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President's Message

Greetings!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you what a great experience it was to represent our Arkansas Affiliate at the Annual Session in Columbus, Ohio! I have been to several conferences but never as an affiliate president. I saw a side of our association that I have never seen before and it was awesome!

We have reason to be proud of Arkansas Extension and of our affiliate. Some states have been reduced to only 36 agents with 156 counties! One small state lamented that because they only have four counties and four FCS agents, they have to take turns being president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. We boasted of 63 members in 75 counties – the envy of so many there!



Jean Ince (Howard County) won the national award for Community Partnership. I sat in on her session and was so proud of her success, especially when the attendees behind me were whispering, "That's impressive!" It was!



Katie Cullum poster presentation on "Mediterranean Cooking"

2012 NEAFCS Conference



*Kris Elliott poster presentation
"Take Control of Arthritis".*

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There were great sessions, interesting exhibits, voting on national association issues and lots of free stuff to pick up.

The awards banquet was very nice (except for rare steaks). Jean Ince and Carla Haley received Distinguished Service Awards, one of the top honors for our association.

A good time was had by all!

Start making plans now to attend the 2013 Galaxy Meeting in Pittsburg or the 2014 Annual Session in Lexington, KY. There are several ways to find funding, just ask!



*Jean Ince, DSA recipient, with
her husband, Mike.*



*Carla Haley, DSA recipient,
with Tobey Hadley*



*Kris Elliott, NEAFCS-AR
President-elect, and Keith Cleek,
Vice President for Professional
Development*



*Alberta James, Ouachita District
Director; Debbie DeRossitte,
President NEAFCS-AR; Dr. Anne
Sortor, Associate Director-Family
and Consumer Sciences and 4-H
Youth Development*



Debbie DeRossitte



Spotlight on Awards

NEAFCS awards are due **January 7**. If you are interested, go to the national NEAFCS website, www.neafcs.org, and click on the Awards link. Go through the Awards-at-a-Glance and choose the ones that interest you. Follow the instructions for each award. There are specific requirements for each. The Online Awards Application must be filled out. Get this done, then submit required paperwork to Becky Reynolds by **January 7**. State winners will be recognized at the Galaxy Conference in March and then forwarded to the regional and national levels.

Keep in mind that NEAFCS awards are self-nominated. The awards program spotlights the great work of Extension and the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. For more information, contact Becky Reynolds, Vice President for Awards and Recognition. blreynolds@uaex.edu

\$\$ The first member to turn in an award application to Becky Reynolds, will receive \$50 to use toward Galaxy Conference registration! **\$\$**

Celebration of You Event

The November membership rally and professional development session were a success. Many thanks to the Membership Rally Committee and Co-chairs for presenting a memorable and uplifting event for agents. Tips for Professional Dress on a Budget and Using Jewelry to Update the Wardrobe were timely and appreciated. At the end of the meeting, a total of \$475 was raised for the 4-H scholarship sponsored by NEAFCS-AR.



Special touch and special thanks: cookies and hot chocolate. Thanks to Keith Cleek and the Professional Development Committee.



Dianna Bowen checks out jewelry options at the Celebration of You event.

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