

# VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

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## TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

*Merry  
Christmas*



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### Greetings!

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are practically upon us! I want to be the first to wish you a very Merry Christmas season.

Master Wellness Volunteers have been busy during the last few months. Here's a quick overview of what you have been doing:

- Nell Shipp—assisted with Hopkins County Fall Festival assisted with and attended the Extension Leadership Banquet, and participated in planning meetings.
- Susie Faltesek & Joann Brennan—assisted with Fall Festival, helped assemble booklets and goody bags, planned and served as presenter for 2017 Christmas Joys in Hopkins and Delta Counties, attended Leadership Banquet, Stitch-n-Heaven networking
- Wendy Johnson—assisted with Fall Festival, helped assemble booklets and goody bags, assisted with registration for Christmas Joys, Stitch-n-Heaven networking, attended Extension Leadership Banquet
- Linda Tanton—held a food preservation workshop at her home, attended the Extension Leadership Banquet
- Sylvia Millsap—assisted with Fall Festival and provided parent station, assisted with registration for "Christmas Joys", displayed exhibit at Head Start parent fair.
- LaTarra Giles—attended Extension Leadership Banquet, Stitch-in-Heaven networking, research for sewing workshop projects
- Kim Sellers—keeping busy with her job and following son, Eli, on Cross Country meets
- Doris and Julie are busy with work and life! Hope to see you in December at the luncheon!

### 2018 MASTER WELLNESS

#### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Another series to train new Master Wellness Volunteers has been scheduled for 2018. If you work or are associated with anyone who would like the training, please tell them about this opportunity. Also, if you would like to attend as a refresher (no charge), you are welcome to come. Here are the details:

- What: Statewide 2018 Master Wellness Volunteer Training
- When: Tuesday, January 23- Face-to-face kick-off; online study January 30, February 6, and 13; Wednesday, February 28- Face-to-Face wrap-up
- Where: Extension Office
- Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$75 (includes two lunches, materials, and notebook)
- Where: Hopkins County Extension Office & statewide!
- Register: <http://agrilife.org/mwv>

## 2017 Extension Leadership Advisory Board/Volunteer Banquet

Each year, we recognize our Extension Committees, volunteers, stakeholders, and 4-H honorees at this banquet. The event was held on November 9 at League Street Church of Christ. Many of our Master Wellness Volunteers were able to attend. We played a fun game of Family Feud—Extension style!

The highlight of the evening was recognition of the Outstanding Extension Supporter of the Year. The 2017 award went to **Susie Faltsek**.

A second presentation was made to all the Hopkins County Master Wellness Volunteers who contributed hours of service in 2017—over 900 to date!



### Creative Arts Contest

Thanks to those who assisted with the Creative Arts Contest this year. Entries were down a little, but the contest ran like clockwork, thanks to our wonderful Hopkins County volunteer team!

## Volunteer Opportunities

*The task  
ahead of us  
is never as  
great as the  
Power  
behind us!*

Please call if you can help with or attend any of these events!

- ◆ Thursday & Friday, November 23-24: Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving
- ◆ Wednesdays, November 29, and December 6: "Walk & Talk" at ECLC—join us if you'd like to! I'll be recognizing the top walker and team on December 6.
- ◆ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 11-13: Christmas Sewing Workshop, 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. (approximately), Extension Office. **Volunteers needed!!**
- ◆ **Friday, December 15:** Master Wellness Volunteer Luncheon—see enclosed letter.
- ◆ December 25, 26: Extension Office closed
- ◆ Saturday, January 27: 4-H Sewing Fun Day for Hopkins County 4-H'ers, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Extension Office—assistance needed in helping 4-H youth with their FCS projects!!
- ◆ Looking ahead: I'm corresponding with the Como-Pickton ISD about implementing Walk & Talk in January and February. Stay posted for volunteer opportunities!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**