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AEHC Newsletter

“BETTER TOGETHER” 2019 AEHC STATE MEETING, HOT SPRINGS, AR

This years ' State Meeting was educational, productive and lots of fun. Thanks again for the support of our U of A personnel in bringing about a successful Convention. Our Speakers and Class Presenters were excellent and our entertainment wonderful. We loved our "Anything Goes" Talent ant the "Spa City Brass" for their help on Thursday. Thanks to our President, Karen Bell Fox, along with all of our Executive, Planning and Education Committees for all their

work in planning and executing this meeting. Also, thanks to the President of NVON, Linda Kaletch, for



stopping by to help make an interesting meeting. Her additions to Talent Night were a surprise and a lot of fun. Thanks to all counties and clubs who entered Project Books for this year and we look forward to lots more next year. Thanks also to our counties for our Silent Auction items and door prizes.

They are an excellent addition to our meeting. Our Staging Chairmen (John and Elaine Stoll) again did an excellent job as did our Craft Exhibit Chairmen, Peggy Barnett and Janie Woods. This is a hard job as



Marie Price, 78 years Milestone Award Crafters get harder to get each year. Our Product Sales Chairman , Kaye Green, and her helpers did a wonderful job this year making a substantial amount of money for our state meeting. Congrats to our new District Directors (right). If you were not able to make it this year, you missed a great meeting.



Looking forward to another great one next year.

*Upcoming
Events
2019-2020*

Check website periodically for information regarding registrations for all meetings.

2019 NVON CONFERENCE

HOLIDAY INN

SPRINGDALE, AR

JULY 22-25, 2019

Registration Deadline

June 17, 2019

2019 DISTRICT MEETINGS

OZARK— Oct. 22

DELTA—Oct. 24

OUACHITA—Oct. 29

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE

- Don't forget to be working on your Project Books for this year (August 1st, 2018—August 1st, 2019). Deadline to have them in to the Little Rock Office has been changed to **October 1st, 2019.**
- Start planning now to attend your District Meeting in October. The new District Managers will have to jump right in to check on arrangements for these meetings. We expect some great meetings this year.
- What is your county planning to do for our new state-wide program "Arkansas Food Bank?"
- Start planning your "Anything Goes" act for next year.

FEATURED PROJECT FOR THE MONTH

HOT SPRING COUNTY SUPPORTING ARKANSAS FOOD BANK

In support of our new AEHC Statewide Project, Hot Spring County Council has donated \$1,000 to the Arkansas Food Bank. Shown in the picture below holding the big check is Ann Prince, President of the Hot Spring County Council and Kristal Draper, FCS Agent for the county.



FEATURED MEMBERS OF THE MONTH - The newly elected District Directors.

Ouachita District — Lisa Davis, Scott County (left)

I have been in EHC since 2013. My daughter, Chloe (15 yrs. Old), has also been a member since 2013. My adopted nephew/son, Michael, has been a member since 2017. I have been married to my husband, Herbert, for 17 years. I have been Scott County Council president for two years and I decided to run for District Director of the Ouachita District as I want to be more active in Extension Homemakers because I believe I can make a difference. I want to encourage others to become active participants in our community and state. I believe the 25 counties I will serve can be more active and more poignant in making a difference in educating our state. We cannot lose the values and education that Extension Homemakers has passed down for the last 100+ years. We are vital to the furthering education of our state in making future productive homemakers. I look forward to the next two years and what challenges and rewards it brings.

Ozark District - Betty Davis, Johnson County (middle)

I live in Ozone, Arkansas in Johnson County and have been an EHC member for 18 years. I have enjoyed my work in EHC. I am currently Vice President for my local club and have served in almost every capacity. I was Johnson County Council President from 2012-2016, County Council Vice President 2010-2012 and Council Secretary 2008-2010.. On the state level I was on the AEHC Budget Committee from July 2017 -- 2019. I have taught leadership classes, chaired fund raisers and meals for district rallies in Johnson County. My community activities include Girl Scout leader and district director, and with American Red Cross I was an instructor of classes for swimming, life saving and canoeing. I have also chaired programs for nursing homes and other community organizations and chaired an educational program, "Spice Up Your Life." I look forward to working with the members and agents of Ozark District.

Delta District — Lawana Stone, White County (right)

I live in White County near Searcy on the family farm. My mother was a long-time member of EHC and I went to all the meetings with her as a teenager. So I've been exposed to EH for about 53 years but I officially joined about 16 years ago. Having been widowed for 21 years with no children or grandchildren, I do a lot of volunteer work through EHC. I have held almost every position in my local club and Council President twice. I was also Delta District Associate District Director in 2011. I love learning new things, meeting new friends, and working with people on a common project, and I want to help this organization to grow. I have seen the changes over the years that AEHC has had to overcome and I am very concerned for our future. These last two years, with the help of a wonderful group of women in White County, we have made a concerted effort to get our name out there so people will know who we are. It is very important that we retain our present membership and develop ways to gain new members. I am looking forward to working with the County Presidents and agents in Delta District! Thank you for your confidence in me.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is no better way to finish our AEHC fiscal year 2018-2019 than with the State Conference theme "Better Together." AEHC is stronger with new members, refreshed seasoned members, new ideas, implemented old ideas and continuous improvement in all aspects of our organization.



As the state conference closed we saw old and new friends go back to their clubs and councils with a renewed attitude and respect for themselves and AEHC.

You will see some new faces on the Executive Board and state committees this coming year. Please welcome these members with open arms as they strive to be the best AEHC member they can be. A special thank you to our out going District and Associate Directors. You have done a fantastic job the last 2 years.

Going into the 2019-2020 fiscal year there are project books to be finished, reports to be completed, financial statements to be given, 990N's to be filed and Yearbooks to be finished..

All of these are very important but the most important to our organization is the reporting of volunteer hours. Please take the time to report accurately and in a timely manner. Having this information easily at hand can and will help UAEX with state funded support and in return we are able to have FCS agents, Education Specialists, Communication and IT specialists to help AEHC continue to grow and be a viable organization in Arkansas.

In the upcoming months AEHC will continue to "**Enrich Home and Community Life**" through our leadership, educational events, and volunteer efforts throughout the state.

Thanks, Karen

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