

# AEHC Newsletter

December 2009

## A Word from AEHC President

Here it is December . . . and I am at home from the hospital, recuperating from recent surgery.



Before this little side trip, I enjoyed visiting so many of your counties, including Boone and White County Council meetings, Lonoke and Cleveland County Fairs; and hopefully I will attend Jefferson County's Christmas Tea on December 1, at the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. How much fun can you have with Susan Harper from Garven Woodland Gardens as speaker!

This has been a year full of activities and I have enjoyed being your president so much.

In September four of your leaders attended the ACW and NVON meeting in Iowa. Those attending were Elaine Stoll, Mary Fisher, Denise Hickey and I.

I wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday season.



Joyce Hall  
AEHC President



AEHC Executive Committee and President Joyce Hall, along with Dr. Anne Sortor and Dr. Tony Windham sign AEHC Memorandum of Agreement with extension.

## AEHC Annual Meeting Hot Springs, June 8-10, 2010

The State Planning Committee has already met several times and each member of the Planning Committee is far ahead on their plans for the meeting. The theme is: "AEHC—Powered By You."

You will receive your registration packet at the March Officers Training Meeting at the 4-H Center at Ferndale. The committee has selected making of cards as the cultural arts project. This would be a good activity for competition in your county for an entry into the state event.

The county is urged to make lots of cards and share them in the local communities with shut-ins, nursing homes and other ways.

Each year each county brings a table decoration and the committee has suggested that decorations go along with the theme. Some suggestions are decorations that show some method of power: examples are miniature bicycle, windmills, electricity, and others. Each year the centerpieces get more professional looking because the counties go the "extra mile" and do beautiful things.

Again this year we will have bingo on Tuesday evening in Horner Hall and Joyce Hall and Phyllis Pipkin have said that you "must take your prize!" There will be a movie on Wednesday evening. Both of these were positives on the evaluation.

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## District Rallies Successful

The three district rallies had the theme **“I Heard It Through The Grapevine.”** Leaders from all the districts performed skits that carried out the theme.

In the Ozark District, the group met at the beautiful First Methodist Church Family Life Center in Clarksville. Over 180 leaders, extension agents and guests attended.

At each of the meetings Kaye Green, AEHC Vice President and Betty F. Oliver, AEHC Coordinator spoke on “Affectionate Realism.” This program was given to motivate leaders to think about ways the EHC Program could improve. Survey forms were given to each person in attendance and each district director will tabulate these and bring to the January Executive Committee meeting for the purpose of some presentation at the March Officer Training Meeting.

On October 22, the Delta Rally was in the Brinkley Convention Center. It rained all day but that did not affect the attendance, as there were 165 attending . . . we even had to move to a larger room because of the increased attendance.

October 27, the Ouachita District Rally was at Beech Grove Baptist Church Family Life Center in Fordyce. Again it rained all day, but that did not affect attendance . . . as 165 also attended.



Members from Conway County performed a skit at the Ozark Rally in Clarksville.

A special thanks to the three district teams for doing an outstanding job with their rallies. Thanks to Ozark District Team, Director, Linda Chapman,

Associates Carolyn Morris and Barbara May; Delta District Team, Charlotte Wright, Associates Barbara Jones and Marnette Reed. Ouachita District Director Karen Bell Fox did the survey a little different and got involvement from all, using the round table discussion and four groups reported to the group from the small group. Associates helping Karen were Betty Huntley and Sally Patterson.

The purpose of the rallies was to “Rally the Troops,” to get us inspired to go out and tell the EHC story and get new members. By now each FCS agent should have a copy of the PowerPoint that Kaye Green did and also a copy from Conway County’s skit that was used at the rallies.



Sharp County leaders at the Ozark Rally in Clarksville.

## County Officers and Leaders Training March 17

The county offices and leaders training is March 17, at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. Be sure to get this date correct, for some reason a state-wide meeting was scheduled on our previous date, so we have changed it to March 17.

Members that must drive a long distance may choose to come the night before and spend the night at the 4-H Center. Activities will be scheduled the night before for those who come.

The Committee is still making plans for this training and FCS agents will receive a registration form for registering county delegates.

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### EIN Numbers from EH Clubs

Thanks to a majority of clubs and FCS agents, we are getting close to completion of EIN numbers to the IRS.

## Mountain View Tour of Arkansas Folk Art and Crafts

A total of 101 EHC leaders, husbands and friends attended the three-day Folk Art and Craft Show on November 4-6. Marietta Gutierrez from Pulaski County has coordinated this event for the last 10 years. This year more than half the people had never been to the Arkansas Folk Center before.

Each person could take one class each day. Classes included blacksmith making of a bell, wired jewelry making, candle making, broom making, woodcarving, and stained glass Christmas ornaments. Two classes taught you how to play the dulcimer. From all accounts, this was a fun and learning experience and a good way to encourage new members. The pictures from the workshop are on the FPT web-site and your county agent or you may want to do some publicity or use some of the pictures in your next newsletter. Next year's three-day workshop will be November 3-5 at the Folk Center.

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## Many Project Books Received

Project books are in and judging by the State Education Committee, which is made up of the three district teams and Kay Green, Vice President will take place in February. I want to thank everyone who prepared a project book for their club.

Results of the contest will be announced at the June Awards program.

I encourage you to begin thinking and planning for next year's contest. You have great ideas and projects for your community and producing a project book is an excellent way to let others know what you do.

Betty F. Oliver  
AEHC Volunteer Coordinator

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## AEHC Executive Committee Members Recuperating

Elaine Stoll is doing well now. You may send her a note at 116 South 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ravenden, AR 72459.

Joyce Hall is doing great following surgery. Send a note to Joyce at 12501 Hall Lane, Mabelvale, AR 72103.

## Election of New AEHC Officers at Annual Meeting In June

The following officers will be elected at the 2010 June meeting of our organization: President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President.

If you have qualified leaders who would like to run for these offices, please look at the AEHC handbook on the website and complete the forms to Elaine Stoll, 116 South 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ravenden, AR 72459. The forms must reach Elaine by the May 17 deadline.

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## 2009 Sew With Cotton Contest

Judging for this year's contest was held at the Peabody Hotel December 3. There were 55 entries from 26 counties. Thanks to all, participants and judges for a great contest. There was prize money and two Singer Sergers given away. You are encouraged to plan to make a garment to enter next year's contest. For information check with your FCS agent or go online to the Arkansas Farm Bureau website.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **County Project Books Due**

State EHC Office  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009  
Send to Attn: Betty F. Oliver

#### **Extended Education Workshop**

C. A. Vines 4-H Center – Ferndale, AR  
March 16-17, 2010

#### **Dr. Lynn Russell Memorial/AEHC Scholarship Due**

State EHC Office  
(Applications are sent to Universities and colleges)  
Thursday, April 1, 2010

#### **ACWW/USA Triennial Conference**

April 21-28, 2010; Hot Springs, AR  
Website: [acww.org.uk](http://acww.org.uk)

#### **Applications for AEHC State Officers Due**

Monday, May 17, 2010  
Send all applications to Elaine Stoll

#### **AEHC Annual State Meeting**

Hot Springs Convention Center – Hot Springs, AR  
June 8, 9 and 10, 2010  
"AEHC – Powered By You"

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