



The Sun Shines Bright

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

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Items Needed:

President – A cut rose or small rosebush.

1st Vice President – A cut sunflower, sunflower plant or pack of sunflower seeds.

2nd Vice President – Cut zinnias, a zinnia plant or a pack of zinnia seeds.

Secretary – Cut daisies, a daisy plant or a pack of daisy seeds.

Treasurer – Cut marigolds, a marigold plant or a pack of marigold seeds.

Educational Chairmen – A cut dahlia, dahlia plant or pack of dahlia seeds for each chairman

Script:

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 sharing your brightness with KEHA. As you have let your sun shine, your leadership has fostered growth and colored our journey with beauty.

The theme for the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association this year is “The Sun Shines Bright.” Sunlight is a key ingredient for the growth, vibrance and beauty of the flowers that bring color to our environment. Today, we will install our officers using a variety of flowers. Just as each flower is unique, each of you bring a distinctive skill set to your position and you each have unique duties and responsibilities. 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 will begin our installation with the Educational Chairmen. <Read the names and positions.>

Educational chairmen each have similar but unique duties and responsibilities. Likewise, the dahlia represents following your own unique path and each color carries a distinctive meaning. Do each of you promise to faithfully carry out your duties, providing unique activities and programs for our members? Let these dahlias [or dahlia seeds] remind you of your commonalities and differences. (Present the gift to the officer.)

According to historical folklore, the name marigold is derived from the flowers' use as an offering to the Virgin Mary in place of gold coins. For Extension Homemakers, our "gold" is the funds we generate through membership, fundraisers, events and activities. <Name of treasurer>, could you please step forward? As treasurer, you are charged with tending our funds with a steady hand, just as a gardener tends her flowers. Do you promise to faithfully and diligently carry out your duties as treasurer? Let this/these Marigolds (cut or potted plant) [or Marigold seeds] remind you of your responsibilities in caring for our "gold." (Present the gift to the officer(s).)

The daisy, a modest and simple flower, is seen as a symbol of cheer, purity and new beginnings. <Name of secretary>, could you please step forward? As secretary, you are charged with recording the business of our organization, with simple, pure minutes that provide record of our activities for all those who follow. Do you promise to carry out your duties to the best of your ability? Please accept this daisy [or these daisy seeds] as a reminder of your responsibilities as secretary. (Present the gift to the officer.)

The zinnia is a symbol of endurance. This resilient flower comes in many colors and is one of the easiest flowers to grow. <Name of 2nd Vice President>, could you please step forward? As the 2nd vice president, you are charged with growing our organization's membership through retention and recruitment activities. Do you promise to faithfully carry out the duties of your office? Let this zinnia [or these zinnia seeds] remind you of the importance, diversity and endurance of our membership. (Present the gift to the officer.)

The sunflower is often associated with warmth, positivity and strength. <Name of 1st Vice President>, could you please step forward? As 1st vice president, you are charged with confidently guiding our program efforts with a sense of positivity and serving as an assistant to our president. Do you promise to faithfully carry out these duties to the best of your ability? Let this sunflower [or these sunflower seeds] remind you to be a source of positive energy and strength for our organization. (Present the gift to the officer.)

<Name of President> could you please step forward? The rose is considered the "queen flower" and has been revered for centuries. Though each color has a symbolic meaning, the rose is generally associated with balance, promise, grace and elegance. As president, you are expected to lead our organization with grace and balance, embracing the symbolism of the rose. Do you pledge to use your knowledge and skills to light the way for the <club/county/area>? Let this rose [cut flowers or small rosebush] remind you to be a faithful leader and to enjoy the beauty of the organization during your term. (Present the gift to the officer.)

Members, please stand with us. The beauty of any bouquet is derived from the individual flowers joined together. Members, do you promise to use your individual talents to brighten our bouquet and to support these leaders as they carry out their duties?

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