



Making a Difference

A quarterly publication of Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc.

Education, Involvement, Action

Summer 2010

President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying your summer. It is definitely a different summer than last year. Conference planning is in full swing. You will find several details in this edition of the newsletter. It promises to be a wonderful event. The women in Elliot and Carter Counties have taken this conference on full force.



The board is still working on the strategic direction/plan for KWIA. We are proposing some bylaw changes that will need to be voted on at the conference as well. You will also find the information for the awards to be given at the conference along with the scholarship and nomination forms. Please consider running for a place on the board. It is an exciting and changing time in KWIA as well agriculture. Serving on the board is a very rewarding experience!

I have just returned from the American Agri Women Fly-In held in Washington, DC representing KWIA. It was such a great event. That group of women always amazes me with the respect they get on the hill and the things they can get done in three days. I had very good meetings with the staff of Congressman Guthrie and the staff of U.S. Senate Minority Leader McConnell as well as the Leader himself. It is always good to bring the issues facing Kentucky agriculture to the forefront with our representatives. Between Cap and Trade, Ag Labor, Antibiotic use in animal agriculture, Atrazine review, Energy, Estate Tax, Food Safety, and Horse Slaughter we definitely were not short on topics to discuss. I know we have our fair share of agricultural issues in Kentucky but we are blessed compared to what so many of the ladies from some of the other states are facing.

Please let me know any questions you have or how I can server you better. Have a great rest of the summer!

~ Jenny Inman

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AG. DEVELOPMENT FUND 10-YEAR PROCLAMATION SIGNING



(Above) KWIA member Virginia Flanagan speaks with House Ag. Committee Chair Rep. Tom McKee. (Below) KWIA member Jean-Marie Lawson and her father, Sam Lawson, speak with former Gov. Paul Patton.



Member News

- ✓ Congratulations, to **Becky Hicks Kinder** on her recent nuptials.
April 17, 2010
- ✓ Congratulations, to all the new moms and grandmas out there!
- ✓ **Happy Birthday** to our spring/summer babies, who include Shelly Barron (7/12), Gae Broadwater (7/26), Mary Mills-Turner (5/19), Jeanine Raymond (5/5).
- ✓ If you have a birthday in the fall (September, October or November), then e-mail sandra.gardner@ky.gov with your name and birth date.



Wayne Co. Women in Ag Team Activities

Submitted by Georgia Burton (Dist. 5, Wayne Co.)

The Wayne County Women in Ag Leadership Team is trying a new approach this year. We are taking local and state tours to learn about different ag ventures.

We are having some difficulty with the weather-flooding and 95 degree temperatures. (Sound typical of farming?) Tours have been planned to a green house, fresh green bean venture, winery, microprocessing operation, a wine making class and more.

We will have a summer outing at our local farmer's market. We are still getting up enough courage to tackle the Equestrian Games at the Horse Park. We hope to be in full force for the KWIA convention.

Working locally with our Ag Development Board we have received a Wayne County \$2,000 Ag Development Grant which we are working locally to match. We have a spring and fall business and planning meeting.

If anyone would like for our group to share more with you contact Georgia Burton at georgiaburton@live.com or 606-278-4925.

Education

Scholarship Winner Announced

The KWIA Scholarship Committee had a difficult time this year selecting the recipient of our third annual scholarship for a woman studying agriculture. The field of applicants was very competitive.

After reviewing 12 applications, the committee is proud to announce **Alicia Naulty** as this year's recipient. Alicia is entering her junior year at Murray State and is planning to become a veterinarian.

Growing up in western Kentucky, Alicia's activities focused around her goal of becoming a veterinarian, including transferring to a school with an agriculture program in 6th grade and working with local animal shelters through middle and high school.

In 8th grade she realized her interest in large animal veterinary medicine while working on a herd health management program for a 500 head dairy on the guidance of her mentor Dr. Noel Thomas.

Alicia will receive \$500 per semester for the 2010-2011 school year for a total award of \$1,000.

Do Not Weep

~ Mary E. Frye, 1932

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there, I do not sleep

I am a thousand winds that blow

I am the diamond glints on the

snow

I am the sunlight on ripened rain

I am the gentle autumn's rain

When you awaken in the morning's hush

*I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight*

*I am the soft stars that shine at
night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and
cry;*

I am not there, I did not die.

Our condolences to all our sisters who have lost friends and family this year. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

A NEW KIND OF
CONFERENCE

This year's conference features "rolling sessions". Participants will pick their track and hop on a bus for on-site sessions at area farms and agribusinesses.

REGISTRATION

To register for the conference and any pre-conference workshops, fill out a registration form on the **page 7** and return with your registration fee:

KY Women in Agriculture
c/o Sharon Furches
ATTN: 2010 Conference
3390 State Route 94W
Murray, KY 42071

You may fax [(270) 759-0204] or e-mail [sfurches@mchsi.com] your form in advance of mailing your payment or paying with PayPal at www.kywomeninag.com.

HOTEL INFO

Guest House Inn & Suites
501 CW Stevens Blvd.
Grayson, Ky

Group Rate: \$55+tax/night

Phone: (606) 474-0000



Kentucky Women in Agriculture

11th Annual Conference

Marketing Matters:
Country Living for Profit & Pleasure

October 27-29, 2010

Grayson Conference Center
Grayson, Ky.

Summary Agenda

Wednesday, October 27

8:45 a.m. Load vans for **Pre-Conference Tour**

9:00 a.m. Chicken Coop Craft Mall

10:45 a.m. Smokey Valley Farm, *tour and lunch*
a gathering place for those that pursue the highest level of excellence in breeding, training and the enjoyment of gaited saddle horses.

- Dessert at Smokey Valley Truck Stop, featured on "Diners, Drive-Ins and, Dives".
- Pat Rayburn's Craft Farm—experience the talent from the hills of eastern Kentucky. Pat Rayburn recycles throw-a-ways into works of art as supplement to their farm income.

Return to Conference Center by 3:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Conference Registration Opens

4:00 p.m. Winery tour and tasting departs
transportation may be available

6:00 p.m. Dinner @ Carter Caves State Resort Park

After dinner **Story Telling in the Caves**—Sponsored by East Kentucky Power
Wear clothing for cool weather. It is chilly in/around the caves.

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Thursday, October 28

7:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Conference Call to Order

9:00 a.m. Busses leave the Conference Center

Tour #1—Farm Diversification & Agritourism

Boggs Deer Farm: Visit nationally known Vertical Acres Farm where deer are raised for breeding and research

Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center: Learn about the history of agriculture in eastern Kentucky. Maggie Miles will discuss her Community Shared Agriculture venture.

Tour #2—Greenhouses & Diversification

Garden Gate Greenhouse: A family owned business that evolved during the downward spiral of the tobacco program.

Ramey Farm: Learn about extending a growing season using high tunnel greenhouses.

Tour #3—Biofuel Production and Processing

Learn the process of growing and processing grasses for biofuels.

12:30 p.m. **Luncheon & Keynote Speaker**
Ashland Community & Technical College

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen A. Merrigan
"Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" (invited)

1:45 p.m. **Energy & Agriculture Panel**
State Representatives Rocky Adkins, Tanya Pullin, Jill York

2:45 p.m. **Q & A w/ Morning Experts & Energy Panel**

6:00 p.m. **Kentucky Proud Dinner**
Entertainment by Bluegrass Star Don Rigsby
Dancing with Heritage Hoedowners

Silent Auction Viewing begins at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Networking Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Business Meeting** (awards, officer installation)

9:45 a.m. **Inspirational Speaker**
Mitchell Tolle, American Artist: Tolle's journey has taken him from the hills of eastern Kentucky to national and international acclaim, as one of our most noted Appalachian artists.

11:00 a.m. Conference Adjourns
Silent Auction Item Pick Up

SCENES FROM THE 2009 KWIA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE



(Above) Charter members, Dr. Bonnie Tanner and Alice Baesler, chat during the luncheon.

(Below) Frances Brown, center, shares with the group, during a roundtable session.



(Above) Stephanie Young is all smiles at the conference luncheon.

(Below) Officer installation ceremony after the district networking breakfast.



KWIA Awards Program

DEADLINE: Oct. 1, 2010

Kentucky Women in Agriculture is now accepting nominations for its 2010 Awards. Awards will be presented during the Awards Breakfast on Friday, October 29 at the KWIA conference in Grayson (Carter Co.).

Laura Clay Award—This is the highest award given by KWIA. Kentuckian Laura Clay was a leader for women’s rights, education and agriculture at the national, state and local level. She was the first woman to be nominated for President of the United States.

This award is to recognize Kentuckians who are making a difference in today’s world and the future at the local, state and national level especially in the area of agriculture and our communities.

New Woman in Agriculture—This award will recognize a member who has just started an agriculture production/business venture in the past three years.

Continued Excellence Award—This award will recognize an outstanding agriculture business/producer for 10 years or longer who has been a member of KWIA for at least five years.

Outstanding KWIA New Member—An outstanding member of KWIA being in the organization three years or less.

Honorary Friend of KWIA—This award will rotate among the districts with two districts giving the award each year. Districts 1 & 2 will select someone who has given support and/or sponsorship to women in the area of agriculture or to the KWIA organization. This award does not require membership and may be given to an individual, agency, organization, legislator, media, etc.

Nominations may be made by individual members and KWIA affiliated agriculture organizations, agencies, or businesses. Self-nominations will also be accepted. The deadline for nominations is October 1, 2010.

Please submit nominations to:

Kentucky Women in Agriculture
c/o Michelle Armstrong
1125 Lilly Pike
Taylorsville, KY 40071

Nomination form at right or at www.kywomeninag.com.

Kentucky Women in Agriculture 2010 Awards Nomination Form

- Laura Clay
- New Woman in Agriculture
- Continued Excellence
- Outstanding KWIA New Member
- Honorary Friend of KWIA (1 & 2)

Nominee’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

In 250 words or less, explain why the nominee is worthy of the award checked above.



2009 Award Winners

Joining KWIA President Jenny Inman (*far left*) and American Agri-Women President Marcie Williams (*far right*), are the recipients of KWIA’s 2009 Awards, presented during the evening banquet: **Laura Clay Award**—Phyllis Amyx, **Honorary Friend of KWIA**—Kentucky Soybean Board (Randy Mann), **Outstanding KWIA New Member**—Linda Dickerson, **Continued Excellence Award**—Helena Pitcock

Involvement

Leadership Opportunities

Each year at the Fall Conference, KWIA elects half of the board of directors membership for a two-year term.

This year there are three officer and three district delegate positions up for election: president, secretary, reporter, delegates for even numbered districts. Nominations are due Oct. 1, 2010.

Summary of Duties

President - presides at all general membership and board meetings and performs duties of Chief Executive Officer; ensures that the Constitution and Bylaws are executed by everyone concerned and that all officers of the organization properly discharge their duties; etc.

Secretary - conduct the correspondence of the organization; keep minutes of all meetings; issue all notices of meetings; etc.

Reporter - editor of KWIA newsletter; work with Web manager to update and maintain www.kywomeninag.com; prepare press releases as needed; etc.

District Delegate - represent members of district; serve as point of contact for recruitment of new members in the district; etc.

The Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. bylaws state that an individual may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

The following positions do not have incumbents running for 2011-2012: president, secretary, district 2 delegate.



2011-2012 Board Nomination Form

Please complete this page and submit as noted below.

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Position sought:

- President (must have board experience)
- Secretary
- Reporter
- District 2 Delegate
- District 4 Delegate
- District 6 Delegate

Nominated by: _____

(Self-nominations are permissible and encouraged.)

I accept this nomination and hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc.

Signature of nominee: _____

Date: _____

Please attach a short bio (not to exceed ½ page) with this form. This information will be shared with voters before the election and used in new releases and communications if elected.

Due date: October 1, 2010

Return completed form: KY Women in Agriculture
c/o Jenny Inman
Nominating Committee Chair
P.O. Box 21643
Owensboro, KY 42304
jennysinman@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION FORM
11th Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference: *Marketing Matters—Country Living for Pleasure & Profit*
Oct. 27-29, 2010—Grayson (Carter Co.)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(to be used for newsletter and conference information)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (Circle HOME / CELL / OFFICE) Fax: _____

Email: _____ County / District: _____

Pre-Conference Activities – Wednesday, October 27, 2010

_____ \$25 - Local Agriculture Tour - Fee includes transportation and lunch. 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 (Craft Mall, Smokey Valley Farm & Truck Stop, Pat Rayburn's Craft Farm)

_____ \$25 - Evening activities – Winery Tour & Tasting 4 - 6 p.m.
 Dinner & Entertainment at Carter Caves State Resort Park 6 p.m.
 "Story Telling in the Caves" will begin immediately after dinner (bring a sweater or jacket)

Conference Registration

*A limited number of scholarships are available. The application form is on the next page. Scholarship applications will be accepted until Oct. 1 and first-time applicants will be given priority. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15, 2010.** Registration fee includes your 2010 membership dues. (The cancellation deadline is Friday, Oct. 30. Notice given after this date will not receive the \$50 conference fee refund.)*

_____ \$75 Standard registration fee (Includes 4 conference meals + annual membership) *See Tours below.*

_____ \$65 Student registration (Includes 4 conference meals + annual membership) *See Tours below.*

Choose 1st and 2nd choices for Thursday's tours:

_____ Tour #1: Farm Diversification & Agritourism

_____ Tour #2: Greenhouses & Diversification

_____ Tour #3: Biofuels, Production & Processing

_____ **TOTAL**

If you cannot attend the conference you may submit your membership renewal to the address below.

_____ \$25 Regular membership (Circle NEW or RENEW) _____ \$10 Student (Circle NEW or RENEW)

Make all checks payable to Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc.

Mail to: KWIA, Inc.

c/o Sharon Furches – Registration

3390 State Rt. 94W

Murray, KY 42071



Pre-registration is required, and registration is limited.
 No registrations accepted at the door.

*Any bank fees charged for returned checks will be charged back to the individual. KWIA, Inc. membership and programs are open to all regardless of sex, race, color, age, disability, or national origin.

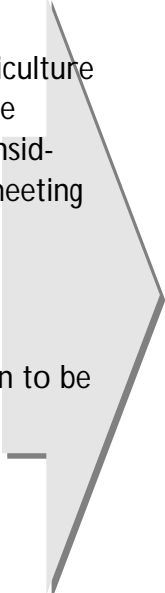
Action

Proposed KWIA Bylaw Revisions

The membership of Kentucky Women in Agriculture is hereby notified of proposed changes to the KWIA bylaws. The proposed changes will be considered by the membership at the annual business meeting on Friday, October 29 at the annual conference.

There are six proposed changes to the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. Bylaws. To proposed changes are to the left with the article and section to be affected.

A complete copy of the KWIA Bylaws is available at www.kywomeninag.com.



Article VI - Officer and Area Delegates

Section 2 - Duties of the Vice President

Add: Serves as chair of the Membership Committee

Section 4 - Duties of the Treasurer

Add: Serves as chair of the Finance Committee

Section 5 - Duties of Reporter

Add: Serves as chair of the Public Relations Committee

Section 7 - Duties of Area Delegates

Add: And other duties outline in the organization's "Policies and Procedures"*

Create: Section 8 - Board Duties
The Board of Directors shall be responsible for updating the "Policies and Procedures" as necessary.

Article XIII - Amendments

Revise: "Any proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors of the organization at least ~~60~~ 30 days prior to the next ~~member~~ board meeting..."

**"Policies and Procedures" is currently under development and will be presented at the annual business meeting on October 29.*

KENTUCKY WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE, INC CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ ail: _____

What is your involvement in Agriculture?

Why would you like to receive a scholarship to the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference?

In what activities are you involved?

Have you received the scholarship in the past? _____

If so what years? _____

Send your application to: Jenny Inman P.O. Box 21643 Owensboro, KY 42304 If you have questions call 1-877-266-8823 or email jennysinman@yahoo.com.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS OCTOBER 1, 2010

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO FIRST TIME APPLICANTS



Dairy Month was celebrated this June with many events including Dairy Night at the Legends in Lexington.

Photo: KWIA Reporter

Upcoming Events

KWIA Board Meetings

Sept. 29

10:00 a.m. Hardin Co. Farm Bureau Office

Recurring Meetings

The following are meetings that occur at regular intervals.

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

3rd Friday of each month
agpolicy.ky.gov

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

1st Friday of each month
kafc.ky.gov

Tobacco Settlement Oversight Committee

1st Wednesday of each month
www.lrc.ky.gov

* Check Websites to verify meeting details.

Events in Agriculture

Sept. 9

2010 Regional BioEnergy Field Day

Eastern Kentucky University Meadowbrook Farm, 485 Whitt Road, Richmond, Ky. (4 – 8 p.m. EDT): The event will help increase awareness of on-farm energy efficiency possibilities and renewable energy production opportunities which will give Kentucky farmers new options to improve their competitiveness and profitability. Cost: Free, includes meal. For more information, call (859) 623-4072 or visit <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/madison/>.

Sept. 14

4th Annual Ky. Farm Women Field Day

Louisville Zoo, 1100 Trevillian Way, Louisville: SAVE THE DATE. Women associated with agriculture from across the Commonwealth are invited to the event for fun, fellowship and a free meal at the Zoo. Participants will be able to try out John Deere equipment, visit a variety of exhibits and meet many who share their interest in agriculture. There will be several expert workshops on topics from government relations to nutrition & cooking to landscaping and more! Lois Mateus will be the featured speaker, during the dinner. For more information or information on exhibiting, contact Jean-Marie Lawson at jean-marie@hartlandeq.com.

Sept. 17, 18

Kentucky Wood Expo

Hopkins County Fair & Ballard Convention Center, Madisonville: Gates and exhibits open at 9 a.m. on Friday, 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. In addition to being a family friendly event, the Expo is a one-stop shop for loggers, manufacturers of wood products, farmers, landowners and service companies who provide support to the forest product industry. Two training/continuing education courses will address biomass issues related to markets and the future. For more information call (502) 695-3979 or visit www.kfia.org.

Sept. 22

Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment Showcase

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lexington (4 p.m. EDT): Save the Date for this inaugural event with a reception and awards. For more information, contact Carol Hanley at chanley@uky.edu or (859) 257-3780.

Oct. 2

UK Mountain Ag. and Energy Field Day

Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability, Quicksand, Ky. (10 – 4 p.m. EDT): A variety of agriculture and energy related topics will be covered through presentations and tours. More information to follow.

September is Agritourism Month How will you celebrate?



Visit www.kentuckyfarmsarefun.com to find an agritourism venue near you.

Sept. 25 – Oct. 10

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington: Come join in the excitement surrounding this premiere event. In addition to the many equine events, activities include shopping at more than 250 trade show booths; exciting exhibits and entertainment at the Kentucky Experience Tourism Pavilion featuring Kentucky Proud Products; the Alltech Experience pavilions; and many of the Kentucky Horse Park's world-renowned exhibits and museums. Cost: equine events vary; Grounds Passes, \$25. Tickets are available through www.ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet and via the Ticketmaster hotline (800) 745-3000. For more information about all the festivities surrounding the games, visit alltechfeigames.com.



Have you visited one of Kentucky's more than 150 farmers' markets? Visit www.kyagr.com for market hours in your area and experience the unbridled spirit of Kentucky grown products.

2010 Officers

- President:** Jenny S. Inman
- Vice president:** Michelle Armstrong
- Secretary:** Sharon Furches
- Treasurer:** Phyllis Amyx
- Reporter:** Sandra Gardner
- Past-President:** Terry Gilbert

2010 District Delegates

- District 1: Gwenda Adkins
- District 2: Pam Pilgrim
- District 3: Jeanine Raymond
- District 4: Mattie Clay
- District 5: Nancy Richardson
- District 6: Linda Dickerson
- District 7: Becky Hicks

Contact Information

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 P.O. Box 4409
 Lexington, Kentucky 40544-4409
 Phone/ Fax: 1-877-266-8823
 Email: info@kywomeninag.com

We're on the Web!
www.kywomeninag.com

More Member News

✓ Congratulations, **Gwenda Adkins** for being a finalist for the Martha Layne Collins Leadership Award.

Not only is Gwenda District 1 Delegate, she's also spearheading the host committee for KWIA's 2010 annual conference.

✓ Congratulations to **Frances Brown** on her reappointment to the Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) board.



Photo: Keston Communications

We make dirt look good!

Mission

The mission of Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. is to empower women through education, involvement, and action.

Kentucky Women in Agriculture is dedicated to

- Promoting Kentucky women in agriculture;
- Promoting agriculture in Kentucky;
- Creating a cooperative feeling among women in agriculture and striving for good fellowship and integrity of the membership as a whole;
- Protecting the best interest of our members; and,
- Communicating with one another and with other consumers to promote agricultural products and services for the benefit of Kentuckians and the world.

Our objectives are

1. To provide an promote educational opportunities that advance the interests and welfare of our members regarding important issues surrounding agriculture.
2. To education our members on policy, legislative processes and issues that are of concern to agriculture.
3. To serve as a liaison between our members and entities interested in the sustainability of agriculture.
4. To prepare our members for leadership roles in agriculture at the county, state and national levels.