



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

**The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences Educators**

2008 West District Update August 4, 2008

We held our fall meeting on Friday November 2, 2007. We met at the Brevard Chamber of Commerce. We installed our new officers. We had made the decision to hold offices for two years instead of one year in order to keep some continuity and help officers better understand their responsibilities. Because of this our officers will be in place until October 2010. Our guest speaker was Marla Cilley, "The Fly Lady". She spoke on her work with people to help them organize their lives and her successes in developing her business. We enjoyed her presentation and the discussion that went along with it. If you would like more information on her work and books you can go to her website, www.flylady.net

We had updates on the State and National meetings for those who could not attend. We then spent the rest of our time on plans for the up coming State Meeting in August 2008 at Lake Junaluska. We had some discussions on possible speakers and themes for workshops. We discussed having a focus on Simple Living, grant writing, greening your extension and motivational speakers for our closing and opening sessions. We also discussed having more exhibits or poster sessions for agents to share what they are doing.

Our Spring Meeting was held on March 28, 2008 at Lake Junaluska to finalize plans for the 2008 State Meeting in August. Committees reported on their progress and a tour of the facility occurred.

Other news:

It is with sadness that we had a loss to our district and state when Kathy Thorpe, the Family and Consumer Science Agent in Transylvania County, passed away on February 15, 2008. Kathy had been battling cancer for years and we all will miss her positive attitude and big caring heart. She had been the secretary for our district association in 2006.

Teresa Wiley, the Family and Consumer Science Agent in Cherokee, was hired in October 2007.

Linda Buchanan, the Family and Consumer Science Agent in Graham County retired in March of 2008.

**Respectively submitted by,
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