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Spring, 2018



President's Report:

Spring is upon us!

I trust that this finds everyone in good health.

Spring is a time of renewing! I love Spring and Easter the flowers are always so beautiful! I love to put my hands in the fresh soil, to put seeds and bulbs in the ground and patiently wait for that little green sprout that is suddenly there one day and a flower soon after.

This past year we reviewed the By-Laws and they were presented at the State Meeting for ratification

Do not forget about our Awards! We have the Pioneer Award, the Heart of Extension and the Homemaker Award. Information on these awards is on line. Even if you have someone that you have nominated before, but they did not win please nominate them again, this might be the year!

I hope everyone is finishing up their winter projects, so that we will have lots of entries for the Cultural Arts. Our ladies do some of the most beautiful work I have ever seen.

~ Mid-Year Board is upon us. It will be March 14th and 15th in Albuquerque at the MGM Elegante. The registration form is on line.

District Meetings are beginning to take shape.

- ~ District IV will have their meeting in Sacramento April 19th and the 20th.
- ~ District III is having a meeting in Silver City April 26th.
- ~ District II's meeting will be in Clayton on May 10th.
- ~ District I's meeting will be held in Albuquerque on May 23.

Our Annual State Meeting is in Santa Fe on October 3-5.



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From our Advisors:



Brenda Bishop, EANM Co-Advisor:

As I went home for lunch today, I noticed the trees are already budding. They are getting ready for spring and new growth. As I sat down to write this article, I remembered the trees and how they could be similar to EANM. As an organization have we been stuck in Winter? Is it time for us to start to bud and be ready for new growth?

In January, Extension Faculty, spend three days learning how to evaluate programs and write impact statements. Our Extension staff is stretched and we are having to make tough decisions about where we allocate our time. Will we be using our time working with EANM or will we use those valuable hours towards another program?

Consider this question, "What is the impact EANM has on its members or our communities?" Would EANM be missed if we went away? I feel that in many communities EANM would be missed. Is your community one of those?

Mid-year Board gives us a perfect opportunity to explore new directions and prepare to sprout as an organization. I encourage each county to send a representative or two to mid-year board. This helps your county understand what is happening at the state level and why decisions are made in the manner they are. You can share your perspective and help us move forward.

I am looking forward to our organization breaking out of Winter and moving into Spring. See you all in March.

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Priscilla Bloomquist, Ph.D.
EANM Co-Advisor:

It was a pleasure having the opportunity to meet those who attended the November meeting in Silver City. I want to recognize the organizing committee for the fine job they did preparing for and hosting the meeting. Since that time, we've been working on a variety of initiatives here including: the 2018 CES In-Service

Training, launching a search for a new Specialist and the development of a new advisory council.

CES In-Service training took place on campus in January. This year's event had a different focus. Rather than providing content area updates, the focus was on helping agents function more efficiently and effectively by developing the knowledge and skills necessary for establishing/managing advisory committees, conducting community needs assessments, evaluating programs and preparing impact statements. Dr. Bryce Jorgenson, Personal and Family Finance Specialist, played a pivotal role on the organizing committee and was a key workshop facilitator.

The search for a Family Life and Child Development Specialist is well underway. This key position has been vacant since the departure of Dr. Lisa Shields. The application period closed on February 12th and now the committee is actively reviewing a strong pool of applicants. It's our hope that we will have a new specialist in place by this summer.

Understanding the importance of improving communication between the counties and the state specialists, we are in the process of creating an EFCS Advisory Council composed of county agents and campus-based specialists. Dr. Sonja Koukal has been charged with getting this group off the ground and will be hosting the first meeting on campus in April. The completion of a county agent needs assessment will be among the first projects undertaken.

Thank you for what you do to support our continued efforts to enhance the quality of life for the individuals, families and communities of New Mexico.

~ ~ 2018 District Meetings ~ ~

District I Meeting will be held May 23rd in Albuquerque at the 4-H Center, of which Bernalillo County has recently regained the use. The theme is Flower Power! The registration fee is \$25.00, and we will share a great BBQ meal with all the fixings, enjoy wonderful fellowship and learn more about the Power of Flowers in addition to our District Business. Registration forms will be handed out at the Mid-Year Board Meeting, March 15th. For more information, please contact Donna Hannon, 505-897-3811 or dshwthabq@msn.com

District II meeting will be held this year in Union County, Clayton, NM on May 10th at the United Methodist Church. Registration and Cultural Arts entries will be from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. More information will be announced later in the mail out invitations, or for more information you may call District II Vice President, Fran Seaman. Her home phone is 575-374-3741 and cell number 575-207-7989.

District III meeting will be held on April 26th in Silver City at the Presbyterian Church 1915 N. Swan St. (same place as last year). Theme is "Oh Fair New Mexico". Registration, cultural arts entries and snacks 9:00 - 9:45, followed by a program by Judy O'Loughlin on New Mexico, business meeting and lunch. Do not need to register ahead of time, just let us know if you plan to be there. Call Susie Snedeker - 575-388-3731.

The **District IV** Meeting will be held April 17 – 18th at Sacramento Assembly, Sacramento, NM. Registration form follows with all details.

~ ~ News from our Counties and Clubs ~ ~

EANM, DISTRICT IV, OTERO COUNTY

Here we are into the new year and the time already seems to be rushing by. When Donna Hannon sent out an email to ask for articles for the newsletter I could not believe that it was past due.

In **Otero County** we lost a club due to age. Yes, I say age, you know how everyone gets older and just can't make the meetings anymore and doing all the other things that a club does. Now we are down to two clubs and one council. We are trying to get some new members in the clubs but it is not easy.

The one club is in Mayhill NM. We are struggling with membership also. We are a tourist area so most people don't reside here during the winter time. It seems to some of us that the community has also turned its back on us also. They will not let us use the community center for rent any more. This is a sore point for all of us.

When I say we have been trying - it is really great trying. We went to Las Cruces to the large Quilt show there and sold tickets on our new quilt. That was a great thrill. We also took blankets to a hospice and community rooming place in Ruidoso and gave out blankets to the residents. That was great fun also. How often do you get to meet a hundred year young person who is sharp and clear-minded?

Another sadder item came up this year we lost our master quilter to cancer. This lady, Mrs. Julia A Parker, had been a member of four clubs in this area of the state at one time. She held many offices and was a truly great person who helped many and was a mentor to many new quilters.

Our District IV meeting will be 17 – 18 April 2018, in Sacramento, NM. You may stay overnight and have all meals for \$100.00. We hope to have a large turnout. June Defibaugh

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News from Roosevelt County September 25, 2017 all the clubs were invited to Causey for the Membership Luncheon. There were 54 ladies in attendance. The group enjoyed a program about chiles given by Rick and Evelyn Ledbetter. They have been raising chiles on their farm for over 25 years. They gave everyone great insight about different varieties of chiles. A short council meeting was conducted by Mary Ann Danforth Vice president asking for 2018-2019 President and Secretary volunteers. Causey ladies had on black shirts with red ristras embroidery on them. Chiles were on the tablecloths and centerpieces were bottles of flavored oils and vinegars. Red, yellow and green chile ristras were hanging from the ceiling. Mexican stack was served for the meal, with lots of different chiles, meat and all the fixings. Delicious desserts made by Causey Club Ladies were served.

Friendship Club hosted a Poinsettia Gala on December 4, 2017 with 47 county club ladies present at the Portales Senior Citizens building. Poinsettia were on each table with small painted clay pots holding candies on white tablecloths. Meredith Eaton gave a devotional "The Legend of the Poinsettia" Curt Jaynes owner of GardenSource in Portales gave the ladies How to and tips on caring For poinsettia, Christmas cactus, and amaryllis. Connie Moyers retired Home Economist for Roosevelt County and member of Bethel Club thanked outgoing Panzy Jordan, President and Glenda Anthony, Secretary of Roosevelt County Council for their service. She installed new officers Nancy Legleiter President and Bernadette Smedley Secretary plus Vice President Mary Ann Danforth, Jean Mason Treasurer. All other council and club officers for 2018 were installed as well. Baked potatoes with all kinds of toppings and tossed salad were served. Dessert was also provided.

Roosevelt County Extension Association Council met January 2 and February 5, 2018 at the McAlister Room. Newly elected President Nancy Legleiter held a meeting with 12 members in January and 1 guest in attendance. The February 5 meeting had 24 members in attendance. Janie Phillips gave a devotional "Boring Women". Clubs were ask to have their nominations for Pioneer of the Year. Heart of Extension and Homemaker of the Year awards by the March Council meeting. Causey club members Teresa Nance and Lela Victor presented "The Ark Encounter" They had both gone to Grant County, Williamstown, Kentucky to see Noah's Ark in 2017.

Bethel Club held their annual Christmas Party December 12, 2017 hosted by Jean Mason at her home. Everyone brought goodies of their choice to eat. All members enjoyed the fellowship and a gift exchange. Pat Terry auctioneered the white elephant goodies brought by ladies from their homes. This auction raises money for the club. January 9, 2018 meeting was held at the McAlister room with 10 members present. President Mary Ann Danforth served as hostess. Nominee for Pioneer of the year is Christine Neal, Heart of Extension is Jean Mason, Homemaker Judy Terry. Program presented by Jean Mason was "Everything We Needed to Know We Learned From Little Golden Books" February 13 Bethel Club meeting at McAlister Room hostess Mary Francis Smith and Pat Terry with 12 members attending. Mary Ann Danforth conducted the meeting forming committees for the Cultural Arts Luncheon on April 13-14 at the Jake Lopez Building. Sue Letz and Jean Mason gave the program teaching members how to make Danish Woven Valentine Pockets.

~ ~ *News from our Counties and Clubs Continues* ~ ~



Greetings from **Quay County**

In December, **Conchas Club** erected our community Christmas display at the "Y" in Conchas Dam. It contained the Nativity scene along with snowmen and Santa and his reindeer. Then we held our annual Christmas lighting contest and folks here had some neat decorations at their homes. We awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as our local electric company providing discounts for the winners also. We also had our Christmas party with our cookie and candy exchange. The Quay County annual luncheon program in January was on Medicare fraud. On April 7th our clubs will be helping in many areas of the Wellness Fair held in Tucumcari. We also will be having Cultural Arts Day on April 10th in Conchas Dam. Maybe we need to plan a Rain Dance. We have been windy and dry here since October. A 1/2" snow a few weeks ago and a few sprinkles of rain recently have given us some hope of more to come. Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Bernalillo County has enjoyed another busy, educational and fun year. We are excited that Bernalillo Cooperative Extension has now regained the use of the Bernalillo County 4-H Building.

Our members are currently working on details of the District I Meeting which will be held at the 4-H Building on May 23rd, with the theme of Flower Power!

The pictures above show Donna Hannon demonstrating creating a floral centerpiece and the ladies working on floral pins for the District Meeting.



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District IV Meeting, 17-18 April 2018, Sacramento Assembly, 106 Assembly Circle, Sacramento, NM

IF STAYING OVERNIGHT the charge is \$100.00 per person, this includes: room (double occupancy), lunch, supper, and s'mores. Then breakfast and lunch. No registration Fee

IF NOT OVERNIGHT: \$10 registration fee, **17 Apr** - \$11.00 lunch, \$12.00 supper and s'mores. On **18 Apr** - breakfast \$10.00, Lunch \$11.00

17 April, registration, check in, turn in Cultural Arts 11:00 am, lunch (12:00). Judging Cultural Arts will be 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Supper will be at 5:30 pm. Party time: will be talking, joke swapping, singing and s'mores.

18 April, 7:30 - 8:30 am registration, viewing Cultural Arts, Breakfast at 8:00 am

District IV meeting 9:00 - 10:00 am Educational Programs 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lunch 12:00 pm

Pick up cultrual arts and depart after lunch.

Directions to Sacramento Assembly: Website: www.sacramentoassembly.org

From North: Driving to Cloudcroft on hwy 82, turn off on hwy 130, head for Sacramento, before you get to Sacramento you will see sign for Sacramento Assembly, turn there and follow signs.

From South: Driving north on hwy 82, turn at Mayhill on hwy 130 head to Weed/Sacramento. Pass Weed and go straight to Sacramento Assembly, turn there and follow signs.

Make Checks to DistrictIV

Registration fee to be received by **April 8, 2018**

Mail to: June Defibaugh, 18 Carpenter Ln, Mayhill, NM 88339,

june.defibaugh@gmail.com

phone 575-687-2405

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ County: _____

Club _____

Overnight - Amount Enclosed (overnight + all meals) \$100.00 _____

NOT Overnight Registration \$10.00 _____

17 Apr, 12:00 - Lunch \$11.00 _____

17 Apr, 5:30 - Supper \$12.00 _____

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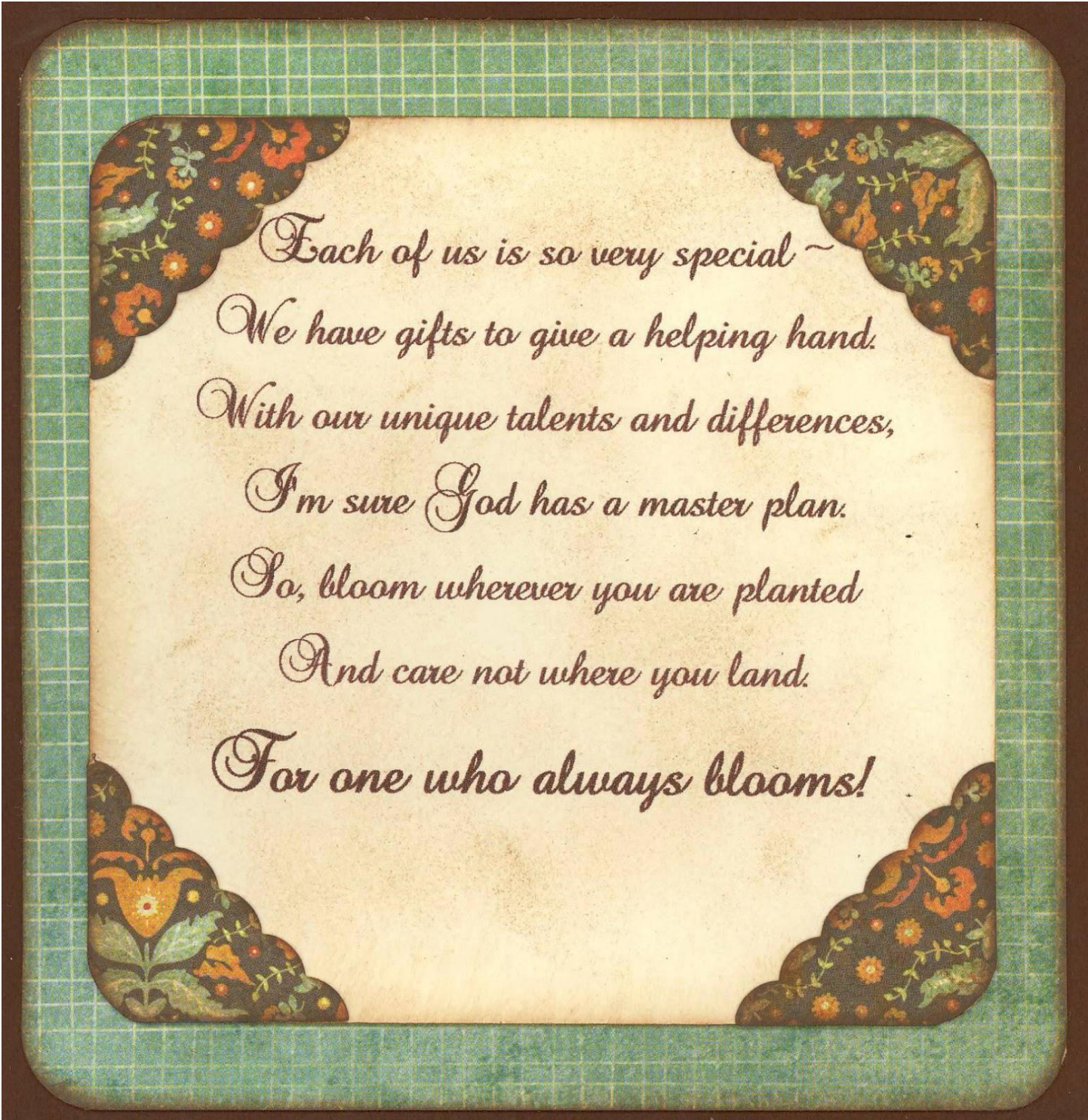
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Total Enclosed _____

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Please bring a friend, a smile, a sense of humor, but do not bring the heavy sented perfumes and lotions.

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*Each of us is so very special ~
We have gifts to give a helping hand.
With our unique talents and differences,
I'm sure God has a master plan.
So, bloom wherever you are planted
And care not where you land.
For one who always blooms!*