Achievement Day

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your attendance at this year’s Achievement Day – “Celebrating 100 Years of Making a Difference.” This year’s festivities were amazing as always, our guest speaker was awesome, and I hope each of you had a great time!

Our guest speaker, Mr. Jim Lloyd, was an excellent speaker and provided a wonder historical over view of both Rowan County and North Carolina history. The picture below is a showcase of people that have made a difference in Rowan County!
ECA Merchandise

Are you and the members of your club looking for ways to show your membership identity? Do you want to share the excitement about being a part of the Extension & Community Association? If your answer is yes, please contact Judy Blythe, South Eastern District President. Judy has round gold tone pins, with a green enamel of the ECA logo available for only $5 each. These pins will serve as a beautiful symbol of your ECA pride! To purchase these pins you may contact:

Judy Blythe, SED ECA President
5114 Springwood Drive
New Bern, NC 28562
E-mail: cbblythe2002@yahoo.com

You will be able to purchase the pins at the State Meeting in New Bern October 24-26.

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Fidget Aprons

A BIG THANK YOU to the ladies of the St. Paul’s ECA Club for making 26 fidget aprons. The Regional Ombudsman from Centralia Council of Government, Area Agency on Aging requested the aprons. They will be distributed throughout the region at various nursing homes within the region to include: Iredell, Rowan, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, and Anson Counties.

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West Central ECA Spring District Day

The correct date for the ECA Spring District Day is Thursday, May 12, at Temple Baptist Church, 3615 Rockford Road/Hwy 601, Mount Airy, NC. The theme for the day is West Central ECA…Home Grown All the Way. The registration fee is $12 and will include lunch. Registration and hospitality will begin at 9:15 a.m. Cultural Arts Entries may be checked in between 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. The opening session will begin at 10:00 a.m.

If you or someone from your club would like to attend please call Toi Degree, 704-216-8970, with your list of attendees before the close of business on Friday, April 15. The registration fee, in the form of cash, will also need to be paid that day. One check is requested to cover all county attendees. I am requesting cash because I will write a personal check to cover everyone’s registration and will mail the check with the list of attendees.

Don’t forget to wear your ECA nametags and bring two unwrapped door prizes. These door prizes should be a handmade item valued at $10.

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LEADER LESSONS

Leader lessons are ready to be picked up at the Cooperative Extension Office. Please come by anytime and I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.
ECA Nametags

Several clubs have had an increase in their membership and may want to order nametags for their new members. Send a check for $5.50 per nametag to:

Faye Lanier,
ECA Treasurer
2515 Glover Road
Durham, NC 27703

You need to e-mail the name or names to Geri Bushel at geri_bushel@ncsu.edu. She will then order the nametags and send them to you. Please make sure that you contact both Faye Lanier and Geri Bushel. If you have questions or need assistance with e-mailing Geri Bushell, please call me at 704-216-8979. I will be more than happy to e-mail the list of names to Geri Bushell on your behalf.

HELP US UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST

Rowan County Cooperative Extension’s postage budget has been cut. Please help us update our mailing lists and, ideally, please send us your e-mail address. It doesn’t cost us anything to send you information by e-mail and is much more efficient. Please send your e-mail address to toi_degree@ncsu.edu.

THANKS!

Calendar of Events...

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Sincerely,

Toi Degree
Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Education