

A Tribute to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America on the 70th
Anniversary

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Our founding members gathered in '45.
They brainstormed and organized and Future Homemakers came alive.
A group with focus on family, leadership and care
Soon gave way to a dynamic youth group beyond compare.

Our first state leader was Carolyn Ray
A pioneer, for sure, who led the way.
And now a bench declares her as such
Planted in Owensville to honor a legacy of much.

The mission was set...improvement the plan
To grow stronger and better in families and communities all over the land.

Toward New Horizons the motto for all
Strive for the best and heed the call.
Search for beauty in everyday life,
Never give up, no matter the strife.

The flower was chosen, the rose all in red,
Next came our colors to move us ahead.
Strength for each day with sincerity too,
Then came eight purposes, right on cue.

Next came the Creed that has stood well the test of time,
To tell who we are, our values do shine.
Builders of homes and strong leaders too
Dreams become realities for more than a few.

Giving service to others, far and wide
Helping folks out who need someone on their side.
We plan and we process the way of giving,
All to improve our community living.

Members and parents and advisers alike
All see the good, declaring it right.
A group that has something for each and everyone
Benefits galore, when all is said and done.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders evolved,
Societal issues of a new millennium to be solved.
Accepting the challenge, we make our way
So much left to do...so much left to say.

But now is the time to stand up and cheer
And congratulate FCCLA on 70 years!
Celebrate the past and the future to see
Honor the history and all that is yet to be.

Youth, keep on keepin' on.
Carry on the tried and the true.
FCCLA and family is forever...
The best part of me and you.

Thanks for the memories that last.
Thanks for a rewarding past.
Thanks for youth who lead the way,
For tomorrow will be a brighter day!

