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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- Jan 01, 2022** OHCE Fiscal Year and OHCE Program Goals Begin
 - Jan 20, 2022** Articles due to Newsletter Editor
 - Jan 21, 2022** Group registrations due to county treasurer for SE District Meeting
 - Jan 27, 2022** 9:30am Leader Lesson, Extension Conference Center, "Sheet Pan Meals" – Taylor Conner, Oklahoma County Extension FCS Educator Executive Board Meeting 15 minutes following leader lesson
- Thought for The Day:** Caring about the happiness of others, we find our own. - Plato

DEADLINE FOR February 2022

NEWSLETTER

Jan 20, 2022

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EDUCATOR'S COLUMN

By Lisa Hamblin

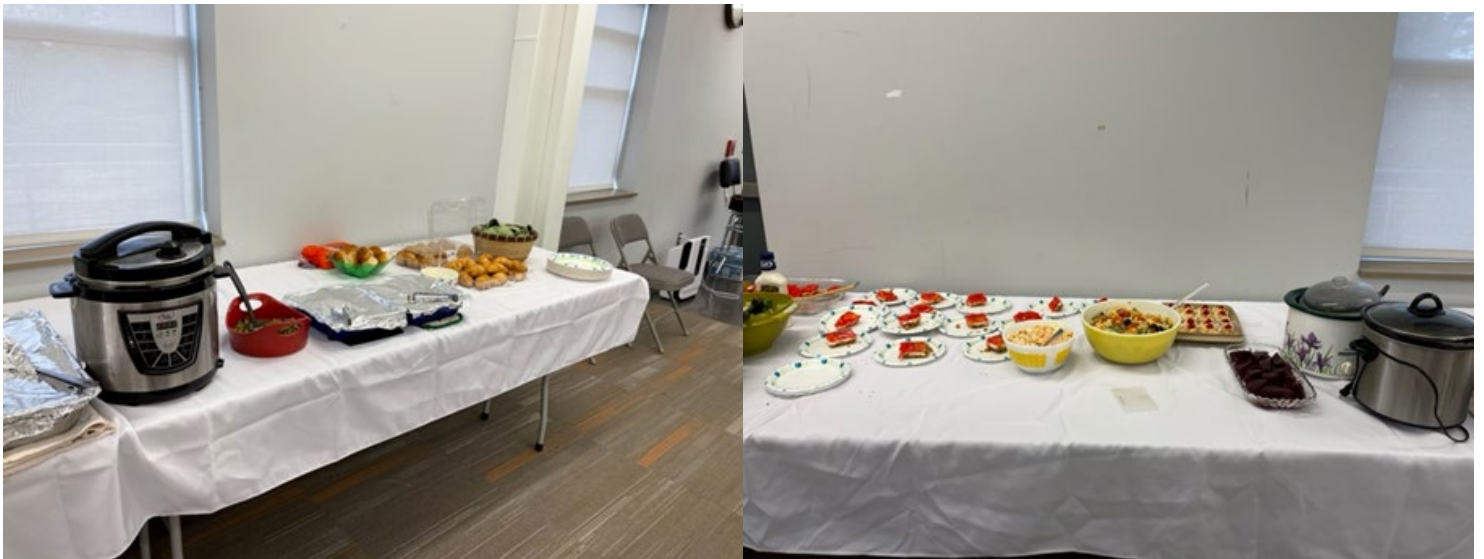
What a nice ending to 2021, spending time with our OHCE friends at the holiday luncheon! The food and fellowship were something we needed to get us excited for 2022. **THANK YOU** to **JAN BOHANNON** and the social committee for hosting such a wonderful event! Another Jan also deserves our thanks....**THANK YOU JAN BEATTIE** for the interesting presentation on the History of Santa around the World. Jan has also been such a help to our depleted OSU Extension staff by presenting leader lessons for 2 years in a row for 4 different counties. With 1 ½ educators to cover OHCE in Oklahoma, Cleveland, Garvin and McClain counties, it's been a challenge!

And last but not least, **THANK YOU OHCE MEMBERS** for donating 767 stockings to the Mental Health Association and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. They were so appreciative of your efforts!

Happy New Year,

Lisa Hamblin
OHCE Advisor

PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON







Memorial Service for Deceased Members

by Jan Beattie

I still need additional photos for **Betty Kill** from the Cardinal group. Thanks for the photos and information already submitted to me.

I could also use additional photos for **Evelyn Gianfillipo** from Las Amigas/Will Rogers group, **Theresa Terry** from Solider Creek and **Evelyn Harris** from Modern Homemakers.

If groups lose additional members, please let me know so we can remember them at the next Memorial Service. Please email information or photos to me at jankb80@sbcglobal.net.

Genealogy Group By Kathy Fetters

Our group had a good year in 2021 and expect that 2022 will be even better. We were able to meet in person almost all year and had some wonderful programs. The Christmas Luncheon was a wonderful climax to the year and we are so glad it was able to be held this year. We had 12 members attend the luncheon and our group won second prize in the table decorating contest with our theme of "Frosty the Snowman". There were some very imaginative decorations from all the groups attending. Our President, Jan Beattie, presented the program, "The History of Santa Around the World", which contained an amazing collection of pictures and stories all centered on this jolly, or not so jolly, fellow. Genealogy Group was delighted to donate funds to the CNEP program and look forward to hearing how this program helps our communities in 2022. Our Vice-President, Cynthia Johnson, along with member vehoae, have already lined up some interesting programs and speakers for the coming months. This list can be found on our facebook page: ohcegenealogy or our website: <https://www.ohcegenealogy.com>.

3-E's

by Kathryn Harris

OHCE 3E's had our monthly meeting at the All American Diner in Midwest City on the 14th of December. Mary read the inspiration "Give us daily awareness", role call for our 8 members in attendance telling our Favorite Christmas memories. (Santa is a very sneaky fellow.)

We discussed our accomplishments for 2021. As a group, we decorated 131 stockings for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and sent stained glass tissue paper hearts to the VA for Valentines Day. 3E's was also able to donate to the Mid-Del Food Pantry, Literacy Link, Infant Crisis Center, Leah's Hope, and the 4-H Scholarship fund to close out 2021.

Our next meeting will be a joint venture with the lovely ladies from Soldier Creek. It will be at the Dennys on Air Depot for anyone who would like to visit our group. In the meantime, we are brainstorming ideas for this year. We will be revisiting past projects, making stockings, and exploring new service projects for the community.

Modern Homemakers

Gwen Smith

After the cancellation of our Christmas meal last year, we were excited to have the luncheon this year. Six of our members attended and really enjoyed the event. The potluck was quite a success with a good variation.

Our group won the contest involving tale decorations. Dottie Cather and Ruby Berg did a nice job with the decorating which depicted the song, "Mary Did You Know?"

Then many hours of sewing by our group produced 400 Christmas stockings which went to several needy organizations. Our group did not meet in December, so we are forward to seeing each other in January.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT OHCE MEETING MARCH 8th

"Back in the Saddle with OHCE" is the theme of the SE District annual meeting this year. The meeting will be held at the Ardmore Convention Center and registration cost is \$25. Groups need to send their payment to county treasurer Paul Cunningham no later than January 21st. There is a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Ardmore for \$94.00 + tax until February 1st if you're interested in going down the night before. Contact the hotel at (580)226-3333. More information coming soon!

VOLUNTEER HOURS FORMS DUE MONTHLY

Please remember to submit your group volunteer hours forms each month to the Extension Center. **THANK YOU** to the following groups for their 2021 reports: **Genealogy, Modern Homemakers, Las Amigas/Will Rogers, 3 E's, and Bits & Bytes**. Don't forget, you can turn in community service hours completed with other organizations/churches as well as your OHCE activities. Member forms are located in the OHCE yearbook. Group forms will be distributed at the monthly leader lesson meetings.

CNEP SAYS THANK YOU TO OHCE

Christi Evans, coordinator of the Oklahoma County CNEP (Community Nutrition Education) Program sends her appreciation to the following groups for donating to the food baskets that were delivered to 4 limited income families that are enrolled in the nutrition lessons that CNEP provides. **THANK YOU Genealogy, Las Amigas/Will Rogers, Soldier Creek and Paula Kelley (Learn Create & Share)**.



Nutrition Education Assistants Lou McCullough and Marissa Lopp pack gift baskets for CNEP families.

A CNEP participant is grateful for the bounty her family received from OHCE and other donors.

OHCE VIRTUAL VALENTINE'S EVENT

After the success of the Christmas virtual event in December, a Valentine's activity has been planned for Thursday, February 10, 7:00-8:00pm on Zoom. Please share the registration link with your friends and family!

- Program
 - Valentine (strawberry) Trifle Recipe, Dea Rash, FCS Educator, Payne County

- Leaders Lesson: "3 Keys to Better Relationships" Dolores Williams, Tulsa County OHCE
- Handmade Valentine Cards - Connie Wollenberg, FCS Educator, McClain County
- Valentine Bath bombs – Donna Jung, FCS Educator, Canadian County
- Online Registration form has been created and is live:
https://okstateches.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25o2BPK2I8HYXm6

**AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE
FOR INTERNET SERVICE COSTS**

Please see the attached flier to find out if you qualify for a \$75 discount on your internet service or even a new device! When the federal infrastructure bill passed last year, it provided for more households to be eligible to receive help. Please share the fact sheet with others.

2022 OHCE YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

The yearbooks are printed and ready for pick up/delivery! Group presidents need to contact Lisa to arrange this. I appreciate your patience!

LOTS OF THINGS DUE JANUARY 27TH!

The following is a list of items that need to be turned into the Extension office no later than January 27th to be considered for district and state awards:

- Report books, Photography Contest, and Life Story Essays – Please refer to the categories on pages 47-51 in the yearbook. Individuals, groups and the county organization may enter.
- Secretary Books – These are what I use to write the annual county report and are extremely important to submit on time.
- Group Non-discrimination forms, annual financial reports, and committee chair lists – I will have forms available at the January leader lesson if your group hasn't submitted them yet.

VETERANS ITEMS FOR JANUARY

- Soap bars
- Body Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash



Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Connect

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

Tribal Eligibility for Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)



Most OK Counties Qualify for \$75 / month ACP Discount

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or [Lifeline](#);
- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard), Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Check out www.fcc.gov/ACP for a **Consumer FAQ** and other program resources.

Two-Steps to Enroll

1. Go to ACPBenefit.org to submit an application or print out a mail-in application; and
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must **both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan. The ACP Discount can be applied to mobile Internet service, if offered.**

What if I'm already participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program?

- The EBB was an earlier version of this program. Those participating in EBB will be automatically enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program until March 1, 2022. Additional info on how to continue receiving the discount after that date will be made available in the coming weeks.

Call 877-384-2575

or find more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program at fcc.gov/ACP