

THE TEEA MESSENGER

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Hello TEEA members, What a great State Conference in Lubbock. It took time for us to get back there, since we had to cancel in 2020. For me, it was so good to see old friends and make new ones. Thanks to the MCM Elegante Hotel and their staff. They worked very hard to handle the problems and make the conference as enjoyable as possible.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Kay for her outstanding leadership and guidance these last two years. Also, D'Ann White with all her many duties and exceptional organizational skills, and Angela Pierce for stepping in as secretary and TEEA sales. Others I need to thank are District 1 and District 2 Directors, Andrea Woolley and Sheila McCormack, and all their members, for hosting the conference.

Ladies you put so much time and energy into everything. The Cultural Arts, the Country Store, and the decorations were fantastic, and it showed with all the excellent reviews.

District Directors and Education Chairs, I have heard so many great compliments on the programs and presenters. The programs will be available online in a few days as it takes some time to get them on the website.

Thank all you ladies who entered the 50's Fashion Show. The members loved it and so did the young waiters. I do not believe the young men could believe us oldies could have so much fun.

It is the beginning of a new year, and I am proud and honored to be your new TEEA President. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Polly Krennek and my husband, Michael, and I live on my family's ranch in Burnet County, in the small community of Oatmeal. I have four children, 1

granddaughter, and 3 grandsons.

In a few days your executive board and District Directors 9 and 11 will be going to Beaumont to start working on the 2023 State Conference. The dates of the conference are September 12-13, 2023, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. The whole conference will be at the Holiday Inn as everything will be under one roof. More information concerning the 2023 conference will be in the spring *Messenger*.

The first week of November will be the TEEA Fall Board meeting and fall training where District Directors will be receiving information that Clubs and County Officers need to help them and their members. Please encourage any officers and members to attend your Districts' training as it helps them to meet new people, learn what other clubs are doing to encourage or get new members, or get ideas on new programs. District Directors set aside

some time to encourage those attending to network and ask questions.

Thank you again for your confidence, and I will work hard for the next two years as your TEEA President. Below is my contact information. If you have questions or a problem and I can help you, I will be happy to hear from you. If you phone me and I don't answer, please leave your name and phone number and a short message. I also can receive texts-- just be sure to leave your name.

My husband and I are wishing each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

May God Bless you.

Polly Krennek,
TEEA State President

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*"Each moment of the year
has its own Beauty."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

<http://teea.tamu.edu>



Jan Meador
First Vice-President for
Leadership

Happy Fall y'all,

Don't you just love fall? I do; it is my favorite season.

Our state conference in Lubbock was so much fun! I hope everyone enjoyed it--great music, good food, and well, that entertainment went beyond fabulous! Thanks to all who participated.

We had great comments on our programs, and I think they were all on point and had valuable information for our present day life. Please take these programs to your community and educate them with this knowledge... research-based, educational & practical--- Good stuff!

As we are preparing for the 95th Annual TEEA Conference in Beaumont, we are seeing great facilities-- and all under one roof! Amazing! Everyone, begin making your travel plans to join us in Beaumont next September!



Connie Troxell
Second Vice-President
for Programs

I want to thank everyone who voted for me for 2nd Vice President of Programs. As we enter our new physical year, I'm looking forward to more challenges for my position. There are many new education programs on the lineup this year. I can't wait to work with all the new Education Committee Chairs and look-out for the Optimal and Early Bird Workshops.

For 2023 State Conference we will meet in Beaumont, Texas, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. Looking forward to another productive year for TEEA.

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans"

– John Lennon

Hugs,
Connie

State Annual Report for 2021–2022 Educational Programs, TEEA Volunteer Hours, and Scholarships

The TEEA Second Vice President for Programs compiles all District Annual Reports into a State Annual Report. Provide a copy of this report to the TEEA President and AgriLife Advisor for distribution at the State Conference.

	Program Titles	Number Presented by Club Member	Number Presented by Guest Speaker	Number of TEEA attendees	Number of Non-TEEA attendees	Total Number Reached	Materials for Program (dollars)	Program Planning (hours)	Program Length (hours)	Time Value (hours x \$28.54=)	Total Donated
PROGRAMS	Shot at Good Health	48	7	444	85	529	\$129.80	73	47.75	\$3446.21	\$3576.01
	Internet Safety	36	15	436	77	513	\$117.00	65.5	35.75	\$2889.68	\$3006.68
	Cooking with Herbs	41	9	536	94	630	\$343.70	97	53.25	\$4288.14	\$4631.84
	Buzz About Bees	43	20	471	73	544	\$268.00	84.5	45.5	\$3710.20	\$3978.20
	Other	261	116	3671	519	4190	\$1789.96	410.5	470.75	\$25150.88	26940.84
	TOTAL	429	167	5558	848	6406	\$2648.46	730.5	653	\$39485.09	42133.55

HONOR ROLL OF COUNTIES: Volunteer Hours & Scholarships. Excludes Educational Programs

Number of newspaper notices or articles about club meetings/programs:				
Scholarship Amount	4-H (Include scholarship name)		Other (adult, etc.)	
\$ 76,982.00	Districts			
\$ 5500.00	\$3500 Alumnae		\$2000 Adult Career	
Total \$ 82,482.00				
Donations of time or money made by or in the name of the clubs/county/district to support other individuals or groups, including community and FCH projects. *The IRS allows ONLY \$0.14 per mile for volunteer mileage.				
Activities/ Projects/Meetings	Total \$ Donated: Mileage (\$0.14 per mile*), Materials, Cash	Hours	Value of Time (hours x \$28.54 =)	Total Donated
TEEA	\$ 84,665.30	49011.75	\$1,398,795.35	\$ 1,483,460.65
4-H	\$ 16,207.56	2934.5	\$83,750.63	\$ 99,958.19
Community	\$ 56,114.93	35523	\$1,013,826.42	\$ 1,069,941.35
Coins for Friendship				\$ 4168.49
Dollars for Scholars				\$ 2569.83
Scholarships				\$ 82,482.00
			Total Donated: \$	2,742,580.51

Total Program Dollars	+	Total Honor Roll of Counties Dollars	=	Total Value Donated for Year 2021-2022
\$ 42,133.55		\$ 2,742,580.51		\$ 2,784,714.06

Big Check Presentation at the TEEA State Conference in Lubbock





Peggy Viets
State Secretary

Hello TEEA members. I would like to introduce myself to all of you. I'm Peggy Viets your new state secretary. I live in Calhoun County which is in District 11. I have served as County Secretary in my TEEA club in Calhoun County for 7 years. I was the District 11 Director from 2020 to 2022. I was very active in 4-H in my childhood as I was a 10 year member. As my own children became active, I was a Club Manager, President of the Calhoun County Parent Association, and I even was a Girl Scout leader! I am really looking forward to serving as State Secretary for the next 2 years.

I hope that everyone that attended the Lubbock State Conference enjoyed it. Hopefully you will be able to take new information and programs back to your members in your county.

As we start a new year, I hope that each club can grow with new members

and continue having meetings to share friendship with all. Here's to TEEA year 2022-2023! Let's make it a great year!



Rexine Scarborough
State Treasurer

Thank you for attending the 2022 State Conference. You made it the success that it was. You made it fun.

Thanks to all the models for the 50's Fashion Show; all were great. The hotel staff was entertained by all of you.

Now for some business: The State has Cultural Arts ribbons that you can order, just email me:

rexinetteea@yahoo.com. The old ribbons are \$.60 each. When the supply runs out, the new ribbons will be \$.70 each. Postage will be charged for mailing to you. Rosettes are also available for \$3.50 each, but the new ones will be \$3.75. Be sure to get the order to me in time to get them by mail prior to your competition.

Membership registration

should be turned in by now. Remember, the \$15.00 includes a subscription to the *Messenger*. Emeritus members pay \$5.00 to receive the *Messenger*. Please get your registration in to your District Director as soon as possible.

Last year we had a good number of new members. That means that you are getting out the information about TEEA. Keep up the good work.

Be sure to report all the CVU hours you donate.

Please encourage members to step up and be an officer in their club, county, and district. By doing this they will get more involved and acquire leadership skills that they can use to help the organization grow.

I am looking forward to working with you in the coming year. If you have any questions, please call me.



Rachel Monday
Treasurer-Elect

I am Rachel Monday. Thanks for your support by electing me as your State Treasurer-Elect. I am looking forward to this year as I learn the nuances to better serve you. This is my 11th year as a member of TEEA.

I have two children, a grand-daughter, and one great-granddaughter, Zaelynn. My mom, Juanita Battle Delaney, is 101 years old and is a member of TEEA, as well. I have the great fortune of watching my mom interact with her great-great grand daughter.

As a minister, I facilitate several Bible studies. I am extremely interested in the spiritual education of women. I enjoy traveling, reading and exploring genealogy.

After sitting in on the workshop, "Canning: Has It Changed Since Your Grandma's Day", I am going to perhaps try it... will let you know. Anyway, I am looking forward to seeing each of you next year in Beaumont!





**Violet Alexander
Alumnae Chair**

I can't thank the 54 members enough, who donated items to the Alumnae Silent Auction and Pick-N-Draw. Thanks so much to the 51 members who dug deep to buy the silent auction items and to all those that bought \$1.00 tickets. The 3 pick-n-draw boxes were fun to watch folks come by and shake---thank goodness I learned from Mrs. Grace to duct tape the lids on. I am happy to report that \$2,151 was collected on these 54 items. It continues to be a fun part of the conference each year.



Quilt donated by Gayle Pomykal

Please remember that former 4-Hers and/or children/grandchildren of TEEA members in good standing are eligible to apply for these \$500 scholarships--- they will be judged at the May 2023 board meeting. They have to have graduated from high school and completed one semester of college, trade school, or any other school of higher learning. The application can be found on the TEEA application website under forms.



Handbags donated by Julia Neusch

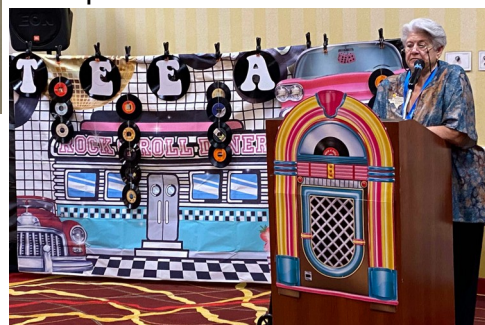


Texas Wall Hanging by Ola Culwell

I want to thank Ola Culwell once again for her yearly donation of one of her beautiful works of art. This year it was a Texas wall hanging. Gayle Pomykal donated a beautiful zig zag blue quilt and Julia Neusch donated two of her hand sewn bags with coin purse. See pictures!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE CANCELED STAMPS AND BRING TO THE BEAUMONT CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 2023.

They are sold to a stamp collector and that money is used for postage to mail lap quilts to those in need.



Alumnae Luncheon Decor

I appreciate the 39 present and former TEEA Board members that attended the Alumnae luncheon. Districts 1 & 2 decorated the tables with the 50s theme of records, cokes, peanuts, big sunglasses, sodas, and jukeboxes. It was great!



District News

District 1



Outstanding Education County--- Hansford County



Honor Roll County---
Randall County
District Director, Andrea Woolley, is dressed as Lucy from "I Love Lucy"



Dallam County



Andrea Woolley
District Director

I am Andrea Woolley and I live just a short ways outside of Spearman, Texas, in Hansford County. My husband, Gary, and I have been married 21 years. We have three grown children and five grandchildren. We farm and ranch.

I've been a member of TEEA for 12 years. I am a fourth generation member of the TEEA. My great-grandmother, grandmother, and my mother were all members of the Home Demonstration Club, our TEEA predecessor, in different panhandle counties. Those being Potter, Moore, and Sherman Counties. And now me, in the Happy

Homes Club in Hansford County. While in Happy Homes, I have been Messenger-Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer, and President. I also have held the offices of Secretary and Chairman on the Hansford EEA Council. I've been a District delegate for 8 years and a State delegate for 6 years. I am now the District 1 Director. I have entered in the Cultural Arts Contest for 11 years at both the District and State level, winning "Best of Show" at District on one occasion.

Growing up, I was involved in sewing, livestock, and horse club as a 4-H member. I held offices of Secretary and President of my 4-H Club. My show steers won reserve grand at our county show and also 2nd in my class at the Tri-state Fair held in Potter County the only year I entered. I was honored by my club as Riding Club Queen and received the "I Dare You" award as well as the "Gold Star Girl" award. My record book also advanced to the State competition. Later, in life, when my son joined 4-H, I became a 4-H Leader and Sponsor. I've assisted with the County Quilt Show and helped

organize the Veteran's program in Hansford County. I'm also on the Methodist Church funeral family meal committee.

I want to thank the District 1 members for electing me to serve you. I'm excited to be the Director for District 1 and, as many of my District will attest, our District Conference was next to none this year with the help from the talented ladies from each club comprising District 1. It is my hope that I can bring my personal skills to the TEEA and make a positive difference.

District 2



Sheila McCormack
District Director

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of TEEA. Our 2022 State Conference is behind us, and we can

breathe a sigh of relief. We had a few hick-ups but all in all, I think it was a success. The banquet was so much fun. We all laughed and had a good time. Hope we can do it again.

I am Sheila McCormack, District 2 Director. I live in Snyder, which is about halfway between Abilene and Lubbock. I still enjoy flower and vegetable gardening... just can't get down anymore to tend them. I enjoy old cars, old Harleys, and Indians. I like to play board games, watch old movies, and sit on my porch, drinking my coffee and watching the sun come up. Being on the Board is a lot of work, but we always have fun when we get together for our meetings. We work hard and try to have some fun time before it is lights out for the day.

Looking forward to the coming year and all the exciting things that are going to happen.

Touring Buddy Holly Center



*Honor Roll County--- Scurry County
Outstanding Education County--- Swisher County*



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Until next time!



District 3



Laquita Gruver
District Director

WOW, another great conference has come to a close as we get started on a new year for TEEA!

District 3 was well represented at the State Conference in Lubbock. District 3 even took 2nd place (Shirley Riebe) and 3rd place (Ola Culwell) in the Style Show. Thank you ladies of District 3 for not only attending but really participating. Our District 3 dinner at Cagle's Steaks provided us with some down time and space to reconnect with each other.

I also would like to thank Districts 1 & 2 for all their hard work in creating an excellent experience for all of us. Yeee Hawwww ladies!

2022 - 2023 is a blank slate. I pray that this year will bring us all good health and lots of fun in our endeavors!

Wagons Ho!

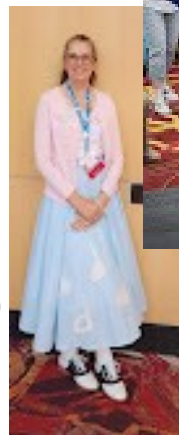


Bowie EEA By Kathy McPeters

In June, members of Bowie EEA met at the Senior Citizens Center for an interactive program from Aaron Degler of Synergy Fitness in Bowie. Aaron stated the importance of using and maintaining muscle tone, flexibility, and good posture to improve our overall health. A variety of activities offered through Synergy Fitness are designed for seniors and encourage not only physical benefit but social support as well.



*Fashion Show
Winners:
Ola Culwell &
Shirley Riebe*



Mary Whatley's book review

For many years, a program highlight is a book report given by member, Mary Whatley. Mary has entertained through the years with a variety from romance to "whodunit" and this year was no exception. For this final report, Mary chose to review a book series from one of her favorite authors. An avid reader, Mary might struggle to name her all-

time favorite book or author, but she doesn't struggle with her love of books. What a treasure of stories she has shared with our club!

Lots of great food brought everyone together at the Court House Annex in August as we elected officers and made plans for our next year.

In September, nine members of Bowie EEA represented our club in the Cultural Arts Division at the TEEA State Conference in Lubbock. Lois Neese in digital scrapbook, and Vivian Younker in ceramics were both red ribbon winners. Congratulations to both!

Later that month, Diana Higgins, Technology Doctor, provided helpful information on maintaining computer security. The sobering facts show 600,000 Americans have their accounts hacked daily, resulting in a loss of time and money. Cyber crime continues to affect us in our daily lives as well as business and industry.



Diana Higgins, Technology Doctor, with great member turnout in September.

The Technology Doctor helped members understand the types of cyber threats and tips to protect our devices.

To summarize the value of our work to the community, Bowie EEA met with Montague County Commissioner's Court at the end of September and provided the commissioners and press with a copy of our year-end report that shows a total donated value of \$30,786.30 for 2021-2022. Great job from a great group!



Liz Bower, Mary Lynn Guedry, Carla Whitaker, Kathy McPeters, and Sandy Owens present to Commissioner's Court

Parker County Laquita Gruver, Chairman

I greet you from Parker County! We had a most GLORIOUS Kick-off on August 18th. Our theme was International Travel. We opened with a video of Donnalou Stephen's "Older Ladies" song. Our new mantra is from that song. "What are we, ladies? We're DIVINE!" We followed up with a motivational video from Admiral McRaven-- a must viewing for everyone.

We decorated with tablecloths of all colors and designs and brought all sorts of tokens from our travels around the world. The stories were wonderful and truly broadened our horizons. We had a Tequila Sunrise Mocktail with our lunch, yummy. We followed all this up with Club Officer Training presented by our own local experts. A great time was had by all and revved us up for a new year in TEEA!

On September 27th, the Parker County EEA was officially welcomed into the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce. We are using this platform to reintroduce our community to all that TEEA offers. It was a great day for all that attended. Our clubs showcased all the projects and community outreach we've done over the past year and put out a most bountiful and beautiful refreshment table. Thank you, ladies of Parker County, for all your dedication and assistance.

Chamber of Commerce Day



Country Crossroads Club Alice Clayton, Reporter

Country Crossroads in Weatherford, Parker County, raised funds for TEEA with a three day yard sale in June. This was tiring but successful, raising most of our budget for the upcoming year.

Three of our members, Laquita Gruver, Shirley Riebe and Alice Clayton attended our state conference in Lubbock. Shirley participated in the banquet 50's fashion show and came home with 2nd prize. (The third prize winner was also from District 3, Ola Culwell, from the Springtown Club.)

Our first fall meeting was held Sept. 22 at the Tree of Wellness Center where members participated in a beginning yoga class. The stretches were done in a chair and were designed to allow all ages to join in. The exercises are beneficial for strengthening and balance to help prevent falls and accidents. Anything we can do to stay TEEA active!

Yoga Class



Bethel Harmony Club By Karen Rutherford

Bethel Harmony Club of Weatherford in Parker County, collected school supplies for the start of the new school year. They were pleased to be able to present a whole wagon load of supplies to Lorie Bratcher, principal of Curtis Elementary School.



Karen Rutherford - President, Lorie Bratcher - Principal & Glenda Hinkel - Vice-President

It sure was a HOT and DRY summer throughout the state of Texas. So many homeless people were suffering from it. There is a great organization in Weatherford called Hearts Full of Love, that was providing water to the homeless. The ladies of Bethel Harmony Club voted to donate \$50.00 to the organization, for the purchase of cases of water for the homeless.





Outstanding Education & Honor Roll County--- Parker County, District 3

District 4



Linda Smith
District Director

The 94th TEEA Conference was a great way to meet new people and share interest. I wish more people could attend. The Banquet Program was top of the line for entertainment. The girls really did their best by putting on the most awesome fashion show. Thanks to Districts 1 and 2 for such an amazing three days of learning and enjoying each other's comradeship.

District 4 fall training will be Nov. 15th in Gainesville. We will start at 10:00 am, register at 9:00 am. Spring Conference will be the first part of April. Will give you a date later.

WOW, what a wonderful God we have to allow so many women to meet under one roof to celebrate yearly for the betterment of TEEA and those who volunteer!

Congratulations to those of you who won in Cultural ARTS in District 4. Many thanks goes out to Kay Karns for volunteering for Education Chair.



Honor Roll County-- Rains County

Piecemakers of Rains County & Crafty Ladies
By Cindy Pollard

We took a challenge during the summer and made 188 12 ½-inch blocks of red, white, and blue. I wish to thank all the ladies who took the challenge. We then donated them to the Quilts of Valors foundation's representative, Suzanne DiCarlo. These blocks will be sewn into at least 15 quilts or more and given to the men and women who served our country. These quilts are free and donated with love for the people who served

The Piecemakers of Rains County and Crafty Ladies taught 14 girls (some of them 4-H) to make a quilt of their own. It was a 3 day event and lots of fun. The girls had a quilt to take home at the end. Hopefully we will see these young ladies come back next year to learn more about quilting.



Teaching girls to quilt



Suzanne DiCarlo & Cindy Pollard



Outstanding Education County-- Cooke County



District 5



Susie Blackmon
District Director

There is so much to say about the State Conference. It was a great time to visit with friends we've made over the years and to make new friends. I really enjoyed the Lunch-n-Share activity we did on Wednesday. I sat with ladies from 3 different districts and heard great things that they were doing in their communities. I hope we can do this type of activity again next year. And as usual, the fashion show was a hoot! The workshops I was able to attend were very informative. **Canning: Has it changed since your Grandma's Day?** The answer is, yes it has! **Family Literacy** was about a reading program to encourage families to read together. We as volunteers can help promote in our community schools and also a great program to share with home school cooperatives.



District Director, Susie Blackmon, represented Cherokee EEA clubs at the Cherokee County Commissioner's Court and is shown here presenting County Judge Chris Davis with the "big check" totaling \$29,738.91. Judge Davis also signed the Proclamation declaring October 4-10 as TEEA Week.

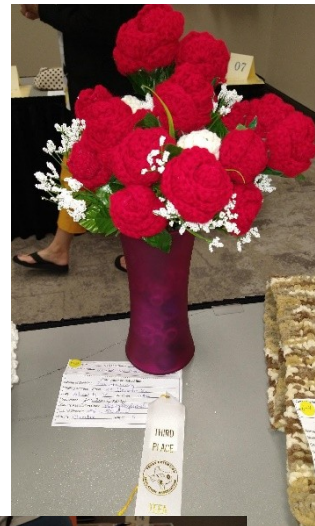


Cherokee County State Cultural Arts Winner
Mandy Miller's painted box and paper quill sunflower

Linda Steger is shown here with her new sewing machine that she won when her name was drawn in the raffle fundraiser for District 5's 4-H scholarship fund.



Cherokee County State Cultural Arts Winner
Zoe Ann Conway's crochet rose bouquet



Upshur County
By Patricia Bynum



Honor Roll County-- Upshur County
Linda Steger, Joan Warren and Agent Julie York



2nd Place State-Level Cultural Arts Winner
Hand-woven rug by Carol Tejcek of the Glenwood Club
Pictured: Carol Tejcek and Agent Julie York



Outstanding Education County-- Cherokee County

Adventuring out into the heat of summer, the Southern Belles Club's June outing was a personalized tour of the Gladewater Museum. Docent Lois Reed gave many entertaining stories about founding families and colorful characters who helped develop Gladewater and the surrounding areas.

Of course, they had to visit the Elvis room and have their picture taken with The King.



Linda Steger, Lynn Worn, Della Layton, Joan Warren, The King, Joyce Raabe and Pat Bynum

In July, Southern Belles and Glenwood Clubs, with the help of our amazing 4-H students, hosted a Bean Luncheon as a fundraiser, with the proceeds to benefit local charities. Despite a very warm summer day, many residents and business associates came out to enjoy a meal of beans/ham, cornbread muffins, homemade desserts and lots of tea. For fun, TEEA members wore decorative hats, which acted as hairnets, too. It was hard work, but for a good cause.

Virginia Higginbotham, Janice Green, Faith Manhave, Debbie Manhave, Linda Shipko and Carol Tejcek



At the Southern Belles' August meeting, Troy Murray of Croley's Funeral Home in Gilmer gave a talk on Wreaths Across America. The aims of the organization are to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who served, and to teach our children the value of freedom. As children, spouses, relatives, and friends of veterans, the Southern Belles were very interested in how they could participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony, which will be held at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Gilmer during December.

Southern Belles are putting the finishing touches on a hand-made quilt, to be raffled at the East Texas Yamboree in October. The proceeds will benefit local charities that the Club supports.



Grandma's Flower Garden Quilt

District 6



Leslie Davis
District Director

Hello, my name is Leslie Davis, and I'm new to West TX. I'm from a small town in East Texas. I'm a wife of 18 years, mother, and grandmother. My husband and I have 8 AMAZING children ranging from 26 to the youngest being 2, and three grandchildren. I moved to West TX after my husband's company offered him a permanent position here. Shortly after moving to Ft.

Stockton, I took a job with the Pecos County Extension office, where I'm a 4-H administrative assistant. Having this position has allowed me to gain relationships with others in the community-- I love people! This position has also allowed me to find TEEA. I enjoy the fellowship this group allows, and the new friendships it allows me to make. I'm very much a hands-on person! I'm super involved in all that I'm involved in! One of my favorite things to do is organize fundraisers. I know that is one of those "oh my" kind of things but, I LOVE IT! I also love to take road trips with my family. I enjoy hosting parties and just family get-togethers. I was honored to be installed as the new TEEA District 6 director for the 2022. I truly look forward to serving, and I hope this year and the years to come are all that we can make it be! I can't wait to get to know you all!

District 6 Honor Roll & Outstanding Education County-- Pecos County



94th TEEA State Conference Lubbock, Texas September 13-14, 2022



Melvin Atkinson, Texas 4-H Conference Center

CVU award Recipients



Check Presentation to 4-H Center



Dr. Rick Avery, Director, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service



Dr. Courtney Dodd, Associate Director, Texas A&M Extension Service



Keynote Speaker---Honorable Ellie Torres, Hidalgo County Commissioner, Precinct 4



Dr. Avery & Polly Krenak, President-elect, signing MOU

Texas Leadership nominees



Youngest Member in attendance--Kailey Roberts, Burnet County



Texas Treasure nominees, Rosabelle Leal, District 1, recipient (left)



Rockin' Around with TEEA Banquet & 50s Style Show



Style Show Winners L to R: Ola Culwell, 3rd place; Shirley Riebe, 2nd place; Andrea Wooley, 1st place



District 7



Lisa Zinz
District Director

Hello, I'm your TEEA District 7 Director Lisa Zinz. I'm married to my husband, Terry, for 39 years now. We live in a small community named Lake Victor in Burnet County. We have 2 children, Krystle & Kerry, and as of September 28, we have 2 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. I have been involved in TEEA for over 10 years. I have been to club, county, district, and state meetings. I have served as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate. I received the Texas Treasurer Award in 2017. Also, I have 27 years in 4-H as Club Manager, LAB and Adult Leadership. I am excited to be your District 7 Director. Most of you have seen me with Burnet County Ladies. I'm looking for a great year. Please feel free to call, text, or email anytime. I do work, but I will get back to you as soon as I can. Thanks for being my TEEA Friend.

Brown County By Margaret Boyd

Brown County's sizzling summer came to a finale with state convention in Lubbock. Five attended.



Honor Roll County-- Brown County

The summer brought more heat than rain. Our clubs fought fires through donations to firefighters and the needy. The volunteer hours marched on through smoke and fire. We laughed together, shared music and friendship.

Our craft fair and achievement day, smoldering from the past, again resurfaced. Our community hours glowed among our clubs.

We saw the McDaniel Club spring to life through a meeting at the senior citizen building, hosting lunch and bingo. This program has added 5 new members. County members they might be, but they are important to us.

We also saw some sloppiness in re-establishing rules and guidelines on volunteer

hours and rewriting to favor one guest because others always win. Small things add up during a long, hot summer. We all need to be diligent that we represent our clubs with honesty in the heat and work on these things. Recordkeeping and minutes should always be available to our members.

The Loyal continue to carry out the mission of TEEA. They serve over and over again through the ashes of achievements. They are the foundation left after the fire of COVID and loss of membership as they hold tight to the God we believe in.

We see the economic fires lick at the windows of each club. Our scholarship funds stand strong and our support for 4-H burns deep in our hearts. With compassion for the loss of life, homes, and animals through fire, we see a continued shadow of drought pass overhead. We walk on...we volunteer, and care about those around us. God bless TEEA.

Burnet County By Roxanne Dunegan

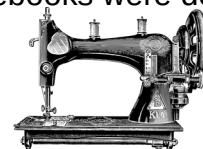
Burnet County is very proud of a recent renovation to the historic jail that is on the corner of the courthouse square. Eight Redbud Oakalla Club members attended a tour and presentation of the jail's history. There

were many laughs of the entries in the jail log and the graffiti on the walls. The jail also housed the sheriff and his family where the rooms are beautifully furnished with period furniture. Blair Manning, Director of Burnet County Tourism gave the tour. The tour was followed by lunch.



Ladies shown are l to r. Amy Parke, Amanda Hensley, Sandra Cole, Stacy Roberts, Kerry McDonald, Micki Douglas, Julie Griser and Roxanne Dunegan

An important part of Redbud Oakalla's community service projects is to support other non-profits with their fundraisers. These Redbud ladies are making items to be sold at an upcoming quilt show which supports that quilt guild's community service projects. A number of tote bags and covered notebooks were donated.

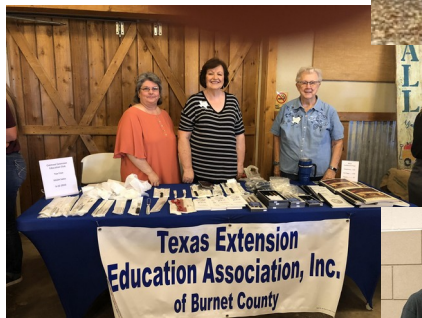




Redbud Oakalla Ladies Sewing
Pictured from l to r are Amanda
Hensley, Kerry McDonald,
Roxanne Dunegan and Edna
Niebanck. Other members
attending but not shown are
Micki Douglas, Amy Parke, Julie
Griser and Roberta Eacott.



Presenting the scholarship: L-R
TEEABC Council Members, Lela
Goar, Hazel Risley, Kelly Linzer,
and Roberta Eacott



TEEA Burnet County, Lisa Zinz,
Hazel Risley and Lela Goar. Had a
booth selling RADA items at the
Girls Gone Grilling, September 22
in Burnet, Texas. There were over
100 girls/ladies attended. We all
grilled our own steaks. Burnet
County Agents and 4-Hers helped
with the program.
Submitted by Lisa Zinz

By Lela Goar

The Texas Extension Education Association of Burnet County recently presented scholarships to two graduating seniors from the Burnet County 4-H. Kelly Linzer from Bertram and Reese Moomaw from Marble Falls, both have a long history in 4-H and exhibited leadership qualities, as well as completing the 4-H record book to show all the



Presenting the scholarship were
members of the Redbud-Oakalla
Extension Education Club, L-R:
Kerry McDonald, Roberta
Eacott, Reese Moomaw,
Roxanne Dunegan, and Micki
Douglas.



Outstanding Education County--
Brown County

projects they had participated in and the accomplishments they received. Congratulations to these two very deserving individuals. We wish them much success in their college career and future endeavors.

Runnels County Friendly Neighbors Club By Pat Crowley, reporter

Friendly Neighbors held the final meeting before the summer break on May 24, 2022. After completing the business portion of the meeting, Pat Crowley gave a presentation entitled Soil 101. The focus of the presentation was to educate club members on the importance of soil regeneration, how soil and plants function, and methods that each of us can do to improve our soil. The members also discussed the club's success in the Walk Across Texas Challenge that was held for 8 weeks in March, April and May. The Friendly Neighbors team happily announced that they successfully walked 836.75 miles during the Challenge. Hooray!

On September 3, 2022, Friendly Neighbors supported the annual WINTERS DOVE FEST by helping serve at the luncheon meal.

On September 27, 2022, Friendly Neighbors held their first club meeting after the summer break. The members approved a tentative schedule of activities for their future meetings. The club agreed to again support the preparation of gift packages for the Operation Christmas Child charitable

organization and the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.



French Toast Casserole

1 lb loaf French bread, cut into 1 inch cubes
12 eggs, slightly beaten
3 cups milk
2 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp mace
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp cinnamon

Topping:

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Place bread cubes in a 9x13 baking dish (or a Dutch Oven). In a large mixing bowl, mix all ingredients, except brown sugar and nuts. Pour egg mixture over the bread. Let set 1 hour, until bread is totally soaked, or overnight. Sprinkle with the nuts and brown sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with maple syrup if desired.

Submitted by
Wayne Williford,
Hardin County, District 9
Editor's Note: Several ladies asked for this recipe after the District 9 Spring Conference. I thought I would include it here for everyone to enjoy.

District 8

Bell County By Gayle Pomykal



Twins, LaVelle Parsons & LaVerne Dillashaw, were honored as the oldest members in attendance at the State Conference in Lubbock, Texas. The 94th State Conference was

honored to recognize these two dedicated members who celebrated their 94th birthday, July 14, 2022. LaVelle became a TEEA member in Bell County in 1992, serving in many EE offices at the club and county level, and as treasurer for District 8. She and her family moved from Georgetown, Texas, to Temple, Texas, where she worked in the Savings and Loan business for approximately forty years, while she also supported her husband and children in their endeavors. LaVerne, her husband, and family lived in San Antonio during their early years where she worked as secretary to an engineer in the Texas Highway Department. Her career lasted around thirty-eight years. After her

retirement, LaVerne moved to Temple to be near LaVelle. She became a TEEA member in 2015, where she and LaVelle are currently members of the Tejas EE Club.

Buddy Holly's image at the conference in Lubbock was quite evident. Bell County EEA delegates enjoyed the well planned conference, the excellent food, the facilities and nice hotel. They reported the educational programs, as well as the Early Bird and optional programs were overall very good, and plans have been made for sharing the information with all BEEA members.

Williamson County By Charlotte Watson



Pictured (L to R) Lillian Black, County EE Chair, Sarah Frank, Marilyn Ubben and Peggy Blair)

It was ONLY 100 degrees in the shade ... but Williamson County EE members arrived early in the day to enjoy the shade accompanied by a wonderful breeze at their annual June picnic in the beautiful San Gabriel Park in Georgetown. The majority of EE clubs were represented. It was a small but a fun-loving group who brought salads, desserts, and their lawn chairs. They enjoyed fellowship before lunch discussing such timely topics as "deer eating their plants," "squirrels eating their bird seed," and "how Georgetown has changed since they moved here." Their new FCH Agent, Katie Sharpton, stopped by to say, "hi."

Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, meets twice each month. They are small in number but BIG in spirit. Their traditional meeting on

Honor Roll County—Eastland County



Pictured are Nancy and Ernie Urbantke, LaVelle Parsons, & LaVerne Dillashaw having fun with Buddy Holly black rimmed glasses. Also in on the fun, not pictured, was Jane Vancel. Jane was the official photographer, a delegate, driver for the twins and all around helper to ensure everything went smoothly for the group from Bell County.



Outstanding Education County—Leon County



the first Wednesday each month includes an educational program and community service project. They meet a second time each month in a local restaurant to celebrate members' birthdays and for fellowship. If no members have a birthday that particular month, they just agree on a restaurant and go out to eat anyway! Members especially love trying new restaurants in town. They celebrate each others' birthdays by bringing birthday cards to the "birthday girl." Through the years, this "lunch bunch" has been a time of fellowship and building community.



Shown in the picture (beside the new refrigeration truck for out of town deliveries) are L to R, Ginna O'Connor, Executive Director since 2013, Pat Kellett, Charlotte Watson, Carola Meister, Peggy Lester Blair, Betty Davidson and Barbara Cagle.

Noontime Extension Education Club went on their annual September field trip this year to tour the newly-modeled Caring Place in Georgetown. The mission of The Caring Place stayed the same during COVID, but they had to change how they performed their

mission. They are almost back "to normal" but their volunteer base needs **MORE VOLUNTEERS!** They are the heart of this home-grown ministry which began in 1985. It was a great learning experience and all left the facilities so glad The Caring Place meets so many needs of so many people.



Members of the Noontime and the Sundowners Extension Education Clubs in Williamson County, shown in the picture above, joined together recently for a very successful community project.

They donated a total of 676 diapers and 72 wipes to the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County. The Pregnancy Help Center is a non-profit service and outreach ministry, serving the local community for 25 years! The PHC helps those unprepared for pregnancy or those just needing a supportive hand of friendship along the way. All of their services are offered 100% free of charge. It is all done for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ. They are known in the community

as a ministry committed to the sanctity of life as well as loving and serving their clients. Congratulations, EE ladies, for caring for young moms and their babies in such a tangible way.

The Noontime Extension Education Club hosted the Sundowners EE Club, both in Williamson County, recently as part of the county EE's Club Exchange. The program was presented by members of the Georgetown 4-H Club.

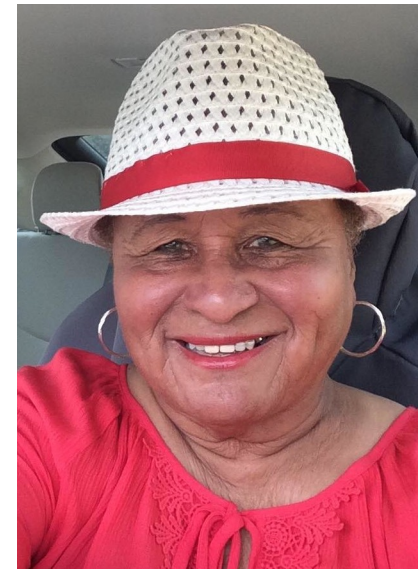


Shown in the picture are members of both EE Clubs and the 4-H'ers who presented the Program.

Everyone enjoyed learning about the many avenues of involvement available to children and youth through the wonderful 4-H organization. 4-H'ers shared about their experiences over multiple years of 4-H and how much it had meant to them to be involved in 4-H. Following the program, EE members in both clubs enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon.



District 9



**Clara Jones
District Director**

My name is Clara Jones and I have been a member of TEEA for 15 years . I was previously a member of District 8 where I held numerous leadership positions.

I received my BS from Texas Woman's University and Masters from Saint Louis University. Being part of District 9 is like going home since I'm from Port Arthur where my mother, Neola Joe, was a member of Metra Harris Home Demonstration Club. I'm looking forward to working with members of District 9. Members can always contact me at mzjonezj@gmail.com.

By Betty Anderson, past District Director

Hello!!

The Lubbock conference was Great and Fun. We learned a lot, and boy, did we have fun! Our District was awarded the Most Members in ATTENDANCE. Even though it was a long ride, we made new friend and had a great time with old friends.



*District 9 Awarded the
Traveling Plaque*

Clara Jones was installed as District Director as of October 1, 2022, until 2024. Help her with forms that are due on time and get all your members to fill in the volunteer forms. Share the workshops with your clubs that you all attended at the conference. Brazoria County was awarded the Honor Roll of



*Honor Roll County---Brazoria
County*

Counties. Cherrie Zieses won the 1st Timers drawing for \$100.00, CONGRAULATIONS!!!



*Outstanding Educational Programs
County-- Jefferson County*

Jefferson County won the District Most Educational award. Lee County won the most new members joined.

It is a great pleasure to work with all the members in District 9. We were thankful for Claudine Hare getting a bus for us, so we didn't have to drive... A BIG THANK YOU!!!

By Claudine Hare



District 9 EEA awarded the \$1,500 state scholarship to Macy Narro from Burleson County at the District Spring Conference. She plans to attend Texas A & M University.

The theme for the conference was "Big Thicket Country" and D'Ann White, with her Hardin County members, did a great job planning the meeting. The men cooked breakfast outside in iron pots <Dutch Ovens> and the decorations were from the Big Thicket woods.

*Daniel White
(left) & Wayne
Williford (bottom)
cooking
breakfast on
Dutch ovens at
Spring
Conference*



Burleson County By Lydia Faust

Burleson County EEA Clubs have been active this past year. After the pandemic, clubs began meeting, having programs, and having fundraisers for scholarship awards. The clubs enjoyed programs by Dorothy Oliver, Burleson County Elections Administrator, Citizen's State Bank staff on banking fraud, the

Snook City administrator on National Night Out, and a six week class on "Master of Memory". Lyons EEA had a successful plant sale and blood drive. Snook EEA baked cookies and cobblers for Chillfest and worked many volunteer hours serving food to the workers. Burleson County EEA Council's fundraisers for scholarship winners were Fall craft show at the Expo center in Caldwell and Baked Potato Drive-Thru.

Members enjoyed attending District 9 Fall Training meeting and District 9 Conference in Kountze. The District 9 Texas Treasure award winner was Diana See from the Snook EEA club. Five Burleson County members attended the state conference in Lubbock and attended all the educational workshops to bring back to our county, ready to give programs to other organizations. We are proud of several counties of District 9 who were recognized for many awards.

Most members worked at the Burleson County Fair helping to enter fair entries. The Snook Club entered an Education Board on "Families Reading Every Day", based on a 2022 TEEA educational workshop, and received Grand Champion and Most Educational awards. The Burleson

County EEA Council entered an education board titled "Parties With Pizzazz", another 2022 TEEA educational workshop, and received a Reserve Champion award.

The Kolache Bake Show went well with 247 entries in 6 divisions. We were very proud of the Youth division having many entries. We are proud that they are continuing to practice the culture of making kolaches.

Our Burleson County EEA Council awarded a \$500 scholarship to Macy Narro, who was also awarded the TEEA District 9 Meatra Harrison 4-H Scholarship. Sydney Faust, representing District 9, granddaughter of Council Chair, Lydia Faust, was recognized at the TEEA State Conference as receiving a \$500 TEEA Velma Tate Alumnae Scholarship award.

District 10



*Outstanding Education--- Caldwell County
Judy Wheeler, Gwen Risinger & Esther
Barney*



**Judy Wheeler
District Director**

Hello all. Hope all who attended the state convention had a great time. I did, all was great until I returned home. I tested positive for COVID-19. So, I have been "Home Alone, Again", but I am recovering just fine.

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Judy Wheeler. I live in Lytton Springs, Texas, on the ranch I grew up on.

My husband of almost 50 years (he passed away in 2013) and I had two children, Bowie and Kristy. However, I went to work one day, I had a 7 year old and a 10 year old. I came home to two sevens and two tens. I said they multiplied, not me. We had custody of Jason and Demetria for 10 precious years. I have two grandchildren by my two and five grandchildren by the other two.

Upon retiring with 32 years with the Texas State Health Department, the one thing I wanted to do

was to join the Lytton Springs quilting club. I then joined the Glenvoir TEEA on July 2, 2010. As an active member of both of these clubs since that time, I have served as treasurer of the Glenvoir Club, six years as County Chair for Caldwell County and Secretary for District 10.

I enjoy my church work, leading music and as a church treasurer, volunteering in my community, earning money for scholarships and doing cultural art items.

I look forward to serving as District Director for District 10. With the help of all the members of the district, I am sure together we can accomplish anything.

Bastrop County By Glenda Gebert

The McDade Extension Education Club (MEEC) met for the first time since summer began and everyone seemed really excited to start the new year. Our club is proud to announce that three new members have been added to our roster, bringing our to membership to 30. We are going to have a great year. Melba Skubiata, President of the MEEC presented a leadership training program on "It's Not Your Grandma's Quilt" that she had attended at the State Conference.

Many of our members brought beautiful quilts to share.



Judy Maiewski won People Choice Ribbon Award in a tie and a Blue Ribbon for her beautiful Hooked Rug that she entered in Cultural Arts at the State Conference held in Lubbock on September 12-14.

Our club received one blue ribbon and four white ribbons for Cultural Arts Entries, and our member Kathy Prochnow received a Certificate nomination for the Texas Treasure Award.

Newly elected officers were installed at the September meeting. They are President, Melba Skubiata; Vice President, Kathy Prochnow; Secretary, Liz Nelson; Treasurer, Loretta Dube; Recreation Chair, Candy Reader; Inspiration Chair, Sandy Doughty; Reporter, Glenda Gebert; Photographer/ Historian, Missy Davis; Telephone Committee, Janice Payne and Patsie Gentner; and Sunshine Chair, Janice Payne.

Caldwell County By Sharon Nitz



District Scholarship recipient,
Kristen Reed

Gwen
Risinger,
District 10
Director-
2019-2022



1st Place,
Category 1 –
Judy Wheeler,
Glenvoir Club



Esther
Barney,
ready to
rock!
Even
at age
90!



Judy
Wheeler
checking
out the
hits!!



The Luling Club enjoyed a visit to
the Bastrop Museum in July.

On September 27, club members attended the Caldwell County Commissioners Court, recounting the educational as well as volunteering programs that we participate in. Covid has impacted our volunteer endeavors, but we have accumulated hours equal to \$65,000. The Court has exclaimed October 2 to 8, as TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION WEEK in Caldwell County.

In October, we will have a County luncheon and our County agent, Elsie, will present the educational programs from the convention. We will also hold our Cultural Arts and Achievement Day in October.



Honor Roll --- Gillespie County
Maria Guerra, Kay Doshier, Helen Usener, Gwen
Risinger, Judy Eilers, Sharon Kott, and Annabel
Wilkinson

Gillespie EEA Pilot Knob EE Club By Helen Usener

On Thursday, May 5, the Gillespie EEA/Pilot Knob EE Club held a very successful BBQ luncheon which included many wonderful prizes donated by businesses and EEA members all benefiting our EEA Scholarships for 4-H Seniors.



Alicia
Frantzen
and
Glenda
Fritz
served
as
chairs
for the
prizes.



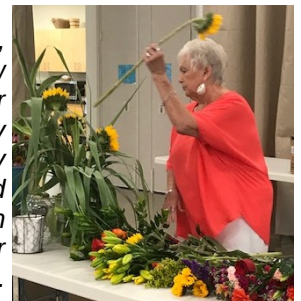
EEA Scholarship recipients were Carson Crenwelge, Holt Geistweidt, Alexandra Sione, and Arianna Watson. Arianna also received the District 10 EEA Scholarship and a TEEA Scholarship.

Members enjoyed lunch together on August 12 and many enjoyed attending the 4-H BBQ Fundraiser on August 26. The EEA Board was on display at the Gillespie County Fair.



The Spring Tour to The Cross in Kerrville on May 25 was enjoyed by Kay Doshier, Judy Eilers, Helen Usener, Janalee Hannemann, Alicia Frantzen, Annabel Wilkinson, Maria Guerra, Sharon Kott, and guest Linda Wilson. They also enjoyed eating lunch at The Ridge.

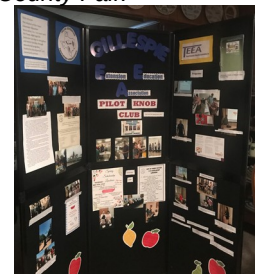
June 10,
new
member
Kathy
Murray
presented
a program
on flower
arranging.



Katelyn Vinklarek, Hill Country Memorial Hospital Administrative Director of Post Acute Services, spoke to members about Home Care, Supportive Care, and Hospice on July 8.



On May
13, 4-H
members
presented
their 4-H
Share the
Fun Skits.



Barbara Schneider was welcomed as a new member in September.

District 11



Knellen Quinteros
District Director

Howdy, my name is Knellen Quinteros. I am the new district director for District 11. I have lived my entire life in Austin County. I am a proud graduate of Texas A & M, class of '77. I taught school for 30 years in the same school district.

I have been a TEEA member since 1984, not very active while I was employed, but have held many offices in my club and county council after I retired.

I live on the land that has been in my family for over 150 years. One of the best moments was to get the 150 certificate from the "Family Land Heritage" ceremony in Austin.

I have 3 grown children, 1 daughter and 2 sons, along with their spouses have given me 5 grandchildren.

My goal is to be as active as possible throughout the district, and be their spokesperson. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2023 state conference in Beaumont.



Honor Roll County--- Austin County



Outstanding Education--- Wharton County

Austin County **By Michelle Wright, FCH**

EEA of Austin County sponsored a Medical Drug Plan Educational program during the month of January. The very knowledgeable presenters discussed a variety of topics related to choosing a medical drug plan as well as social security and Medicare.



L to R- Ken Peters, Emily Wagner and Rudy Ammer

In February, we sponsored a soup, sandwich, and dessert meal in honor of the Commissioners Court and many of its community partners. The theme for this year's event was "EEA – Volunteers are the Heart of the Community". This is an

annual event that recognizes the hard work and efforts of many of our community partnerships. This opportunity gave EEA members the chance to visit one on one with the Court to share organizational highlights and the benefits of Extension Education in Austin County.

Also in February, we conducted a Countywide educational program opportunity to learn more about plants and succulents from proprietor, Marian Cates, of the Bellflower in Bellville. Members learned the secrets related to growing succulents, shrubs and much, much more.



L to R- Joan Buenger, Pat Allee, Marian Cates, Doris Glenewinkel, Joan Re

In April, members hit the road to San Antonio for their annual Spring Car Trip. They truly enjoyed venturing around the beautiful city of San Antonio, Texas. Many sites were visited including the Witte

Museum and Market Street. In addition, the group took a bus tour to the hill country. While in Fredericksburg, they made time to check out the famous LBJ Ranch. The comradery was definitely out of this world.



L to R- Janet Hoelscher, Kerry Garner, Cindy Kovar, Pam Todaro, and Knellen Quinteros

Also in April, we hosted a program for citizens 55 years and older entitled "CarFit". CarFit provides a quick, yet comprehensive review of how well you and your vehicle work together. Afterwards, all participants found out how well their cars fit them and made adjustments according to their needs after the 12-point checklist.

In August, EEA of Austin County hosted the 2022 Awards Banquet and Officer Installation Ceremony. The members chose a "Fishing" theme for this year's event. It was a pleasure honoring the members for their years of service and dedication to the organization.



Washington County By Judith Finke

A large crowd turned out for the WEEA Parliamentary Procedure training at the WC Expo Center on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.



Bellville FFA Instructor Rod Vincent, acclaimed coach of five state champion FFA Chapter Conducting Teams, presented a very informative program. Correct parliamentary procedure basics including the Taps of the Gavel, the Order of Business, Types of Motions, as well as Lay on the Table, Postpone Definitely, Refer to Committee, Amending and Adjourning were presented verbally and enacted by members of the Bellville FFA including: Stewart Poffenberger, Racheal Hohlt and Laura Lassau. Other points of interest were Division of the Assembly, Parliamentary Inquiry, Point of Order and Rescind.

4-Hers Dawson Moran, Haley and Dawson Rudloff registered the guests that came from Washington and surrounding counties. Refreshments were served. Robert's Rules of Order in Brief were available for

sale. The Training Host Committee included: Diane Ashorn, Hannah Krebs and Judith Finke.

Following the training session, officers of the WEEA and the three local Extension Clubs were installed by outgoing WEEA Chair, Suzanne Kessler, who presented the outgoing officers with lovely gifts.

For information regarding membership: contact Judith Finke at 979.277.4949 or the Extension Office.



Suzanne Kessler and Judith Finke judged the Culinary Arts at the Fayette County Fair along with television celebrity Chet Garner, of Daytripping. Hannah Krebs, county CEA also judged but is not photographed.

Wharton County Taiton EE Club By Olivia McDonald

TEEC met Wednesday September 14, 2022, at the Taiton Parish Hall. Members brought comfort items for the Veterans Hospital as the community service project for September. A proposal to serve light refreshments provided by the hostesses of the month was met with members approval.

Outgoing president, Kathryn Sellers, installed officers for the upcoming club year with a ceremony which included a description of the duties of each office and a sweet treat signifying her office. The new officers are President, Irene Nohavitza; vice president, Grace Glaze; secretary, Olivia McDonald; and treasurer, Lillian Bartek.

Irene Nohavitza was the birthday celebrant of the month. Names were drawn for door prizes. Hostesses Mary Jane Balcar and Karen Zapalac served doughnuts and a cheese roll prior to the meeting.

The Wharton County Extension Education Club met on September 27, at the Northside Center. TEEA's sister club, the Bluebonnet Club, is selling nuts as a fundraiser.

District 12



Dr. Ida Acuña-Garza
District Director



Outstanding Educational Program

This year's award was won by Kleberg County for the various programming that served the need of the community. Club members have participated in the community Farmer's Market to publicize club activities, as well as, raising funds for their local scholarship.



We are so proud of Elida Rodriguez who won the District & State Leadership Award.



Honor Roll of Counties

This award was won by Hidalgo County for the community service projects and scholarships distributed by two of the three clubs in the county. The group contributed over 1,000 hours of community service to benefit the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home and the Retama Manor Nursing Home providing patient door decorations and small gifts for the residents.

Hidalgo County hosted the Spring Conference on April 28, 2022, at the Sekula Memorial Library in Edinburg.



Sylvia Ybarra was our District Texas Treasure winner.

Our guest speaker was the Honorable Ellie Torres, Hidalgo County Commissioner, Precinct 4 who also presented at our conference in Lubbock on Women in Leadership.



All in all, we had a good year and hope to explore various ways to increase our membership in the district.



We had a wonderful program by Hidalgo County Master Gardener, Janet Schofield on herbs.



Joyce Cavanagh
AgriLife Advisor

Saving TEEA History

I've always been a bit of a history buff, but as I've gotten older, I've become more interested in family history and historical items. This has grown to include the history of organizations and groups I belong to. I know many of you have this interest also as I have received inquiries about saving

TEEA historical documents. So, let's talk about how to save TEEA's history!

If you are like me, you don't like throwing anything away, especially things that have meaning. I know many of you probably have at least one box somewhere with old TEEA (or other prior organization names, like Home Demonstration clubs) documents that you don't know what to do with. Well, consider donating them to the Texas Extension Education Association Collection at the Cushing Memorial Library at Texas A&M University. The Cushing Library holds many historical collections, including TEEA's. The collection documents the history of TEEA going back to the beginning.

What types of documents and records should we be saving and in what format? Historians are always interested in membership lists, financial reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, program flyers, Club Yearbooks, newspaper articles about club activities, and pictures! Paper records are usually the preference, but if you only have some of these in electronic form, that is fine. Save them to a flash drive (do not delete original files until the

library confirms they can access the files from the external drive).

Items you want to donate can be delivered in person by making an appointment, or via mail. The Archivist at the Cushing Library in charge of the TEEA Collection is Krista Oldham. Her contact information is:

Krista Oldham, University Archivist
Cushing Memorial Library
koldham@tamu.edu
979-845-6382

You can mail materials to her at:
Krista Oldham
Cushing Memorial Library & Archives
TAMU 5000
College Station, TX
77843

If you are interested in viewing any of the items in the collection, they can be accessed in the Reading Room at the Cushing Library. No appointment is needed, but you are encouraged to contact Dr. Oldham in advance as the collection is stored off-site.

So, let's all work to save the history of TEEA! What your family may think of as old trash, we know is important documentation of women's history. YOUR history! Start cleaning out those attics, garages and basements and sending your TEEA history to the Cushing Library.

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PO Box 233
Kountze, TX 77625



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In Memory

Doris Griffin Poe-- District 7, Burnet Co., Lake Victor EEC
71 year member

Gloria Branch-- District 9, Jefferson Co., Meatra EEC

Reba Murphey-- District 9, Jefferson Co., former Nederland
EEC, Parliamentarian for club, county, district & state



***Have a safe &
healthy holiday
season!***

D'Ann White ***Messenger Editor***

Hi, everyone! This is my very first issue as *Messenger* Editor, and I hope you enjoy it! This is my 5th year on the Board and I am very excited about being your new editor. I am so looking forward to this upcoming year and seeing the articles and pictures that you all will be submitting.

Just remember, the next deadline for the Spring edition is **February 1**. Please send all pictures in jpeg format, or in a Word document, so that I can extract it easily. Also, remember that all article submissions must be "original," as I cannot reprint from newspaper articles due to copyright laws.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, either by phone or email. My cell number is 409.926.8502, and my personal email address is danielwhitefamily@gmail.com (for questions). For article or picture submissions, please email at teeamessenger2020@gmail.com.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with you all this year!