**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE**

 **STATE GOALS – January 2023**

**Focus:** Our goal is to enhance and enrich lives by becoming more involved in our society and the preservation of our history. In doing this we will fulfill the OHCE Motto of “Leaving the World a better place by having lived in It.”

**A. Community Projects**

1. Promote enrollment in and assist 4-H Clubs with specific project areas.
2. Partner with local agencies like chambers of commerce to locate and work together on a project.
3. Encourage members to interact with programs that serve the older population. For example nursing homes, assisted living places, nutrition centers or senior citizens centers.

**B. Spotlight Oklahoma**

1. Explore the history, diversity, and natural beauty of the local counties.
2. Promote a poster contest in the local school system to encourage students to recognize special attributes of their county.
3. OHCE Cultural Enrichment Committee will promote an annual state poster contest that highlight points of interest in local counties.
4. Involve the local Chamber of Commerce, local schools and businesses in this project if possible.
5. Visit local festivals and other gatherings that represent your county’s uniqueness.
6. Develop interactive presentations for local, district and state meetings.
7. Put articles in local newspapers and social media.

**C. Preservation of our Heritage**

 **1. Record oral and written history of family members, leaders in community and church members.**

 **2. Locate and preserve OHCE historical documents in the local counties.**

 **3. Restore the OHCE Motto back as part of the OHCE identity, ie in OHCE manual and on promotional items**

 **4. Encourage OHCE members to become Master Volunteers.**

**D. Provide Financial Aid and Scholarships**

1. Ruth B Sayre Scholarship Fund-OHCE donations are encouraged to contribute to scholarship fund for the purpose of fostering educational development for American women of any age who resides in a state of a CWC member society and must be enrolled in a minimum of nine credit hours. Up to four $500 scholarships are awarded each year depending on the amount available.

2. Pennies for Friendship (Associated Country Women of the World projects)

3. Dimes for CWC “Smile Train”. Suggest each member collect dimes or small coins that can be inserted into a 10 oz. water bottle.

4. Norma Brumbaugh Scholarship- $500 scholarships are given each year to three (3) qualified FCS Extension Educators who are approved by the Cultural Enrichment committee and the Associate Dean, Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Funds are paid directly by OHCE and presented annually by the OHCE Cultural Enrichment Chair. Increase visibility of this scholarship among OHCE members and educators.

AWARDS:

1st, 2nd, 3rd place County award $25, $15, $10

1st, 2nd, 3rd place Local group award $25, $15, $10

Linda Wallis, NE district - Chairman

Elizabeth Jones NW district - Member

Marian Stout NW - Member

Christine Hammond SE - Member