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A COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE PROGRAM

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AEHC Newsletter

2018-2019 New Planning Committee Chairmen

Chairman (President Elect)	Cheryl Stewart, Crawford County
Ex-Officio (President)	Karen Bell Fox, Cleveland County
Awards (Vice President)	Debbie Thompson, Polk County
Secretary –	Ruth Hall, Yell County
Treasurer	Carolyn Morris, Yell County
Publicity (Immediate Past President)	Johnette Johnson, Montgomery C.
Parliamentarian	Bernadette Freigy, Sharp County
Membership/Marketing	Marilyn Spence, Crawford County
Craft Exhibits	Peggy Barnett, Garland County
	Janie Woods, Garland County
Staging & Equipment	John Stoll, Lawrence County
	Elaine Stoll, Lawrence County
Memorial Table (Ouachita Dist. Dir.)	Bettie Huntley, Miller County
Registration (Delta Dist. Dir.)	Deb Teague, Lawrence County
Cultural Arts/Centerpiece (Ozark DD)	Roberta Shankle, Sharp County
Creative Skills	Karla Wadley, Lawrence County
Silent Auction	Charlene Dixon, Cleveland C.
Education Classes	Debbie Thompson, Polk County
	Bernadette Freigy, Sharp County
	Eva Pearson, Jefferson County
Bingo/Talent Show	Darlene Holliday, Montgomery C.
Product Sales	Kaye Greene, Cleveland County
Agent Advisor	Diane Clement, Cleveland County
AEHC Advisor	Dr. Laura Hendrix
Program Technician	Rachael Price
Admin.Specialist LR	Melody Curtis
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***Upcoming
Events
2018-2019***

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND YOUR
DISTRICT MEETING.**

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

OZARK DIST. , OCT. 23, 2018
Morrilton, AR

DELTA DIST., OCT. 25, 2018
Stuttgart, AR

OUACHITA DIST., OCT. 30, 2018
Hope, AR

Look for Registration
On Line soon.

Deadline for registration Oct. 8th

SPRING FERNDAL CONFERENCE

FERNDAL 4-H CENTER

MARCH 6, 2019

AEHC STATE MEETING

Conv. Ctr. HOT SPRINGS, AR

JUNE 4,5,6, 2019

2019 NVON CONFERENCE

Holiday Inn, SPRINGDALE, AR

JULY, 22-25, 2019

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NEW PRESIDENT SIGNS MOU

The August Meeting of the AEHC Executive Committee was the time and place of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas on behalf of the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. The new AEHC President, Karen Bell Fox, signed on behalf of AEHC and Dr. Rick Cartwright signed on behalf of UACES. The Memorandum of Understanding is a contract signed at the beginning of each new President's term stating what AEHC agrees to do as part of the U of A system. Present at the signing (shown in picture below seated at table left to right) were Dr. Martha Sartor, Dr. Rick Cartwright, Karen Bell Fox and Dr. Debra Head, Also present were some of the AEHC officers of the 2018-2020 Executive Committee (shown in picture standing iback left to right) Cheryl Stewart, Ruth Hall, Dr. Laura Hendrix (AEHC Advisor), Bernadette Freigy, Debbie Thompson and Johnette Johnson.



Featured Committee Member for August

Debbie Thompson, Vice President

Debbie has lived in Mena, Polk County , for approximately 14 years and been in EHC about 13 years . She joined EHC at the invitation of a friend to come to a meeting and she wanted to meet people in her new place of residence. She liked quilting and doing crafts and she thought this would be a good way of getting with others who did. She is currently serving as President of Polk County in addition to her duties as State Vice President. She loves to do volunteer work in Polk County and is looking forward to her term as AEHC State Vice President.



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



ARKANSAS' REPORT CONCERNING YEAR 2017 AT THE 2018 NVON CONFERENCE

by Karen Bell Fox, AEHC President

In July, 2017, several of our members attended the NVON Conference in Raliegh, Norrrth Carolina. As always while traveling, our members solved most of the world's problems and also discussed a few we thought AEHC had. We also agreed upon a theme name for our 2019 State Meeting—"Better Together." A lot of new ideas were obtained at the 2017 NVON Conference and our members went back to Arkansas with a renewed enthusiasm for all we do.

October 2017 was a really great month for AEHC. Our round of District Rallies followed the theme "Ready, Set, PRE-PARE," as our major focus for Leader Training was Disaster Preparedness.

This past year it was decided to honor our 25-year members for the first time. There were 360 members recognized at our three District Rallies. Next on our state-wide agenda was the receiving and judging of 103 project books. This was quite an undertaking but we had great leadership from the Vice President, Cheryl Stewart, and co-chairmen, Jo-Ann Carr and Marnette Reed.

In March we had our statewide annual one-day workshop held at the 4-H Center at Ferndale, Arkansas. Our theme for the meeting was "Thank You for Your Service." Our County Presidents were honored and Johnette Johnson, AEHC President at the time, introduced her grandson, Dr. Dustin Johnson, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Johnson is the Tissue Procurement Coordinator for the Arkansas Region Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA). His program on organ donation was very humbling and enlightening.

All during the year our President Elect and the Planning Committee worked toward another exciting and rewarding state convention. The theme was "Growing with Communication." Our keynote speaker was Randy Frazier whose topic was "What I learned from 9000 years of Farming." Charles Graham, renowned vocalist, closed our three-day convention. Both were well received by our members. With strong support from the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, AEHC's goals and expectations were exceeded.

A new scholarship was awarded this year: The Betty F. Oliver Scholarship, to honor our beloved late advisor. With this addition, our yearly scholarships now total \$5,500.

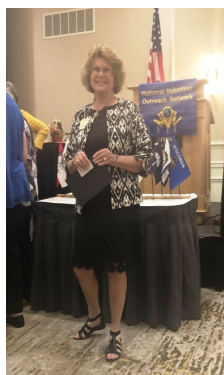
Total volunteer hours reported for 2017 were 644,735 which gives back to the state of Arkansas a value of \$15.563,902. Membership for the year end was 4,085.

After our 2018 state convention , our newly elected and installed officers hit the ground with new enthusiasm. With a platform of rebranding and giving ourselves a much needed facelift, there are several items on the agenda to include a state-wide program called "Yellow Dot" and changing our marketing and membership focus toward homesteaders, retired professional and younger members.

We look forward to the great group of NVON members who will be visiting our state for the NVON Conference in Springdale, Arkansas in July, 2019 as we host that conference. We are showcasing a very beautiful part of our state for the conference and hope to see you there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2018 NVON MEETING, PEWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, July 16-19, 2018— our members attending the National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) conference this year were Karen Bell Fox, President; Cheryl Stewart, President Elect; Ruth Hall, Secretary; Kaye Green, Sales and Information; Mary Fisher, 2019 NVON Conference Chairman and her husband, David Fisher. Our AEHC Advisors Dr. Laura Hendrix, and Rachael Price, Program Technician, also attended. All members attending participated in a formal presentation inviting everyone present at the conference to attend the conference in 2019 hosted by Arkansas in Springdale on July 22-25, 2019.



2019 NVON MEETING, SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, July 22-25, 2019 - As a member of AEHC you are also a member of the National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON), Country Women's Council (CWC), and Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). Not only are you a very integral and necessary part of your community, county and state, you are national and international. Mary Fisher, Chairman of the 2019 NVON Conference, AEHC President, Karen Bell Fox, and other committee members are already working on making NVON 2019 a success.

OZARK RETREAT—Don't forget the Retreat this year November 1st-3rd. Your \$75 deposit is required by August 31st and the balance must be received by September 28th. Cancellations must be received by October 5th. For a registration sheet, class schedules or any other questions, call Judy Simmons, Chairman 870-820-3639 or jksimmons59@hughes.net.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT— Our EH County Councils, members and FCS Agents are continuing to promote EHC and are creating new clubs for their counties. Congratulations to Van Buren County and Jefferson County on new clubs. If your county has new clubs, please let us know so we may share your successes.

COUNTY FAIRS - The rounds of County Fairs have already begun with many of our members participating in Judging, being superintendents, entering exhibits and the many other activities for the Fair. Don't forget to report all these volunteer hours for the fair along with your hours from all your regular activities. Volunteer hours really matter.

"What I Learned from 9,000 Years of Farming" - Randy Frazier (our speaker at our State Conference in June) wanted our membership to know that his book will still be available to us for the discounted price of \$10.00 until the first printing is sold. If you know of someone who wants to purchase one, let us know and we'll relay this to Randy.