

## Dates to Remember

- March 23:  
Coastal District Meeting
- March 28/March 30:  
Central District Meetings
- April 3:  
January, February & March  
Quarterly reports due
- April 6:  
Pee Dee District Meeting
- April 20:  
Piedmont District meeting
- April 30:  
Betty J. DeWitt  
Outstanding  
Educator Award  
application deadline
- May 1:  
Registration Deadline for  
SCFB Youth Leadership  
Conference
- May 1:  
Application due for  
AFBF Women's  
Communication Boot  
Camp
- June 5-9:  
AITC Teacher Institute
- June 11-14:  
Youth Leadership  
Conference



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## SC Farm Bureau Women Visit the Statehouse & the SC Supreme Court



On March 16th, more than sixty members of county Farm Bureau chapters from across the state donned their South Carolina blue to celebrate agriculture, the largest piece of our state's economy. The women were introduced in the State Senate Chambers, and had the opportunity to speak with policymakers regarding legislation that affects agriculture within the state and thank them for their support of South Carolina agriculture. They also toured the Supreme Court of South Carolina. The luncheon for the event was held at the Stone River facility. Steven Burritt, state Program Director for MADD

(Mothers Against Drunk Driving) was our guest speaker. He shared information with the group on how we as parents, grandparents, family members and friends can talk with teenagers about underage drinking. He also shared with us MADD's current legislative goals. This year's gift to the legislators was a bag of roasted pecans from the Nut House with a sticker that read "Nut'n Happens in Agriculture without your support!" from the SC Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. The ladies in attendance received a small bag of chocolate covered pecans from the Nut House.

South Carolina Women's Leadership Committee delegates to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau in Phoenix, Arizona included (left to right): Betty Jackson (Vice Chair - Central District), Janet Gambrell, Frances Price (State Chair), Kristi Shirer (Vice Chair - Coastal District), Janice Wood (Vice Chair - Piedmont District, and Joye Davis (Vice Chair - Pee Dee District).

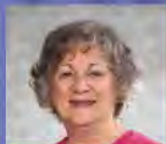


At the SCFB Annual Meeting, fourteen county Farm Bureau Women's Committees received special achievement awards (and \$200 ) for having the top Farm Bureau women's programs in the state during 2016.

Congratulations to Anderson, Beaufort, Calhoun, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Saluda, Sumter, and York Counties.



# Pricelines



from the SCFB Women's  
Leadership Committee Chair  
Frances Price

July 3:  
April, May, & June  
Quarterly Reports Due

July 12-15:  
AFBF Women's  
Communications Boot  
Camp – Washington, DC

July 20:  
SCFB's Palmetto Palate

September 24-26:  
SCFB Women's  
Leadership Conference

October 1:  
Deadline to Submit  
Ambassador and Talent  
Applications

October 3:  
July, August &  
September  
Quarterly Reports due

October 10:  
Women's Committee  
Activity Awards  
Applications due

October 24-27:  
AFBF Women's  
Communication Boot  
Camp

Nov. 30 – Dec. 2:  
SCFB Annual Meeting  
Myrtle Beach

As I write to you I had been enjoying beautiful warm sunshine, dogwood blooms, azalea blooms and some of that "yellow stuff". Well, today it is all true except it is cloudy, windy, 38 degrees and just down right COLD!!

But spring is almost here and I find myself "warmed" by all you do as individuals and collectively. We have a tremendous impact through all our activities and programs of work.

Almost all counties participated in Farm-City Week with various activities and use of materials provided for you. Thanks for helping others to understand the interdependence of farm and city upon each other.

## South Carolina Farm Bureau Convention:

- 30 children/youth from 16 counties participated in the Junior & Senior Talent Contests
- 18 youth from 12 counties participated in the Ag Ambassador Contest
- Allison Harman & Brandon Myers from Lexington County are the Ambassadors for 2017
- Country Store sales totaled \$6932.75 (An all-time high)
- Silent Auction biddings brought in \$5951.00 (Joint Women's Leadership Committee (WLC) & Young Farmer & Rancher Committee (YF&R) project)
- Thursday night Betty J. DeWitt Scholarship donations were \$1000.00
- Friday at the Women' Luncheon \$300.00 was collected for Pennies for Friendship
- The above 4 items total \$14,183.75 - \$13,883.75 of which goes for agricultural education
- Friday night 14 county WLC's were recognized with an Achievement Award and \$200.00 each for agricultural education projects within their respective counties
- 3 county WLC members were recognized for new membership sales – Congratulations to Carolyn Boyd, Marilyn Easter and Catherine Porth
- Annie Baxley from Georgetown County received the Betty J. DeWitt Outstanding Educator Award. Her name has been entered in the national competition to attend the AFB Ag-In-The-Classroom conference this summer.

### • A big THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to all.

American Farm Bureau Convention was held in Phoenix, Arizona January 7 – 10. The SCFB WLC along with Janet Gambrell from Abbeville served as voting delegates to the Southern Women's Leadership Regional Caucus and the AFB Women's Annual Business Meeting. We also attended a networking meeting, Leadership Luncheon, the opening and closing sessions, various educational workshop as well as some of the Young Farmer & Rancher events. I am very proud of those representing SCFB on the national level! (PS – Way To Go Clemson Tigers!!!)

Food Check-Out/Our Food Link events were again held in all 4 districts with over \$10,000 in cash and food donated by you. On behalf of the 3 Ronald McDonald Houses and the McLeod House THANK YOU!!

March 16th we celebrated SCFB Women's Legislative Appreciation Day at the State House with over 60 Farm Bureau women from across the state wearing royal blue. We were introduced in the SC Senate and many spoke with their personal senator. The House of Representatives had finished their work for the week and were not in session. While many issues impact SC agriculture our main purpose was to thank them for standing up for and with us in agriculture. We also visited the Supreme Court of South Carolina and were informed as to how the Court and hearings work. What a great day even with the cold. Thanks to all who came and made this a good day for Farm Bureau Women.

Congratulations to Pickens County WLC on winning \$500.00 through the American Farm Bureau Foundation White-Reinhardt Mini-Grant Program.

Congratulations to Marilyn Easter for signing up 6 new FB members during the last quarter of 2016. Laurens County will receive a check for \$25.

District meetings are planned for late March and April. We hope you will join the women from your district for these mid-year meetings to get updates, network and offer input.

As a reminder, the SCFB WLC has, for some time now, had as a goal that we would have 100% participation from every county to have an ACTIVE Women's Leadership Committee. To date we have 40 counties with WLC's. I am proud to announce the Coastal District is the first to have 100% of their counties with WLC's. PLEASE help us make it 100% statewide.

The counties that do not have a WLC are: Lancaster & Richland in the Central District; 100% Coastal District; Lee & Marion in the Pee Dee District; Greenwood, McCormick & Union in the Piedmont District. SCFB Staff Vonne Knight and the District Directors of Organization as well as myself and your District Vice-Chair are here and ready to help in any way we can.

Thank each of you again for all you do. As we all continue to attend meetings and events, contact our elected officials, host educational events, sell memberships, involve the youth in FB programs, etc., we are a "TEAM". During October through December only we had over 10,000 Volunteer Hours reported. Yes you read right. Over 10,000 Volunteer Hours reported.

Thank you to President Harry and Linda Ott and ALL Farm Bureau Staff for your help and support. United in purpose and goal we can continue to grow SCFB and help educate the future leaders of this great state on the necessity of agriculture to everyday life.

"United in Purpose" we are a "TEAM" (Together Everyone Achieves More).



## 2017 Youth Leadership Conference

The 2017 Youth Leadership Conference will be held June 11-14 at Newberry College. This year's conference will focus on programs and activities that foster building leadership skills, understanding agriculture and the vital role it plays in our everyday lives and will focus on commodities. Attendees will also participate in Ag Olympics, teambuilding activities, and take a field trip to Clemson University. Applications are due May 1st.

A representative from MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) will join us at the conference and share Power of Youth a presentation that engages teens in learning about the dangers of underage drinking and taking a stand against it with their peers.

## SC Farm Bureau Women Donate to Local Charities

Again this year, SC Farm Bureau Women participated in Food Check Out/Our Food Link celebrations during the month of February. The SCFB Women's Leadership Committee organized members to collect food, pop tabs and money for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) across the state and at The Guest House at McLeod in Florence, SC. This year's combined total for all four districts was over \$10,000. Thanks to all who participated and donated.



AMERICAN FARM BUREAU  
FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE

Applications for the 2017 AFBF Fall White-Reinhardt mini-grants are due April 15. These \$500 grants are offered to state and county Farm Bureaus for ag literacy projects for grades K-12. Applications are available at [www.agfoundation.org](http://www.agfoundation.org) under Projects: White-Reinhardt Mini-Grants.

These grants are offered in two cycles each year: Cycle 1 applications are due April 15 and Cycle 2 applications are due October 15.



◀ The SCFB Women's Leadership Committee would like to thank all County Women's Committee members who participated in Ag Literacy Week and shared the Book of the Year – **Before We Eat** from farm to table- with students!

The 2017 FUSION Conference was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania February 10-13. Frances Price, Janice Wood, Betty Jackson and Vonne Knight attended. These ladies participated in great workshops and gained knowledge and information that will be most beneficial for our SCFB programs.

### Silent Auction



**\$5,951.00**



**2016 Talent Contest**





## Idea Sharing?

Please e-mail Vonne Knight at [vknight@scfb.org](mailto:vknight@scfb.org) a brief summary and/or pictures of any of your county's successful Farm Bureau Women's Programs. We would love to share your success stories with other counties as we all work together to "Tell the Farm Story" to the general public.

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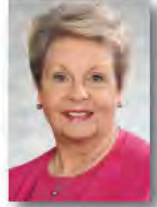
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Facebook – Join the group SC Farm Bureau Women on Facebook to find out about the latest program news and happenings.

# TRY THIS RECIPE

From *SC Ladies & Gents Love to Cook*

## Chicken Pineapple Filling for Sandwiches

- 2 cups finely chopped cooked chicken
- 2/3 cup drained, crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/3 cup finely chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients, stir well. Chill. Serve on bread or party shells.



## Mark Your Calendars!

SC's best chefs. SC's best locally grown food. A great evening of food & fun.  
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