February 2011

Thanks for allowing Robin or myself to attend your January meeting. I always enjoy that and unfortunately sometimes I am not able to be at your meeting because I have to be somewhere else.

We did get a lot accomplished in January at your club meetings; your county council meeting and the Master Farmer luncheon fundraiser.

The County Council was given a check for $600.00 for Christmas wreath sales. She was also given a check for the Master Farmer luncheon which, I think, was about $62.00. Many thanks to Kathy Cook for making a great soup and for the other members that helped with putting the sandwich fixings and other items together.

There is another fundraiser on Feb. 1st. The Financial group that met here at the office last year has requested that County Council prepare lunch for them again. I will report to you later how that comes out.

Achievement Day
We will decorate on Monday, February 7th at 1 pm for Achievement Day. We are celebrating 100 years of Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences. Remember this when you are putting your table decorations together.

The scrapbooks are at Daily News. They also have the trophy to be engraved. The leader lesson reports have been judged. A speaker and the entertainment have been secured as well as a caterer.

Speaking of the caterer, all members that attend are asked to give me $10.00 for your lunch. This will take care of a hot lunch as well as dessert. County Council will pay for the guest and I will pay for any of the
Extension staff that eat with us. If you pay by check – please make the check payable to NCCE-Onslow County. I will write one check to pay for the caterer and for the dessert. You can pay your money when we set up or the Achievement Day.

Cultural Arts Contest
The Cultural Arts Contest is February 10th at 10:00 am. Please make sure you have any item to be judged to be by 9:00 am on that day. You can make it easy and bring your item(s) on the day we set up for Achievement Day. Most of you have made something since last February so please bring it in. All first place winners will advance to the District Cultural Arts Contest. The scrapbooks looked really good so I hope to see some of the pages entered.

Leader Training
Your February Leader Training will be on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 10:00 am. The program is entitled, “Home/School Communication: Helping Families Support their Children’s School”. Robin will be the presenter of this information. The class will be in the conference room next to my office.

District Day
District Day is Tuesday, March 8th in New Bern. The cost is $15.00. I will be taking the vans. I hope several of you can go since we will be hosting District Day next March in Onslow County. We have not done that for awhile so it will be good to have a little reminder of what we are in for. Registration money is due in to me by February 18th. Please make the checks payable to NCCE-Onslow County and I will write a check to cover all of us going.

We have had one $15.00 item donated for the silent auction and need two more items donated with a value of $10.00 each. If you have something you can donate please get that to me as soon as you can.

A Child Needs You
We still have one child that needs to be adopted by one of the clubs. I know Sneads Ferry has two children. Don’t know about the other clubs. If you can find it in your heart to adopt this child – please let me know. I have the information that I can give you as far as the birthday, favorites, etc.
Newsletter
Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to send anything in to the Tarheel Homemaker is February 25th.

Scholarships
The ECA Scholarships are due into me by February 1st. I need a representative from each club to serve on our selection committee. Please let me know if you are interested in serving. It will only take about two hours total of your time.

ECA State meeting
It was suggested at the County Council meeting that our craft that we do in April at our Area Meeting be whatever we are going to make for our table favor at the ECA State meeting. We will have to make over 200 of the item that was chosen so please plan on being at the Area Meeting on April 7th.

Bibs
Many thanks to Geri Fulton for the bibs she has already made and are being enjoyed by participants in the Adult Day Center. Nancy Goad has been given some towels and she is making some as well. Thanks to Geri and Nancy this need is being met.

The Recipe Corner
Soft Oatmeal Cookies
Ingredients
• 1 cup butter, softened
• 1 cup white sugar
• 1 cup packed brown sugar
• 2 eggs
• 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
• 2 cups all-purpose flour
• 1 teaspoon baking soda
• 1 teaspoon salt
• 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
• 3 cups quick cooking oats

Directions
1. In a medium bowl, cream together butter, white sugar, and brown sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time, then stir in vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon; stir into the creamed mixture. Mix in oats. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour.
2. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. Roll the dough into walnut sized balls, and place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Flatten each cookie with a large fork dipped in sugar.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

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