Area Meeting
I hope all of you are planning on attending the Area Meeting on September 10th. We will start at 9:30 am with the training, then the craft (Christmas ornaments for Lake Waccamaw) and then Robin’s Shower. We should be finished by noon if you need to plan for something in the afternoon.

The topic for the area meeting will be “Relatives as Parents.” Robin will be presenting this information for you. She was suppose to do this as the September Leader Training but due to her due date being September 24th, I was a little nervous that she may not be here to do it. I will be doing the Leader Training and the topic will be “Understanding Reverse Mortgages.” I hope the switching has not complicated your club plans for whom will attend the training.

Robin is registered at Baby R Us and Target if you need ideas for a shower gift.

Fall Tour
Our Fall Agri–Tourism Tour will be in Jones County on September 16th. The registration cost will be $25.00. I will provide transportation from the office. Once we are in Jones County – Transportation will be provided.

The stops on the tour will be: the Museum of Yesteryear; Riggs Farm Museum; Country Dreams Bed and Breakfast; Daniels Glass and Pottery Studio and Zak’s of Mallardtown; Red Willow’s Art Gallery and the Brock Millhouse. Lunch will be provided.
Registration has to be paid in advance and the deadline in September 8th. If you are interested in going please call either Nita or myself and we will send you a registration form. If you have been on the tours in the past couple of years – you probably have already received a registration form.

Please let either Nita or myself know if you want to ride.

Recipe Corner

SWEET POTATOES
AND APPLES

Makes 6 servings Serving size: ½ cup

Ingredients
- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1 (16-ounce) can sweet potatoes (may use 3 fresh sweet potatoes)
- 2 large apples
- ¼ cup raisins
- 1/3 cup pineapple or orange juice
- 2 teaspoon packed brown sugar or 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Lightly spray a baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
3. Wash, peel and slice apples (and fresh sweet potatoes if using).
4. Drain canned sweet potatoes.
5. Layer sweet potatoes apples in the sprayed baking dish.
6. Sprinkle sweet potatoes and apples with raisins.
7. In a separate cup, mix juice and sugar.
8. Pour juice mixture over sweet potatoes, apples, and raisins.
9. Cut margarine into small bits and distribute evenly across the top of the casserole.
10. Sprinkle cinnamon over fruit.
11. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 10 minutes longer. Potatoes should be tender and cooked through.

Christmas Wreaths
County Council voted for ECA to sell Christmas Wreaths again. The wreaths will be $20.00 and have to be pre-ordered. We DO NOT purchase extras because if we do not sell them – it will come out of our profits.
I have included an order form for you and will have more at the area meeting. The deadline to order is October 16th. If you need more before the area meeting please let me know and I will mail more to you.

**Book Reports**
I have received book reports from only a handful of individuals. We have quite a few reports, but I know more of you read but you have not written a report. Please take time to do that. We surely don’t want to lose our reading awards due to lack of participation.

**Fair Booths**
The Fair Booth sign up has started. If your club has not signed up, please do so. It is a quick and easy way to earn money and better yet to educate the members of the county on topic areas. Please share this information with other groups you may be associated with. We need to make sure the booths are all reserved.

**Achievement Day**
Please mark your calendar in 2010 for February 22nd and 23rd. We will be decorating on February 22nd for Achievement Day on February 23rd. If you have ideas for a theme, speakers and/or entertainment, please let me know.

**County Council Meeting**
The next county meeting will be Thursday, November 12th, immediately after our area meeting.

**The Onslow County Fair Is Coming to Town**
The Onslow County Fair will be here October 5th, 2009, through Saturday October 10th, 2009. Crafts, sewing items, baked goods, home canned goods are all needed to be judged. Young and old can enter. Entries to be judged can be entered on October 5th from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. Some flowers entries may be entered the next morning.

Fair books will be available at all branches of the county’s public library or at the Onslow County Extension Office. All entries into the fair for judging have to have been completed within the last year and all participants with items to be entered have to be a resident of Onslow County. A complete listing of all the rules can be found in the fair books. There’s a category for everyone from agricultural exhibits to arts and crafts, to canning and baked goods.

Please join in the fun by entering an item or items into the fair. The money awards are not large, but the ribbons are special.
Tuesday, October 6\textsuperscript{th}, a talent show will be held with youth from all parts of the county. Talent goes on parade at 7:00 pm. We need everyone to get involved with the fair to show those that attend all the talent we have in our county.

The price to get in the fair this year will be $5.00. Children under the age of three get in free as well as seniors age 65 and older get in free. Ride tickets will be sold separately on the midway. The fair opens on October 5\textsuperscript{th}, at 6:00 pm. through Friday October 9\textsuperscript{th}, at 4:00 pm and Saturday, October 10\textsuperscript{th}, at 12 noon.

If you have any questions regarding the entries to the fair or a fair booth, please call us at 455-5873.

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