



REGIONAL NEWS

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Peach County Central 2 Region



On November 18, 1999, Stanley Bennett, Sub-Regional Vice Pres., traveled to Fort Valley, Georgia to speak to the Peach County Adoptive and Foster Parent Association by invitation. Stanley has met many great individuals in his region, but these good folks at Peach County outdid everyone. Stanley said it was very difficult to keep his mind on the subject which they were discussing because they had spread, only a few feet from the podium a mini homecoming feast. "My sincere thanks goes to everyone in attendance for their undivided attention and enthusiasm," said Stanley. A wonderful work is being provided to all the children under the guidance of the following officers: Ms. Mary Turk, President; Mr. Oscar Cosby, Vice-President; Ms. Malone Rumph, Treasurer; Ms. Pearl Cosby, Secretary.

Laurens County Central 2 Region



On November 29, 1999, the regular monthly meeting was held to discuss finalization for the Childrens' Christmas Party. Also, the election of officers turned out to be the easiest item of business...all nominees ran unopposed and offered no resistance to the show of hands that elected them. Congratulations to the following officers for 2000-2001: Mr. Tommy Eck, President; Ms. Margie Barber, Vice-President; Ms. Lenora Kosten, Secretary; Ms. Lisa Wilbank, Treasurer. Everyone was

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camera shy, so no picture is available. Stanley asked the president-elect of his agenda and plans for his tenure and Mr. Eck stated "I intend and expect to run the Association as a friendly club and not use any organized or legislative procedures in running that club." Mr. Eck informed all members and visitors that he had applied for a \$5,000.00 grant and that Ms. Janet English of DFCS had agreed to oversee and disburse the grant to needy foster parents.

Rockdale County Metro 2 Region



Annette Fauci (Foster Mother of the Year, 1999) is in the final steps of completing the application for Section 501C (the IRS code of a non-profit organization). Once completed, Rockdale County Adoptive & Foster Parent association will be qualified for the Second Harvest National Food Bank. This is a food bank in Atlanta that will give food for their Foster children.

On a different note, special thanks go out to Jody and Jim Vernon for many miles driven, many boxes loaded and unloaded, presents wrapped and for cleanup after the Christmas party at Rockdale County DFCS.

More thanks go out to the Women in Fellowship of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church for the wonderful, fun-filled party they generously gave for Foster parents and children. Also much thanks goes out to Grace Fellowship Church for

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the presents they gave to the Foster children. Much Christmas Spirit was present in these places!

More thanks go to WSB and Wal-mart for their generous contributions!

The 1999 Rockdale County Adoptive parents of the year were Mark & Debbie Sanders. They began fostering in December of '93 and their first child (age 16) has now returned to live at their residence (age 22). They are proud grandparents of a 2-month old, they adopted a sibling group of 2 in 1996 and another sibling group of 2 in 1997, they are in the process of adopting another sibling group of 2, and they desire to adopt more in the future. Mrs. Sanders serves as the President of the Adoptive & Foster Parents' Association in their county, and the Sanders' are very committed to providing permanency to families.

The 1999 Foster Parents of the year are Martin and Mary McIntosh. The McIntoshs have been foster parents for 12 years. They have 5 biological children, 15 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of 1 grandchild and one great-grandchild! They have fostered a total of 76 children and are currently fostering 6 children. These are truly examples of working in partnership for the betterment of Georgia's children!

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