



Special Guest Speaker at KACDE April Meeting



From left to right: Debbie Eubank, Area II Rep., Stephanie Young, Vice President, Martha Newby Reporter, Ruan Jones, Tennessee DEA President, Linda Russell, Secretary and front center: Linda Smith, KACDE President.

Ruan Jones, President of Tennessee District Employees Association, (TDEA), attended this month's Governing Board meeting in Allen County. We were ecstatic to host our first DEA President from another southeastern state. Mrs. Jones brought a wealth of knowledge and information to our meeting and presented it in a very professional manner.

She shared several programs and projects that Tennessee's DEA is involved with. We are always thrilled to network with other states and learn new ways and ideas to carry out our responsibilities.

We not only want to mentor and encourage new leaders, but we constantly seek to improve ourselves as leaders and this is one way to achieve this goal. Another way we will attain this objective is bi-monthly training for the officers and area representatives at our regular monthly meetings. The Past President will be providing training for the Governing Board.

New Members

We would like to welcome two new members to KACDE; Sarah Roseberry, Morgan County and Melodie Bush of Carter County. We encourage all new members to attend any and all training opportunities. We know the training will make their job easier and

help them to learn how to be more efficient and effective in their district operations. It also provides them with fresh ideas for new district projects and activities in their county.

Awards

Area 7 selected our “KY Shine Award” winner for the month of April. This month’s winner is Patricia Flowers of Clinton County. Congratulations Patricia!



Patricia Flowers, DAS, Clinton County

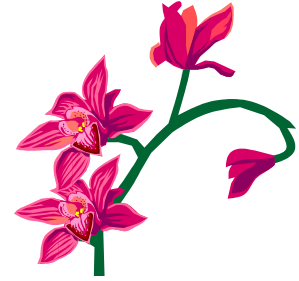
If you would like to nominate someone for the KY Shine Award, either a District Employee or Supervisor, please submit your nominee to the Awards Committee Chair, Wanda Gilbert of Cumberland County, by the first Monday of July.

Our first newsletter, *Who’s in the Limelight*, featured a two dedicated conservation district employees and was sent out in March. I completed the first newsletter and have appointed the Awards Committee to continue this project. This newsletter will be sent around the third Thursday of each month. We hope you enjoy reading about your colleagues across the Commonwealth of Kentucky!

“Employee Choice Award” applications should be sent to the Awards Committee by August. We hope you will take the time to nominate someone that you think is deserving of this statewide recognition. Nominees should be sent to any member of the Awards Committee www.kacde.org/committees who will forward it on to the Committee Chair: Wanda Gilbert, Cumberland County.

Fundraisers

The flower bulb fundraising project was a huge success because of your effort and orders! Thanks so much to all of you who ordered ~ I'm certain everyone will enjoy the radiant blooms and brilliant bouquets all summer long!



Raffle tickets for the hand quilted, prism-designed wall hanging are now available! Tickets are being mailed to each Area Representative this week. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact your Area Representative or any KACDE officer. Tickets are also available for the digital camera and digital picture frame for the Benevolence Fundraising project. We are working toward our goal of \$1000 to activate the Benevolence Program. All raffle tickets will be sold at a cost of \$1.00 each or six tickets for only \$5.00. Don't miss this opportunity to win these valuable items and support KACDE!

Registration for KACDE State Convention

Registration forms for the KACDE state convention are almost ready and will be posted on the website, www.kacde.org. If you have never attended the state convention, I urge you to attend this training meeting. We attempt to make the most of this opportunity by providing a wide range of training for all District Employees. I have never seen as much dedication and such a wonderful group of people work so hard to ensure that this convention provides the most BANG FOR YOUR BUCK! Hours upon hours of work are put into planning the workshops and everyone is always willing to go above and beyond what is asked of them. I am so grateful to be working with each and every one of you!



Hoping your DERBY HORSE SHINES!!!!