

Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association

MAPPING OUR FUTURE

An Installation Ceremony for KEHA Club, County, Area and State Officers



The installation of new officers is a time to reflect upon the accomplishments of our previous leaders and look forward to the new ideas and inspirations of our newly elected leaders. To those that have faithfully served this past term,

thank you for designing a route that inspires us all. Your leadership has promised us a great future and we are grateful for your commitment to KEHA.

The theme for the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association this year is "Mapping Our Future." We will be using this theme to install our officers today. Just as a route consists of backroads, highways, intersections, and some bumps along the way, this team will be created in the same way. As KEHA officers, you will bring your individual paths together as you work to map out another great year. You will each bring your experiences, your knowledge, and your love for the organization to the drawing board. Together you will intersect ideas, overcome stops along the way, and share the road with our loyal members. Would all newly elected officers please come forward? (Have the officers line up in order, Educational Chairmen first.)

The members have shown their faith and confidence in your ability and have chosen each of you to lead the great work of this organization in the coming year. Your willingness to serve and discharge your duties to the best of your knowledge is the first step towards making your term successful.

We'll begin our installation with the Educational Chairmen. < Read the names and positions.>

Part of mapping out a route is highlighting desired points of destination. Just as a highlighter emphasizes the specific paths and stops along the way and measures success, the Educational Chairmen outline goals and objectives for programming related to their focus area. They provide plans for KEHA members to succeed. Do each of you promise to faithfully carry out your duties and provide direction for our work? Use this highlighter to bring attention to plans, progress, goals and accomplishments. (Present the gift to the officer.)

When traveling, a ledger is used to document expenses along the way. This helps to insure that financial resources are available for the journey to continue. The treasurer maintains the KEHA ledger, tracking income and expenditures. Name of treasurer could you please step forward? Do you promise to faithfully and diligently carry out your duties as treasurer? Let this ledger serve as a reminder of your roles and responsibilities. (Present the gift to the officer(s).)

A journal serves a very important purpose as we begin "mapping our future" in KEHA. Just as a journal documents the events of the route taken, the secretary will record key events, meetings, and the business of the club/county/area. This journal will help us see where the road had twists and turns along the way, and also where the path lead to success. Will Name of secretary please step forward? Do you promise to carry out your duties to the best of your ability? Let this journal and pen allow you to chart the actions of the organization and keep record of our journey. (Present the gift to the officer.)

To navigate along the journey, a map must be used to determine which routes to take and where new territory can be explored. In KEHA, the vice president(s) provide the navigation to move ahead and share the road through program planning and membership recruitment. <Name of Vice President(s)>, could you please step forward? Let this map provide you with directions to carry out your duties. (Present the gift(s) to the officer(s).)

<Name of President> could you please step forward? Each journey needs a compass to help set the group in the right direction and to keep a steady course. Just as a compass guides the directions, the president guides the organization to success throughout his/her term of office. Do you pledge to use your knowledge and skills to point <club/county/area> in the right direction and to help direct the organization back on the right road despite all the turns along the way? Let this compass remind you to stay on point as you carry out your duties. (Present the gift to the officer.)

The final component of a road trip are the people to share the journey. These people are seeking adventure and are excited to participate in the experience. Likewise, KEHA members provide support, encouragement, and bring their unique skills, which ultimately makes the trip what it is. Members, do you promise to be active and to support these leaders in the projects and activities of the <a href=

By the authority vested in me as the installing officer, I now declare these officers of the <<u>club/county/area></u> duly installed. Congratulations and best wishes!

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