



President-Elect Candidate Darla Watts

Hello, my name is Darla Watts and I am seeking the position of President Elect in AEHC. I have served as your vice president for the previous 2 years, interim secretary of the year before, and District Director for the Ozark District from 2022-2024. I would be proud to support AEHC as president-elect and promise to do the job to the best of my ability. I have been a member of AEHC for 33 years, since 1993, and I am a 4th generation member. I am single with 2 daughters and sons-in-law, have 9 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.



Vice President Candidate Darlene Holliday

Hello! My name is Darlene Holliday, and I live in Mt. Ida, Arkansas, in Montgomery County – home of the beautiful Lake Ouachita. I am a candidate for Vice President and have proudly been a member of Extension Homemakers for 19 years. I began my journey with Extension Homemakers at my very first Joplin Club meeting, where I was elected President. Soon after, I attended my first county council meeting and was elected Vice President. Four years later, I was elected Council President, a role I have now held for 15 years.

In addition, I have served the state of Arkansas as Associate District Director and later elected as District Director for the Ouachita District. I was also elected Secretary for the state AEHC, though I had to step down due to my husband's illness. Over the years, I have contributed my time to the planning committee; planning events for the state EHC conference in June.

What I love most about Extension Homemakers is the opportunity to help educate Montgomery County residents, stay actively involved in my community, and build lasting friendships across the state. I am passionate about volunteering and especially enjoy working with our 4-H Youth. I served at the Montgomery County Food Pantry for 17 years and have participated in Operation Santa Clause for the past 19 years. I have also been blessed to serve under three outstanding Extension Agents, along with many other dedicated agents I've had the pleasure of working with.

I am an active member of Lake Ouachita Baptist Church. I am a widow, as well as proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, attending church, reading, baking, fishing, crocheting, and continuing my involvement with Extension Homemakers.



Secretary Candidate Diana Bowen

I am a candidate for the office of Secretary for the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council. I have been a member of Extension Homemakers for 4 years and was an Extension Homemakers advisor for 11 years as the Lonoke County Extension FCS Agent. I have been President of the Lonoke County Council for 3 years and served as President-elect and President of the Arkansas Affiliate of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences as well as President of the Relief Society, Young Women Organization, and Primary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I served as secretary for the Education Committee for the Lonoke 2022 Initiative. I have also served as Vice President of the Quilters of Lonoke County Extension Homemakers Club for 4 years.

I was a public school teacher and advisor for FCCLA before starting my career as an Extension Agent. I have been involved with volunteer and service groups through school, Extension and Church programs. I grew up in Northeast Arkansas and have lived in Lonoke for the past 30 years. I feel that my experiences provide the qualifications needed to serve effectively in this office.



Secretary Candidate Brenda Chisom

Hi. My name is Brenda Chisom. I am running for AEHC Secretary. I am from Monticello. I am currently Delta Associate District Director and President of Drew County Council. I have been a member of Southside EH Club for 17 Years. I am Secretary/Treasurer of our club. I have served as Associate Director twice. I enjoy working with Extension Homemakers. I am retired so I am free to attend any meetings I would need to attend. I would be honored to serve as secretary of our organization.



Secretary Candidate Helen McCoy

My name is Helen McCoy. I reside in Jonesboro, Arkansas. I am running for the office of AEHC State Secretary. I retired in 2018 and joined EHC in 2019. I have been a member of two different clubs. I joined Gosnell EHC in Mississippi County in 2019 and Oak Grove EHC in Craighead County in 2025. In Mississippi County, I served as assistant secretary for Gosnell EHC and secretary for the County Council. I enjoy being a member of EHC and the many friendships and sisterhood it provides. The three pillars of EHC, Community Service, Leadership Development, and Education; provide opportunities for members to learn so much on the local, county, and state level. I never leave a meeting without learning something that is useful and helpful. I especially enjoy the community service projects because this

allows me to help people, which was the thing I wanted to do most after retirement.

I have one son, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, as well as traveling to new places and learning new things. AEHC is a great organization. If I am elected, I will work hard to help promote the mission and goals of EHC.



Treasurer Candidate Priscilla Johnson

I have been a member of Johnson County EHC since 2019. During my time with AEHC I have held multiple leadership roles and chaired numerous projects. I am extremely organized and will commit to doing an excellent job as AEHC's State Treasurer.

I have held the position of Johnson County EH Treasurer since July 2022-present and have improved our county's money management process by obtaining debit cards for the Council and Board members to use for miscellaneous purchases. This has helped eliminate the need to write refund checks to club members who put out their personal money for EH. I document our monthly club financial statements exclusively using the AEHC financial report. This provides our Johnson County EH Leadership team clear, concise updates to our financial position at all times.

I have led or co-led multiple EH projects throughout my tenure with AEHC including the following large projects:

- Christmas in July County Fundraiser (twice)
- Annual Yard Sale for Club Fundraiser (three times)
- Oark Christmas Parade (4 years running)

Other leadership roles I have held or hold withing my community are: Oark EH Club President, Oark EH Club Secretary, Johnson County EHC Vice President, AEHC Ozark Associate District Director, Rural Fire Department 6 Volunteer, and Clarksville Helping Hands Board Member.

Officer Elections, AEHC Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Officer elections are held during the Board of Directors meeting at the AEHC State Meeting on Wednesday morning, June 3 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock, Arkansas. County Council Presidents (or designated proxy) serve as voting members on the Board of Directors. Let your county voting delegate (Council President or Proxy) know your preference for state officers. You can meet the candidates in person at this year's state meeting.

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