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Leadership Team News

Centennial Displays At the Leadership Team meeting in March, Districts were asked to volunteer for displays to be created for the Centennial Event. There will be five topics to work with. Each display should depict past, present and future of each topic. Those assignments are:

- Northeast - Economic Development
- Southeast - Education
- North Central - Food & Health
- South Central - Leadership
- West - Volunteerism & Service



Jane S McKimmon Society

JSMS is a special recognition program designed for friends of the NC Family and Consumer Sciences and/or NC Extension & Community Association Foundations who wish to support these entities in an innovative way.

The JSMS recognizes those who contribute \$1000 or more in unrestricted funding to either aforementioned foundation. The contribution may be pledged up to 5 years. Such a contribution illustrates a significant commitment to improving the lives of families across North Carolina.

Like NC ECA on



District presidents were encouraged to include all counties in their district and to showcase the awesome work of ECA in these subject areas over the past 100 years!

Communication District presidents are getting the hang of communicating with the counties in their district. There should be regular bilateral communication. VPs are to report on the activities in the counties at Leadership Team meetings. After the Leadership Team meetings, VPs should report back to the counties any news from your state organization. This communication can be via email, phone calls or snail mail! Please share your county's news! If no one contacts you . . . CALL or EMAIL them!!

Commemorative Bricks to be Sold

To celebrate ECA's 100 years, we will be selling laser engraved bricks. The bricks will be installed to replace bricks in the Jane S McKimmon Garden at McKimmon Center.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you should know that we are selling commemorative bricks. It is not too late to order one.

Wilma Hammett has shared the names of past state presidents with the districts. It would be great if counties would at the very least, see that the past leaders of this great organization have a brick at McKimmon!

Counties are encouraged to reach out to former members and supporters of ECA and/or their families to ensure that those are remembered or honored with a

Master FCS Volunteer

is a certification program for ECA members where members will receive valuable up-to-date training to become an integral part of the FCS information network. To be certified, members will attend 14 required leadership classes and choose 3 elective classes. Once certified, a Master FCS Volunteer will serve as a valuable resource to FCS educators and/or may opt to pursue additional specialized training, such as Master Food Preservation, Master Financial Planning, etc.

2013 Leadership Team

President – Wanda Denning
President-elect – Faye Lanier
Past President- Dianne Brown

VPs

Northeast – Audrey Askew
Southeast – Juliette Thompson
North Central – Laura Lloyd
South Central – Joyce Peeler
West – Cindy Harmon

Appointed Parliamentarian-

Abby Sparks

Appointed Treasurer –

Ruth Clifton

Appointed Editor –

Sue Glover

Association Advisor –

Geri Bushel

CVU Coordinator –

Anne Gaddis

Cultural Arts Chairs-

Audena Spain and

Gloria Smith

ECA Centennial Chair-

Wanda Denning

Paint the Pig!

Remember . . . we will have a pig pageant at State Conference . . . the best dressed and best fed pit wins!

FCS Hall of Fame

At ECA's Centennial Celebration in October, a second class will be inducted to the FCS Hall of Fame. The FCS Hall of Fame honors those who have had exemplary service to NC through Extension programming in the area of FCS, which includes ECA. Nominees can be professional, volunteer or a friend of FCS. More information, criteria and nomination forms can be found at go.ncsu.edu. The nominating deadline is May 15.

Calling All Pictures! As we prepare for ECA Centennial, we are asking that you not only complete the impact survey that was sent last fall for you to capture ALL that your county has done for and contributed to your community, but we also would like for you to send your historical pictures that may be used in a photo collage/ history. Joan Gosper has agreed to be the point of contact for collecting the pictures. You may email pictures to her at gosper3@yahoo.com. If you prefer to send them on a cd, you may send them to her at:

Joan Gosper
2112 Deep Forest Trail
Raleigh, NC 27603

Stamps? What Stamps?

In the past, ECA members were encouraged to collect stamps for some type of project. Tyrrell County ECA has amassed quite a collection and would like to turn them in. However, no one seems to know what the Stamp Project was or who the stamps go to. If anyone knows, please contact Dee Furlough at dee_furlough@ncsu.edu or 252-796-1581. Your information will be shared with everyone in an upcoming Tar Heel Homemaker eNews. Thank you!

Across the State

Northeast

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Wake, Warren, Washington

Pasquotank County



Pasquotank County ECA celebrated achievements at a salad social March 19, 2013.

Twelve members received perfect attendance. Thirty-eight received reading certificates.

Our scholarship winners were recognized.
Raleigh Carver

Memorial \$500 Scholarship to Lacey Carawan. The Pasquotank County ECA \$500 Scholarship to Dedrick Dunton.



centennial cent\$

Remember to feed your county's pig with your loose change in observance of the 100th birthday of ECA!

In 1951, members starting contributing \$2.50 each toward a dream "house" to serve as a center for association activities. In 1966, \$100,000 "seed" money was given to NCSU toward building McKimmon Center. That is \$10,000 per year for 10 years!!

What can we collect in 2 years as we prepare for our centennial?

Tar Heel Homemakers

The deadlines for sending information to Sue Glover for the printed Tar Heel Homemakers are:

May 24
August 23
November 22

Tar Heel HOMEMAKERS E-news

will be published six (6) times in 2013! The deadlines to email information to Cindy Harmon at girlscout10@yahoo.com are:

June 1
August 1
November 4
December 1

The E-news is distributed via email and is posted on the NCECA website. County Councils and/or liaison agents are encouraged distribute the E-news via email to your members and print copies for those members without email. It is extremely important that all members are kept informed of the happenings of their organization.



Club Woman of the Year was awarded to Deb Witherow. Club of the Year with a \$50 prize went to Brite Meadows ECA.

Providence, Nixonton, Mt. Hermon, Brite Meadows and Albemarle ECA Clubs were in attendance. The Honorable Mr. Meads and The Honorable Mr. Perry represented our county commissioners.

Tyrrell County

Tyrrell ECA celebrated achievements recently at its annual Achievement Program at the Columbia Crossing Restaurant. Overseeing the event was ECA County Council President, Faye Queen. Members of the 5 local clubs gave reports on their programs and outreach during the past year. Providing musical entertainment were Brandy Spencer and Elana Fauth of the Teen ECA Club. ECA Liaison Agent, Dee Furlough, presented Club Member of the Year Awards to: Teen ECA Club - Brandy Spencer, Young ECA Club - Janet Bryan, Creeks ECA Club - Julie Brickhouse, Columbia ECA Club - Sharon Spruill and Mature ECA Club - the Club itself. The annual ECA Achievement program is one of the events that brings all club members together for fun and fellowship.

Southeast

Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Wayne, Wilson

Wayne County

Wayne County ECA held its annual Achievement Luncheon recently with 65 members in attendance. The theme for the luncheon was "Celebrating The Past 100 Years."

Evelyn Jefferson of the Best Grove ECA Club presented an overview of the history of ECA and noted some of the activities, milestones and impact that it has made in Wayne County, the state and nation. She stated that the association was started in 1911 as tomato canning and gardening clubs for girls only and has traveled through three additional name changes. They are:

Home Demonstration
Extension Homemakers
Extension and Community Association

She noted that Ms. Estella Smith was the first agent in Wayne County and was one of the trailblazers in establishing the Wayne County Regional Agricultural Fair where you can find ECA members today serving as directors, setting up fair booths and entering items for judging.

Some of the Agents for Wayne County following Ms. Smith included Ms. Tina

Sloan, Ms. Emma McDougal, Ms. Gertrude Bundy, Ms. Jenie Roberts, Ms. Evelyn Raper, Ms. Sandra Head and Ms. Michelle Estrada.

District Day Celebrations

April 23 – South Central

April 25 – North Central

May 23 - West

Babies born premature at Wayne Memorial Hospital are provided crocheted caps to prevent hypothermia. Children having the traumatic experience of being transported by the emergency system are given a stuffed toy for comfort and the less fortunate families of new born babies are given a complete layette all through the efforts of ECA members. Patients going through cancer and recovery are provided with a hand made kit that consists of a rope for exercise, a cozy cap and prostheses, all put together by ECA members.

Dates to Remember:

May 15

Scholarship notification
FCS Hall of Fame due

May 22

Centennial Planning

June 1

Individual reports due
Pennies for Friendship due

June 15

Club reports due

June 26

Centennial Planning

Always check the yearbook for
more information!

On March 31st, 1923 Home Demonstration members opened the first curb market where they could sell their homegrown vegetables, baked goods, fruits, milk, eggs and butter. The market remains open today each Friday at 4:00 pm.

In 1928 children in Wayne County began receiving hot lunches all because members donated their canned fruits and vegetables for the program.

During the Keep Wayne County Beautiful initiative ECA members were among the first to participate in The Adopt A Highway program. When the troops returned home from Desert Storm; ECA placed yellow ribbons on each telephone pole, tree and light pole entering Wayne County.

In 1987 when the Ronald McDonald House (The House That Love Built) was built in Greenville NC, ECA members finished one of the rooms at a cost of \$5,000.00 and pledged another \$5,000.00 in 1998 to refurbish the room.

When Goldsboro turned 150 years old in 1997 the association donated 150 books to six Wayne County Schools targeting grades 2 through 8 to assist with meeting the state ABC requirement for reading.

In 1999 ECA members donated 12 handmade birdhouses with carved birds to decorate the Annual National Christmas Tree as a request from North Carolina's first lady, Mrs. Carolyn Hunt.

Each year ECA members donate to Samaritan Purse (The Power of a Simple Gift) by filling shoeboxes. These shoe boxes are filled with school supplies, toys, hygiene articles, candies, etc. for children around the world to share the love of Jesus Christ and to bring them joy and happiness at Christmas.

Following her presentation the awards program and recognitions were given.

On behalf of the Wayne County Regional Agricultural Fair, Eddie Pitzer, Wayne County Regional Fair Manager and Curtis Shivar, President of the Wayne County Livestock Development Association presented awards to the following clubs; Fine Points, North George and Town and County.

Awards were given to the clubs with the highest percentage of club members attending Area Meetings. They were First Place - Stoney Creek, Second Place - Fine Points, Third Place - Town and Country. Clubs with the highest percentage of members attending the County Council meetings were First Place - Town and Country, Second Place - North George, Third Place - Nahunta.

go.ncsu.edu/nceca

If you have not visited lately, you should know . . . it is NEW and IMPROVED! The 2013 Yearbook, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Appendix have all been posted. You will also find the Centennial Tool Kit and information regarding the NVON Project in Common, Water Around the World . . . complete with report forms, PowerPoint and videos! Thank you, Geri!!

The increased membership award was given to the North George Club. Recruiters of the year were presented to Rachel Rawls from the Fine Points club and Louise Faison from the North George club.

Clubs were recognized for Community service on three levels - Gold, Silver and Bronze. Clubs receiving certificates in each category were:

- Gold - Nahunta, North George, Stoney Creek, Town and Country.
- Silver - Fine Points
- Bronze - Best Grove, Caminando Juntos, Eastern Wayne, Wesley - Mount Olive.

The Excellence in Education award was given to the Nahunta Club. The Star Leadership award was presented to Town and Country Club.



A scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to Tyrek Saquan Shepard, he is a student at Charles B. Aycock High School in Pikeville. Tyrek plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall. Tyrek's is the great grandson of the late Eula Coley of the Best Grove ECA Club, who was a member of the Best Grove ECA Club for more than 50 years. His Grandmother, Shirel Shepard and his Grand Aunt Beverly Best are present members of the club.



The Life Time Achievement award for 2012 was given to Evelyn Jefferson of the Best Grove club. Club Leader of the Year was presented to Mrs. Irene Johnson of the Nahunta club.

Louise Faison, Wayne County ECA County Council President, recognized each individual club president for their leadership.

Left to right: Louise Faison, Evelyn Jefferson, Irene Johnson & Michelle Estrada

Wayne County Parents as Teachers Educators recognized Oma Whitaker from Town and County club, Louise Faison and Roxie Rayner of the North George club for sharing their talents, gifts and skills to the program.

The wonderful lunch was prepared by the North George club. During lunch members enjoyed a power point sharing a pictorial history view of ECA the Last 100 Years. The table decorations and favors were provided by the Eastern Wayne and Best Grove clubs. Entertainment for the day was by the Blended Hands Signing Choir of the Blended Fellowship Church under the direction of Rev. Doug Seymour. Special Guests attending the luncheon were: Eddie Pitzer, Wayne County Regional Agricultural Fair Manager; Curtis Shivar, President Wayne County Livestock Development Association and Sandra Head, Retired Family and Consumer Science Agent with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

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Attention:

District Treasurers

Each District Treasurer was given a formula, forms and guidelines for allocating district funds to comply with the redistricting.

Please complete this duty in a timely manner. There are 3 copies . . . 1 for your records, 1 for sending to the new district and 1 to be sent to Geri bushel's office.



North Central

Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wilkes, Yadkin

Orange County ECA members, with support and assistance from counties throughout the North Central District, are looking forward to being hosting 2013 North Central ECA District Day. We are a bigger and better district comprised of 20 counties, so we look forward to catching up with old friends and making new ones!

South Central

Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland, Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Union

**State Conference
2013**

October 28 - 30

**Marriott
Raleigh
Crabtree Valley**

Lee County



Lemon Springs ECA -
Habitat for Humanity

Montgomery County



Montgomery ECA members are excited to start planning for the 100th year of NCECA! We are currently coming up with ideas for fundraising and decorating our piggy bank. We were also ecstatic to have purchased our own NCECA Centennial brick for the Jane McKimmon garden. Our club is in the process of planning some projects to help our community such as encourage and recruit new

members to our new ECA group, help sponsor a child to go to 4-H camp, and helping out our local humane society. Our current project includes volunteering for the Back Pack Pals Program led by Communities in Schools where we deliver food to 24 students at Candor Elementary School each week.

Centennial Activities

Counties are busy celebrating ECA's Centennial in many ways.

- Collecting 100 cans of food for the food bank
- Donating 100 pints of blood
- Making a quilt with 100 fabrics
- Presenting ECA history to a FCS class at the local high school.
- Eating lots of birthday cake!

What is YOUR county doing?

West

Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Cherokee Reservation, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey

Cherokee County in the West District of North Carolina is proud to announce resurgence in ECA membership during the last year. The county has grown from two clubs to four, largely to the tireless efforts of the county council president Robin Johnson. The Bizzy Bees and the Grape Creek Clubs have offered much encouragement and support for the newest additions in our county, Unaka and Texana Clubs.

The Bizzy Bees ECA has adopted a kindergarten and first grade class at Martin's Creek Elementary School in Cherokee County. Books are read to the students by ECA members and then donated to the class on special days during the school year. Favors are given to both teachers and students denoting whatever holiday is being celebrated at the time.

Grape Creek ECA is planning to hold a workshop on making the Cathedral Windows quilt pattern. Madelyn Rose, who won first place for her beautiful quilt using this pattern during the district cultural arts contest and second place at the state meeting last year, will be demonstrating the technique.

Texana ECA, as well as the other clubs, has assembled a basket of hand made items to be raffled off in the county. Texana's basket has a beautiful handbag and matching checkbook made completely from Duck Tape! The proceeds will be used to fund county ECA activities.

Unaka, the other ECA club established in Cherokee County last year has their members busy learning the mountain folk art of quilting. The name of the quilting class for Unaka will be "Cotton Theory Quilting".

ECA in Cherokee County is busier than ever and working to make a difference in our western county!

NVON Conference - July 15-19 - Frankfort, Kentucky

Travel with your friends from North Carolina to Frankfort, Kentucky by Holiday Tour Bus to the NVON meeting. We will be leaving on July 15 and returning on July 19. We will begin our journey from Raleigh, beginning at 5:00 AM and traveling along I-40 and will make several stops along the way for members to get on the bus.

The cost will be \$165.00 for 30 people on the coach. If we are able to get more on the bus the cost will be less. Please mail your check **by May 15** to: **Polly Caudle, 2797 Harper Road, Clemmons, NC 27012**

This for the bus only. You must link on to the web site of NVON at Nvon.org for hotel and room rates and NVON registration and for all the opportunities that await you.

Membership Pins

Do you wear your ECA membership pin? Did you know that there are membership pins available from Laura Lloyd, your VP – Finance & Membership? Laura also has Past President banners that you may attach to your pin.

To celebrate our centennial, we chose not to order a centennial pin, but to create a “halo” that would slip onto the back of your pin and show around the pin. These will be available for \$2 each.

ECA Foundation News Your ECA Foundation budgeted \$5000 for innovative grants. ECA Clubs, counties and/or districts could submit an application for funds. We are pleased to announce the following grantees:

Center ECA - Davie County
Durham County ECA - Durham County
Gaston County ECA - Gaston County
Neuse ECA - Lenoir County
Montgomery County ECA - Montgomery County
Moore County ECA - Moore County
County History Committee - Orange County
Family Focus ECA - Randolph County
Randolph County ECA - Randolph County
Caminando Juntos ECA - Wayne County
Stoney Creek ECA - Wayne County
Wilkes County ECA - Wilkes County



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