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AEHC Newsletter

Project of the Month, Ozark EHC Club, Johnson County “Lunches for Law Enforcement”

On Saturday, Sept 5, 2020, the Oark EHC provided 100 fresh sack lunches for Law Enforcement Officers providing support during a Black Lives Matter rally in Clarksville. Twelve EH club members volunteered 80 hours toward the project. Monetary donations from two Clarksville grocery stores as well as donations from interested individuals and clubs helped pay for the meats, cheeses, bread, fruit, napkins and packaging materials. EH club members donated chips, desserts, condiments and water. Picture to the right shows lunches provided by Johnson County.

Clarksville Chief of Police Jeff Ross and retired Sheriff Larry Jones met the EHC members at the police station Saturday around 11 am and delivered the lunches to the Clarksville courthouse where they were distributed to officers working the rally.

The Oark Club received letters of appreciation from the Chief of Police and the Clarksville Mayor.



Picture to the left shows EHC workers and police chief and retired sheriff who helped.

Left to Right: Sally Valentine, Retired Sheriff Larry Jones, Police Chief Jeff Ross, Debbie Crofford, Liz Williams, Project Chair Priscilla Johnson and

Betty Davis, Ozark District Director..

Upcoming 2021 Events

**Spring Education Conference
April 20-21, 2021**

Facility not yet decided

**AEHC State Meeting
June 7-10, 2021**

Facility not yet decided

2021 DISTRICT RALLIES

OZARK DISTRICT

October 19, 2021

U of A, Morrilton, AR

DELTA DISTRICT

October 21, 2021

Grand Prairie, Stuttgart, AR

OUACHITA DISTRICT

October 26, 2021

Garland County Fairgrounds

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Betty Davis**, Ozark District Director, announced that she has a new Associate Director, **Bernadette Boyle**, and she is from Washington County.
- **Deb Teague, Vice President**, announced that the theme of the Spring Education Conference will be "Breathe Life into AR." It has been decided to wait until April to have the conference because of the pandemic and give us time to prepare. Possible date April 20-21..
- **Debbie Thompson**, President Elect, announced that the theme of the State Meeting this year, provided we get to have it, will be "Together Again." At this time the meeting is still scheduled for June 7-10.
- Be sure to keep sending in your Volunteer Hours as this is so important at this time to U or A Extension. Also, please remember to send State Project hours to **Roberta Shankle**.
- **Dr. Debie Head**, FCS Dept. Director, has announced her retirement for the end of February. Thanks so much to Dr. Debie, AEHC will certainly miss her.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

DARLENE HOLLIDAY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In 2007 Darlene's neighbor, Ms. Bea Schmitt, asked her to attend a meeting of the Joplin EHC Club. At her first meeting they had election of officers and she was elected as Vice President. But before they took office, the new President resigned making Darlene the new President. Also that year, she was elected as Vice President of the County Council. Four years later she was elected President of the County Council and she has held that position since then. Darlene started working in the Mt. Ida Food Pantry almost immediately and has worked there until now. In 2011 the Mt. Ida Chamber of Commerce named her "Volunteer Woman of the Year" which is a great honor in Mt. Ida.



In 2012 Kaye Green (AEHC President) asked her to be an Associate District Director for Ouachita District and after 2 years in that position she ran for District Director and held that position for 2 years. She has since held a position on the Planning Committee.

Darlene stated that "I have made so many good friends from all over the state and, I have certainly enjoyed knowing them and working with them for our state and my county. I may be a little prejudiced, but I believe Montgomery County has the best clubs and members in the state."

Darlene and her husband, Carlton, moved to Montgomery County in 2004.. They will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary in May.

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Order Your AEHC Name Badge by February 1

This is one of only three times a year that you can order your AEHC Name Badge. You may choose from one of the two designs . Both are \$8.75 each, with magnetic backs, and feature your name and name of your county.

One design is the design of the State of Arkansas with the Razorback and the other is a rectangular badge with the AEHC logo close to the design which the AEHC officers and District Directors have.

You can send individual or group orders together by your County President or Treasurer. It is preferred that you type the information to prevent errors. Please give contact information in case Carolyn Morris, our Treasurer, has questions about the order. Deadline to get your order to Carolyn is February 1.

You may use the form sent out to Extension Agents and Council Presidents or send a typed letter to our Treasurer at the address below (this is new). Make checks payable to AEHC.

Carolyn Morris, AEHC State Treasurer

PO Box 275

Danville, AR 72833

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year AEHC!

From the day we left Ferndale in March of last year, life as we knew it changed. Our whole organization had to do a tap dance, if you will, from moving the date of our annual state meeting from June to the middle of August to reorganizing the way we conducted our District Rallies. It was crazy!

2020 was a great leveler, it showed us what matters the most. 2021 is here, a whole new year of opportunity, growth and discovery lies before us.

I encourage you all to reflect on the positive things that happened in 2020 and look forward to the things to come.

Arkansas Extension Homemakers donated 342 Blankets to UAMS. The UAMS Auxiliary distributed these blankets to assault victims in the ER, the cancer infusion clinic, and to patients being discharged. They were incredibly grateful for our donations and have expressed this to us several times to several different leaders.

Roberta Shankle, Chairman of our State Project, has been working hard on our food insecurity project. I am very proud to announce that Arkansas Extension Homemakers generously donated \$5,685 and 1,285 hours to help provide over 16,382 meals for food insecurity in Arkansans. We hope all our members are reporting all of their volunteer hours even though most clubs are not being able to meet. The Extension Service really needs this information from us.

I hope you all had a VERY Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Sincere wishes for a better year in 2021!

Cheryl



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