

RUSSELL CO. EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Dear Friend:

You may not know us; we are the Extension Homemakers of Russell County. We would like to tell you about ourselves.

We are homemakers who live in Russell County and are involved in clubs sponsored by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Our organization began in 1947-48 with nine clubs being formed and a membership of 113 homemakers.

Today there are 3 clubs which have been formed somewhat, but not entirely, along geographical lines throughout Russell County along with 3 specialty clubs. Each club meets once a month, September through June, either in a member's home or in a public meeting room.

At these meetings there is an educational lesson given by a club member using information from the University of Kentucky. These are timely pertinent topics which have been voted on by the members. This encourages and enables leaders to realize their true potential by working within the group where they are comfortable among friends.

While education and leadership skills are important, perhaps the most wonderful benefits of Extension Homemakers are the fellowship and sharing that come about from membership. Particularly for someone new to the area, who is feeling transplant shock, Extension Homemakers offers a friendly soil for putting down roots.

In addition to monthly meetings we are involved in other things in the community. Several times a year we offer educational classes which are open to everyone. These may vary from basketry to communication, from painting to needlecraft. These classes are taught by a Homemaker or other resource person, and fees charged cover expenses only so that they are affordable to everyone.

We have various fundraising events such as, a soup and sandwich luncheon, yard sale, etc.. Proceeds from the events goes to our scholarship fund for a college student. Our scholarship averages about \$1000.

We would like to encourage you to become a member of Extension Homemakers. To see the list of clubs and club presidents click the link below. Any of them would welcome a call from you. You may recognize a name or not; it doesn't matter; we are all friendly people!

If you would rather not become involved with a club, you may want to become a mailbox member. While you miss out on the social and leadership opportunities which club membership offers, you do receive the monthly lessons and newsletter. You may also attend any Homemaker meetings, but you do not have a vote. To become a mailbox member, request a form from the extension office and mail your information along with dues of \$9.00 to Russell County Cooperative Extension Service, 2688 South Highway 127, Russell Springs, KY 42642. Phone: (270) 866-4477; Fax (270) 866-8645

Sincerely Yours,
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