



The FCS Agent Provides Support for the New Extension Homemakers Club

1. Provide training for the new officers and educational program leaders. (This could be provided on an individual basis, in a club group, or as a self-study.)
2. Plan with officers whether they want to choose to be a project club. Give them ideas for projects the members can do at meetings, special speakers and tours that complement the project club. For example: A food preservation club could have each member learn to make jams and jellies at a meeting, or learn to can low acid foods. Another example would be to learn to dry foods. A good tour would be to attend a county fair and observe canned products.
3. Attend club meetings as advisor. (You will probably want to attend two or three meetings at first to make them feel comfortable; then follow-up with an additional meeting or two during their first year. This responsibility could be shared with county council officers.) As a general rule, if you attend two meetings of each club in your county per year, it is enough for them to feel that you are interested in their program and welfare.
4. Encourage club officers to attend other club meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to share format as well as helping to make the new club feel welcome in the council. Be sure that the experience is a positive one.

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