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LVFC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARTHA LATIMER



Dear LVFC Friends,

WOW!!!! The celebration of 100 years of the Cooperative Extension Service was aousing success by the comments that we received. Dr. Gina Eubanks opening comments set the tone for the speakers and they were awesome. Pam Vinci, Curator for the LSU Textile and Costume Museum, carried us down memory lane with our under garments as well as our outer garments! Lots of memories and laughs. Corrine Cook, Baton Rouge's newspaper, The Advocate's Food Editor, gave a tour of her mother's kitchen that she remembered as a child, and for many of us, our mother's and grandmother's kitchens were revisited. Dan Gill talked about gardens and gardening, another speaker discussed bugs and their changes through the years..... great speakers, great programs and a great celebration!!!

The community project was a new one for LVFC. Backpacks for Operation Military Kids was unbelievable! These are given to children of deployed service people and the families save the bags for the times when they are missing the absent parent. This has been a project of 4-H for years and I was not aware of it. Bags full of toys, games, stationary, etc were donated for OMK. Talk about a "feel good moment", we had it after stuffing those bags! I don't have a count but piles and piles of military and 4-H logo bags were stuffed!

The executive board meeting was a little different because we took the survey from the State Convention in Houma and divided it into the six sections. One question was put to each discussion group who in turn presented their ideas to the board. These ideas were left on flip charts for the members attending the mini college to review. We truly did "Focus on Challenges, Choices and Changes" in this meeting. These choices are published on the next page of this issue of the Bayou for you to review. After reviewing these suggestions, let any LVFC board officer know what your club and/or parish's opinion. We can focus on the direction and the changes that the majority of members want to see with the organization.

Speaking of change, my life has gone through a number of changes the past few years. I will be moving to Oklahoma at the end of December to live close to my son. This was announced at the mini college with lots of mixed emotions on my part. LVFC has been a part of my life since I was a child as my grandmother in Arkansas was a member as well as my mother. I will still be a member in Louisiana as I will be back to visit family and friends regularly. Terri, our state secretary, is my daughter and she is not moving. She will have the interim addresses until we are settled, contact her if you need me. I was so touched with the comments that were made after the announcement and as some were leaving the meeting. Thank all of you for your support. I love LVFC and the people associated with it and will continue to be supportive in any way I can.

↪ NOW.....WE NEED A PRESIDENT ELECT ASAP!!!!!!!!!! ⤵

May God Bless you and your families as we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons and your New Year be the best ever. If your Holiday wasn't named, may yours be a blessed one.

Love to all my LVFC friends,
Martha

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS to 2014 LVFC STATE CONVENTION SURVEY

If any member has additional suggestions or ideas, please send them to LVFC Secretary, Terri Latimer, 30732 Thunderbird Circle, Denham Springs, LA 70726. They will be given to the Executive Board for consideration.

1. Do you know the purpose of LVFC? State? Area? Parish? Club?

Recommendation:

LVFC is to follow the mission statement by strengthening individuals, families, and communities through Education, Leadership and Action

Suggestion: Print a small parish handbook with pertinent parish and state information so that new, as well as current members, will, on an everyday basis, know what their (our) organization does.

2. Why do you belong to the organization?

We expand our horizons.....make new friends.....learn ways to help others and ourselves in our every day style of living.....serving others in our communities.....trying to make the world a better place.

3. What do you think are the most important areas that need changing for the organization to fulfill your expectations?

Recommendations:

- a) Educate new members on the state and parish level by having new member packets available. (President's note--I will have packets made for the new members at the First Timer's event at the 2015 Convention)
- b) Get back to basics for the LLL classes in leadership. LLL is Louisiana Learning and Leading. Revamp it to meet today's needs. (President's note--plans are underway for this to begin at the 2015 Convention)
- c) Convention Area Meetings need changes - due to the noise and interruptions, these meetings NEED to be held in individual rooms.
- d) Parishes and clubs need ideas for programs and activities to make the meetings more exciting.

4. Whom are you trying to attract as new members? How are you doing this and is it working?

Recommendations:

Members: retired individuals, family and friends, and business associates
Have organizational information at community fairs and events.

Suggestions:

- Provide night-time meetings with a 2 hour time limit.
- Provide information to OTHER organizations that you belong to or have access to.
- Provide and share information received at meetings with younger and potential members.
- Wear your LVFC pin to promote questions. (What is LVFC?)
- Parishes could have shirts made with LVFC logo, another way to promote questions.

5. Does your parish have a 2-3-4-5 year plan? Would you like to have a strategic statewide plan for our organization? (This would require setting goals and objectives in a timely manner.)

Recommendation:

Have ONE MAJOR PLAN and promote it through the state. Maybe a two year plan.

Suggestions:

- a) Bring back state leadership meetings similar to the FCL [Family Community Leadership--trademarked name].
- b) State Convention: Parish officers and committee chairmen should be given time to discuss a statewide project, meet with a goal to compare and share ideas.
- c) Parish and club officers should be given time to meet face to face with peer officers.

6. Do you have ideas or suggestions for the Executive Board?

Recommendations:

- a) Incoming officers and appointees need to be trained by outgoing officers and appointees.
- b) Educational chairs and area secretaries should be allowed to participate in voting on Executive Board since they are expected to attend.
- c) Revamp and explain LLL by officers.
- d) Provide programs in needed and specific areas as they are needed for credited hours.
- e) Individual parishes and/or clubs help with convention expenses of their members. This would eliminate the payment of meals of committee members by the state treasurer and help the state budget.

MESSAGE . . .

From our LVFC Secretary



“THANK YOU LADIES!” Each of you have become dear friends and ladies you are wonderful; again, I thank you for your support!

I also would love to thank the review committee, Maureen Felder; she is also our Legislative Chairman and the Auditing Committee. “Thank You” Maureen, for all the guidance and help you have given me! JoAnn Bonck, Area 1 Secretary, “Thank You” JoAnn, for all your inspirations too! Mavis Landry, “Thank You” Mavis, so much for the extra help, also! Without these ladies my job as your state secretary would become harder! Why do you ask? Ladies, this was my second year as your state secretary, I am still learning “correct” spellings of each of your names, and I apologize dearly if I have offended anyone by misspelling any names! If I have not, it is largely due to Maureen, JoAnn and Mavis that brought it to my attention! I “Thank You Again.” I have enjoyed being the Reporting Secretary, Yes, I did say, I ENJOYED my time and experience!

I do have a reminder to each of you too! Do not forget to get your parish year-end reports turned in by your due dates! This effort helps the “Area Directors” and “Chairman Reports” to compile completed reports to our Executive Board.

Just so you do not need to look up dates, let me remind you!

The Executive Board Meeting will be in March, 2015, Dr. Karen Overstreet, we thank you again for all you do for us!

At this meeting “Area Directors and Committee Chairmen’s” only need a brief report of the names or number of parishes that turned in reports by the due date, those that did not and those parishes that you are still waiting on!

During the 2015, LVFC State Conference your full complete report will be due. As you know I have been nominated and accepted the position of Vice President for Public Policy. I hope to have your full support with this position also!

As the end of the year is drawing to a close, the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our volunteering services in a most significant way. We value our relationship with each of you and look forward to working with you in the years to come.

I pray that each of our members and their families a very wonderful gathering at Thanksgiving, a Joyous Christmas and especially wishing each of you a blessed New Year with each of these filled with peace and prosperity!



Blessing to each of you,
Terri Latimer
Reporting Secretary

AREA 4 HAPPENINGS!

Judy Broussard, Area 4 Director

Area 4 Fun Day: Area 4 members enjoyed their Fun Day on June 11, 2014. Acadia Parish hosted the event at St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall in Evangeline. The theme for the day was “The Difference is Me”. Everyone enjoyed the speakers: Sidney Stutes, History; Daire Johnson, Health; Fr. David Broussard, Leadership; and Amber Menard, UnWrap It. Several Demonstrations were enjoyed by those attending. These included Baby Gifts (Iberia Parish); Washcloth Slippers (Acadia Parish); Magic Circle Dishcloths (Jeff Davis Parish); and Rag Quilts (Lafayette Parish). The parish displays were very informative. Thank you to all who made this a very enjoyable day. Lina Miller and the ladies of Beauregard Parish are already busy planning the event for Area 4 Day in 2015.

Jeff Davis Parish has been quite busy this year, as usual. They have networked by inviting a speaker from another parish to present an International program on Italy. Authentic foods depicting the country were also served.

A First Timer to the 2014 Convention, Norma Young, was a featured ARTIST OF THE MONTH at The Steamer Trunk, a vintage and collectibles store in Jennings.

Another outstanding trip was guided by Patty Daigle, Jeff Davis VFC member, to Branson by way of Memphis and Elvis Presley’s home. Patty is making plans now for a spring trip to the Blue Bonnet countryside. Literature concerning this trip is forthcoming.

Jeff Davis VFC hosted their holiday program, CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD, again this year. Linda Rogers and her magnificent committee orchestrated the event and were kept pretty busy preparing for this big event held on November 7, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Jennings. Tickets included tasting and a cookbook. This year’s event was even bigger than it has been in the past with 150 attendees.

Had to fill

This space

With

Something!



Dear Santa,

This year all I ask
for is a **BIG FAT**
Bank Account and
a Slim Body.

Please, don't mix
up the two like
you did last year.

YourBirthdayQuotes.com

2014 MINI-COLLEGE COVERAGE by Ernie Freeman, Jeff Davis VFC

If you were not at the 2014 LVFC MINI COLLEGE in October, then you missed a superb meeting. The Opening and introduction was given by Martha Latimer, LVFC President. She welcomed Dr. Gina Eubands, Associate Vice Chancellor & Program Leader, who presented a short Birthday film of 100 years, which reflected back on what Extension had to offer such as excellent employees, proud volunteers, partnerships, desire for knowledge. She said that Extension is a "living" organization, and has evolving needs. We need to respond to those needs for growth.

Dan Gill, extension horticulturist, School of Plant, Environment & Soil Sciences presented a program entitled "Those Bloomin' Things". Plastic potted plants year round won't have aphids as the do in our gardens. You need to ask what is the least toxic pesticide to use and if it is effective. Organic gardening needs the least toxic pesticide. If space is unavailable for gardening, grow your plants in cans .

A MOVE IT session gave a great deal of laughter when everyone tried to follow the leaders, Anne Kean, Extension Associate, Physical Activity, and Debbie Melvin, Area Nutrition Agent. It did get almost everyone up and shake their bodies for more circulation. They showed several movements that could be done any time at home to release the stress of sitting for a long period of time; they also presented some very important facts of life. Sitting for long periods decreases your quality of life by 7 years. The average adult sits nearly 8 hours per day which may cause damage to organs, heart disease, or colon cancer and possible muscle degeneration. Watching TV 7 hours a day, may cause a 61% greater risk of dying. These astounding facts had everyone murmuring about changing their daily habits. Anne's and Debbie's words of advice? "NEVER TOO LATE TO START, BUT TOO EARLY TO QUIT".

The 4 - H Foundation Presentation was given to Martha Latimer by Jeff Bush. He stated there was a need for two more 4 - H scholarships. He thanked the LVFC for their support.



Members were asked to bring supplies for children of military persons ages 6 through 18 years. When parents are deployed

the children are given these supplies. These backpacks are under the heading of OPERATION MILITARY KIDS by Susan Riley, 4 - H Operation Military Kids & representing the Louisiana National Guard; Angela Ott, Lead Child and Youth Program Coordinator; Mikelle Ricou, Child and Youth Program Coordinator; and SPC Sonya Bradley, Child and Youth Program Assistant. Martha Latimer presented somewhere around 150 backpacks to Dr. Janet Fox, Associate Department Chair, 4-H Youth Development. This is a very moving project and very well received by the OPERATION MILITARY KIDS. They labeled these backpacks HERO PACKS as our thanks to those who serve.



St. Martin members Laura Melancon, Mary Robin, Viv Brasseaux, Betty Frederick, Betty Devillier, Pris Breaux, Brenda Hobbs, and Mavis Landry with some of the backpacks for Operation Military

After a delicious BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER, the members were decked out in many styles worn in a decade during the last 100 years. Pam Vinci, Curator LSU Textile & Costume Museum moderated a CAN YOU BELIEVE WE WORE THAT? STYLES THROUGH THE CENTURY. There were many laughs when the members paraded around the room in their costumes. Pictured below are a few from St. Martin VFC.



Betty Frederick, Mary Robin, Laura Melancon, Betty Devillier, Viv Brasseaux, Brenda Hobbs, Mavis Landry and Pris Breaux in "period dress" for the Dress for the Decades Dinner to celebrate 100 Years of Extension Service

(Mini-College continued)

Tim Schowalter, Dept. Chair, Entomology presented CHANGES IN THINGS THAT BUG US. To be effective in doing away with insects you need to use a combination of chemicals. In March and October, spread Andro and Extenquish early in the morning or in the evening to destroy Fire Ants. You don't have to know where the colony is, just broadcast and it will be taken back to feed the colony. You can find this information on the web site, tschowalter@agcenter.lsu.edu. Crazy Ants are different from Fire Ants and there isn't a good target for them.

Corrine Cook, Food Writer, The Advocate, gave an outstanding presentation on POPULAR FOODS OF THE DECADES and displayed many utensils used during the last 100 year. She is the author of a new cookbook, EXTRA! EXTRA! Read MORE About It!. which contains many old as well as new recipes. Pictured with her is Dr. Janet Cox.



Dr. Karen Overstreet made some closing comments. The meals served were exceptional. Kudos to the staff.

ST. MARTIN VFC AWARDS DAY 2014 submitted by Mavis Landry, St. Martin VFC

St. Martin VFC held their annual Awards Day Activities at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. Audrey Thibodeaux, Elder Abuse and Elderly Protective Services spoke on how the elderly are taken advantage of or abused, sometimes by a caregiver or loved one. There is a statewide hotline to report abuse or neglect and the state is divided into regions - Lafayette Region, which services Acadia, Assumption, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne and Vermilion, with the office being in New Iberia.



1st Place Foods: Lou Gravouilla (Chicken (Best Overall)), Betty Guidry (Rice Dressing and Sugar-Free Pies), Bonnie Guidry (Green Beans), Betty Frederick (White Potatoes) and Barbara Bird (Strawberry Desserts).

Robin Stokes, Savvy Seniors & Pursuit of Ethics Coordinator/Facilitator, spoke of various scams that are happening in the area. She focused on the Heartstring Scam (such as the grandparent scam where the grandchild is in a bind in another city or country and needs funds immediately); the Windfall Scam (such as the sweepstakes scam where you have won millions but need to send a small amount of money to cover the

paperwork); and the Financial Scam (where a call from a bank, financial institution, IRS or medicare office needs to verify information).

The day continued with the judging of foods & crafts; judges for the event were Lee Simon, Ella Harrington, Patricia Mayfield, Gloria Raggio and Nita McGoffin. Janet Lasseigne, SMVFC President, presided over the activities. Jo Bruce, Environmental Chairman, addressed the group about items that will be collected at the Christmas Luncheon - tabs from cans, new and used greeting cards, and eyeglasses. Janet spoke of the Mean Stinks that is offered by the American Legion and deals with bullying. Other business was handled by Mavis Landry, Kim Gravouilla, and Pris Breaux who reminded members of dues, the day trip to Jeff Davis Parish, Mini-College, and the importance of the recording volunteer hours.



(Above) 1st Place Crafts: Elaine Belaire (Christmas Corsage), Jessie Simmons (Buttons as jewelry), Theresa Guidry (Decorated Lightbulb and Table Centerpiece (Best Overall)), Betty Guidry (Decorated Jar or Mug) and Barbara Bird (Scarf).



Newspaper Hats: Brenda Hobbs, Eula Landry, Trisha Gravouilla, Lou Gravouilla, Debbie Tausin, Betty Guidry, Pris Breaux (Queen), and Betty Frederick.

As the outgoing state international chairperson, I would like to thank the parish international chairs for their time and dedication in participating with their club members in various international projects and reports. During this four year period of time, there has been an increase in the amount that is done for international issues. For that I am thankful. A poem written by John Greenleaf Whittier states:

Somehow not only for Christmas
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.

And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.



To be a volunteer takes generosity, understanding, empathy, compassion, patience, and dedication. The volunteering that LVFC members have done and continue to do, confirm your commitment to our organization. Kelly Roper wrote the following:

Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others

Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own

Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they feel

Compassion, to truly care about making someone else's life better

Patience, because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might

Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through

As LVFC members, you have shown these qualities and so much more. So thank you for all you do. Wishing you and your family a thankful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas season.

Betty Guilbeau
LVFC International Chairperson

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THE CANADIAN ROCKIES
AUGUST 15 2015
TO
SEPTEMBER 6, 2015
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Louisiana Bayou Repairs two need to be made
In Louisiana Bayou Fall Issue, the wrong parish was listed for Carol Carter; and Quachita and St. Martin were omitted in Mini Grants - In editing my text box I goofed - it wasn't deliberate. So here it is again **DONE RIGHT!** So sorry to all of you and to you too, Gail Haynes, Scholarship Chair.



Rosie the Editor
(I wish I was that skinny)

CONGRATULATIONS TO

ALL
OF YOU

AREA SCHOLARSHIPS:

Area 1 = Hunter Picard

Area 4 = Amiee Guillotte

TWO FIRST TIMERS: (To 2014 Convention)

Jeff Davis Parish = Norma Young

Tangipahoa Parish = Carol Carter

NINE MINI GRANTS:

Acadia = Iota Christmas Food Drive

Beauregard = Binding Machine and Binding Combs

Jeff Davis = Caps for Newborns

Jefferson = Raise A Reader

Lafayette = ATRO (Acadian Therapeutic Riding Organization)

Lafourche = Gift for Life

Livingston = Creating Pillowcase Dreams

Ouachita - Supplies for Ag. Kitchen and Paper

St Martin - Meals on Wheels (Council on Aging)

AREA 1 FUN DAY OVERVIEW

by Cheryl Bradley, Jefferson VFC

The Louisiana Volunteers for Family & Community, Inc. held its Area 1 Fun Day recently with 100 members from Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Livingston and Tangipahoa parishes attending. Mary Hennegan, Area 1 director, chaired the event held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula.

Guest speaker, LaVerne Parfait, told us about the long history of the center. In 1882 it began as an abbey, and over the years was a theology school for priests and missionaries, a training school for nuns, and later a retirement home and health care facility for nuns. Today it has a chapel and is a retreat center surrounded by beautiful, serene grounds.

Janet Beadle, St. Charles VFC president, was our second speaker, gave a moving talk about the Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge Cancer Center, where patients and their care-giver can stay for free while receiving treatment at a nearby hospital. Hope Lodge is the charity that benefited from our used book sale and non-perishable foods, paper products and cleaning supplies collection.

Later in the Fun Day program Janice Beadle and Carol Babin, St. Charles VFC, presented a game of "Louisiana Trivia" that had everyone guessing historical and hysterical facts about our state. We laughed and learned a lot!



Left to right: Monafae Meyers, Cheryl Bradley and Jo Ann Bonck load books donated by Louisiana Volunteers for Family and Community, Inc. members from Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Livingston and Tangipahoa parishes at the Area 1 Fun Day held at the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula. The proceeds from the book sale and cash donations of \$121.00 went to the Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge Cancer Center to benefit cancer patients who can stay there for free while undergoing treatment nearby. The remaining 200 books were donated to Wynhoven Living Center.

Jo Ann Bonck, LVFC Area 1 secretary, and Mary Hennegan, LVFC Area 1 director, delivered about 750 pounds of non-perishable food, paper products and cleaning supplies to the Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge Cancer Center, a free residence for cancer patients who are being treated nearby. The items were donated by Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Bernard, Livingston and Tangipahoa Volunteers for Family & Community at the Area 1 Fun Day in Ponchatoula at the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center.



Jefferson VFC Triple H club members give an apron style show as Judy Harris, club president, presents "Grandma's Apron," a history of the many uses of a familiar item in a family household in the past. Jefferson VFC Triple H club members give an apron style show as Judy Harris, club president, presents "Grandma's Apron," a history of the many uses of a familiar item in a family household in the past. Pictured from left to right: Judy Harris, Diane Nielsen, Betty Daigle, apron creator, Thelma Pigford and Sherry Calcagno.



(Left) Livingston VFC members Jane Vizinat, on left, and Jinx Berthelot, on right, demonstrate "Creating Pillowcase Dreams." The pillowcases are donated to charity for children.

(Right) Tangipahoa VFC member, Nell DuBose, presented a "Lost at Sea" game, with members ranking items needed to survive at sea after a ship sinking. It was quite an eye-opener and gave us much to think about to maintain our personal and family safety when on the water.



(WOW, WHAT A SUPER FUN DAY IT WAS!)



LVFC CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

30 Parish Treasurers
 The following are due to Cheryl Bradley
 Deadline for State Dues
 Dues Notice (Form 19)
 All original signed membership forms
 Parish Officer/Chairmen form



See Calendars for

January, February and March

2015

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Editor's Notes..... Rosie Trahan

Here we are already...

Checking into 2015!



Christmastime is such a wonderful time for our families and friends to gather and celebrate and to count our many blessings. Happy New Year! My wish is that God gives each of you...

12 months of happiness

52 weeks of fun

365 successful days

8760 hours of good health

525,600 minutes of peace

31,536,000 seconds of joy ...

AND

Merry Christmas

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**LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, INC.
2015 TASK CALENDAR**

JANUARY

- 1 PARISH PRESIDENTS distribute the following forms and information to your council members:
Key Leader (Form 8)
25-year, 50-year and 75-year members (Forms 9 & 9A)
5-10-15-20-year members (Form 10)
30-35-40-45-Over 50-year members (Form 10A)
Great Louisiana Family (Form 11)
Community Champions Information (Page 126)
CVU Hours (Form 18) Send 1 LIST PER PARISH with information to Lina Miller
- 30 All forms listed above are due back to respective state chairmen
STATE TREASURER - Begin preparing 2016 Proposed Budget for approval at April 13, 2015 Board Meeting.
PARISH PRESIDENTS - President's Report (Form 15) due to Area Directors.
- 30 Parish Reports due:
PARISH EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMEN'S Annual Reports (Forms 17A-D) to State Chairmen
PARISH MARKETING CHAIRMEN - Submit Marketing Report Form (Page 34) to State Marketing Chairman.
Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship completed forms due to Martha Latimer (CWC/ACWW Scholarship) pg. 91-92 in handbook
- TBA LVFC Convention Registration Chairman - Send Convention Registration packets to Parish Presidents, LVFC Executive Board and Committees

FEBRUARY

- 1 STATE PRESIDENT - Request State Proclamation from Governor for LVFC Week April 12 - 18, 2015
PARISH PRESIDENTS - Submit list of deceased parish members to Convention Memorial Chairman (Form included in Convention Registration Packet)
AREA DIRECTORS - Contact any parish not submitting a Parish President's Report. Contact all Parishes reminding them to send in their photographs for display on Area Exhibit Boards at State Convention.
Prepare Area Directors Report (Form 16) and mail to: State President, Vice President for Public Policy, Vice President for Programs and State Advisor.
- TBA BUDGET COMMITTEE - Prepare 2016 Proposed Budget
- TBA BYLAWS COMMITTEE - Discuss possible Bylaw changes based on recommendations from State VFC entities.
Time and place to be announced.
- 15 LVFC 1st Timer to State Conference scholarship application (Form 4) due
- 16 BYLAWS CHAIRMAN - Mail copies of proposed Bylaws changes to Executive Board 30 days prior to the April 13, 2015 Board Meeting.

MARCH

- 9 LVFC Board Meeting – Efferson Hall, LSU Baton Rouge, 9:30 A.M.
- 13 PARISH TREASURERS – Registration for all Parish members attending due for April 14-16, 2015, LVFC Convention.
One parish check only, please.
- 15 LLL (Louisiana Learning and Leading) Master Leadership Trainer applications for 60 Hours due to State Vice President for Public Policy (Form LLL #2 in handbook) or 30 hour Certification LLL Form #1. Include LLL Form #3 Chart of classes attended & a copy of each certificate.
PARISH PRESIDENTS – Submit: Heart of LVFC Award Nominee (Form 13) to State President and Spirit of LLL Award Nominee (Form 14) to State Vice President for Public Policy.
AREA DIRECTORS send Area Reports (Form 16) to State President, Vice President for Program, Vice President for Public Policy and State Advisor
Scholarship Applications for the following are due to State Scholarship Chairman:
Ellen Lenoir Scholarship – Form 1
Nan Tarwater Davis Scholarship – Form 2

A Poem About New Year's Resolutions



How can I use the New Year
To better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day,
And be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others;
I'll love my neighbor, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"
In everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;
Angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies,
Even though it's hard.

In the new year, I'll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy,
And never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries;
I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less,
And obey all His commands.

These new year's resolutions
Are difficult, at best,
But there's something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest:

I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing,
All the rest will be in control.

By Joanna Fuchs

