April 2011

District Day
Many thanks to all of you who participated in District Day in New Bern. I think everyone that participated had a great day. We all took good mental notes since we knew we would be hosting next year.

The snacks that were offered when we arrived consisted of fruit, sausage balls, cheese balls, crackers and Danish. They also had water, juice and coffee.

The morning started with several people welcoming us and special guests were recognized. Instead of one speaker, they had two speakers. Lunch was then served. It was buffet style with chicken and roast beef, vegetables, rolls and of course, dessert.

The day then proceeded on with entertainment, installation of officers, and the results of the silent auction.

Ruth Clifton was installed as the District President. She takes office in January.

We took several items that competed in the district cultural arts contest. The results were:
Nancy Goad, Sneads Ferry – 1st place sewing, 2nd place miscellaneous, 1st place quilts.
Donna Williams, Meadow View – 3rd place crafts.
Ruth Clifton, Sneads Ferry – 1st place cross stitch.
Faye Gould, Meadow View – 2nd place quilts.
Jean Ross, Harmony – 3rd place crocheting.
Cynthia Barber, Meadow View – 3rd place scrapbooking.
CONGRATULATIONS LADIES!!!

Thanks again to those that participated and keep your programs and notes handy for planning for next year. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday March 13th. This is the date of our district day. We will decorate on Monday March 12th, 2012.

Death of a Member
Cathy Maready from Meadow View passed away on March 22nd. Cathy was our youngest member. Her mother Cynthia Barber, is also a member of Meadow View. Cathy was a very fun, loving and creative person. Please keep Cathy’s family in your prayers.
Area Meeting
Our area meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th, at 9:30 am. We will have refreshments as you arrive and the day will start with announcements, our educational session and a short county council meeting.

We will then work on our table favors for the state meeting. I will have all of the supplies ready and if all can participate – we should get a good amount accomplished.

Leader Training
Leader training is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30 am. The program will be “Not your Mama’s ECA.” I will be presenting the information.

Foster Children
Just a friendly reminder to remember your foster children. Please make sure you get your card and items to me at least one week before you want the child to have what you have for them.

Duffle Bags
Thanks to all of you that have made duffle bags. Several times I have walked into my office and found a stock of them on one of my chairs. The foster children and children that have been taken into legal care – thank you.

News to use 4.8 million box fans recalled for fire risk

Millions of box fans are being recalled because of fire risk.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall Thursday of about 4.8 million box fans made by Pennsylvania-based Lasko Products Inc. The commission says an electrical failure in the fan’s motor can pose a fire hazard.

No injuries have been reported. But the company has received seven reports of fires associated with motor failures. That includes two house fires and one barn fire all of which involved extensive property damage.

The fans were made in the United States and sold at mass merchandisers nationwide from July 2002 through December 2005.

Consumers are asked to stop using fans and contact Lasko at 877-445-1314 for a fused plug safety adapter.

IN MY NEXT LIFE . . .
In this life I’m a woman. In my next life, I’d like to come back as a bear. When you’re a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.
Before you hibernate, you’re supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that too.

When you’re a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you’re sleeping and make to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you’re mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat everyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you’re a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear!

### The Recipe Corner

**EXTRA SPECIAL EASTER EGGS**

**Prep Time:** 3 Hrs  
**Cook Time:** 10 Min  
**Ready In:** 3 Hrs 10 Min  
**Servings Original Recipe Yield** 60 eggs

#### Ingredients
- 2 pounds confectioners' sugar  
- 1/4 pound margarine, softened  
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese  
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
- 12 ounces peanut butter  
- 1 pound flaked coconut  
- 4 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
- 2 tablespoons shortening

#### Directions
1. In a mixing bowl, combine sugar, margarine, cream cheese and vanilla extract. Divide the batter in half and place each half of the batter in a bowl on its own. Stir peanut butter into one of the bowls and coconut into the second.
2. Using your hands, mold the dough into egg-shapes and arrange the forms on cookie sheets. Place the eggs in the freezer until frozen.
3. Once the eggs have frozen, melt the chocolate and shortening in the top of a double-boiler. Dip the eggs into the chocolate until coated. Place the eggs on wax paper lined cookie sheets and return to the freezer to harden. After the chocolate has hardened the eggs can be kept in the refrigerator.

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*Have a Happy Easter!*