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AEHC Newsletter

PROJECT OF THE MONTH—GARLAND COUNTY MAKING CORONAVIRUS MASKS FOR WORKERS

Garland County EHC members have been busy since the middle of March making fabric masks to wear during the COVID-19 pandemic. At first, individual members were receiving requests for masks from friends who had relatives in the medical profession. Phyllis Pipkin, Council President, decided to call our local hospitals and home health groups to see if they would like us to make some for them...and when the word was out, groups started calling Phyllis! An announcement was put on the Garland County Extension Homemakers Facebook page for members to be a part of the socially distanced sewing group, each person in their own home. Several different patterns were used, some with a "pocket" for a filter.



Phyllis designated the Garland County Extension Office parking lot as the drop off point on Wednesdays between 11:00 and noon. As of the first Wednesday in April, 464 masks had been sewn and donated to fourteen different organizations, including CHI Breast Center and CHI Hospital, National Park Medical Center, dental offices, Area Agency on Aging, Elite Home Health and Superior Senior Care. Some went to Garvin Gardens, the Hot Springs Convention Center, the VA in Jackson, Mississippi and law enforcement officers. So far, fifteen participants have already donated over 230 hours to this project and will continue sewing as long as there is a need!



THANKS TO GARLAND COUNTY EHC FOR PITCHING IN DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS. THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS AND CLUBS ALL OVER THE STATE, BUT PLEASE STAY SAFE.

**Upcoming
Events
2020**

Check website periodically for information regarding registrations for all meetings.

2020 Annual State Meeting

Hot Springs Convention Center

Has been postponed at this time because of

Coronavirus restrictions.

You will be notified as soon as we know something more.

2020 DISTRICT MEETINGS

OZARK— Oct. 20

DELTA—Oct. 22

OUACHITA—Oct. 27

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AEHC PROJECT OF THE MONTH—DALLAS COUNTY

In January the Dallas County EHC and 4-H Clubs partnered on a project called “Birthday Boxes for CASA.” 4-H ers collected items needed to make a **birthday** cake and EHC made up the boxes to give to CASA so they could make cakes for the children in foster care for their birthday. Over 40 boxes of cake mix were collected along with 30+ cartons of icing, candles, party hats and cups. The boxes were all donated to CASA North 13. Pictured is Michelle Nichols, CASA Volunteer Coordinator, and two of the 4-H girls.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

EVA MARIE PEARSON, JEFFERSON COUNTY



A second-generation Extension Homemaker, Eva Marie Pearson remembers going to Home Demonstration Club meetings with her mother where they lived in the Hardin Community near Pine Bluff. The late Betty Oliver, former U of A AEHC Coordinator, recruited Eva Marie to be publicity chairman for the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council before she retired from the Pine Bluff Commercial where she was the Accent editor for most of her 35 years with the paper.

Eva Marie served the Council as publicity chairman for several years and during that time she initiated and was the chairman of an oral history project, a joint venture between the state Council and the David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History at the U of A at Fayetteville. Each county was asked to interview two Extension Homemakers and/or Extension personnel for the project. These interviews are now posted on the Pryor Center website. She was also in charge of the 100-Carat Award Project which recognized outstanding efforts to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the AEHC organization in 2012. For the past two years, she has been a member of the state meeting planning committee. In her county Eva Marie has served as President of Jefferson County EHC and later Council Parliamentarian. In addition to her Extension Homemakers activities, she has completed Master Gardener training and is a member of the Jefferson County 4-H Foundation board.

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SPRING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP, FERNDALE, AR

“Working Together Today for a Better Tomorrow”

Our Spring Educational Workshop on March 11th was great! Great fellowship, great classes, great speakers,! We appreciate the help of the U of A Extension office directors for their help. Pictures here show members taking part in the fun, education and fellowship.



REGISTRATION: Marie Price stops by registration desk for Delta Dist. to talk to Lawanna Stone and Brenda Chisom. Middle, Ann Prince stops by Ouachita Dist desk to talk with Lisa Davis, Aleese Nichols, and Marcia Lasiter. Last pic shows Betty Davis (middle) registering several members from Ozark District.



CLASSES: Dianna Bowen teaches a class in Leader Training Opportunities, 2nd Terrie Jacobs and Judy Vann Hamilton teach a class on Secretary Forms and Reports, and 3rd pic, Bernadette Freigy teaches a class on Treasurer's Forms and Reports.



FUN: Roberta Shankle checks her T-shirts before teaching her class on the Food Insecurity Project. Middle picture: The busy foyer on Registration Day. Right: Kaye Green and Ruth Hall selling shirts and other EHC products at the meeting.

PPRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Faith sees the Invisible, believes the Unbelievable and receives the Impossible"

Corrie Ten Boom



Karen Bell Fox

In the first full week of March there were 272 members in attendance at the educational workshop in Ferndale. A big thank you to those attending and those who presented classes. Our members had a great time whether it was visiting with old friends or making new ones there were always smiles to be seen.

Of course, our educational workshop was days before we were all asked to social distance ourselves for health reasons.

Plans for our state meeting are on hold (announcement for changes will be made later). Our statewide food insecurity program can take money only because donation food must be quarantined for 14 days. But now AEHC and members are volunteering and contributing in many different ways, under current circumstances.

Our AEHC family always works quietly behind the scenes in ways to help all residents of the state. Please check and add to our AEHC Facebook page for the ways you all are helping. <https://www.facebook.com/uaex.arkansasextensionhomemakers>.

Family: "The people you live for, laugh with and love; those who continually show up, stay up and make up, who make you glad you never gave up."

That is who we are the family of Arkansas Extension Homemakers working in our homes and communities.

Stay safe and remember to social distance.

Karen

2020 CENSUS

Have you responded to the 2020 Census Questionnaire???

The Census must go on, even with the fight against Coronavirus. The more people counted can mean more resources for our communities and our state. The picture to the right shows Karen Bell Fox, AEHC President, with U of A 2020 Census Speaker, Debra Joyner (far right), and two other ladies representing the Census Campaign at our Spring Educational Workshop in Ferndale. Arkansas needs you to send in your Census information.



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