

THE TEEA MESSENGER

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Greetings TEEA members across this great State of Texas,

My goodness, it's already the end of January, and the time is swiftly passing--- before we know it, the 95th TEEA State Conference will be here. The Conference will be held in Beaumont on September 12th and 13th. The Conference Hotel is the Holiday Inn located at 3950 I-10 and Walden Road. All the conference events will be at the hotel except for the district parties. Your reservation also includes a breakfast buffet each morning. The room rate is the prevailing State Rate, plus taxes.

Districts 9 and 11 are the host districts. The theme of the conference is **"TEEA Leading into the Future"**. The Executive Board, the District Directors, and the Education Chairs have all been working to make this a special conference with interesting Educational programs and Early Bird and Optional workshops.

The entertainment for the Wednesday evening banquet will be a talent show, featuring all our very talented members. The first-place prize is \$75.00, second-place prize is \$50.00 and third-place prize is \$25.00. Encourage your members or groups to participate. Clara Jones, District 9 Director, is in charge. If you are planning on entering the contest and need more information, email Clara at mzjonezj@gmail.com.

Reservations for State Conference can be made now. **The phone number is 1-409-842-7804. Ask for the TEEA block and use the block code which is "EEA".**

The cut-off date for reservations is August 25th. If you have problems, call me at the number below.

I have already heard several groups making plans to car pool, rent a van, and maybe take a bus to Beaumont. It is not too early to start making your plans to attend the conference.

There will be more information about the Beaumont State Conference in the next issue of the messenger. Deadline for articles is May 1st.

There will be two positions open for the Executive Board: President-Elect and 1st Vice President for Leadership. District Director positions open are 1, 3, and 5. If you are interested in running for an office, please read all the appropriate Articles in the Bylaws and Standing Rules... make sure they are the most current updated version. Also, please read the duties for that office and have the required paperwork and signatures to your District Director by the Spring Conference.

I know most of the you have heard that Joyce Cavanagh, our AgriLife Extension Advisor, officially retired at the end of January. Her colleagues gave her a wonderful retirement party with a slide show of pictures of Joyce's life, family, and some of her beautiful quilts. Many of her colleagues talked about Joyce and all her accomplishments. I really think they will miss her. It was so nice that some of her family could come and celebrate with her. We are not losing Joyce; she is a member of TEEA, and we will see her often.

I was very happy to meet the new AgriLife Extension Advisor, Alice Kirk. I met her over the phone, and it's so nice to put a face with a voice. She will be coming to the May Board meeting and also to the State Conference. That way everyone will get to meet her.

I am here to be of assistance to you, either by text, telephone, or email. Please leave me your name and a brief message. If I am in a meeting or at an appointment, it may be later or the next day before I return your call. I prefer text, so I can answer you sooner. My cell phone number is 512-663-7941, or email at mpkrenek@yahoo.com. My address is: 916 CR 337, Bertram, Texas 78605.

"TEEA Leading into the Future with Education, Leadership, and Service".

Have a Blessed Day,
Polly Krenek,
TEEA State President

"When we honor the flag, we honor what we stand for as a Nation – freedom, equality, justice, and hope."

---Ronald Regan

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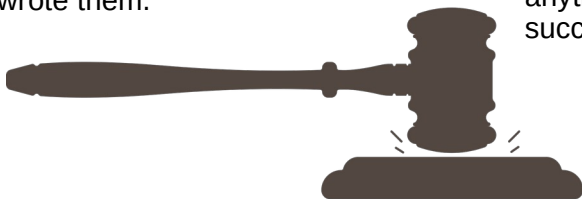


Jan Meador
First Vice-President for Leadership

2023 Greetings to everyone!!

What about this weather? The Texas Panhandle has been nuts! Crazy high winds, blowing dirt, snow, ice, fog, sleet... and all in the same day!!

For this article, I am sharing some leadership pointers and some helpful tools to make your meetings run smoothly. I hope everyone will get something helpful from these tools that I have used to help me. I wanted to share these tools with our full membership. Take from it what helps you, and refresh yourself on meeting agendas to help keep your meetings running smoothly and on time. Robert's Rules of Order is the best way to run any meeting. The source for the following items is unknown, and I give credit to whomever wrote them.



We will have the yearbook exchange again this year, and we will do it during the Lunch and Share. Be sure and bring your yearbooks if you would like to trade and get ideas from others.

Good Stuff-

1. Leadership is understanding people and involving them to help you do a job. That takes all of the good characteristics, like integrity, dedication of purpose, selflessness, knowledge, skill, implacability, as well as determination not to accept failure.
2. If you want to change what's going on around you, change what's going on inside you. Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction. Let it come, let it flow, and let it go.
3. Courage is not being unafraid. *"Courage is being scared to death and getting in the saddle anyway."*
---John Wayne
4. Some shout at fear from a safe distance. The brave stand face to face with fear and calmly call it out by name.
5. No one can go back and change a bad beginning, but one can start anything, anytime and create a successful ending.

Parliamentary

1. Call to order

The call to order is the first section of your meeting under Robert's Rules of Order. This is a fancy way of stating the beginning of a meeting. It's essentially the opening act of a President or senior member of the team (who is facilitating the session) as they start a meeting with the rest of the group. Typically, the President or facilitator have a scripted agenda to use as they open the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Roll call refers to the procedure of calling off the list of attendees and marking who's in attendance and who couldn't make it. This is typically the responsibility of the Board Liaison or Clerk. Today, we call this person the designated note-taker, or whoever is responsible for taking meeting notes.

3. Reading and approval of minutes

This part of the meeting involves the facilitator consulting previous meeting minutes or notes. It's important that the notes that you're referring to were sent to your team in advance so that they've had some time to review them. The President or the facilitator will ask here if there's anything that's been left out, or that needs correcting or updating.

The next step would be to make note and take corrections until there aren't any more changes to be made. If there aren't any further corrections, the meeting then stands approved, in its corrected version.

4. Reports of officers

Here, your more senior members (or leadership team) will share their reports. This would include the President's report, the Treasurer's report, the Executive Director's report,

and any other positions of significant influence over the team. In these reports, officers state their recommendations and then move onto motions.

Motions require at least one other person to agree with it, which in Robert's Rules is referred to as a "second". Either the motion passes or fails, and the recommendation proposed by the officer is adopted or not adopted.

Reports from the leadership team tend to include items of high importance, and in this part of the meeting, officers would indicate what has been completed and what is still required of them.

5. Reports of committees

The same process for the reports of officers is followed here, except that the heads of committees, groups, or boards within the organization provide their updates and recommendations. This would include a Membership Committee Chairman's Report, followed by a Finance Committee Chairman's Report, and then a Convention Committee Report.

The difference from reports of officers is that, if a group or committee has recommendations, the reporting member moves straight to the necessary motion. The motion doesn't require others in the meeting to support it because the group presenting it is more than one person. If the report gives rise to a motion, it's entertained at this part of the meeting. Motions don't require a second here, unless there's the rare case that your committee is made up of one member.

6. Standard order of business

The standard order of business, after officers, groups, and committees have gone through their reports, are simply

the items on the agenda, listed in a prioritized manner. Typically, the agenda items (or order of business) are based on the previous meeting in terms of what has been updated or progressed since the last time these items were discussed. Of course, as projects evolve, more items will be added subsequently.

It's important that each team member has an active voice in contributing to what will be included in the standard order of business.

7. Announcements

As you get closer to the end of the meeting, each member has the opportunity to talk about any important announcements or changes that will affect the business. In this case, announcements are a formal way of giving important updates to the rest of your team members. This could mean giving the group a heads up for a busy week ahead, a new project in the pipeline, or information about what your competitors are up to.

8. Adjournment

If there's no further business to be presented to the board or to be discussed, the meeting is adjourned. This is your formal wrap-up, where you tie up any loose ends and take any questions or comments from your team members. You can also discuss what's to be expected at the next meeting, and the best way that each team member can come prepared... understanding what's required of them.

Robert's Rules of Order: Cheat Sheet

Because Robert's Rules are kind of old, some of the terminology seems confusing and irrelevant. But it's not! We've just coined modern adaptations of these words. In this section, we'll clear up some key terms:

Session:

A session is just another word for a meeting. In the context of Robert's Rules, this would include any meeting of a deliberative assembly with a predetermined purpose.

Quorum:

A quorum is the minimum number of voting team members who need to be in attendance at a meeting where a decision is being made. In Robert's Rules terminology, this would be the presence of a deliberative board, committee, or group for a business decision to be legally transacted.

Order of business:

The order of business consists of the agenda priorities, or agenda items. Adopting the agenda with the contributions of your teammates allows you to keep your meeting on track in terms of time and topic, so that you can be as efficient as possible.

Motions:

Motions are when ideas are brought forward to the rest of your team, and then these ideas are discussed and considered. Motions (decisions) are the reason meetings take place. This is where as a team, you decide which ideas are going to be implemented. If there isn't unanimous agreement, a new motion needs to be seconded, meaning at least two people need to find an idea important enough to commit time during the meeting to it's discussion.

According to an article by BoardEffect, you can follow these 6 comprehensive steps for each motion:

1. **Motion: A member rises or raises a hand to signal the chairperson.**
2. **Second: Another member seconds the motion.**
3. **Restate motion: The chairperson restates the motion.**

4. **Debate: The members debate the motion.**

5. **Vote: The chairperson restates the motion, and then first asks for affirmative votes, and then negative votes.**

6. **Announce the vote: The chairperson announces the result of the vote and any instructions.**

The Bottom-Line

Robert's Rules of Order is best-suited for legislative bodies but its principles can be adopted by any organization. This framework for running meetings involves:

- Consulting previous meeting minutes
- Thinking about items of business that need addressing
- Asking members for agenda items
- Thinking about other possibilities for agenda topics
- Adopting the agenda
- Discussing unfinished business and general orders
- Approving the minutes

One of the key takeaways from this set of rules is to give your team members an equal voice when considering ideas and decisions that will affect them.

Using a majority vote on certain decisions works for some organizations, but it doesn't mean that it will work for you and your team. Think about what's going to be best-suited for you and your team.

Everyone stay warm and safe! I know I am looking forward to some warmer weather--- like out of the teens at least!!!

If you have questions or concerns, you can always email me.

---Jan



Connie Troxell
Second Vice-President
for Programs

Wow, this has been a busy few months! Our Education Chairs are working to give you all exciting programs. If anyone needs to get a hold of me, please call my cell...our Internet is putting in new fiber optic lines, and they have not laid lines to my house yet. Hope all had a blessed Holiday. My family has had several Christmas gatherings. Had Thanksgiving at our home with some of the family here. At Christmas, we had a Christmas party; my husband was the Grinch. There were 33 that showed up and on Christmas morning we had 7. Christmas Night I think we had another 30 or so. Then after the Holidays, my two nieces, one from California (3 of them), and one from Virginia (2 plus about lost count on that one) came... wished the husbands could have made it. So we have been doing holidays for awhile. Sorry this was lengthy, but it has been wild at our house. Hope all had just as much fun.



Peggy Viets
State Secretary

Hello to all of my fellow TEEA members.

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. I also hope everyone is in good health and surviving the winter weather.

Preparation for the 2023 State Conference has begun! I am looking forward to helping Connie get everything ready with the Educational Chairs' program presentations. They are working hard planning these programs for our conference in Beaumont. Begin making your plans to be in attendance in September.



Rexine Scarborough
State Treasurer

Hope all survived the cold spell that came through the state at the end of January. I am ready for some cool, sunny days.

Registration is almost complete. There are a few clubs still needing to report, but I am encouraged with the numbers. Even with all the club dissolutions, our count looks good. Our loss in membership is smaller than in the last few years. I am encouraged by the new member count also. This means you are getting out again and letting the public know we are active with our programs. Great Work.

If you have any fresh ideas for recruiting new members, be sure to share with your club, county, and district and help implement the project.

There are still 1st and 2nd place ribbons available, if you need them for your Cultural Arts items. The cost of the ribbons are \$.50 each for the old ribbons. Let me know if you need some of the ribbons, and I will get them to you.

I will be handing over the ribbons to Rachel Monday by May. She has a supply of the remittance pad, for sending money to the Treasurer. If you need a pad, contact her. She will get it to you.

Our 2023 Conference in Beaumont is shaping up. It is under one roof, which makes it nice. We will not have to drive to another location back and forth.

The educational programs are coming together nicely. I think you will really enjoy them and learn from them to take back to your districts.

Your Board members are working hard to make this a successful conference. Hope your members are planning to join the fun.



Violet Alexander
Alumnae Chair

Just a quick note to remind you all that the Alumnae Scholarships are due to me by **April 1st**.

Garlic Cream Cheese Dip

Yield: 6 to 8 servings (1 cup)

- 2-3 medium garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2-3 tablespoons half-and-half or milk
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh chives

In a food processor or by hand, beat the garlic, cream cheese, and half-and-half until smooth. Gently fold in 1 tablespoon of chives. Spoon into a bowl and garnish with the remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons of chives. Serve immediately or chill for up to three days. Can serve with crackers or sliced fresh vegetables.

---Yankee Magazine, March 28, 2022

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Jeanita McIlroy
Education Chair, District 2

Hello! I am excited to serve as a new Education Committee Chair.

I live in West Texas (Snyder), and I am planning my garden for spring. My husband and I are going to experiment with different methods of growing in containers. You might be limited on space, but you might have room for a container or two. It is surprising how much can be grown in a single pot.

This year, I am starting many of my plants from seeds. Have you tried winter sowing? It is a method of seed starting that doesn't involve seed trays, grow lights, or every space filled with containers of seedlings! The seeds are planted in a container that sunlight can penetrate (milk cartons are ideal). The containers are then placed outside. The container acts as a mini greenhouse. I will let you know how it works out for me.

I appreciate that so many of our friends in our TEEA clubs are experienced gardeners. Now is a perfect time to share that knowledge with others!



Kay Karns
Education Chair, District 4

Hi. I'm from Gainesville, TX, Cooke County, representing District 4 as their Education Committee Chair. I would like to tell you about one of the education programs that will be presented at the state conference.

"Aromatherapy and Essential Oils Can Make You Happy, Healthy, and Wise" (Part 1)

Essential Oils have been used for thousands of years. The story, as far as we know, begins in China in the Neolithic Period: resin found in caves were charred showing their use. Later evidence shows recipes of incense from ancient Chinese religious ceremonies dating to 2000 B.C., which contained cassia, cinnamon, styrax and sandalwood.

Evidence of progress in herbal medicine was lost in the Dark Ages to a certain extent. When the Crusaders came back to Europe from the East in the 12th century, it became clear that learning had continued in the workshop of the great Abu Ali Ibn Sina (980-1037AD). His reputation went as far away as Rome, where in Latin, he was referred to as Avicenna. He was a scholar, philosopher, and talented scientist. We cannot be absolutely sure if he discovered

distillation, but his works contain the first diagrams we have of the process. It is thought the very first essential oil was made from rose petals. This distillation is a process we still use to extract essential oils today.

The rose produces an essential oil that can make you happy. It is considered the queen of flowers. Rose essential oil has a lush, floral aroma which sets the mood for pampering and romance. It takes about 22 pounds of rose petals to produce one 5 ml bottle of essential oil. Applied topically, it beautifies the skin and leaves it perfumed with a wonderful aroma. Apply 2-4 drops directly to the desired area.



Lemon and Tea Tree essential oils can maintain your health. These essential oils have had success with infections.

The Rosemary plant produces an essential oil that can make you wise. It aids mental clarity and is good for concentration and memory.

These essential oils are just an example of a whole myriad of those used for many different purposes. If used with care, they are very helpful. I am just giving you information, but not advice. Go to a medical professional for advice.

In the next issue of the *Messenger*, I will write about how to use essential oils, how much oil to use, where to apply the oils, ways to apply the oils, and how to blend essential oils.



Kaye Trott
Education Chair, District 9

OPIOIDS: BLESSING OR CURSE, "ONE PILL CAN KILL"

What is the latest in opioids and Fentanyl, and who is using it? The One Pill Can Kill Campaign is an important campaign for EVERYONE! Vaping & Delta 8 continue to be hot topics among youth and adults. We will also discuss proper medicine disposal, so prescriptions don't end up in the hands of the wrong people. Watch UR BAC will conduct a community scan by visiting smoke shops, convenient stores, and retail shops to see what types of items are being sold in your community. We will set up a "mock bedroom" for participants to observe what types of items might have a drug reference and the opportunity for hands-on training.

The state of Texas is listed as #48 in reported opioid deaths... but it is much higher because small communities often employ the justice of the peace as their medical examiner, and the information is not forwarded to the DEA. Bobbi Brooks, from A&M, will present this program to help us identify warning signs in a child; as well as how to promote community awareness. We will also have a health nugget presented by Andy Cocker. Hope to see you at the Fall Conference.

District News

District 1

Hansford EEA Happy Homes Club By Kay Snider

We met October 18, 2022. Andrea Woolley and Kay Snider were in charge of the food and program. Spooky things were happening as we prepared for the meal and program. It was all "spooktacular." Thirteen were in attendance, and everyone was in costume. The program was over table centerpieces and the different ways to change an arrangement out for every occasion.



Andrea Woolley & Kay Snider



Hansford County's
"Spooky"
ladies



Jeremy First, speaker for Veterans' program

In November, the Happy Homes club members, as well as the Town and Country Club, decorated the Gus Birdwell Elementary Jr. High gym for the Veterans' program. Jeremy First was the guest speaker. There were refreshments after the program. The Happy Homes club members made socks with a candy cane and Christmas card for men and women veterans to be taken to the Veterans' Hospital/ Nursing Home in December.



Members at Veterans' program

Patty Shepherd reading *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

The club met at The Church of Christ on December 6, 2022, for a Christmas lunch and gift exchange. Patty Shepherd had the program; she read *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* book. We had a lot of laughter from her reading it. 15 ladies were in attendance.



Happy Homes Club Christmas Lunch



All of the members in a different hat or dress up item that Andrea Woolley brought to the January meeting.



The Happy Homes Club met on January 17, 2023. 12 were in attendance. We had a great lunch provided by Andrea Woolley and Rosetta Barrera. Andrea gave a program on how to dress up for every occasion of the year: January (New Year's), February (Super Bowl & Valentine's Day), March (St. Patrick's Day), April (Easter), May (Mother's

Day), July (July 4th), September (Labor Day), October (Halloween), November (Veterans' Day & Thanksgiving), December (Christmas). Other items were for Red Hat Society and favorite football teams. Her assistants/members were Fran Duncan, Sharron Swan, and Kay Snider. We all loved it and had a fun time.

District 2



Sheila McCormack
District Director

Hello ladies, 2023 has started with really nice weather until Jan. 29, 2023. We had a high of 23 on that Sunday, and it has gotten colder every day since. I am ready for some eighty degrees and sunshine.

My name is Sheila McCormack, and I am District 2 Director. This is my third time in a row to serve as district director. I have met a lot of wonderful ladies that lead interesting lives. I enjoy flower gardening, reading a good book, eating chocolate, playing games, and watching old movies.

We are making plans for our Spring Conference. Our theme will be APRON MEMORIES: SHARING OUR STORIES. We will meet on March 30, 2023 in Aspermont. I am looking forward to hearing everyone's stories. It will be interesting and informative.

Not much more to report at this time so I will close. Stay safe and keep warm until next time. 325-207-8445, sheilateea1951@gmail.com

District 3



Laquita Gruver
District Director

Greetings from District 3. We held our fall training in October, 2022, in Seymour, Texas. As several of our smaller counties have problems getting their programs in, those of us that attended the State Conference in Lubbock brought the state programs to all in attendance. Our talented club members that presented were Kathy Smith, our agent; Glenda Hinkle; Kathy McPeters; and Joy Self. I must thank the agents of District 3 for acting as our hosts; they did an outstanding job! Lunch was a delicious homemade King Ranch casserole with all the trimmings. YUMMY! We had good conversation and fellowship; we even played an 80s and 90s trivia game, which was a hoot!

Currently, we are planning our District Spring Conference to be held in Weatherford on March 30th at Central Christian Church. Don't know about you ladies, but I'm looking forward to warmer days.

Glenda Hinkle, Bethel Harmony Club, gave Parties with Pizzazz program



Kathy Smith, Parker County FCH, gave FRED program



Kathy McPeters, Montague County Chair, gave Canning program



Joy Self, Baylor County FCH, gave Healthy Aging program

Bowie EEA By Kathy McPeters

To start the new club year, members met in September at the Bowie Public Library and received their copy of the 2022-23 yearbook. Melanie Stott, AgriLife Extension agent, presented one of the new state programs: "Healthy Aging and Remembering It." Stott taught members the connection between what we eat and good health, and how the Mind Diet can promote healthy aging. Canned food items were collected for God's Table, one of our community service projects.



Melanie Stott gives tips on the Mind Diet

With the holidays around the corner and the stressors that can occur, members were treated to an informative program on the "Benefits of Massage" presented by Madison Saunders, Licensed Massage Therapist, in November. Massages are not just a luxury; they can promote wellness, immunity, stress reduction, and joint health. Massage can be for everyone at every age. Members contributed items to the Bowie Mission.



Licensed Massage Therapist, Madison Saunders is our guest speaker

"The way to health is to have an aromatic bath and a scented massage every day."
---Hippocrates

Bowie EEA gathered for our December meeting at Nostalgia Antiques, Soda Fountain and Restaurant in Bowie, known for great home cooking with a classically whimsical atmosphere. Everyone enjoyed a delicious turkey and dressing meal and great fellowship. A small thank-you gift was given to Robin Boling, president, and Melanie Stott, agent, for all they do for our club. Members gave a generous cash donation to God's Table, where 75-100 individuals are provided a hot meal through the efforts of First Freewill Baptist Church and other church and civic organizations.



Great food and a wonderful group of ladies at Nostalgia in Bowie

In January, Fire Chief Doug Page gave a program on Safety and Fire Prevention. He covered a large range of tips to help make our homes safer and accident free.



Chief Page highlighted the services that the Bowie Fire Department and EMS provided in the 1,965 response calls in the Bowie area in 2022. Everyone left with their questions answered and some useful handouts.

Parker County EEA By Laquita Gruver

Greetings from Parker County! We have been remarkably busy this fall. Our fall fundraiser was held on November 15, 2022, a "Home for the Holidays" event. It was filled with Christmas cheer and Christmas shopping. Our theme was "Gingerbread Men and Candy Canes."



Penny Chandler presented "Adjusting your Crown" on surviving the holidays and family with kindness and sanity. There was a demonstration of "Christmas with Pizzazz" by Margaret Avery and Mary VanZile, and another demonstration by Alinda Cox on "Holiday Ideas". Entertainment was performed by the Klassy Cloggers. New this year was a photo area... a big hit! Shopping at the club booths, a raffle table, and a silent auction were topped off by door prizes for everyone!



The coup de grace was a homemade holiday meal with (what else?), a gingerbread cake for dessert. I'm hoping that all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Parker County "Home for the Holidays" event

Weatherford Country Crossroads Club By Alice Clayton

In October, our ladies brought the items to fill 30 Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. Our club also provided a donation to cover the shipping costs. Our November program was a representative from the CASA for Children who explained their program.

The December meeting was fun and food at member, Frances Lilley's home. The new year began with a trip to Sanctified Hope, which is a group home for women recently released from prison and are still on probation, who commit to a 12-month Christian discipleship program. We were able to hear directly from one of the ladies as well as the director and the founder of the facility. We were all touched by the tremendous need, and the impact they are having on families.



Country Crossroads club make donation to Sanctified Hope

District 4



Linda Smith
District Director

Here is wishing everyone a wonderful New Year, with lots of new things to look forward too.

The Rains County Cultural Arts will be held in February, so get your entries ready for next month.

The District 4 Spring Conference will be held on April 11th and 12th. This year, it will be Hunt and Dallas Counties' chance to shine while Rains and Bowie counties will have the Cultural Arts on the 12th, our second day.

The meeting will be held at the Old Henson Building in downtown Greenville. Parking is across the street from the entrance to the building.

Place:
The Henson Building
2411 Wesley St.
Greenville, TX

Date:
April 11th and 12th
Registration begins at 9:00am.
We will start the meeting at 10:00.

If you're staying at a hotel, the best option is the Hampton Inn close to I-30, Lowes, and Applebee's. Standard 1 King or 2 Queens is \$119.00. Ask for Cheryl, she is the one Dinah Rainey talked to about us. There are other hotels, but this is the safest hotel in Greenville.

Hampton Inn
3001 Kari Lane
Greenville, TX
833-626-0977

Please bring your Cultural Arts items the first day to be cataloged for judging. Once you leave your items, do not pick them up until the following day after everything is finished and someone can log you out.

Here is to a new year with hope, fun, and adventures for all of you.

Cooke County EEA By Elouise Larson

The Cooke County TEEA celebrated Christmas with Christmas Tea provided by Liberty Belles. We also celebrated that Home Demonstration/Extension clubs have been in Cooke county since 1922. Linda Roller made a presentation on the History in Cooke County. Linda had a display table of the history.



Linda Roller with table at Christmas Tea

Cooke County Council attended a craft show sharing Information about TEEA to encourage memberships and explain who we are.

The 4 Clubs in our county are busy preparing for our local Cultural Arts show in March. Looking forward to our Spring Conference in Greenville in April.

Sivells Bend EEC celebrated Christmas with a luncheon, and in place of exchanging gifts, we collected personal items to give to the program, Abigail Arms, which supports persons from abusive situations. Big thanks to one of our local cosmetologists, who joined us in collecting items from her patrons. She is already planning for next year.



Sylvia Coffey with the gifts donated to Abigail Arms Women Shelter

Sivells Bend EEC is also Celebrating 100 years of being a club. The club was started in 1922 as a Demonstration Club, meeting in members' homes.

Ross Point EEC celebrated with a Fall Festival meal which supports their club house each year. They have begun sharing their Educational classes with members of the local church.

Downard-Fairplains EEC held a community dinner that assists in supporting their club house.

Downard-Fairplains EEC By Kay Karns

Downard-Fairplains EEC, Cooke County, members went on a road trip to visit Circle N Dairy. We enjoyed the mama and baby cows and shopping at their store for fresh milk and cheese products.



Downard-Fairplains EEC members on road trip: left to right, Evelyn Yeatts, Nancy Hoedebeck, Linda Brumlow, and Kay Karns

Dallas County DeSoto EEC By Alice Parsons

Our members have been busy. In September, 2022, three of our members, Dian & Louis Lemons and Bonnie Kaufman, attended the TEEA State Conference in Lubbock. They brought back our new programs for 2023.

At our October meeting, Liz Espie, FCH agent, brought greetings and asked what we needed her to do for us. Dian Lemons mentioned programs & meeting space. Liz also told us our volunteer hours are the Value of Extension.

Bonnie Kaufman brought our program, "Parties with Pizzazz." She had each of us bring a special item for lunch. Afterwards, we celebrated birthdays for all of us. She had decorated for her program, and we each went home with a crocheted gift that she had made.

In November, we planned our Christmas party luncheon on December 13th, and started making plans for the District 4 Spring Conference in April, 2023, which we will host along with Collin & Hunt Counties.

Our December Christmas luncheon was canceled due to bad thunderstorms in the area.

At our January meeting, we discussed the loss of our 60 year member, Ruthell Hamill, and learned her daughter could use our help in sorting her mother's stash of vintage fabric & other things our club can use. We also learned our retired 4-H agent, Claudia McDonald, has moved to Austin to be near her daughter since her husband died recently.

We discussed more plans for our District 4 Conference in April & what our club is responsible for. Dian Lemons reminded us to keep our volunteer hours & turn them in to her, and to fill out our 20, 25, 30 year member certificates & get them turned in.

We had two programs in January: Dian Lemons presented "Healthy Aging & Remembering It". It was very interesting, and she gave us several handouts on healthy eating. Louis Lemons presented "Entertaining Essentials," which was very interesting. He brought his beautiful ceramic Christmas tree. After his program, we had our picture taken with his Christmas tree.



left to right: Cheryl Ermis, Louis & Dian Lemons, Alice Ann Parsons & Bonnie Kaufman.

Our February program will be on family literacy: "Families Reading Everyday."

Our club has lost 2 members recently:



Helen "Betty" Gohman
Born: August 3, 1929
Died: May 13, 2020
(at age 91)

Betty served TEEA for 58 years as Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Yearbook Chairman & was always ready with an interesting "Thought for the Day."



Ruthell Harrison Hamill
Born: November 5, 1930
Died: December 21, 2022
(at age 93)

Ruthell was involved with TEHA, TAFCE & TEEA for 60 years. She served as Parliamentarian for about 6 years; as President, several times for a total of 22 years; on the 4-H Committee; and as Council Chairman & Vice-Chairman. She also taught 4-H classes for 15 years, was Extension Homemaker of the Year, and DeSoto's Outstanding Woman of the Year.

She always attended all district meetings & state conferences until Covid-19. She led the club in making hundreds of lap robes for the VA & nursing homes, wheelchair bags, cancer scarves, bibs & stoma coverings. She was a prolific gardener.

Both Betty & Ruthell will be missed by all of us who knew & loved them.

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■ *"Wherever a*
■ *beautiful soul*
■ *has been, there*
■ *is a trail of*
■ *beautiful*
■ *memories."*
■ ---Ronald Reagan
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District 5



Susie Blackmon
District Director

Hello to all our TEEA friends from Central East Texas!

We've really been busy here in District 5. Our Fall Training meeting was held in Marshall (Harrison County) this past November. The theme was "Sticking Together Until the End." Over 40 of our members came for "mini" training on the new state educational programs and new officer training as well. A representative from District 9, Texas State Representative, Christopher Paddie's office made a special presentation of several state flags that had been flown over the State Capitol. A flag was presented to Mary Parhms, oldest member of the Sabine EEA... she's 91 years old!

Mrs. Parhms receiving her flag from State Rep. Christopher Paddie's administrative assistant.

Connie Troxell, from Smith County, was also presented a flag for her 50 years as a TEEA member.

We are planning on a great spring meeting to be held in March. The theme is "What's Cooking in Your County?" We hope to hear about programs, projects, and fund-raising efforts that our county EEA's are involved in, to inspire us to try new things to help promote TEEA and serve our communities. Our guest speaker will give us a demonstration on how to make yogurt.

Cherokee County EEA By Marilyn Hoy Bennett

Cherokee County Country Store a Success!

All three clubs in Cherokee County put together a Country Store as a fundraiser for 4-H scholarships. Central High, Ponta, and Dogwood Patch members created handmade items for sale in space at the Extension Office, where it could be open during the day for shoppers. Items included microwave bowls, coasters, potholder scissors holders, cedar bird houses, Christmas picture frame decorations, root beer reindeer, hand crochet washcloths, and much more.



Carolyn Easter from Central High EEA working the country store

The store opened for the month of December after a kick-off with the Rusk Christmas Parade and pancake supper, also at the Extension Office, on December 6. A customer appreciation door prize was won by Zoe Ann Conway of Ponta, who received a Christmas themed potholder Christmas tree.

Cherokee County Chili Lunch Fundraiser



Virginia Bush and Mary Nell Wofford, Ponta EEA working the Cherokee County chili lunch and dessert contest

The three Cherokee County TEEA clubs put on a Chili Lunch Fundraiser and Dessert Bake-Off on January 19, 2023, at the Extension Office. The \$7.00 lunch included a bowl of chili, homemade cornbread, tea, and dessert from the bake-off.

Central High, Ponta, and Dogwood Patch clubs decorated, cooked chili and cornbread, served, and delivered orders. Earlier in the morning the dessert bake-off was held. Distinguished judges were County Judge Chris Davis, Sergio Servin, and Steve Kiser.



Cherokee County judge Chris Davis (left) and two other county employees judging the dessert entries

First Place went to Lincoln Burnis. Second Place went to Tessa Benton for her chocolate trifle. Third Place went to Valerie Reuter's apple cake, and Fourth Place went to Central High's Carolyn Easter for her banana pudding. All proceeds go to the 4-H scholarship fund.

Smith County Wildcat EEC



Left to Right - Beth Byrd, Executive Director, Troup Community Food Pantry; Elaine Jackson, Wildcat EEC Treasurer. The club presented a check to the food pantry for food purchases.

Upshur County EEA By Patricia Bynum

When you hear "Happy Fall Y'all," get ready for the East Texas Yamboree. Each year the Glenwood and Southern Belles Clubs run a Concession Stand, offering

hamburgers, hot dogs and, of course, homemade yam pies. Nearby, the Upshur County EEA hosts the Canning Contest and the Yam Pie Contest, with the help of club members, volunteers and 4-H'ers. Judges from Harrison, Smith, and Wood Counties chose the 2022 Grand Champions from 102 canning entries and 58 yam pies. That's a lot of pie tasting.



4-H'ers Vivian Loe (left) and Olivia Volm (right) learning from Pat Bynum how the Yam Pies are judged





Delegates: Linda Shipko, Virginia Higginbotham, Janice Green, Pat Bynum, Joan Warren and Joyce Raabe

The annual Joint Meeting of the Southern Belles and Glenwood Clubs was held at the Open Door Pregnancy Center facility on November 2, 2022. Each club reported on their past year's activities. The program included installation of officers, with Agent Julie York presiding. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

In December, our Upshur County EEA members put up the Courthouse Christmas Tree, in time for Gilmer's Christmas on the Square. The decorated tree is a focal point for the Courthouse Lobby and is seen by the strolling visitors as they make their way around the Square.

With the season of giving upon us, The Southern Belles Club adopted a Christmas family. Gifts were purchased, wrapped, and delivered just in time for Christmas. Our nursing home resident received a couple of leisure outfits and a basket full of goodies, provided by the members.

Lesla Jackson, Lynn Worn, and Mary Wandersee preparing desserts for the Chili Luncheon



District 6



Leslie Davis
District Director

Hello everyone!! I Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season!!

I have been getting a few questions on my fundraising, so I thought I would share some of them with you all. I hope this can help with any entity you are affiliated with.

First, you need a good team!! It's very important in making your fundraiser successful to have a group willing to work. I'm going to give you a few of my favorite ideas. I hope these can help you as much as they have helped me.

Southern Belles Club
Standing: Pat Bynum, Mary Wandersee, Lynn Worn, Joan Warren, Betty Russell, Della Layton
Seated: Joyce Raabe and Linda Steger

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

My favorite fundraiser is a ticket sale. You sell only 200 Tickets. I sold them for \$100.00 each... that is \$20,000.00. You keep \$10,000.00 and the winner gets \$10,000.00. You can change the amount to any amount you want to accommodate your county.

I personally like BINGO, whether it's a purse bingo or a family, they always make for a good time. However, it does take a little work, but they are usually worth it.

A Calendar sale is another easy way to make money quick. You pick a month... any month. You sell the days of the calendar... whatever day you chose, that's how much you pay. #'s 1-9 go in the drawing once, 10-19 go in twice, and 20-30 or 31 go in three times. The calendar makes \$496.00, so each calendar sold gives a \$200.00 pay out. If you can sell 5 calendars, that means you are making \$1480.00.



These are just a few of the things that I have used to help me in my fundraising. If you're needing something bigger, or need more information, please reach out to me by email: Leslie.davis@ag.tamu.edu

District 7



Lisa Zinz
District Director

District 7 had their Fall Training in San Angelo in November. We had 5 counties present. We went over all the changes of the TEEA Manual. The District 7 Spring Conference will be in Mertzon on April 18, 2023, at the Methodist Family Life Center. We will have a business meeting with voting delegates, as well as our District 7 Cultural Arts. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

Irion County EEC
By Deborah McCullough

This year is our 50th anniversary, and we are celebrating all year. We are extremely excited that we have doubled our membership with the addition of a group of young women, many with young children and careers, and other interested ladies. We are dedicated to continuing our club's commitment to supporting our

community, giving scholarships to ICISD seniors, presenting great programs, and fun trips to area points of interest. Some of these are granddaughters of charter members.

Included with this article is a picture of our Christmas Party and ornament exchange. We were pleased that many of our new members attended.



We presented over \$11,000 in scholarships last year to deserving high school seniors funded by our annual style show and luncheon. This year's luncheon, held on March 23, at the Irion County Community Center, will feature our 50th anniversary celebration as our theme, and we expect to raise a similar amount for this year's scholarships.

On Valentine's Day, we will host our annual Girls' Tea Time Luncheon with all the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls from Irion County ISD as our guests. This is a formal tea with finger foods served with crystal plates and punch cups at the home of one of our members. A guest speaker will present a lovely motivational speech. The school provides transportation by school bus during the school day so all may attend.

Jones County EEA
By Debbie Hailey

The Sunshine Club recruited five new members in October, and they have been active and a great addition to our club. Sunshine Club had a very successful annual Baked Potato Sale to raise money to support the Jones County 4-H Clubs.

The Council awarded a scholarship to a deserving graduating senior 4-H member.

Last spring, we lost Amie Price, our long-time member, officer, parliamentarian, and dear friend. Then in December, we lost our dear Carla Vest after her long bout with cancer. She did get to attend the state conference in September. It was a thrill for her to get to see so many friends from across the state. These ladies were great members and leaders in the Jones County EEA.

The Compere Club disbanded after many years of serving the Jones County Community. Their members were unable to keep meeting, but we still think of them as sisters in the Jones County EEA.

Sunshine Club members support 4-H with proceeds of annual Baked Potato Sale.



Runnels County
Friendly Neighbors EEC
By Pat Crowley

On October 26, several Friendly Neighbors members attended the Education Day Event hosted by Brown County. The presentations covered the four State recommendations. Also on the 26th, several club members attended the Master of Memory class presented by the Runnels County Extension Service. This class presented in 6 weekly sessions. Each week addressed a different aspect of improving our memories, especially as we age. Both of these events were very informative and enjoyable.

"Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future."
--- Corrie Ten Boom

Runnels County EEA



In November, discussions were held regarding our traditional Christmas celebration. It was decided that we would have a cookie exchange. The group also decorated Christmas gift bags for the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex residents.

A cookie exchange was held in mid-December. Dozens of scrumptious cookies plus their recipes were shared amongst the members. Also during December, Friendly Neighbors made donations of toys for Christmas to the Ballinger ISD Head Start and Winters ISD Head Start programs.

At our January meeting, after the business discussion, Martha Crawford gave a very educational presentation on the meaning of the "Best By Date" on food and products we buy. We learned that a huge amount of our food is being thrown out unnecessarily due to lack of understanding of the true meaning of these dates, by the general public, and that these dates do not address food safety.

Also during the past months, many of our members have volunteered their time to help organizations such as Ballinger Cares, Meals on Wheels, and the Runnels Co. Soil and Water Conservation District.

THE UPCOMING MONTHS ARE EXPECTED TO BE VERY INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE FOR THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS CLUB!

Taylor County Sunshine EEC By Connie Adams



Two members of the Sunshine Club: Connie Adams and Gail McMillan, and one member from the Honeybees Club: Margie Wheeler, attended the State TEEA Conference in Lubbock in September.

In September, the Sunshine Club had a Tea party and invited the Honeybees Club to join them.



In November before the Sunshine Club meeting, several members: Elaine Morris, Sandy Houston, Gail McMillan, Connie Adams and Brenda Howard, met to prepare items for the Christmas decorations they would finish later at their meeting.

In December, both clubs in Taylor County met together for a Christmas party. Sue Gill Harris, author and friend of some members, read her children's book Nana's Christmas Snowflakes.



Brenda Howard, Ann Little, Margaret Ivy, and Gail McMillan are finishing 85 Christmas tree decorations that were given to a nursing home in Abilene.



District 8



Millie Barrow
District Director

Hello, I am Millie Barrow, District 8 Director. I have been a member of TEEA for 20 years and am so proud to be a member. I am a widow with one daughter, son-in-law, 2 grandkids, and 4 beautiful great-grandkids! I live on a small ranch in Eastland County and am so lucky to have my daughter, Sherinda, live just a mile away at the front of the property. I am truly Blessed.

Greetings to everyone from District 8! Hope everyone is taking it easy and staying home during this ice storm...2022 was a hectic year for many of us, and we are looking forward to 2023. We have several new county chairs, and our Leadership Meeting was focused on their duties and the duties of the club presidents. It takes "TEAM WORK" to create a district. Keeping open communication with each county and member is vital. Great questions, tasty food, and wonderful fellowship resulted in a Fantastic Leadership Meeting.

Our District Spring Conference is our priority now, which is scheduled in April. Our Host county, Leon County, is already getting the ball rolling.

As we look forward to 2023, most clubs are preparing their calendars for community service with "Lunch and Learns," Educational programs, and teaching many skills to the community. We are also focused on our 4-H'ers, and what we can do for them.

I am looking forward to Spring and planting a garden. Time to plant onions is now. I'm watching the birds and bees, and God's wonderful world of color as Mother Nature comes alive. Hummingbirds will be arriving in March, remember to put out your bird feeders.

Until next time, God Bless America, and God Bless TEEA.

Bell County EEA By Gayle Pomykal



NEW Bell County Agent

AgriLife Extension County Agent, Beverly Hodges, recently accepted the position of Bell County Agent for Family and Community Health. Ms. Hodges previously served Bell County

as the Better Living for Texans Extension Agent. She is a registered dietitian nutritionist with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and a licensed dietitian in the state of Texas. She also serves as a mentor for the Texas A&M Dietetic Internship Program, providing both community and management rotations. Hodges stated that she welcomes the opportunity to partner with the health care community and is looking forward to working with the strong 4-H programs and Extension Education Association members in Bell County, as well as the volunteers and exhibitors of the Bell County Youth Fair.



District 8 Retreat

Bell County Attendees to the Retreat were Gayle Pomykal, Jane Vancil, Mary Stuessel, and Nancy Posvar. District 8 Director, Millie Barrow, and hosting counties organized an event enjoyed by attendees, with excellent lunch, interesting crafts and an entertaining speaker with an informative program on bees, their habitat, and preservation of bees.



Eastland County Morton Valley EEC By Cathy Roberts

With good momentum from this fall, Morton Valley Club is increasing membership and focusing on greater community involvement. November launched our Lunch and Learn Education Program series with a dazzling Planning Parties with Pizzazz presentation by member Kathy Glidewell. Members will provide a potluck meal for Lunch and Learn programs, which are open to the community. In December, members and guests enjoyed a catered lunch followed by the annual cookie/candy exchange and canned food collection. The canned food collection inspired a spring agenda item, i.e., discussion to expand to a year-long program. December projects included Christmas shopping for The Goodfellows and for an adopted family. In January, a few members braved cold temperatures and wind to assist in revitalizing a community garden, this will be an ongoing project. Mid-February brings our annual Baked Potato Bar/4-H scholarship fund raiser and Healthy Aging and Remembering It education program at the next Lunch and Learn seminar. Continuing programs include three special interest groups: knitting, crocheting and community gardening... informal gatherings for enthusiasts of a craft or skill, and those who want to learn something new.

A unique gift! MV member Shelley Abernathy won First Place-Machine Quilting at Eastland County Creative Arts Contest. Her quilt is special beyond its Blue Ribbon. With fabrics depicting horses, cowboys, Texas sites, longhorns, prairie flower decorated cakes, and more, it reflects a family connection with horses and a lifelong friend whom she met on horseback. A perfect gift for this friend who also happens to raise longhorns.



Cyndee Groce, a judge at Eastland County Creative Arts Contest, with a Best of Show Entry



Diana Fraser and Amy O'Brien-Glenn, Eastland County Extension Agent at First Methodist Community Garden.



Ruth Stewart, Best of Show, Eastland County Pecan Pie Contest



Leon County EEA By Michaelene Perry

December 13, 2022, was a very fun-filled, eventful day for the Leon Extension Education Association. Our annual Christmas party, fundraiser, appreciation presentations, and entertainment happened at the Jewett First Baptist Church, in Jewett, TX. Each year LEEA members donate gifts to the Child Welfare Board to help the 5 schools in our county as well as the Child Protective Services.

Pam Groba, newly installed Leon County Chairperson was M.C. for the event and Carol Foster, JEEC president, gave the welcome to Jewett (JEEC), Normangee (NEEC), and Oakwood (OEEC) club members and guests who came to celebrate our event.

Nyanza Price, president of the Oakwood Club, reviewed the process for the Silent Auction held to raise funds for 4-H scholarships and other EE expenses for community programs and activities in our county. Pam and Nyanza presented recognition certificates from the TEEA State District 8 for the past 2 years since there were limited State Conference attendees due to health precautions.

*Membership & Club Awards
Presentation*



The following received recognition: District 8 Leadership Award- Donna Warren; LEEA received the TEEA Honor Roll of Counties for Outstanding Education and Community Education; Jewett Club Recognition Award for 85 years presented to Jewett Club president, Carol Foster; 35 year Membership Award- Mary Greer, Darlene Gilbert, Frances Perry (NEEC) and Joyce Sanders (JEEC); 25 year Membership Award- Donna Barrilleaux (JEEC), Shirley Kelton, Amy Kelton, Pat Killian and JP Borah (NEEC); 20 year Membership Award- Mamie Bell (JEEC) and Paula Chicken (NEEC); Community Volunteer Units (CVU) Recognition- Novalene Thurston with 756 hrs., Rhonda Lawton with 611 hrs. (OEEC), and Donna Barrilleaux with 505 hrs. (JEEC).

Martie Hanson, LEEA treasurer, presented appreciation gifts for the Texas A&M AgriLife staff for all the assistance they give to our clubs during the year.



L-R—Mike McBride, FCH Agent; Richard Parrish, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent; Martie Hanson, LEEA Treasurer and TEEA District Director Elect; Jofran Edwards, AgriLife Office Manager; and Cassie Ferguson, 4-H and Youth Development Agent.

Pam presented a cute skit called "Don't Send Your Husband to the Grocery Store!"-- a lesson in making sure wives and husbands are on the same page when giving out grocery lists. It was hilarious. She and Martie gave donated gift cards from Leon County EE club members to Child Welfare Board via Shelby, a staff member and representative of Child Protective Services.



L-R—Pam Groba and Shelby

The entertainers for the event were a combination of singers from Hilltop Lakes and Over the Hill singers. They definitely do not have "over the hill" voices. We thoroughly enjoyed their talents. Each sang a solo: Ron Treat sang "I'll Be Home For Christmas;" Delores Mardis crooned "Shake me, I Rattle; Squeeze Me, I Cry," making us look back to our memories of asking Santa for a dolly; Walter Hobbins purred the Elvis Presley "Blue Christmas," while

playing the guitar; and Ruth Hime resonated "Merry Christmas, My Darling." Then, all joined in the program with "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas," and with their help each of us was ready to do just that.



L-R—Ruth Hime, Walter Hobbins, Ron Treat and Delores Mardis

During the breaks and the pot luck luncheon, all shopped at the Silent Auction item displays donated by EE members... so many handmade items, breads, and more were available. It was a big success for we raised more than \$1000. That will help us be more active with projects in the new year.

Jewett EEC By Donna Warren

Jewett Extension Education Club has had a very busy quarter. In September, Donna Barrilleaux, Mamie Bell, and Donna Warren traveled to Lubbock for the State Conference. Donna Warren entered her Country Stove Top Cover in the Cultural Arts Competition. It was also announced that she had been awarded the Texas Leadership Award in Leon County. September also brought several members together for a work day to cut out and assemble toiletry bags for the residents of Centerville Health Center.



Jewett Club members presenting toiletry bags to workers for the residents of Centerville Health Care Center
L-R: Michaelene Perry; Tiffany, staff employee; Carol Foster, Jewett EE President; Christen, staff employee; Mamie Bell; & Angela Bell.

These bags along with cloth covered soaps were delivered to the home in October by Mamie Bell, Carol Foster & Michaelene Perry. October also brought an interesting speaker, Brittany McDowell, from Citizens State Bank in Groesbeck. Her topic was Senior Fraud. We learned about a lot of things to look out for. At the October meeting, several members are seen holding the pumpkins that they made under the direction of Donna Warren.

November brought out hungry deer hunters, and the Jewett Club was more than happy to offer baked goods to satisfy the sweet tooth. Proceeds from this sale will help us to supply scholarships to deserving 4-H students. December didn't slow down.



Carol Foster receiving a certificate for Jewett EE club 87 years



Donna Barrilleaux receiving a 25 year certificate



Mamie Bell, 20 years

Leadership training was attended by Donna Barrilleaux, Mamie Bell, Carol Foster, Karen Robison and Michaelene Perry. The Leon County Christmas party was attended by several members of the Jewett Club. The Jewett Club and members were recognized for their 20+ years of service. We are looking forward to being very active and productive in the year 2023.

Williamson County EEA By Charlotte Watson

Williamson County EEA Day Trip



Members of EE Clubs in Williamson County enjoy day trips to interesting places around the county and beyond. The group pictured above, representing members of all four clubs, recently enjoyed an informative tour of Round Rock Honey. Because of interest stirred up with last year's educational program on Bees, which was presented to all clubs, ten club members plus two grandchildren enjoyed an educational tour learning even more about honey gathering and production. (One member was the photographer.) Conrad Bouffard, the owner of RR Honey, conducted the tour during which attendees enjoyed tasting three kinds of honey. Afterwards, each person had the opportunity to fill his/her own bottle with honey and watch it move down the assembly line, including the capping of each bottle. In 2003, Konrad and Elizabeth Bouffard started Round Rock Honey with four hives in their backyard, selling freshly harvested honey every Saturday at Austin-area farmers' markets. Their mantra then remains

the same today: "That which the bees give us, we give you. When we say 100% honey, we mean it!" Round Rock Honey is not a varietal honey, but instead a raw, pure, wildflower honey that is tested, bottled, and sold by Round Rock Honey. Producing wildflower honey is difficult, and yields unpredictable, but in their opinion it is more important to focus on quality than on quantity! What an exciting and delicious field trip!!!

Williamson County EE Donates Books to Community Partners



Cathey Hubenthal and Jane Robertson, new county Baby Books chairpersons, hold just a few of the thirty-nine children's books donated at the Williamson County EE Christmas Luncheon. Cathey and Jane gather the books donated by EE clubs, put a sticker inside that tells who donated the books, and then deliver the books to community partners. When this Literacy Project began thirty years ago, donated books were given to each new baby born in Georgetown Hospital. Through the years, this project has reached out to

several other community partners that serve the under served. In recent years, books have been donated to the young children at the local Head Start, the Pregnancy Help Center, and to the Annunciation Maternity Home. It is our hope that these books will be read to the children and will begin a lifelong love of reading.

Williamson County EE Members Sell Poinsettias



248 gorgeous red and white poinsettias, purchased from an area grower, were sold by twenty-three enthusiastic Extension Education members in Williamson County, with profits going towards the county's 4-H Scholarships. In addition, five other EE Club members purchased poinsettias. The total profit was \$2,168, which included poinsettias sales plus an additional \$192 in donations. The poinsettia sale is an annual association project to benefit our partnership with 4-H. It takes the majority of the county EE members, working together, to sell, place the orders, pick up the plants, and to organize the delivery day. Many EE members spent many additional hours delivering poinsettias they had sold. The plants were beautiful,

and they brightened the holidays for many residents around the area. A HUGE "THANK YOU" to Jan Ross, the new County Association Chairman, for all her hours spent in organizing this mammoth project. Well done, EE ladies! Many 4-H'ers will reap the benefits of your labor of love as they continue their education with the help of the county scholarships.

Williamson County EE Clubs Celebrate Christmas



Everyone knows that EE Members of Williamson County are the best cooks anywhere in the county. This was proven again with the food spread laid out by the EE Club members this December. Members from all five clubs cooked, baked, and provided so many delicious foods it was almost more than the eyes could envision. Husbands were also invited and several came. They definitely enjoyed all the yummy foods, too. They played games after lunch and everyone left with at least one door prize. It was a great time of fellowship among club members from all clubs.



Williamson County Honors Long-time Members

Williamson County has a long history of strong leadership and membership in Extension Education Clubs. Recently, certificates, indicating years of membership were presented to EE Club members in Williamson County. The following were honored:

- 20-Year members: Kathryn Adamek, Judy Adkins, Peggy Blair, Joan Boydston, Margaret Halstead, Edwina Jezisek, Mary Johnson, Molly Shiller
- 25-Year member: Linda Kohl
- 35-Year members: Sandy Barber, Reva Dowell, Pat Patterson, Joyce Purtle, Alice Smith, Geri Swenson
- 40 Year members: Catherine Long, Kathy Schwegmann, Charlotte Watson
- 45-Year member: Lin Brinkman
- Noontime EE Club and Sundowners EE Club both were honored for having been active clubs for 35 years.

What a legacy! These ladies have given many years of service to the county association, the district, and the state organizations. They have also given many, many hours of volunteerism in their communities, churches, clubs, and association. Their hard work is appreciated by everyone they have served, and we know they will continue to work for our organization. Congratulations, ladies, for your labor of love to this outstanding organization.

Noontime EEC **By Charlotte Watson**

Each month, Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, participates in a community project. Sometimes, they make a donation to a local non-profit that meets the needs of children and families. But, more often, they do a "hands-on" project in partnership with a local non-profit. Recently, they packed thirty "Brown Bag" lunches that were delivered and distributed that same afternoon to the homeless in Georgetown through Helping Hands of Georgetown. Inside the brown bag was a napkin, fruit, a salty item, and a sweet item. They also donated four 24-bottle cases of water.

Noontime is small in number but big on community involvement. Members enjoy partnering with entities in their community to meet needs of people from all walks of life in the Georgetown community. "Meeting needs. Helping others."



L to R, Charlotte Watson, Peggy Blair, and Betty Davidson, are holding up the fourteen onesies and pajama sets donated by five club members.

Noontime EE Club members display their recent donations to the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County. The PHC said,

"Thank you for the onesies and pajamas donated for our clients at the Pregnancy Help Center. They are such a tangible and practical way to express your care and support. We are grateful for your continued assistance!" Noontime may be small in number but they are BIG in heart!!!

Sundowners EEC
By Joyce Purtle

Happy New Year or Spring when this will be published! As Sundowners reflect on the past few months, we are planning meetings for a busy 2023. All clubs in the county are making plans to grow and improve as we continue our partnership with 4-H clubs and service projects in the community.



Members enjoyed two tours in Round Rock in 2022. An outing to the Woodbine Mansion, a Texas historical landmark Est. 1895, built by a Swedish immigrant family. The mansion is now a lovely wedding venue. In October, we toured the Round Rock Honey Company and tasted delicious samples. The company president presented an educational overview from harvesting bees to processing and shipping honey.



The Sundowners Club continues our support of The Court of Round Rock Retirement Center. In December, some members met to make Christmas ornaments and scheduled a delivery of many donated items to the Court's Country Store. The store volunteers/residents were delighted with the donated items as it provides a place for residents to shop.



County Christmas lunch was well attended by members from all clubs (some husbands joined us).



Thirty-eight books were collected and donated to a local Literacy Project. Also, over \$200 donation was presented to The Caring Place in Georgetown. This money will provide groceries for families in need. Our annual poinsettia sales were good. Monies earned helps in providing 4-H scholarships.

A busy March is coming with annual the Exhibition Day and Tea Room for annual Quilt Show.



District 9



Clara Jones
District Director

District 9 is working in preparation for the State Conference. We are also preparing for our Early Bird Workshop and the Optional Workshop. The workshops are called "Butterfly Gardening" and Jarcutrie (Charcuterie Board in a jar).



We are also looking for talent. Please contact me at mzjonezj@gmail.com or (409) 718-7266. The winner will take away bragging rights and a monetary stipend. I look forward to hearing from you.

Burleson County
Lyons EEC
By Peggy Robinson

We hosted the awards banquet for Burleson County on October 14, 2022. Officers were inducted from both clubs and the Council. We presented our members of the year at that event, also.



Member of the Year: Susan Ondrasek (Snook EEC) and Deborah Schumacher (Lyons EEC)



Colleen Dunn, the artist in our club, presented a class on October 22, 2022. Those attending were able to do a pretty good job for amateurs. Colleen is a great teacher!

The Christmas Cottage (one of the Lyons club's fundraisers) was held November 4 & 5, and was successful in the new location we now rent from the American Legion in Somerville.

Our club has been focusing on our community. We collected pet food and blankets for the animal shelter in Chriesman at our

September 2022 meeting; food items that would be used for Thanksgiving dinners and donated them to SAAMs in Somerville, and in November we collected socks, hats and gloves for the Veterans.

In December, in addition to our regular meeting and Christmas party, we put together gift bags to take to the Senior Citizen Centers in Somerville and Caldwell. The bags contained cans of soup, crackers, cookies, and candy to use as an emergency meal whenever it wasn't possible to make it to the Senior Centers to eat. We also had a member who had an abundance of large white bath towels to donate to them. Those were wrapped around small containers of soap, shampoo, and conditioner and tied with a red ribbon.



Jefferson County
Meatra TEEA Christmas Luncheon, Cheddars in Beaumont



District 10



Judy Wheeler
District Director

Happy New Year. Hope all have a healthy, happy, and productive New Year!

This January 20, 2023, Mary Briceno, my District 10 secretary, and I attended the Gillespie County club meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas. We attended a very productive planning meeting for our District 10 Spring Conference that will be held on March 21, 2023, in Fredericksburg. Hope to see all of you at our Spring Conference

I would like to give a great big thank you to: Mary Briceno, District 10 secretary, and Melba Skubiata, District 10 treasurer. God bless you all.

Caldwell County EEA
By Sharon Nitz

On October 18th, Caldwell County clubs held a potluck luncheon at which our County Agent Elsie Lacy and

District Director Judy Wheeler presented info on the workshops from the state convention. Elsie presented the workshops on party planning, canning, and healthy aging... especially important to a lot of our members! Judy presented proper care of quilts --- she and the other members of the Glenvoir Club always have a quilt in the works. She also shared the reading (FRED) workshop and suggested making pillows with pockets that can be given at the library to kids.

The Glenvoir Club has books that they will give to either the library or a school, the Luling Club is making stuffed cats to be given to kids who come into the library, and the Lockhart Club will be making some of the pillows with a pocket for a book to be given to the kids.



Judy Wheeler (left) shows Elsie Lacy one of the pillows with a pocket for a book.

Also in October, Caldwell County clubs held our achievement day. Judy Wheeler, from the Glenvoir Club, received several first place ribbons. Lillie Wendell and Barbara Darnell each received blue ribbons – from the Glenvoir Club. From the Lockhart Club, Mary Briceno and Esther Barney each received first place ribbons, and from the Luling Club,

Madeline Brown and Sandra Simi each received blue ribbons.





Judy Wheeler passes the gavel to Esther Barney (left), new board chairman.

The Lockhart Club enjoyed a Christmas party for members and guests.



On September 28, Janalee Hannemann, guests Connie Minshew and Tanya Doshier, Kay Doshier, Donna Oehler, Gwen Risinger, Corine Klose, Annabel Wilkinson, Barbara Schneider, Shea Nebgen, and Alicia Frantzen visited The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville for an enjoyable Fall Tour.



other items to the Hill Country Needs Council for two needy families.

Officers installed: Judy Eilers, Chair; Gwen Risinger, Vice Chair; Alicia Frantzen, Treasurer; Maria Guerra, Secretary; and Helen Usener, Historian.

Pharmacist Bill Borron presented a very informative program on Friday, January 20.

Emeritus member Erna Jacoby passed away in October, leaving our members with many good memories. New members, Connie Minshew and Linda Wilson, joined our club in October and November.

Gillespie EEA will be hosting the District 10 EEA Spring Conference in Fredericksburg on March 21.

District 11

Austin County EEA
By Michelle Wright, FCH

During the month of September, Austin County EEA conducted a countywide educational program opportunity to learn how to creatively plan and host special occasions... "Planning Parties with Pizzazz." Doris Glenewinkel, a Bleiberville EEA member, shared



Elsie Lacy (left) is recognized for all her volunteer activities and receives a plaque from Esther Barney.

Gillespie County
Pilot Knob EEC
By Helen Usener



On Friday, September 9, Gillespie County Horticulture Agent, Beth McMahon, presented the program Cooking with Herbs.



Alicia Frantzen led members in a fun Fall Craft program on October 14. Josie Juenke, Emmie Granville, and Kay Doshier are showing off their craft.

Club officers Mary Briceno – Lockhart; Madeline Brown – Luling; Barbara Darnell – Glenvoir; along with board president, Esther Barney, and District 10 Director, Judy Wheeler, attended a “Meet the Director” of the Luling Foundation dinner in November.



Luling Club member Joel Webb proudly shows a picture of her and her husband on the occasion of their 66th wedding anniversary



Maria Guerra, Kay Doshier, Helen Usener, Gwen Risinger, Judy Eilers, Sharon Kott, and Annabel Wilkinson attended the 94th TEEA State Conference in Lubbock on September 13 & 14, where they received the District 10 award for Outstanding Contributions for Community Service.

Some members attended the “Grow It, Cook It” program presented by Beth McMahon and FCH Agent, Shea Nebgen.

Daveed Aranda, a nutritional health coach, gave a program on Mood/ Mental Support on November 10.

December 9, members enjoyed a delicious lunch and held installation of officers as well as wrapped gifts and delivered them and

practical strategies on how to plan parties with ease and décor! She shared a variety of tips related to entertaining, menu planning, floral arrangements, napkin décor, and games.



Doris Glenewinkel

Also in September, we conducted a program to learn important tips which could save your life in and away from home. The Safety and Personal Protection Program was presented by a former teacher, Vicki Hanak, of Brenham, Texas. Vicki is a certified instructor and NRA-qualified shooter. Vicki has an extensive history of teaching situational awareness classes and firearm safety classes. The information shared will truly assist participants with the necessary information to keep them safe at home and in public places.



Safety & Personal Protection Program

During January, Austin County EEA conducted a countywide educational program opportunity to talk about a wonderful program that is used to encourage children to read. Jessie Kokemor, of North Austin County EEA, shared the creative ways the "Families Reading Every Day" program promotes reading for 15 minutes daily to children for four weeks. At the end of the program, members were encouraged to consider the program as a worthy investment for friends and loved ones.



Jessie Kokemor, of North Austin County EEA

We also hosted a countywide educational program for the citizens of Austin County entitled "Get Ready for Spring Planting Time". The program was conducted by Mr. Henry Flower. During his

presentation he shared preparation strategies for freezes, insect issues, soil testing, the importance of irrigation during the winter, and

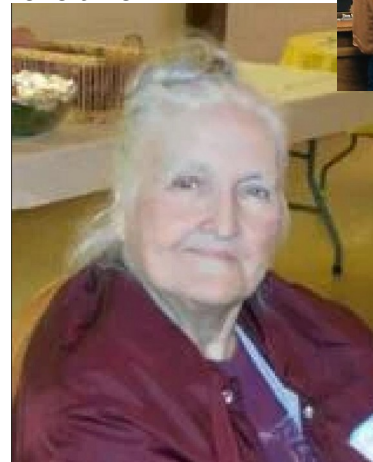
fertilizing & mulching in the gardens, types to use & why and much, much more.



Mr. Henry Flower

Calhoun County EEA By Peggy Viets

Calhoun County Extension Education Association lost one of its long time members on December 17, 2022. Marilyn Sue Crober was a TEEA member since 1955. She was very active and served as president for many years. She also served as a 4-H leader on county and state levels. She was very active in the community by serving on the county fair association, assisted with cattle shows, and judged at area county fairs. She was also selected as Port Lavaca Woman of the Year at one time.



Washington County EEA By Judith Finke

Members of the WEEA brought tubs of homemade apple bread, cookies, peanut cluster candies, honey, homemade bread, and jellies along with Rosemary plants as appreciation to the Commissioner's Court.



Chairman Patricia Graves thanked the commissioners for assistance and presented a virtual check in the amount of \$75,783.07, representing the value of the Extension members' volunteer hours and educational programs given to the people of the county.



*Back row: Commissioner Don Koester, County Judge John Durrenburger, Commissioner Kirk Hanath and Joy Fuchs.
Front row: Extension members: Cindy Lyles, Judith Finke, Patricia Graves and Michele Daniels*

Wharton EEA
By Norma Korenek

Memory of Grace Glaze ...
She will be missed!



At the age of 84, Grace Glaze passed away Monday, December 5, 2022. She will always be remembered with the many hours of volunteering at the Wharton County Youth Fair. She had a giving heart and was always willing to help the children at the fair. Having been part of the fair since 1978, her love of the fair was creative arts, as well as working with the kids showing dairy cattle.

Grace received the honor of having the 2018 WCYF dedicated to her. She was such an icon with TEEA, WCEEA, and our local Wharton County Youth Fair. She recently received her Certificate of Appreciation for "55 years" Membership in the Texas Extension Education Association. She was totally committed to each club and helping our youth. She will truly be missed.

*To live in hearts we
leave behind is not to
die.*

--- Thomas Campbell

Picture below shows the certificate Grace received this past October, 2022.

L-R: Nettie Cornett (WCEEA Secretary), Genevieve Hicks (WCEEA Treasurer), and Grace Glaze (Program & Education committee member, 4-H Chairman, and Taiton EE Club Vice President)



Taiton EEC
By Olivia McDonald

TEEC Plans for a New Year
of Fun & Learning

Taiton Extension Education Club met Wednesday, October 12, at the Taiton Parish Hall. Members answered roll call with the answer to how you met your husband. Answers included blind dates, at dances, and even with the flip of a coin. The learning part was committee assignments and duties.

A members' auction was held at the November meeting. Each member brought an item or two for the auction. Bidding ran high on baked goods, fresh vegetables, and other goodies.

The Wharton County EEA Achievement Dinner was

held October 20, at Prasek's in Hillje. Year awards were given and there was a bag raffle.

Taiton Extension Education
Club Mourns Loss of
Member Grace Glaze

Taiton Extension Education Club met Wednesday, December 14, 2023, at the Taiton Parish Hall. President Irene Nohavitz led members in a period of silence, in memory of their long-time member Grace Glaze, who passed away December 5, 2022. Members spoke of Grace's positive role in the club and her activities with the 4-H Clubs of Wharton County. Rose Peikert was elected vice president as replacement of Grace, one of the many offices Grace has held.

Aileen Terry, Olivia McDonald, and Irene Nohavitz of the Taiton Club, and Genevieve Hicks of the Bluebonnet Club attended the Fall Training Meeting at Hallettsville on November 29. The Spring Training Meeting will be held April 11th in Lavaca County. Districts 9 & 11 will host the TEEA State Conference in Beaumont on September 11-13, 2023.

Members exchanged gifts to Aileen Terry's reading of an altered rendition of The Night Before Christmas. The Recreation Committee served a catered luncheon.

District 12



Dr. Ida Acuna-Garza
District Director

District 12 clubs have been busy planning for 2023 programs. TEEA counties, Hidalgo and Kleberg, had holiday events making plans for 2023. Kleberg County will be hosting the Spring Conference this year in Kingsville. Kleberg County members have been busy. Members prepared box lunches for Stock Show homemaking judges. They have also been busy providing items to sell at the Farmers Market to raise money for scholarships.



Succulent program given by Dr. Ida Acuna-Garza



Hidalgo County is distributing their new 2023 yearbook. The Rainbow Club had a recent meeting with a program presented by Dr. Ida Garza on growing and caring for succulents. She shared that succulents help to purify the air in our homes and offer mental health benefits by helping to control stress. Members each brought a flowerpot and planted it with a variety of succulents. It was an enjoyable program.



Programs for the rest of the year, including the TEEA educational programs, were planned and meeting hostesses were assigned.



Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service
Celebrates National
Senior Citizens Day,
August 21, 2022

By Cherrie Curtis – Texas
A&M AgriLife Extension

Our elders are essential to our communities, and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension celebrates National Senior Citizens Day by encouraging them to stay active and strong.

“One of the most important things you can do for your health as you age is to engage in regular physical activity,” said Erica Reyes, Program Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. “Regular activity may reduce the risk of developing age-related health issues and helps strengthen your muscles. Even small improvements in muscle strength can make a big difference in your ability to live on your own and do things like climb stairs and carry groceries,” Reyes adds.

There are several techniques to build muscles, whether at home or at the gym. Choose exercises that engage your body’s main muscle groups (legs, hips, back, chest, abdomen, shoulders, and arms) on two or more days per week for 30-minute sessions each.

You may wish to consider:

Lifting weights:

Depending on your fitness, you may need to begin with 1- or 2-pound weights. Use a lighter weight for the first week, and then progressively increase it. Beginning with heavy weights may result in injury.

Resistance bands: You may substitute weights with elastic bands, which come in various resistance levels, from light to heavy.

Gardening: Heavy gardening activities such as shoveling, lifting mulch bags, pushing wheelbarrows, and digging all use major muscle groups. Gardening is comparable to exercise such as walking and biking. Please remember always to be hydrated when working out in the sun.

Reyes recommends taking an instructor-led strength training class. “It will offer a structured routine, corrections to find the right technique and form, and the opportunity to build support networks with others who share your interests,” Reyes concludes.

Check with your local County Extension office to see if any physical activity programs are available.

Garlic Pretzel Chicken

Yield: 2 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1-2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup pretzels, crushed
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- Crushed red pepper, to taste
- 2 (4-5) ounce boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Cooking Spray

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine oil, egg, and garlic. In a separate bowl, combine pretzels, cheese, garlic powder, onion powder, basil, and red pepper. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Dip chicken in oil mixture and then in pretzel mixture. Place coated chicken on oiled baking sheet. Repeat. Top with any remaining pretzel mixture and lightly spray tops of chicken with cooking spray. Bake for 15-18 minutes, until chicken is browned and thoroughly cooked. Serve immediately.

---Recipe from alidaskitchen.com/2014/01/15/baked-garlic-pretzel-chicken/



Dr. Joyce Cavanagh
TEEA Co-Advisor
990 Consultant

Greetings and a belated Happy New Year! Many of you have heard that I retired on January 31, after 28 years with Texas Extension. I am enjoying some additional free time and trying not to over-schedule myself as I adjust to retirement life!!

I have three announcements that relate to TEEA. The first is that Alice Kirk, Program Specialist III in Family and Community Health, will be the new TEEA State Advisor. Alice has been with AgriLife for more than 20 years and has worked with many programs you are familiar with, including Walk Across Texas. Her area is child health and physical activity. Look to learn more about Alice in upcoming issues of the Messenger.

The second announcement is that I have been hired back to AgriLife part-time to work with Alice as she transitions into the State Advisor role. Alice and I will work as Co-Advisors with me filling in where she already has prior

commitments. We'll fill you in on specific tasks each of us will be working on as the year progresses. In addition, I have agreed to work as the 990 Consultant to help get issues with EINs resolved. Polly, Rexine, and I will be meeting soon to get a handle on EIN statuses and plan a path forward.

Alice's and my contact information is in the Manual and posted on the website. Feel free to reach out with questions and suggestions. Please forward your EIN issues to me.

We both look forward to working with the Board and membership as we all strive to keep TEEA strong!



Alice Kirk, MPH
TEEA Co-Advisor

Howdy! It is indeed an honor to work alongside Joyce as TEEA Co-Advisor. Extension has been a part of my life for decades. I grew up in a rural community (Cele, TX), where ranching and farming was our way of life. I was active in the 4-H program, exhibiting steers, broilers, youth fair entries and serving in several leadership positions at the club, county,

and district levels. After graduation, I moved to College Station to attend Texas A&M University and have called the Brazos Valley my home since then.

My professional career began over 26 years ago when I joined AgriLife Extension as a Community educator/program assistant in Brazos County. In that position, I partnered with local wellness centers, faith community leaders, and local health departments to offer Extension health and wellness programming to predominately Spanish speaking audiences. As my career progressed, I moved into the AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health (FCH) Unit, where I continue to serve as the Extension Child Health and Wellness Program Specialist. Over the years, I have provided oversight to various statewide grant initiatives focused on community and school health collaborative projects.

I strive to improve the health practices of ALL people, families, and communities. Having grown up in a rural ranching and farming community, where resources were scarce, I aim to help families overcome those challenges and focus much of my programming efforts to predominately low-literacy and under-served families in rural Texas through school health initiatives. I can often be found traveling, as I conduct workshops, trainings, and presentations at local, state, and national levels and serve as a conduit between researched best practices and

Extension educational programs on numerous state and national committees. My B.S. degree is in Community Health from Texas A&M University, and I hold a Master of Public Health, with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Health, from Texas A&M University-School of Public Health.

In my personal life, I have a fantastically supportive husband of 28 years, David, and 2 very busy sons: Michael 19, (freshman at Texas A&M/Blinn) and William 13, (8th grader at North Zulch ISD). Our family is also blessed to have my aging mother, Mary, living with us. It is truly an opportunity for the family to come together and grow closer as we lean on one another to help meet her health needs. I also serve as our local NZ ISD School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Co-Chair, and support our PTA, Athletics program, FCCLA chapter and Southwood 4-H Club.

I am thankful for the opportunity to learn more about TEEA and seeking ways to enrich and support your programming efforts.





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District Spring Conferences

- District 1:
April 27 in Vega
- District 2:
March 30 in Aspermont
- District 3:
March 30 in Weatherford
- District 4:
April 11-12 in Greenville
- District 5:
March 21 in Rusk
- District 6:
March 16 in Midland
- District 7:
April 18 in Mertzon
- District 8:
April 11 in Oakwood
- District 9:
March 28 in Beaumont
- District 10:
March 21 in Fredericksburg
- District 11:
April 11 in Hallettsville
- District 12:
April 20 in Kingsville

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As we look at being good stewards of the organization's funds, please help me to cut the cost of the *Messenger* shipments by promptly updating me of any address changes. This will help me limit the number of returned issues, of which we still pay postage for. Also, if you would rather receive an email/online issue, rather than a paper copy, please let me know and I can move you to an "EMAIL ONLY" list.

Thanks!
D'Ann

TEEA Name Badges

The TEEA name badge cost is \$13.00, which includes shipping and handling (\$12 at State Conference). The Club Treasurer will send the completed TEEA Name Badge Order Form from the club to the Name Badge Chair, along with a check(s) made payable to TEEA Inc. Write on the back of the check: For Deposit Only. Do not send cash.

Since all name badges must be ordered at the same time, the badges will be shipped to the County Association Chair's address. This complies with the sales tax exempt requirements for organizations.

The Name Badge Chair will compile the orders and send them to the manufacturer quarterly (November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 15). Orders must be received by Name Badge Chair by the 14th of these months.

The manufacturer will mail the name badge(s) directly to the person whose name and address appears on the order form.

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For questions, please contact:

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In Memory



Charlsta Smith--- District 3, Parker County
Trellis Harrington--- District 3, Baylor County, Seymour EEC, 58 ½ year member
Adolfie Simaich--- District 3, Baylor County, Seymour EEC, 68 year member
Shirley Pierce--- District 4, Bowie County
Helen "Betty" Gohman--- District 4, Dallas County, DeSoto EEC
Ruthell Harrison Hamil--- District 4, Dallas County, DeSoto EEC
Mary Dean Helm--- District 5, Cherokee County, Central High EEC, 31 year member
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Erna Jacoby -- District 10, Gillespie County, Pilot Knob EEC
Rosalee Minks--- District 11, Austin County
Sue Crober--- District 11, Calhoun County
Donna Coldewey--- District 11, Lavaca County
Ruth Necker--- District 11, Washington County
Grace Glaze--- District 11, Wharton County, Taiton EEC



D'Ann White
Messenger Editor

Hi, everyone! Thank you so much for all the words of encouragement, and compliments on the last issue. I am really having a blast as your *Messenger* editor!

Sometimes in an issue, I have extra space in the layout, so I am always looking for "fillers." If you have any programs, recipes, quotes, antidotes, etc. that you would like to send, you are welcome to do so. Just remember, if it came from a published work (especially with recipes), be sure you include the source, so that I can accurately give credit. Also, please understand that it may be a few issues before I can include it...as space will allow.

The next deadline for the Summer edition is **May 1**. 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.