



AHCL Newsletter



President's Message

Greetings from
your President,

I was pleased to
see so many of you
turn out for our
District Meetings

in April. Spring is traditionally a time of
renewal and after all that has gone on in
the last 2 years, we are in need of some
renewal of mind, body, and spirit.

I want to take a few minutes to talk
about the AHCL State Conference. Many
of you may have never planned an event
and may wonder what you are actually
getting for your registration dollars every
year. You may wonder why we normally
choose one of the state parks instead of a
hotel in a more central location. Last year
our attendance of fewer than 50 people
was considerably less than in pre-
pandemic years, but we were able to stay
within budget by being creative and
reducing costs wherever we could. We
are looking forward to a re-energized,
well-attended AHCL State Conference this
year.

Your AHCL Board will be meeting
in June to budget and plan for the 2022
AHCL state conference. As in the past,
we will search for donations wherever
possible, and we will be able to offset
some of the expenses with the estimated
proceeds from the silent auction.
However, given the current economic
climate, we will most likely have to
increase the registration fee to account
for cost increases in almost every area.

Below are just some of the
expenses for the conference:

- 8 -Meals - \$125 per person (this includes taxes and a 20% service fee that the resort adds)
- Meeting Rooms - Range from \$800-1500 for the 3 days so about \$8-15/person; We are often charged for audio-visual equipment, too.
- Entertainment, speakers, cultural arts judges - We keep the budget on this under \$500. Quality entertainment generally depends on how much you pay for it. Also, speakers often get a meal and reimbursement of travel expenses;
- Craft supplies - our budget for this is \$5 per person. We try to get most of it donated in order to stay within budget.
- Items that are donated - silent auction items, door prizes, goody bag items, table favors, some speakers, and some printed materials.
- Miscellaneous printing and supplies - \$300.

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As you can see, your registration fee covers a lot of fixed costs and your Board members are always looking for ways to hold costs down and keep the registration fee reasonable.

Make your plans now to attend the AHCL State Conference at beautiful Joe Wheeler State Park, October 25-27, 2022. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the AHCL State Conference this year!

*Ginger Robinson,
AHCL President*



TAKE NOTE!!

Cultural Arts

Deadline Update

It has been the practice to submit Writing Entries to the State for judging by 1 October to make sure the writing judges have time to look at the material and make a good and fair assessment. Cell phones have made it so easy to take fabulous photos that we are being overwhelmed with Photography Entries, and the judges are struggling to truly evaluate all the submittals justly. Therefore we're asking that **each County send their blue ribbon Photography Entries to State with the Writing Entries to arrive by 1 October.** Please plan accordingly – you don't want to miss out because of a deadline issue! Photo and Writing Entries should be submitted to District I Coordinator Elizabeth Griswold.

AHCL State Scholarship Awarded

As a member of AHCL, you should take great pride in the impact your efforts and those of your club make all around your local area and throughout the state of Alabama. One of those impactful efforts is the awarding of scholarships to deserving students – something that may very well change the trajectory of the lives of those students as well as that of their families, even to future generations

Three of our State Board members recently had the great honor of representing you when they had the wonderful opportunity to present the 2022 AHCL Scholarship to Jasalyn Jernigan of Eufala High School. Thank you for making this possible!



Jasalyn Jernigan is presented the 2022 AHCL Scholarship by Board members Julie Twining, Tinnie Hunter, and Sherry Equi.

Member Resources

Member Education Are you thinking about taking a class to learn a new craft? A new language? Maybe it's time to figure out how to create a website, or maybe you want to tune up those vocal chords. Perhaps you have a career that requires continuing education credits. There are so many opportunities for adult education these days, from your local community college to your local library. Don't forget that the Dorothy Tate Scholarship is available to you – all you need to do is fill out and submit an application that can be found at this link [Dorothy Tate Scholarship](#).

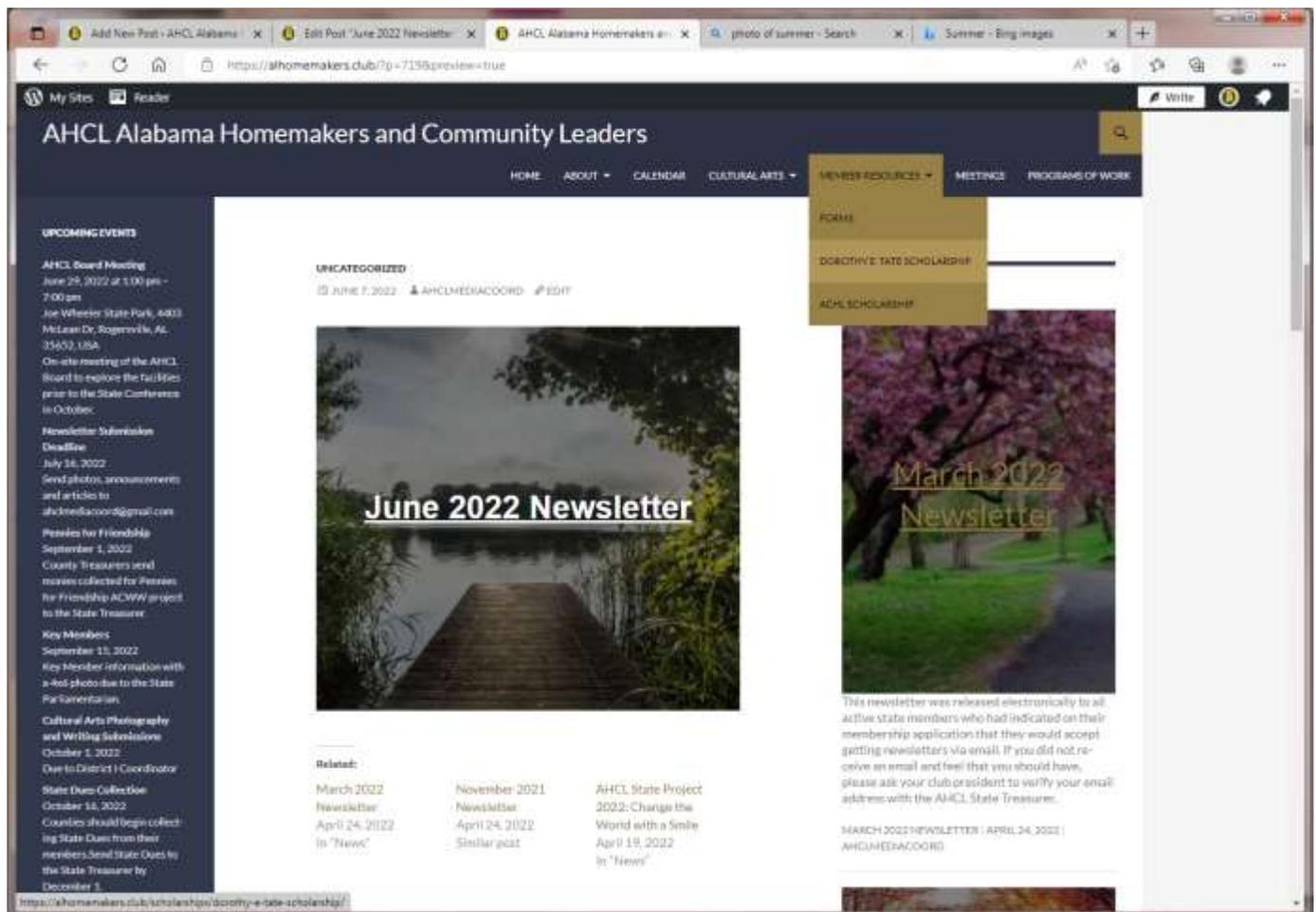
Club Grants Does your club have a fantastic project idea, but doesn't quite have the treasury to get the job done? Remember

that the AHCL Grant funds are available to support just that kind of need. Visit [AHCL Grant Application](#)

AHCL Website It took awhile for this old fogey to learn how to manipulate the website, but I have finally started to get a handle on it. Please visit the site at alhomemakers.club, or simply click on this link [AHCL Website](#) if you are reading this newsletter as an email.

I encourage you to search around inside the site and see what you can find, and what you find is missing. I do welcome your comments the site remains useful to you, the AHCL membership.

Thank you for your support and patience!
Nancy Z. Kitchens
Media Coordinator





Save the Date!!

2022 AHCL State Conference
October 25-27



Check out beautiful Joe Wheeler State Park at Alapark.com

Around The State



District III/IV
Gets On
Board!!



District II Let
Flowers Feed
Their Souls



**District I
Gets
Energized!!**



District III-IV News

We had a great time at our April 12, 2022 District III-IV Meeting. Our theme was "Smile Train." We had 41 in attendance. Our guest speaker was Angela Treadaway Regional Extension Agent on Food Safety and Quality. She spoke on Cottage food in Alabama. Some of us learned to fold bunny napkins while others just had a good laugh.



The winner of the "Flamingo Award" the best theme dressed club was Chelsea/Westover from Shelby County in their overalls and their smiley faced hats.



Our lunch was provided by Southern Sweets by Joan and she did a great job as always. We are grateful to the City of Jemison for the use of their wonderful facility. Among those attending we had a couple of 1st timers and one with 70 plus years in the club. All clubs did a wonderful job in their themed dress. Thanks to all who attended and played a part in making our meeting a such a success.

Pam Stone, District III-IV Coordinator

District II News

We collected \$48 at the Dist. II meeting, and then collected \$77 at the Henry County meeting which was donated to the Smile Train Program in the Alabama Homemakers name. Chose to donate now as they were matching the donation with a 3X increase so our \$125 became \$375! Congratulations District II ladies and keep "smiling".

Sherry Equi, District II Coordinator

Henry County

Jolly HCL was not resting during the Covid shutdowns! In 2020 and 2021 we delivered canned goods to the Judson thrift stores that provide food assistance for nearly 450 Henry County families.



Russell County

The Crawford HCL Club gave supplies to the Ronald McDonald House.



From left, President Rita Meredith, Program Director Kianna Jackson, and club member Presteen Miller, with their donation in front of the Ronald McDonald House.

District I News

The theme for the District I Meeting was “Let’s Get Energized”; Wow did you get Energized. The meeting was held at Owens Cross Roads Church of Christ in Madison County AL. Full Moon BBQ provided a very tasty lunch. Ignite Performing Arts Studio provided some really “Energized” entertainment. We all learned how to better exercise from Ava and Charlie of Balance for Life – without leaving our chairs!

Super special thanks to everyone who stepped up to make this day a huge success. It is an honor and a privilege to be the District 1 Coordinator.

God bless,

Elizabeth Griswold, District 1 Coordinator

Madison County

Homemakers are all about supporting our communities and we did just that by presenting a \$500 MCHCL Scholarships to each of two deserving young people. Out of twenty applications that came in from all over Madison County, Abigail Thorson and Winton Willaims were selected. By coincidence, they both attended Huntsville High, and we were able to make the presentations at their awards day.



Madison County President Nancy Kitchens presents scholarships to Winton Willaims and Abigail Thorson.

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