

Texas Extension Education Association 2012 State Conference

From Our Past, Comes Our Future –

Installation of Officers

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The story of the Extension Education Club program began many years ago, with the purpose of continuing education for women.

In 1912, Mrs. Edna Westbrook Trigg was appointed as the first Texas home demonstration agent. First, she worked with farm girls and later with their mothers, teaching them how to grow, prepare, and can tomatoes. By 1914 & 1915, Tomato Clubs were organized in most counties in the US so rural women could meet and learn skills to improve the family and community in which they lived. The club members in turn agreed to pass on to others what they learned in club work. From this early beginning, clubs have relied heavily on lesson outlines and demonstrations. These resources enable club members to teach others. The 1917 report indicated that women in home demonstration clubs, as they were called, held regular meetings to demonstrate canning and drying of fruits and vegetables, preserving poultry, bread making producing winter garden, and making butter.

Mrs. Maggie Wilkins Hill Barry , who had the dream of education of Texas rural women in leadership, was appointed in 1918 as extension specialist in rural women's organizations. Her job was to serve as the liaison between Extension and women's groups that were forming in Texas (federation of women's clubs and the Texas Congress of parents and teachers). It was her belief that an effective organization must have its roots in the community where it is to function. Home demonstration clubs were formed as the result of local interest and under the guidance of county home demonstration agents.

In 1926, Mildred Horton, state home demonstration agent encouraged the home demonstration club women to organize into the Texas Home Demonstration Association with 2 main reasons for organizing 1) to help a deserving 4-H club girl by giving her financial assistance for a college education and 2) they wanted to learn the principles of parliamentary procedure to that they could preside over their meetings.

So.....From Our Past, Comes Our Future. As we reflect on this rich history, it is interesting that those issues are still relevant today. They may be addressed differently, but the connection remains. We are still rural, but also urban. We need women in leadership roles to educate & guide others in order to develop our communities and our families. Lessons and demonstrations to share with others still need to be developed and taught at the local level. 4-H youth still need support, opportunities, and scholarships to further their education. Also interesting is that our roots began with tomato clubs and

canning....canning and food preservation requests from clientele have been increasing in 2012, 100 years later!!! Back to our roots. This annual gathering offers us a bridge to continue moving forward towards our future.

To you, the new officers, tonight you will assume the role of leadership within the TEEA organization. With our theme, "From Our Past, Comes Our Future", you will be installed into your office with a canning theme – receiving some "tools" needed for working together to ensure the right recipe to success in making a quality, blue ribbon product....Your TEEA organization. As I call your name, please come forward to accept your canning tool and product.

While we don't install the Past President, I would still like to recognize her as well.....

**Past President**....Phyllis McMakin.....I present you the "scrubber". As past president, with all your experience gained, you will be able to help "clean up" any issues and provide guidance or expertise to the new president. Thanks for all your efforts this past year.

**President**....Cathy Hanzik.....I present you the "jar lifter". You will lead the organization and "lift" it up to stay on the right track. As State president.....you will provide leadership for the organization in carrying out its vision and mission to achieve organization goals, arrange and preside at board meetings and correspond with state board members, among many other duties. You will ensure we have a "blue ribbon" product.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Leadership**...Julia Moseley....I present you the "rubber scraper". You will "scrape & mix" all things together to support everyone's success. As 1<sup>st</sup> vice for leadership.....you will provide leadership training, advice, and support to the District Directors and the state conference, and support the state president in order to achieve our product.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Programs**....Kay Taylor....I present you the "pectin". You will make a "gel" from all the educational needs to make a perfect formula for new ideas and learning. As 2<sup>nd</sup> vice for programs.....you will serve as the leader of the education committee and provide guidance for program suggestions, compile district annual reports into a state report, to show how the organization has gelled all the ideas together.

**Secretary**....Julie Neusch ...I present you the "sieve". You will carefully "strain" through all the information and relay the critical parts to all the members. As Secretary....you will provide a record of the state organizations business, record minutes of board meetings and conference sessions, distribute minutes, keeps records of reports, to keep us with the right "recipe."

**Treasurer**....Millie Barrow....I present you the "measuring spoon set". You will carefully keep all the accounts and "measure" very precisely, to the smallest measure, the organization's funds. As Treasurer.....you will follow best practice financial management guidelines, records, document, track, and reconcile income and expenses with bank records, tracks savings, checking, and CD's, as well as track coins for friendship and dollars for scholars.

**District Directors.....**I present you the “wooden spoon”. You will take all the ingredients provided to “stir” and ensure that your district will have a quality product and program. As District Directors.....you will communicate with county association chairs regularly, relay information received, plan district meetings, train officers in their duties, follow TEEA guidelines, and train others to be able to follow you in the position.

- D-1, Jan Meador
- D-2, Kaylene Layton
- D-3, Cita Honeycutt
- D-4, Clara Ball
- D-5, Joyce Raabe
- D-6, Edith Jones
- D-7, Martha Crawford
- D-8, Nyanza Price
- D-9, Claudine Hare
- D-10, Una Kinkel
- D-11, Carrol Davig
- D-12, Kay Jacob

**Education Committee Chairs.....**I present you the “tomato spice mix”. You will plan programs with “spice and flavor” to meet the needs of the members for growth and development. As State Education Committee Members.....you will select current and important topics to be the focus of the State Conference and annual educational programs related to leadership, family life & resources, health & safety, natural resources/environment, and develop and present programs at the state conference for a good taste and flavor.

- D-2, Nelda Vanhoose
- D-11, Judith Finke
- D-10, Gwen Risinger
- D-12, Bess Farr

**Alumnae Committee Chair...Grace Glaze.....**I present you the “headspace measure” to provide just the right “measure and space” for young adults to have opportunities for scholarships. As Alumnae Committee Chair.....you will organize the alumnae luncheon & silent auction for raising young adult scholarship funds by the membership.

**Messenger Editor....Margaret Boyd....**I present you the “funnel”. You will “funnel” information to the membership via the messenger publication. As Messenger editor.....you will keep subscription files, current mailing lists, organize the TEEA messenger, prepare press releases, be historian and public relations coordinator, to keep the membership informed.

**4-H Foundation Representative....Violet Alexander.....**I present you the “4-H bandana”. You will continue to seek opportunities to help move 4-H into the future while understanding and preserving its past. As 4-H Foundation Board representative.....you will serve as a member of 4-H foundation board to generate funds and be willing to participate, connect with Texas 4-H Center and be current with those activities involving the center and the 4-H programs in the state.

**AgriLife Advisor**...Judy Warren.....I present you the “measuring cups”. You will provide the “right measure” of guidance and support to the TEEA membership on behalf of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and help make sure we all “measure up” in the recipe to ensure the “blue ribbon” product we are all trying to achieve.

Using your tools, together, with the right recipe, you will fill up your jars to preserve and enjoy your quality product.....a strong and gelled TEEA organization that strives to continue to meet the goals set for us in the past, that will carry us into our future.

To each of you....with the right ingredients and equipment.....I declare you the duly installed officers for the Texas Extension Education Association.