for their 85 year award.



2019 District 8 Leadership Award presented to Clara Jones by Nyanza Price



Nyanza Price, TEEA State President presenting members of Leona-Centerville EE with the 85 year recognition of their club. With Nyanza are Pam Groba, Clara Jones and Marcia Lewis.

There are 6 entries in the Cultural Arts competition from Leon that received 1st place ribbons. We wish each of our "crafty" crafters the best at the state conference. All our members are looking forward to State Conference in San Marcos.

HAMILTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Linda Pledger

Spring is slowly leaving central Texas but this years Spring Fling left memories of a day of interesting and exciting programs.

Hamilton County has always worked closely with the County High Schools. This year two young women, Elaine Polster and Kristen Massingill were awarded \$500 scholarships to continue their education beyond high

school.

We are proud of our Mary Lambert for being selected as District 8 Texas Treasure. Mary has worked with Extension Education for years and believes strongly in its value for children and adults alike in Hamilton County.

With the restoration of our county court house, the Extension Office was moved to an annex. This afforded the office a community room for programs and meetings. This room was also void of flags. HCEEA voted to provide the Extension Office with a set of United States and Texas State flags. They were presented to the Extension Office in a short ceremony and the flags have been an excellent addition to local meetings. Posing with the attached picture are Jeanie Harrison, HCEEA chairman, Mary Lambert, Pottsville EEC president, Sheila Ondrusek and Bruce Boyd, Extension agents.



Working with the community continues to be the mission of the TEEA in Hamilton County.

MCLENNAN COUNTY EEA NEWS

Eunice Dick

The McLennan Extension Education Association met at the Extension office on May 9.

President Betty Hubbard called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. Woodway had the opening: a "Church Garden Recipe" poem. Eunice Dick read the minutes from the March meeting. They were approved as read. Betty Hubbard gave the treasures report. We have a balance of \$ 1,185.60 before the scholarship checks were given. There is \$2500 in the CD at Pioneer Bank. This will be due for renewal next April 14. The current interest rate is 2.5%.

Agent Colleen Foleen gave the March program for Orchard Lane and they selected the scholarship winners during their

April Meeting. Woodway made fabric eggs at the April meeting and worked on decorations for the Association meeting in May.

McLennan County will host the leadership training in November. Members decided to use the Chicken Place in Marlin for the noon meal. The cost to attend the training will be \$20. In order to offset the costs, a country store, coin toss booth, and a gambler's booth were suggested. Plans will be finalized at the September meeting. Members will begin saving dishes during the summer that could be used in the coin toss.

Bylaws changes were presented. After discussion and voting, all suggested changes were accepted. Fundraisers were discussed and it was decided to continue using Chili's Restaurant and not Applebees breakfast. Betty Hubbard will let everyone know when another day is planned. The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

garden.

Willie Francis Smith and Eunice Dick presented the program on ladies hats, old and new. Everyone wore a hat and shared it's story. Afterwards they decorated miniature hats made from styrofoam cups.



Nyanza Price, State TEEA President, Millie Barrow, Past TEEA President, Clara Jones, 2nd VP of Leadership and Laurie Veatch, District 8 Director had fun at Hamilton County's Spring Fling. Great food, lots of goodies to purchase and wonderful companionship.

NOONTIME BELIEVES IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club in Williamson County believes in community involvement. Each month they have at least one community project. Recently, they donated bottled water and sports drinks and delivered them to the Georgetown Police Department as part of a local initiative, "Backing the Blue." A total of 140 bottles of Water and Sports Drinks were delivered to the new Safety Center/Police Department. They were surprised but very appreciative of Noontime's donation.

First Book for New Baby has been an initiative of The Williamson County EE Clubs for many, many years. This past year their outreach has expanded to include the local Head Start Program, Pregnancy Help Center, Annunciation Maternity Home and to several Emergency Medical Centers. Recently Noontime donated 110 books for babies and young children for a total value of \$180. A sticker is affixed to each book saying who provided the books and that "we hope this begins your love of reading."

This spring, Noontime donated \$100 towards Project Graduation with \$50 going to each of the two

high schools in Georgetown for their alcohol-free all-night party following graduation. One of the many ways Noontime helps 4-H'ers is by their donation towards the county 4-H Scholarships. They recently donated \$100 towards the two 2019 county 4-H Scholarships.

These projects, along with so many others help keep their eyes focused on helping children and families and not on themselves. They work hard all year to earn funds to support their community projects.

NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

Charlotte Watson

Each month Noontime EE Club meetings include an educational program. The programs that are presented at the previous year's TEEA Annual Meeting are scheduled with the state convention delegates presenting the programs they heard. This year, "Do, Ra, Mi! Cha, Cha, Cha! Enriching Lives through Music" was presented by Becky Ly-can. Becky also presented the program on "Country Roads ... Take Me Home" at the County Exhibition Day. Delegate Barbara Knoore presented the program on "Parenting All Over Again." The two non-delegate programs were presented at Noontime's EE Club and both were well received. Delegate Lilian Black presented the program on "Repurposing Bottles."



The photo shows club members searching through all the embellishments Lilian brought to the meeting for them to use to decorate their bottles. She also gave them many ideas for ways to repurpose their ordinary bottles and give them new life. Delegate Charlotte Watson presented the program on "Hobo Quilts." This program included a lively discussion on the many signs/symbols

hobos used as they traveled the railroads between 1880 to 1940. Quilts that were made using these symbols were of interest to the club members. Lifelong learning is one of our mottos. Educational programs are ways we make this happen in our EE Club.

TEA ROOM AT THE QUILT SHOW SUCCESSFUL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

Lillian Black & Charlotte Watson

Shown here are just some of the Williamson County EE Club members who served in the Tea Room this year. It took members of all five Williamson County clubs totally involved to make a success of the Annual 4-H Scholarship Fund Raiser. Each year the County EE Association hosts the Tea Room providing delicious sandwiches and yummy desserts for those who come to view the beautiful quilts, and for the vendors. This year's Tea Room was a terrific success with a profit of almost \$1,500, our most profitable year in 8 years. The quality was kept at a high level while expenses were kept down. **Morning Glory Club** was responsible for making over 25 quiche. **Sundowners Club** made the signature turkey and cranberry sandwiches. **Noontime Club** made the ham and cheese sandwiches on potato rolls. **Heritage Club** took responsibility for getting sign-ups for the designated pie choices, being at the event to check in and put the pieces in serving containers throughout the day. **New Horizon** was in charge of drinks - ice tea, cold sodas and water and keeping coffee going for two days.



Over 50 members participated in multiple ways. Many baked the delicious pies and sheet cakes that were devoured by the attendees. On the two days of the Quilt Show, when the members finished with their responsibilities, they quickly lent a hand to another group or worked the sales counter. Lillian's sons, David and Jeffrey, were invaluable



The Betty Chastain Memorial Scholarship of \$200 was awarded to Claire Crow by Betty's daughter, Theresa Chastain.



The TEEA Scholarship of \$300 was awarded to Olivia Pankonien by President Betty Hubbard.

Members and guests enjoyed a sandwich and salad luncheon following the presentations. Door prizes were donated by Eunice's

in helping pack and bring all the equipment from the Extension Office and packing it back up and hauling it back. David also helped the quilting group with setting up tables for our tea room tables. It was definitely a joint effort for a unified goal of making the money that would be given to the 4-H Scholarship winners.

What do we learn from cow, buffaloes & elephants?



It's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass and salads and walking

BELL COUNTY HOLDS CULTURAL ARTS COMPETITION

Bell EEA held our annual county wide cultural arts competition and education programs on February 18. State program "Parenting All Over Again" was presented by Nancy Urbantke. "Do Re Me-Cha, Cha, Cha - Enriching Lives Through Music and Dance" was presented by Lora Blacklock.

Cultural Arts items were entered by several members from each club, demonstrating the talent of each one. The items awarded a first place and those awarded second place in each category, that was judged, will go forward to District 8 competition on April 5 in Eastland, the site of the Spring Conference.



Fredonia Seely, member of the Tanglefoot Club. Her drawing earned first place.



Linda Jones, member of the Tanglefoot Club. She was judged first place with her afghan.

LEON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Michaelene Perry

The Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) joined the AgriLife Extension Office to hold the first session of the annual Kids Camp programs on June 5 at the Centerville Annex Building, 3rd floor conference room.

During the LEEA Kids Camp 21 local and summer visiting kids gather to make crafts and were provided snacks by the LEEA members. Attendees were: Lilly Bond, Tenley Charanza, Jarrett Greer, Cole Hargrave, Cade Manning, Clinton Manning, Coda Manning, Lundyn Manning, Miley Manning, Quentin Parrish, Tayden Peterson, Ellie Priess, Aubrie Reyna, Bracie Ryder, Brylee Ryder, Larrin Smith, Jalie Stanton, Elliott Traywick, Nevaeh Webb, Edward Whittlesey and Levi Woodward. During the morning they made several crafts: 1) a wooden bird house, 2) a braided dog chew toy, 3) a domino necklace or key chain, and 4) a Grinch glass ornament. The following EE members who helped the kids with the fun crafts were: Donna Barrilleaux-Buffalo EE, B.J. Henderson, Judy Hutchison-Jewett EE, Pat Ferguson, Pam Groba, Barbara Hickman, Clara Jones, Marcia Lewis, Lora Nichols, Fran Prather, Helen Torrance-Leona/Centerville EE, J.P. Borah, Rhonda Exley, Mary Greer, Gail Huffine-Normangee EE, Martie Hanson, Barbara Kloesel, Nyanza Price, Novaline Thurston-Oakwood EE, and AgriLife FCH Agent, Laura Petty. A special thanks go to the 4-H students

who helped: Quentin Parrish and Elliot Traywick.

Those who are 6-12 years are able to attend this summer program throughout the next two months (usually once a week or every other week). Program agenda and signup is available at the AgriLife Office by calling 903-536-2531.



Elliot Traywick and Quentin Parrish



Kids making Domino Necklace/Keychain



Kid's Camp participants making Dog Chew Toy



Kids making Grinch ornament



Kid's Camp participants making a Wooden Bird House



Kid's Camp attendees



Leon EE members helping serve snacks to Kid's Camp participants

*"Never forget where you've been.
Never lose sight of where
you're going.
And never take for granted
the people who travel the
journey with you."*

~ Susan Gale

DISTRICT 9 SPRING CONFERENCE D'ANN WHITE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The District 9 Spring Conference was held on March 26 in Caldwell with 60 members in attendance, and was a huge success. Burleson County did an amazing job hosting this conference, and even displayed presentation boards from the Burleson County Historical Society on the history of Burleson County. Wayne Edwards, family poet, was the guest speaker and entertained everyone with his "paraprosdokian" poems--a form of poetry in which there are unexpected endings. Daniel and

D'Ann White gave a personal protection workshop, demonstrating various ways to escape an attacker. D'Ann White also presented a "Big Check" to the Extension Personnel in attendance to recognize District 9's accomplishments last year in their education and volunteer efforts.



Two clubs from Burleson County were recognized for having been in existence for 60 and 75 years, the Snook EEA club and the Lyons Extension Club, respectively.



Kathy Wise, from Brazoria County, was selected as our District 9 Texas Leadership Nominee.



Peachie Burlin, from Burleson County, was selected as our District 9 Texas Treasure nominee.

Congratulations to all for these great accomplishments!



We would also like to extend our congratulations for our scholarship winners: Josiah White, Hardin County, received the TEEA scholarship, and Sydney Faust, Burleson County, received the District 9 Scholarship!



We also recognized eight members for their 25 plus years of membership:

Rexine Scarborough (25 years), Nell Yarbrough (25 years), Judy Berg (30 years), Margie Faust (30 years), Mabel Helton (40 years), Joyce Taylor (45 years), Judy Bahr (50 years) and Julia Sikes (55 years).

FORT BEND EEA NEWS

Attending the Spring Conference meeting was Rose Jaynes, Erna Thielemann, and Diana Marlowe as delegates along with Mary Ann Kiel as alternate. "Personal Protection Workshop" was presented by Daniel & D'Ann White, 1st degree Black Belts, TaeKwonDo. D'Ann is District 9 District Director.



Cultural Arts – Ft. Bend County participation – District 9 Spring Conference held at Caldwell in Burleson County. *Left to right:* Carolyn Jones, second place with Crochet Baby Blanket, Herman Hoot, two entries, Photography, (one color and one black & white) both first place, and Rose Jaynes, exhibited a crochet sweater. Not shown: Carol Freeman, second place with Jewelry – Silver Wire Pendant with a Stone.

AS I WATCHED THE DOG CHASING HIS TAIL, I THOUGHT DOGS ARE EASILY AMUSED. THEN I REALIZED I WAS WATCHING THE DOG CHASE HIS TAIL.

PORT NECHES EE CLUB

Claudine Hare The club annual outing this year was on April 5 to the "Giving Fields" in Beaumont. This is a garden sponsored by St. Anne's Catholic Church to provide fresh vegetables and fruits for Some Other Place in Beaumont and the Hospitality House in Port Arthur. Sharon Begneau is the administrator/ worker in charge and it is manned by volunteers with businesses and individuals sponsoring beds along with raised beds, accessible to volunteers in

wheel chairs. It was enlightening to learn what can be produced on a one acre plot.

After the garden tour the members had lunch at Katherine's Restaurant which is located in the historical building, the Mildred Building, in downtown Beaumont before returning home.



Pictured left to right is Becky Dungan, Katherine Richards, Claudine Hare, Marian Quinn, Mary Tomplait, Toby Ash and Denise Frantz. Missing was Jessie Hodge.

DISTRICT

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VIOLET ALEXANDER DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR

District 10 welcomes all to the TEEA State Conference. We have worked hard to try to make it an educational and fun conference.

Cultural Arts--please use the new larger form--your items won't be accepted if you have an old form.

RAFFLE---RAFFLE---RAFFLE

We will have a beautiful hand made quilt along with several baskets to raffle off.

Banquet decorations **WILL NOT BE FOR SALE.**

We look forward to seeing everyone and having a great time.

GILLESPIE EEA NEWS

Helen Usener

On Friday, February 8, Helen Usener Pilot Knob EE Club member presented the TEEA program: Happiness is Homemade to the club.

For the March meeting members continued to work on plans for the Gillespie EEA Spring Scholarship Luncheon. The very successful luncheon was held on Thursday March 28 at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

*May you always have
Love to Share,
Cash to Spare, and
Friends who Care*



Recognition of the three scholarship recipients Kaylee Kramer, Joshua Moore, and Morgyn Granville who each received a \$500 scholarship.



Dr. Dolittle's Clinic

The EE members enjoyed the 4-H members performances and were proud to see young people do so well.

At the conclusion of the May meeting, a drawing was held for the Loving Hearts quilt. Sue Gustin of Fredericksburg was the lucky winner.



Twas the Night Before a 4-H Competition



Members enjoyed seeing fellow EEA ladies from Blanco and Llano. On Friday, April 12 Pilot Knob Club member Alicia Frantzen presented the TEEA program: Recycle, Reuse, and Repurpose Glass. Members enjoyed learning new ideas and seeing the examples Alicia shared.



Highlights of the luncheon were honoring Pilot Knob EE Club Charter and 54 year member Dot Maner as Gillespie EEA Treasure.



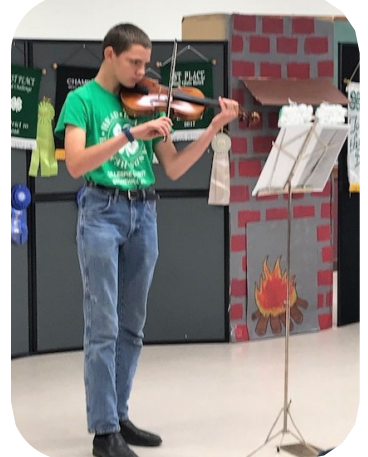
Several club members served as judges for the District 10 4-H competition held in Fredericksburg in early May. For the Thursday, May 9 program Gillespie County 4-H members performed their Share the Fun skits and violin music which included:



The Little Rascals



Violin duo – Danny Boy



Violin solo- Brandenburg Concerto

The pieces for the quilt were donated by a member's niece and sewn together by some of the Pilot Knob EE Club members. The machine quilting was donated by One Quilt Place of Fredericksburg. The money was raised for scholarships for 4-H members.

On Thursday, May 23 eight members and one guest traveled to Mason for their spring tour. They enjoyed learning about Fort Mason through the displays at the one remaining building. They stopped to see the sculpture of Old Yeller and the boy outside the Mason library. Fred Gipson, the author of the book Old Yeller, was from Mason. Members were amazed to see sculptor Gene Zesch's unique wooden cowboy carvings on display at the Mason Bank. Following an enjoyable lunch at the Square Plate and checking out a few shops, the group toured the amazing three story Seaquist House.



Members making the trip were Annabel Wilkinson, Rhonda Schaetter, Sharon Kott, Helen Usener, Jo Jenschke, Delores Castleberry, Corine Klose, Mary Louise Dittmar, and Judy Eilers.

A few members also toured the Museum on the Square to finish an enjoyable day.

DISTRICT 11

DISTRICT 11 NEWS RACHEL THURMAN-MONDAY DISTRICT DIRECTOR

District 11 EEA Spring Conference was hosted by Wharton County EEA on April 10 in El Campo. A program was given by Debra Peterson from Dee's Nursery. Various ideas on floral arrangements were presented.

Cultural Arts entries were judged with items in almost every category. District 11 will have representatives from four counties entering their first place items at the state Cultural Arts in San Marcos. The People's Choice Award was given to Doris Glenewinkel – Austin County for a nativity scene fabric creation and best of show was a large hand quilted quilt made by Jeanette Schwartz – Washington County. In addition to these two talented members, the following will represent District 11 in Cultural Arts at the State Conference in September: Joan Buenger, Bonnie Schulz, Betty Thiel and Barney Zimmerman from Austin County; Peggy Viets from Calhoun County; Dorothy Henke and Dorothy Rother from Lavaca County; and Judith Finke, Suzanne Kessler, Cindy Lyles, Betty Vierus, and Barbara Wise from Washington County. Congratulations to all these winners. We wish you luck at state.

The scholarship recipient was Anisa Cornett - Matagorda County. Anisa is a graduate from Tidehaven High School and a member of the Country Youth 4-H Club. She is planning to attend Texas A&M in College Station. She will be majoring in Kinesiology with plans to become a physical therapist.

District 11 EEA Fall Training meeting will be hosted by Austin County on December 5 in Bellville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION NEWS

District 11 of the Texas Extension Education Association held its spring conference at St. Mary's Catholic Church at El Campo on April 10. A delicious brunch greeted those attending. An Italian theme was carried out with wine bottles decorated with grape clusters of half marbles on the tables.

The program gave insight to new plants on the market and driftwood planters filled with succulents. Those attending were; Diane Ashorn, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Kathleen Flick, Joanne Gaurd, Edna Schroeder and Betty Vierus.



Washington EEA came home with 8 blue ribbons on the Cultural Arts competition and will be advancing to the state level. The lucky members are: Betty Vierus, Suzanne Kessler, Judith Finke, Cindy Lyles, Jeanette Schwartz and Barbara Wise.

JACKSON COUNTY EEA NEWS

JoLaine Schurig

Jackson EEA members, Trois Girndt, Jeanette Yearwood and Shirley McGill helped set up and attended Rice Clinic. Jossie Janca and Shirley McGill judged some very nice entries to the Wharton County Fair. After finishing lunch they were given jars of Cactus Jelly in appreciation for their time.

Spring Conference was held in Wharton County on April 10, at St. John's Parish Hall in El Campo. Those attending included Trois Girndt, Shirley McGill, Jeanette Yearwood, JoLaine Schurig and FCH Agent, Courtney Mercer.

Jackson EEA also helped stuff bags for Jackson County Ag Day.

On May 9, we had a very informative butterfly program from Pam Stafford on Monarch Butterflies. The community was invited and were served coffee and rolls.

We have all been busy helping other counties when needed.

"COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME HOME"

Michelle Wright

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 "Country Roads Take Me Home" during the month of January at the AgriLife Extension Office. Jessie Kokemor of North Austin County EEA presented a fascinating educational program related to driver awareness on roads we travel. She covered a broad spectrum of information from road safety to seat belt safety. All participants left the program with a list of items to keep in mind as a driver or passenger in a vehicle.



2019 Annual Commissioners Luncheon and Cultural Arts Contest

Michelle Wright

During the month of February, the Extension Education Association of Austin County sponsored a soup, sandwich, and dessert meal in honor of the Austin County Commissioners Court and many of its community partners. The theme for this year's event was "EEA – Rodeo Time in Texas – TEEA Style". This is an annually sponsored event which recognizes the hard work and efforts of many of our community partnerships. The event was coordinated by the Expansion Committee, which was co-chaired by Mary Smentek and Jessie Kokemor of North Austin County EEA. Committee members include Annette Balke, Marie George, Eugenia Kulhanek and JoAnn Reichle. This awesome opportunity gave EEA members the chance to visit one on one

with the court in order to share organizational highlights and the benefits of Extension Education in Austin County. In addition, the group recognized collaborative efforts and the long standing relationship between EEA and the Austin County Fair Association.



L-R: Knellen Quinteros – President, Commissioner Chip Reed, Karen Landrum-Vice President, Commissioner Mark Lamp, Doris Glenewinkel- Treasurer, Judge Tim Lapham, Judy Schulz Corresponding Secretary, Commissioner Randy Riechardt, Jessie Kokemor-Parliamentarian, Commissioner Bobby Rinn and Gladys Frank – Reporter/Historian.

In addition, a host of EEA members participated in the 2019 Cultural Arts Contest. The event was coordinated by the Cultural Arts Committee, which was co-chaired by Joan Buenger of Bleiberville EEA and Gaye Farr of West End EEA. Committee members include – Malinda Schramm, Karen Landrum, Debra Kollman and Gloria Havemann. The Cultural Arts Contest gives members an opportunity to exhibit knowledge and skills which express individualism and creativity.

Members who placed 1st and 2nd in their individual category will advance to the District Competition in Wharton this spring.



L-R: Cultural Arts Winners: Carolyn Balke, Doris Glenewinkel, Barney Zimmerman, Betty Thiel, Joan Buenger, Barbara Vohs and Gladys Frank (not pictured - Bonnie Schulz)

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. If you would like to learn more on how you can get involved with EEA in Austin County, please contact the County Extension Office for more details.

"WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION AND PLANT EXCHANGE PROGRAM"

Michelle Wright

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service hosted an educational program which focused on wildflowers and so much more. The program was conducted by Faye Berry a local Master Gardener with the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Program in Austin County. She shared a variety of information with those in attendance from identifying wildflowers to container gardening. At the end of the program, each participant had the chance to take home a beautiful plant due to their participation. The program was conducted on May 2 at the local County Extension Office. For more information, please feel free to contact Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent -Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072.



Seated - Knellen Quinteros Standing - Delores Kuenhn, Jessie Kokemor, Kate Buenger, Doris Glenewinkel, Joan Buenger, Judy Schulz and Michelle Wright

For more information on TEEA and the AgriLife programs, please feel free to contact Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent -Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072. The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity, and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

EEA 2019 COMMUNITY OUT-REACH FUNDS AWARDED

Michelle Wright

Recently EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County donated funds to several worthy non-profit organizations in Austin County. The recipients of this year's funds were: R.A.P (Raising Academic Performance), Bellville, Sealy and West End Food Pantries, Senior Citizen Day Committee for Austin County Fair and the Austin County Fair Floral Design Contest/Championship Drive. Funds donated were raised through EEA's Annual Bake Potato Luncheon. The funds also help to generate income to support all educational programs which are sponsored by the association for the benefit of the community at no charge.



L-R: JoAnn Reichle, Gladys Frank, Knellen Quinteros, Erika Guerrero, Michelle Maderer, Anita Kramer, Carolyn Balke and Doris Glenewinkel

If you would like more information on how to become a part of this growing organization, please contact Michelle Allen with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at (979)865-2072.

"Best thing you could probably do as a father is make sure they see how you love their mother."
~ Matthew McConaughey

DISTRICT 12

DISTRICT 12 NEWS

Marsha Miller

Spring Conference was held in Kingsville, March 12, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. June Cannon received the District 12 Texas Treasure award. Carla Mey received the District 12 Texas Leadership award.

The 4-H scholarship was presented to Miles Mathis, an outstanding young man.

Frank Escobedo presented a great program on proper tree trimming and pruning to the group. Grilled chicken breast with all the trimmings made for a very good lunch. The group made wind chimes with clay flower pots to take home with them. Cultural Arts were judged with the following representing District 12 at the State Conference in September: Marsha Miller, Blanca Garza, Elida Rodriguez, Kay Jacob, Suzan Smith, Clem DeLeon, Eliva Rodriguez. Marsha Miller won Best of Show.

Have a fun, safe summer and we hope to see all of you in San Marcos in September.



June Cannon and Frank Escobedo



Dolores Davis, Carla Meyer and Kay Jacob



Dolores Davis, Miles Mathis and Kay Jacob



Front - June Cannon, Delia, Ninfa Alvarado, Sylvia Ybarra, Elida Rodriguez. Back - Margie Kalinec, Marsha Miller, Blanca Garza, Dolores Davis, Dr. Ida A. Garza, Schryl Fehrenbacher, Clem DeLeon, Suzan Smith, Jane Garcia, Kay Jacob, Patricia Cumbulene, Diana Gonzales.



EEA SPRING CAR TRIP "SAN ANTONIO, HERE WE COME!"

Michelle Wright

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension took an educational tour of San Antonio, Texas. This spring, Several EEA members and friends had the chance to tour the beautiful sights and sounds of San Antonio. Many historical sites were visited, but the group truly enjoyed dinning at the Gunther House for breakfast and the Grimm Sister's Tour.



THE IDLE AMERICAN

DIY in My Rear View Mirror... Dr. Don Newbury

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Warnings about concerning the danger of saying “never again.” Most of us are guilty of making false promises on topics such as New Year’s resolutions, diets and exercise.

I’m ready, though, to admit past failures, place my right hand on a Bible stack and gaze heavenward for this solemn pledge.

Never again will I stumble into muckety-muck traps that heretofore have snared me with tempting DIY (do it yourself) lures. Nor will I fall for come-ons like “any child can do it,” or “some assembly required for completion in four hours.” Horse feathers!...

I have abandoned memories that should have kept me in my place.

I once mistakenly attempted to construct a wrought iron fence and adjust tension on a double garage door. I tried to empty a hot water heater with a shop vac, which I had confused with a wet vac.

My current “boondoggle”--in “pause mode”--might have been avoided had I tattooed “DDIY” on my forehead.

The mirror could have reminded me with every glance: “Don’t Do It Yourself.”....

Owner of wonderful new battery-powered mower and lawn tools, I recently checked on options for an outdoor shed.

I looked both at Lowe’s and online. Lowe’s pledge, “Let’s build something together,” still rings in my ears.

Before I claimed Lowe’s offer, my mercenary nature took over....

Online, Grainger offered the small shed needed for a mere \$288, and the order was quickly placed by phone. Fate took over when I attempted to change the delivery date, utilizing the website chat line. Attempted “chats” didn’t work. Later, in a phone conversation, my credit card was said to be invalid, never mind the purchase via credit card already had cleared.

They also thought I had purchased some industrial item unrelated to storage sheds.

I was subjected to numerous requests to hold for a few moments. I held, and held, and held....

I don’t want to believe that the Chinese sending shed parts to the United States are angry with us because of recently-imposed tariffs, but I’m not so sure. The big box included a jumble of parts, and something of a “one size fits all” set of instructions printed in multiple languages and intended for use with construction of several shed models. (Also, many parts were coated with sticky Saran Wrap, with part numbers printed on the wrap rather than the part.)

Additional frustration--traced directly to myself--arose with discovery that the shed DOES NOT include flooring. (I failed to mention that freight cost was almost half as much as the purchase.)

There has to be a floor, of course, so I’m left with two options--concrete or pier beam foundations....

Nincompoop that I am on challenges well above my pay grade, I chose the latter. What a “piece of cake,” I thought. Even I should be able to dig four 15-inch pier holes, to support a plywood floor on a frame made of two-by-sixes.

The required depth was only 15 inches, but I failed to consider that sprinkler system lines are buried only eight inches underground.

After digging one-half of the first hole, I hired a neighborhood kid to dig the remaining three and a half holes. On the post hole digger’s final stab, a water line was discovered....

Actually, it was punctured. A plumber fixed it for a figure south of \$200. Granddaughter Addison and grandson Kedren, both 12, helped with the frame and flooring, but we all were “bumfuzzled” by the screwy instructions.

We were misty-eyed. Metal sheets, screws, hinges and lumber scraps left asunder are testaments to my futility. I voluntarily went to my corner--dunce cap on--wondering how much more money and heartache lie ahead on a project that has already topped \$1,000. I’ve only a floored foundation to show for it. Unless you are a proven “DIY”er, think on these things....

“Life isn’t always fair.

Some people are born into better environments.

Some people have better genetics.

Some are in the right place at the right time.

If you’re trying to change your life, all of this is irrelevant.

All that matters is that you accept where you are, figure out where you want to be, and then do what you can, **today** and every day, to hold your head high and keep moving forward.”

~ Lori Deschene

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