

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Century Club memberships of \$100 each were received from: Darrell Ailshie, Jerry Cooper (Camp Clements Fund in memory of Kenneth K. Mitchell), Bobby Miller, Grace Page and Mark & Diane Rust (FM Global Matching).

Funds for the International Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) trip to China on January 4-16, 2012 for Peyton Graham and Westlee Walker were received from: Burlison Gin Company (\$40) and City of Munford (\$250).

N. O. Candidate Fund received \$500 from Michael Vestal.

The 13th Annual Safley Dinner in honor of the 2011-2012 State Officer Team was sponsored by First State Bank (\$1,250) and John and Chelsea Rose (\$1,526.65).

Florida Indian River Groves gave a rebate of \$186.80.

A donation of \$50 in honor of Ben & Jennifer Moore, 2012 American Farm Bureau Achievement Award Winners, was made by Mark & Jill Reeves. They also made a donation of \$100 in memory of Barry Baker.

Donations in memory of Henry G. Williams were made by: Denver Bowman, Dr. Edwin and Betty Lamberth, Donald Nanney and Edwin Tritt.

Henry County FFA Alumni Association donated \$40 in memory of lifetime alumni member, Dave Wilcox, Paris, TN.

Memorial funds for Louise Loftis, mother of Jimmie Loftis, were received from the Alumni, Association and Foundation.



Central Region VP, Alicia Hodnik of Wisconsin, conducts one of the workshops with FFA members during the National Officer Experience training sessions in TN on Jan. 4-10, 2012. Thanks to our sponsors – Tennessee Farmers Cooperative and Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation – for making this happen.



Dr. Kathleen Airhart, Deputy Commissioner of Education, visits briefly with the Joint State Staff during their meeting in Nashville on January 24-25. She previously served as Putnam County Director of Schools and has been a classroom teacher and supervisor for special education. She earned a B.A. in agricultural natural resources management from TTU, followed by an M.A., EdS and Ed.D. in curriculum and development. The group also met with Dr. Danielle Mezera, Assistant Commissioner of Career and Technical Education. She previously served as Nashville Mayor Karl Dean's chief education advisor. Prior to public service, she was director of Vanderbilt University's Community Outreach Center and has lectured nationally on education reform. Mezera holds a BA in elementary education, M.Ed. in higher education administration and PhD in education and human development. Both appointments were made by Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman and became effective on January 1, 2012. We look forward to a working partnership with both of these new leaders in the TN Dept. of Education.

CAMP CLEMENTS RECEIVES \$100,000 GIFT

Several Farm Credit leaders met with the Tennessee FFA State Officers outside the state capitol and presented a \$100,000 check for renovations at Camp Clements. The money will be used immediately to renovate two of the camp's 11 cabins allowing for more year-round programming. Farm Credit Regional VP Matt Neal submitted the request for assistance to the Farm Credit's Stewardship Fund Committee. Thanks!