

November 22, 2010

Eleven Represent Crawford County EHC at Presidents Day

“Are You Legal” was the theme for the 2010 AEHC Ozark District Presidents Day held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarksville on October 19. Ten Crawford County EHC leaders and I attended the day’s activities designed to give members a better understanding of Robert’s Rules of Order. Bobby Hall,



Community Development Program Associate with the University of Arkansas was the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions in the afternoon addressed county by-laws and standing rules for County Extension Homemakers Councils.

Those attending are from left to right: Bottom row, Earlene Painter, Lillie Aguilar, Cheryl Stewart, Tracy Hudson, Diana Parker, Nellie Oliver and Beverly Patterson. Second row, Georgia Young, Carol Ann Folsom, Luann Wise and Joyce Whittington.

Cookies for Courthouse. . . but NOT for Warren!

Judge Hall is asking for cookie donations for the Courthouse Tree lighting again this year. The Board asks that **each club bring three dozen cookies** to the Christmas Council. These cookies will be boxed up and taken to the Courthouse. Homemade cookies are nice but optional. If you don’t have the time, store bought cookies will do just as well.



Again this year we will skip the goody basket for Warren for health reasons. The Council will give gift certificates from Cracker Barrel to Warren and Jan Nordin in appreciation for the great job they do as our Christmas Council auctioneers.

“Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under the tree”
~Charlotte Carpenter

Annual Auction

Are you considering what to bring for the annual auction? One thing everyone needs to bring is a FRIEND. We need plenty of folks bidding. Who knows, we might even gain a few new members! I'm busy asking folks to come myself and plan to run an article in the paper informing the public.

I have picked up a few items for the auction and plan to take advantage of some after Thanksgiving sales. The Council asks that our auction items be new . . . or like new. Of course, the homemade goodies are always a big seller and so are homemade gift items.

Christmas Council Duties



Christmas Council will be on **Friday, December 3**. Registration will begin at **9 a.m.** and **meeting at 9:30 a.m.** Hostesses will be TLC and Alma Clubs. Melba Hill and Beverly Patterson will be in charge of registration. Diana Parker will give the **welcome** with a response by Mark McGregor. Lillie Aguilar will provide special music and Dena Rogers, the inspiration. A short business meeting will be held prior to the **auction**, which **will start at 10:00 a.m.** sharp!

The theme for Council is "A Starry Night." Each club is asked to drop off 12 (preferably homemade) stars for the Christmas tree by the morning of Monday, November 29, so the tree can be put up and decorated before Council. The stars need to be from 6 to 10 inches, if possible. They can be made from any type of material: cloth, wire, plastic, wood, etc.

**"Christmas, my child, is love in action.
Every time we love, every time we give, it's
Christmas."**

Dale Evans Rogers



Project Books Due Monday

Project books are due in our office on November 29 and to the LRSO on December 1. I know of three clubs that are preparing books to submit to state. It is always a thrill to have our county recognized at the AEHC state meeting. Lots of good work is being done in this county. We just need to take the time to report it. If you feel we need another project book workshop in 2011, let me know.

Telling Our Story . . . One thing that I hear from members when it is time to do a project book is that they wish they had taken more pictures and written more news releases during the year. Our clubs need to appoint a public relations chair to see that those jobs are done. It might be helpful to have workshops in 2011 on improving skills in photography and news writing. If you are interested, please let me know.

4-H Volunteers

Many, many thanks to these volunteers for offering their time and talents to help judge upcoming 4-H events:

Broiler BBQ – Extension office, February 5 at 1 p.m. – Carol Ann Folsom and Tracy Hudson

Dairy Foods Contest – Extension office, February 5 at 1 p.m. – Darlene Snyder

Voice and Instrumental – February 8, Heritage Methodist, 6:30 p.m. – Mark McGregor and Cheryl Stewart

Dance – February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Heritage Methodist- Diana Parker

Fashion – February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Heritage Methodist – Marilyn Spence and Tracy Hudson

OTHER DATES TO GET ON YOUR CALENDAR...

January 7, 2011 at 10 a.m. – Leader Training: Aging in Place

February 4, 2011 at 10 a.m. – Leader Training: Vitamin D and Your Health

February 21, 2011 at 9 a.m. – Board Meeting

March 8 & 9, 2011 – AEHC Education Workshop at Ferndale, Register by Feb. 16

June 7, 8 & 9, 2011 – AEHC State Meeting, Register by April 4, 2011

October 18, 2011 – Ozark District Rally



I missed the last Board meeting due to a stomach virus that I decided not to share. So, I hope I have covered everything needed in this newsletter and have not left out anything important.

Oh, there was one other thing, two committee chairs were appointed at the meeting. Cheryl Stewart will chair the committee for the election of new officers in 2011 and Diana Parker will chair the 2011 to 2013 Club Yearbook committee. If either of these hard working ladies ask for your help, I hope you will jump right in there.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I'll be looking forward to seeing you on December 3!

Sincerely,

Joyce Whittington

County Extension Agent - Staff Chair