Happy New Year!!!

I hope that each of you had a great holiday season and spent lots of time with family and friends. ECA has a lot in store for us in 2010, so roll your sleeves up and let’s get started!

The 2010 ECA calendar of events has been updated with all of this year’s activities outlined. The first activity of the year will be Achievement Day at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, at the Agricultural Center, 2727 Old Concord Road, Salisbury. The set up day will be Monday, February 15, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (In case of inclement weather Achievement Day will be February 23 with set up on February 22.)

There is a lot of work to get ready for this years’ Achievement Day. We need to decide upon a theme, a speaker, decorations and a menu for our meal. With so many things that need to be done, I am going to solicit your help. Please think about what you would like this years’ theme to be and share your ideas with the president of your club. All ideas conveyed to the presidents will be considered at the County Council Meeting. Make sure your club is represented at the meeting!

Everyone needs to assist with decorations, hospitality, and take part in the program. Ladies, I am looking forward to another wonderful day of planning!

Don’t forget, I will be attending a meeting with each club during the month of January.

County Council Meeting

Our first County Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, at 10 a.m. in the Cooperative Extension Conference Room, at the Agricultural Center. Presidents of each club or an appointed representative of each club should to be in attendance. We will be finalizing Achievement Day plans.

Leader lessons for February and March will be ready for pick up at the County Council meeting. Please make sure a representative from your club will be present to pick up your clubs lessons. If you do not have a representative from your club attending the County Council meeting, make arrangements for someone to come by the office to pick up the lessons. Please let me know if your club doesn’t use the leader lessons and wishes not to receive them.
“Celebrating the Beauty of the Holidays”

The 2009 Holiday Program was the most well attended Holiday Program to date!! I have heard many, many positive comments about the program and I am glad that you enjoyed it so much. I spoke with the ladies that presented the program and they enjoyed showing their merchandise to you just as much as you enjoyed watching them. Below are a few pictures to recapture the essence of the day we spent “Celebrating the Beauty of the Holidays.” Thanks to all of you for attending a wonderful Holiday Program!

Decorations, presents, and fellowship help to make the season bright!
Looking over all the merchandise that was offered.

We had decorations, packages, bows, floral center pieces, and lots of personal beauty supplies!

Enjoying the food prepared by the Soy Bean Association.

No party is complete without refreshments!!
Area Meeting

Our first Area Meeting will be held at the Agricultural Center, Thursday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. Bonnie Johnson will be presenting the program. Bonnie is a nursing student at Rowan Cabarrus Community College and she does volunteer work throughout the county. Bonnie will be speaking on a health related topic.

ECA Scholarship

The Educational Scholarships forms for 2010 are due to Toi Degree by Monday, February 1, 2010. The scholarship forms have been sent out to each of the local high schools. If you know of a student graduating from high school this year or a student currently enrolled in college that may qualify for the scholarship, please pass it on to them. The scholarship form can be found in your yearbook and if you need additional forms call Toi Degree at 704-216-8970.

Calendar of Events...

January
12 Tuesday 10 a.m. – County Council Meeting
Cooperative Extension Conference Room
12 Tuesday Pick up Leader Lesson for February-March

February
15 Monday Set up for Achievement Day 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
16 Tuesday 10 a.m. Achievement Day
(Achievement Day in case of inclement weather February 23 with set up on February 22)

March
18 Thursday Area Meeting – Bonnie Johnson
18 Thursday Pick up Leader Lessons for April-July

Sincerely,

Toi Degree
Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Education

HAPPY NEW YEAR