



# Oklahoma

## Home and Community Education

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### Happy New Year!

As another year passes by, it is a perfect time to look back over the year at OHCE's many accomplishments. OHCE took part in 10 Leader Trainings, Food Show, Cultural Arts Display, five workshops (Knitting, Ornament, Parliamentary Procedures, Quilting, Piñata), Rummage Sale, Country Kitchen, Family Picnic, and Taste of Home Cooking School. You also had May 5-10 declared OHCE Week by County Commissioners and participated in the County Fair and workdays at the Building, attended two association meetings and the state OHCE meeting. To top it off, you planned and hosted an outstanding NW District Meeting.

You assisted with the Flu Immunization Clinic, participated in Food Preservation workshop, donated to Domestic Violence Shelter, gave hats and mittens to Ponca Tribe's Head Start, flannel pants to Northern Oklahoma Youth Shelter, and funded Food 4 Kids and Raising a Reader projects. You participated in the Cake Baking Contest to support Newkirk's new Senior Center. You supported families and children mental health hospitals, schools, and nursing homes to name a few local group activities conducted individually to round out a great year.

Pat yourself on the back for goals and activities completed in 2008 and look forward to all that 2009 offers. OHCE does make a difference in your life and in the lives of those you reach in the community.

### Award Entries

All award entries are due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January to the chairmen of the respective committees as listed in the yearbook on page 25.

### Last call

Any officer or chairman who has bills to submit and funds left in their budget, is encouraged to submit those to Earleine Harman now. She will be closing out the books soon after January 1, 2009.

### Optional Contributions

This year, as in prior years, Kay County OHCE members will have the option to make contributions to funds named by various county committees and voted on by the organization October 27<sup>th</sup>. Because dues had already been collected for 2009 by that time, we provide you the opportunity to make these contributions at the time you pay for the yearbook.

Included in this newsletter is an explanation of these funds in an effort to explain to all members how these funds are used.

### Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, Jan. 16, 2009  
(Ice/Snow Date: Jan. 23, 2009)  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: 4<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse  
1500 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ponca City

### Deceased Members

If your group has a member who has died in 2008, please notify Shirley Moraine so she can prepare a memorial for the February Association meeting.

**Group Officer Packets**

Each group officer should have received a packet of information to help them perform their duties this year. These were distributed at the October Association meeting.

We still lack the list of hostesses and lesson leaders from each group.

**Yearbooks**



The 2009 OHCE yearbooks will be available soon. I am also willing to bring them to meetings in January if you let me know how many your group wants. Remember, the 2008 yearbook does include a page for January 2009.

**Leader Training**

Topic: Four Ingredient Recipes

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Ponca City Library Board Room

**Poor Weather Conditions**

Weather conditions are cold and snowy at the time this letter is being written and we all know how nasty the winters can be! If weather turns bad when an OHCE event is scheduled, listen to KLOR, WBBZ or KPNC for cancellations, or contact the office.

**January's OHCE Calendar**

- 1 New Year's Day (office closed)  
New OHCE year begins  
Hostess and Lesson Leader Forms due
- 2 All contest entries due to county chairmen
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting (snow date Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>) 2 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse, PC
- 18 Newsletter articles due
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (courthouse closed)
- 27 Leader Training, Ponca City Library Board Room, 1:30 p.m.

**OHCE OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Norma M. Brumbaugh Award**

Oklahoma Home and Community Education administers the Miss Norma M. Brumbaugh Scholarship by sponsoring three \$500.00 scholarships to Oklahoma Extension Educators. Recipients may apply for the second consecutive year. A person who has received the award for two years must wait five years after the second award to apply again. Purpose: To provide a program and funds for aiding county Extension Educators to obtain advanced professional training that will better equip them for continued service to Oklahoma families.

**Nickels for Leadership**

Members are encouraged to collect nickels throughout the year to go toward a County Officer Leadership Training in odd number of years. This money helps pay for special speakers, use of facilities, travel expenses, and the rising cost of printed material for

participants. These trainings will be divided into two or four meeting areas.

**Pennies for Friendship**

OHCE is a member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). Pennies for Friendship was established by the ACWW with the thought that if members world-wide would give one penny per year to the organization, a central office would be established to support a secretary. Through the years ACWW has grown providing office maintenance, two newspapers, E-mail, communications, United Nations links, networking, and a number of other educational projects for the betterment of women and children in the world. All OHCE members' pennies collected each year are used to help with those expenses. Money is sent directly to the ACWW.