



Idea Sharing?

Please e-mail Vonne Knight at 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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SC Farm Bureau
Women's Leadership Committee

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Dates to Remember

April 30

Deadline for teachers to apply for the Betty J. DeWitt Outstanding Educator Award

May 1

Registration Deadline for SCFB Youth Leadership Conference

June 6-10

Ag in the Classroom Teacher Institute - Anderson

June 12-15

Youth Leadership Conference
Newberry College

July 3

April, May, June
Quarterly Reports Due

July 12-15

AFBF Women's
Communications Boot
Camp – Washington,
D.C.

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County Women's Chairs Honored for Good Work



At the 2015 SCFB Convention Awards Program, eighteen County Women's Chairs received the Women's Committee Activity Award. Shown above are Women's Committee Chairs from: Anderson, Beaufort, Calhoun, Chesterfield, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Saluda, Sumter and York. Congratulations!!



Fifty-seven women from across the state participated in the 2016 Women's Day at the State House. On March 15th, the event began with a program at the SCFB State Office. After the program, ladies were taken via tour bus to the Stone River Facility for lunch. The speaker for the lunch program was Dr. Nathan Saunders, curator of manuscripts at South Caroliniana Library also teaches courses in the USC History Department. Dr. Saunders shared interesting information about the history of South Carolina.

After lunch, the group gathered on the State House steps to celebrate Governor Nikki Haley's proclamation declaring March 15 as Ag Day. Senator Danny Verdin presented the proclamation to Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers. Mrs. Frances Price served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. The day ended with visits to both the House and Senate Chambers.

SCFB
Women at the
STATEHOUSE

TRY THIS RECIPE

From *SC Ladies & Gents Love to Cook*

MAMA'S TEA CAKES

- 2 sticks butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and mix well. Gradually add flour and vanilla. Drop dough by small spoonful's onto greased baking sheet or baking stone. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 – 12 minutes until lightly browned.

Yield: 10 dozen cookies



Mark Your Calendars!

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



from the SCFB Women's Leadership Committee Chair
Frances Price

As I begin writing this, I am enjoying the beautiful sunshine, dogwood blooms, azaleas in full bloom AND some of that "yellow stuff." All signs that spring is finally here and we have survived the fall and winter. What a year – one that we will not forget anytime soon.

However, in the midst of all this, some really great and wonderful things were happening. During Farm-City Week activities were being held all across the state with handouts, tours, etc. all focused on the interdependence of farm and city upon each other.

At the SCFB Convention in Myrtle Beach Women's activities and raised over \$13,000 for Ag Education:

- The 26th year of the Country Store brought in \$6361.00 for Agricultural Education;
- The 15th year of the Silent Auction brought in \$5807.00 for Agricultural Education;
- The Betty J. DeWitt Scholarship collection on Thursday night was \$1000;
- Women's Luncheon on Friday collection was \$250 for Pennies For Friendship;

Congratulations are in order for the following:

- Betty Buff, Lexington County, received the Distinguished Service Award;
- Jenny Burns received the Betty J. Dewitt Outstanding Educator Award;
- 18 County FB Women's Committees won Activity Awards and received \$200 to use in their county for Ag Education. Congratulations to: Anderson, Beaufort, Calhoun, Chesterfield, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Saluda, Sumter and York.
- 25 children and youth from 15 counties participated in the talent contests. Winners are: Junior Talent I – Lydia Lang, Greenville County; Junior Talent II – Kylee Whiten, Anderson County; Senior Talent I – Shyla Jenkins, Beaufort County; Senior Talent II – Nathan Duell and Brett Fenstermaker, Lexington County. Congratulations!!
- 17 students from 12 counties participated in the Youth Ambassador Contest. The female winner is Carson Buzhardt, Lexington County and the male ambassador is Dalton Stalvey from Horry-Loris. We look forward to working with them this year.

At the American FB Convention your state Women's Leadership Committee and Cindy Hook served as voting delegates to the Southern Region Caucus and the AFB Women's Annual Business Meeting. We also attended the Leadership Luncheon on Sunday along with Linda Ott, wife of our new President Harry Ott, and Vonne Knight, who we could not do without. We also attended various workshops.

During the month of February all 4 districts participated in Food Check-Out/Our Food Link events. Donations of food and money statewide totaled over \$7,000 along with 220 pounds of pop tabs. Congratulations to the Coastal District for 100% participation of all counties.

March 15th we celebrated FB Women's Day at the Statehouse where we thanked our elected officials for their support of agriculture. We asked them for their support for financial Farm Aid for SC Farmers. Fifty-seven women from across the state were there and were recognized in both the House and Senate Chambers.

Your state Women's Committee has a goal of 100% participation from every county to have an active Women's Leadership Committee. We have only 8 counties to go. PLEASE help us reach that goal. Those counties are: Charleston, Greenwood, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, McCormick, Richland and Union. Please help us reach that goal. The Young Farmer and Rancher Committee also has that same goal.

District Meetings are planned for the month of April. Hope to see you there.

We are excited to be working with our new SCFB President Harry Ott and his wife Linda. Both are very supportive of the Women's Program and have offered to help in any way. Mrs. Linda has already been involved at the AFB Convention and has plans to help read in classrooms in several counties. We look forward to working with them.

We want to thank each one of you for all you do for Farm Bureau and for agriculture – especially all your time. Total reported Volunteer Hours for October through March are 14,407!!!! WOW!!!!

Keep up the good work, enjoy spring and summer AND sell Farm Bureau memberships.

...More Dates to Remember

July 21
SCFB's Palmetto Palate
Columbia

September 26-27
SCFB Women's
Leadership Conference
Florence

October 1
Deadline to Submit
Ambassador and Talent
Applications

October 3
July, August, September
Quarterly Reports

October 10
Women's Committee
Activity Awards
Applications due

December 1-3
SCFB Annual Meeting
Myrtle Beach

2016 Youth Leadership Conference

The 2016 Youth Leadership Conference will be held June 12-15 at Newberry College. This year's conference will focus on programs that foster understanding and awareness of agriculture and government. Workshops and activities will include leadership training, Ag Olympics, teambuilding activities, legislative training, a visit to the State House and a whole lot more. Applications are available on our website www.scfb.org and are due May 1st.

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 \$7,000. Thanks to all who participated and donated.



SC Women Attend AFBF Convention in Orlando

The American Farm Bureau Federation's 97th Annual Convention was held in Orlando, Florida in January. In attendance were SCFB Women's Committee State Chair Frances Price; Betty Jackson, Central District Vice Chair; Kristi Shirer, Coastal District Vice Chair; Joye Davis, Pee Dee District Vice Chair; Janice Wood, Piedmont District Vice-Chair. These five committee members and Cindy Hook of Lexington County served as the six voting delegates for the Southern Region Caucus and the AFB Women's Annual Business Meeting. The group also attended workshops and the Leadership Luncheon. Mrs. Linda Ott joined the group for the Leadership Luncheon.



Honoring Our Best!

BETTY BUFF of Lexington County was selected as the 2015 Distinguished Service Award recipient. She is most deserving of this award for her countless hours of volunteer service and passion for agriculture. **JENNY BURNS** received the Betty J. Dewitt Outstanding Educator Award. Mrs. Burns teaches at Leaphart Elementary School in Columbia. She will be attending the National Ag in the Classroom Conference this summer in Phoenix, Arizona along with SCFB Ag Literacy Director Vonne Knight.



Ag Literacy Week

The SCFB Women's Leadership Committee wants to thank all County Women's Committee members who participated in the 2016 Ag Literacy Week event by reading the selected book "The Cow in Patrick O'Shanahan's Kitchen" to students in your county.

We appreciate your willingness to help the students of South Carolina learn more about agriculture, commodities and the products that are made from these commodities.