

AEHC Newsletter

August 2010

A Word From the President

Hello Fellow Members,

WOW! What a month June was! Our theme for the State Meeting "EHC Powered by You" could not have been more appropriate. Everyone I talked to had a good time and enjoyed the social, educational and community aspects of the meeting.



The Planning Committee did a wonderful job and I've had the pleasure of working with them for the past two years.

I am so fortunate to be your State President and can hardly wait for the District Meetings this fall. Our journey together will be one of inspiration and exploration for the betterment of our organization.

Our continued cooperation and teamwork with Cooperative Extension will result in growth and new knowledge.

I look forward to visiting your county and exchanging ideas.

See you all in October.

Phyllis Pipkin
 AEHC President



AEHC Officers for 2010-2012

Front row left to right: Phyllis Pipkin, President; Johnette Johnson, Secretary; Mary Fisher, Vice-President; Kaye Green, President-elect. Back row left to right: Denise Hickey, Treasurer; Joyce Hall, Past-President.

State Meeting Big Success

June 8, 9, 10 were big days for our recent State Meeting; the theme, "AEHC Powered by YOU!" was carried throughout the meeting. All counties brought beautiful centerpieces relating to this theme. Over 600 people attended, including delegates, guests, vendors and presenters.

The evaluations are being tallied and will be a guide for the Planning Committee, which has its first meeting August 10, at the State Extension Headquarters.

New officers were elected: Phyllis Pipkin, President, Garland County; Kaye Green, President-Elect, Cleveland County; Mary Fisher, Vice-President, Yell County; Denise Hickey, Treasurer, Johnson County; Johnette Johnson, Secretary, Montgomery County; and Joyce Hall, Past-President, Pulaski County. David Jacobs, Sevier County was appointed Parliamentarian

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and will serve on the Executive Committee for two years. As President-Elect, Kaye Green will chair the Planning Committee for the coming two years. Mary Fisher will chair the Awards and Education Committee.

New members to the Planning Committee include: Terri Jacobs, Sevier County, How To Classes; Shirley Cleek, Pulaski County, Subject Matter Classes; Dale Boeh, Johnson County, Staging Chair; Jo Ann Carr, Jefferson County, Curtain Calls chair; Glenda Griffin, Craighead County, Creative Skills chair; John and Elaine Stoll, Lawrence County, Equipment co-chairs; and Barbara Boeh, Johnson County and Joyce Hall, Pulaski County, Information Room co-chairs.

Betty Oliver
A.E.H.C. Volunteer Coordinator

Dues Are Due by End of Month

On September 1, county dues are delinquent; please encourage your county treasurer to submit dues to Denise Hickey, 1403 W. Cherry, Clarksville, AR 72830, before that date. Dues are \$4 per member and \$5 per club. Members-at-large dues are also \$4 each.

Presidents' Days in October

District Meeting places and dates:

- Ozark District – Tuesday, October 19**
First United Methodist Church, Clarksville
- Delta District – Thursday, October 21**
Brinkley Convention Center, Brinkley
- Ouachita District – Tuesday, October 26**
Possibly in Arkadelphia (to be decided)

The due date for all registrations is October 1. Registration (includes lunch) is \$10 per person.

Joyce Hall, Past-President, is chair for the District Presidents' Days. The district teams will also have input on the program and other aspects of the meeting. At this point we are making plans to focus on county council and club by-laws. We are asking each county to bring to the meeting two copies of their present county by-laws, one to work from and

one to hand in at the registration table for the state files. Additionally, each county is asked to print a copy of the state by-laws and standing rules from the AEHC website and place it in a notebook to use as a working guide during the meeting. We have engaged a registered parliamentarian to be at each meeting to give us guidance. We want to "jazz" this meeting into a fun and informative session for your council office, all club officers and all FCA agents. A discussion will be made on EIN numbers and county financial reports that are due in the fall.

Financial Operations for EH Councils and Clubs

The county office should have a copy of Dist-04 publication entitled "Guidelines for County Financial Operations for Extension Homemakers Council, Clubs and Groups." If you cannot find this publication check with Ursula Crow, at the state Physical Plant, ucrow@uaex.edu, 501-671-2250. In this publication you will find on page 13 a guide for conducting county council and EH club audits. Audits should be made at the end of the two-year term of treasurers.

Each year, in the fall, your C.E.S. District Director comes for a review of your county. At that time the district agent will ask for the financial reports of your EH council and EH clubs.

The EH club secretary book has a copy of the form in the back of the book and there is also a form at the very end of the "forms" on the AEHC website. Either may be used for the EH club, or in some cases, the county council report.

Be sure to put the club EIN number at the top of the form and also the county council EIN number. If by chance you cannot find your EIN number, you may want to email or call Betty F. Oliver at boliver@uaex.edu, or phone at 501-671-2033, Monday- Thursday, in the mornings.

If your club does not have an EIN number, contact Betty F. Oliver for instructions on how to secure a number. All county councils have EIN numbers registered with the IRS and the state AEHC office has a complete list.

E.H.C. Council, Clubs are Considered Non-profits

According to an article in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Business Section for Tuesday, July 27, 2010:

“More than 3,000 small non-profit organizations in Arkansas are in danger of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required tax returns for the past three years.”

The article goes on to say: “But the IRS is giving the organizations the chance to retain their tax-exempt status by filing returns by October 15. We are doing everything we can to help organizations comply with the law and keep their valuable tax exemption,” IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said Monday. “So if you do not have your filing up to date, now’s the time to take action and get back on track.”

“The Pension Protection Act of 2006 created the need for the organizations to file tax returns. It mandated that all charities except churches and church-related groups file returns with the IRS beginning in 2007,” Shulman said.

“This meant that very small organizations that had never filed before would have to start doing so,” Shulman said.

The law also said that non-profits that failed to file returns for three straight years would automatically lose their federal tax-exempt status.

Charities losing their tax-exempt status would no longer be eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. The IRS plans to publish a list of organizations losing their federal tax-exempt status in early 2011.

After the law was passed, the IRS created the Form 990-N (also known as an electronic postcard). You can go to the IRS’ website, www.irs.gov, and fill in eight information items by Oct. 15 to bring you back into compliance.

After you go to the above website, Google 990-N and the form and other important links will pop up. You can enter your EIN # and other pertinent information and search to find out your status.

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All E.H.C. Councils and Clubs must efile by May 15 each year. This year the IRS has given everyone an extension to October 15.

By going to the website you can verify whether you and the IRS agree on your EIN # and you will know if you need to file a return this year.

A.E.H.C. Turns 100 in 2012!

Yes, A.E.H.C. will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2012. Phyllis Pipkin, President, is appointing a state committee to draft ideas for this big celebration. One thing for sure, we need to update all county histories, starting with 1977 to the present. Your county president will want to appoint a committee to work on this after Phyllis appoints the state committee and plans are delivered to the counties. You can already be updating your history, and for sure we want to publish a new state-wide history that year and even do a documentary of the A.E.H.C. work in Arkansas.

Counties Without F.C.S. Agents

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if I can be of help to your county with your E.H.C. program. Some counties have been without an F.C.S. agent well over a year and it seems that the programs are going well, but it is hoped that vacancies will be filled as soon as possible. Betty F. Oliver, boliver@uaex.edu, 501-671-2033.

County Events May Be Published On The Website

Would you want to forward a list of your A.E.H.C. special events, places and times to the State Office to be posted on the A.E.H.C. website? Fall and winter seems to be active times for E.H.C. events and it would allow other counties to see your event and perhaps attend. It could be entitled “A.E.H.C. Special Events Schedule,” or something similar to that. Email or call me if you think your club would want to participate in this pilot program.

Betty F. Oliver
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Ozark Folk Center Tour Coming in November

Mark your calendars for November 3-5. That's when we make our annual fall trip to Mountain View.

Transportation to Mountain View is on your own, but after arriving at your destination, everything else our host/hostess will be in charge.

Fun craft classes, all meals, snacks, entertainment, and lodging are all included in one price. Prices range from \$235 to \$325 per person, unless you pre-registered last year.

If you didn't get the trip packet at state meeting in June, you can go to our website, click on Meetings and select Mountain View Trip to get a description of classes offered (you will select 3), rates and registration form to mail in with your deposit.

Your \$50 deposit, with classes selected, is due to Marietta Gutierrez by August 15. The balance must be received by Marietta no later than October 1.

If you don't have internet access or can't get the packet from your county extension office, contact Betty F. Oliver at 501-671-2033.

Check out our updated website at, www.arextensionhomemakers.org, to see up-to-date information through December 2011.

Or, you can go the long way: uaex.edu, click Family and Consumer, click Volunteer Organizations. From there click Extension Homemakers Council to view EHC's website.

As more dates and information become available more will be posted.

Dates and Deadlines

August 2

EHC Council Mailing List
Due to State Office

August 2

EHC General Data Form
(to be mailed with dues to Treasurer)

August 2

Deadline for County Council and
Club dues to be received by Treasurer

September 1

Name Tag Orders due to
District Director

October 19

Ozark District Presidents' Workshop

October 21

Delta District Presidents' Workshop

October 26

Ouachita District Presidents' Workshop

November 3, 4, 5

Ozark Folk Center Fall Tour
Mountain View, AR

December 1

Project Books due to
State Office (Betty F. Oliver's office)

February 8, 2011

Project Book Judging

February 16

Deadline for Registration to Education Workshop

March 9

A.E.H.C. Extended Education Workshop
4-H Center, Ferndale, AR

April 1

Deadline for Dr. Lynn Russell Scholarship

April 4

State Meeting Registration Due

June 7-9

State Meeting in Hot Springs

University of Arkansas, United States Department of Agriculture and County Governments Cooperating.

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