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OFFICIAL

Mary Jane's Musings. . . .

Red, White & Blue every place you look! What a wonderful experience it was to attend the ACWW meeting in Hot Springs Arkansas. Many from Kansas joined in with the red, white and blue uniform for one day, 3 days or week conference with many from other countries. I must admit that as an FCE member for many years, I have always known about and read about ACWW, but until one sits beside a lady from South Africa to visit, or tries to explain the United States and where Kansas is to a woman from South Wales, the full meaning of Associated County Women of the World doesn't really sink in. Thank you for the opportunity to represent Kansas FCE at ACWW.

We donated 4 boxes of cookbooks and the majority of them were sold, so know that many folks throughout the US and World are enjoying our KAFCE Cookbook.

I received 4 quilt squares in time to take them to the meeting to be entered the very first day. Those sending squares were Judith Green, Muscotah; Janice Haney, Greensburg; Shirley Frame, Overland Park and Betty Stambaugh, Topeka. Thank you so much for sharing your talent. Members donated items for the County Store. I am aware that Peggy Martens and Susan Thole donated tatted items to sell. There may have been others of you that made contributions as well, but I am sorry, I do not know who you are, but THANKS for your contribution.

In listening to one of the representatives from the United Nations talk about what they were working toward, it made me appreciate what we have here in the United States of America. They are working for safety and security of women; for women to be heard and for freedom for women.

The representative from East, West & Central Africa said, "Woman is EVERYTHING!" They have **LOTS** of problems in her country, but they have realized that working together they can accomplish a lot.

ACWW and KAFCE share some of the same issues such as the lack of funding, and the need to "raise our profile", but know, if we all work together, we can make it happen.

COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS TAKE NOTICE!!!

The yearly AUGUST MAILING **will** be coming soon. It is the responsibility of the County Council President to do the following:

1. Read the entire packet of information as soon as you get it.
2. Make copies of the various pieces for the officers that need the information and get it to them timely – even if you don't meet in August. Mail it to them if you must.
3. Take it to the Extension office so they can make a copy of the information to have when someone can't find their copy and it is just good to keep them "in the loop".

OFFICIAL CALL * OFFICIAL CALL
for the annual
Kansas FCE Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
At 1:00 p.m.
Dodge House Hotel
Convention Center
Dodge City, Kansas

This meeting is for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports and transacting other business as may properly come before it. Since KAFCE News goes to every member all Kansas FCE members as well as County Council Presidents should consider themselves duly notified.

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SHARING FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

BY SHARON GIACOMETTI

This was a great year for all the members in the state for FCE. The State EPC committee found that a lot of wonderful projects were done by the individuals, units and county councils that were exciting in 2009.

The State EPC committee is submitting a report for this issue on the items being sent to National FCE. Linda Jean wrote the Community Service report on "Think Pink", Edith McClain wrote the report on Going Green, and I wrote the Someone's in USA court(ing) the Judicial System report. Look for these displays and reports at the State Conference that will be held in Dodge City , October 12-23.

The units should have received the trainings for the year 2010 lessons by this time. The K-State lessons offer great ideas for projects. Beef: Choices offers ideas about marinade, what ingredients are required for tenderizing meat, how to safely marinade and the grilling information reducing cancer risks. Sleep: Want It, Need, Get It! Provides information on sleep-health. Cut the Clutter and Get Organized is a good one for everyone who has more stuff than they can handle. National Lessons are Someone's Looking in the Mirror...and Sees the Face of Arthritis, Old Tyme Games & Activities, and the Essay & Artwork Contest Theme Fairness. The State Committee members wrote Time for Tea and Genealogy. Any one of these lessons will make wonderful projects for your county or unit projects.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I will see you after I get back from National Conference in Grand Rapids , Michigan with lots of new ideas.

Leadership Training Notice

FCE Leadership Training will be held on August 31 and September 1 at the Webster Conference Center in Salina , Kansas . The lessons for 2011 have a variety of topics and challenges for this year. All Area Educational Program Committee members and Area Directors will be sent informational invitations with directions and specifics in late June. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar now.

[SOMEONE IN KANSAS IS COURT \(ING\) THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM](#) This is the title of the Kansas display for the EDUCATION category which has been done for the National FCE Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The report states that 787 members were reached through this lesson. 606 others were reached and 188,188 were reached through media and booth displays. The Yellow Brick Road Justice Game with instructions and pictures of adults and students playing the game is on the display. Look for it at the State Conference in Dodge City in October.

State Community Service Award Winner

Linda Jean, State EPC Committee

Cum Joy Nus FCE chose the "Think Pink" as their Community Service project. The members made 50 pillows to ease pain for those who had mastectomies, 36 turbans for those who lost their hair, 100 ribbon pins and distributed them at KAFCE conference and other public events. They gave the lesson **Think Pink** to 4 groups, gave books to the Cancer Center . They, also, supported 2 Relays for Life by donating time and money. One member lobbied for bills in congress in Washington, D. C. She, also, taught Reach to Recovery trainers. Members worked with the Stormont Vail Center and the American Cancer Society.

Other Community Service winners included Ideal, Labette County who donated 285 books, hosted two morning coffees and wrote and submitted albums in the heirloom Album category at the county fair. Spring Hill FCE, Johnson County , helped the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to help teach their children to sew. Used sewing machines supplies were collected, the sewing machines were cleaned and oiled. Money was collected to pay for transporting these items to the reservations. Don't Dodge Difficulty, Labette County , made and donated 83 double-knit quilts to the Crisis Resource Center of Southeast Kansas in Pittsburg .

Community Service Award Winners are selected from units that fill out the Community Service Report Form. This report can be entered in addition to a project in either Education, Leadership or Action. Please make sure if you do a community service that is not pertaining to a lessons, enter it on the proper community service form.

Candidate for State FCE Secretary

Rebecca Wondra has been a member of FCE for 31 years. She has served as President, Secretary and Council Representative for her FCE (Co-Ac-Wi). Becky has served as Treasurer and President of the County Council. On the Area level she has served on the Educational Program Committee and has served on the State level as Historian and Standard of Excellence Chair, Membership & Marketing. She has been very active on the County level, serving on several committees related to FCE and Extension.

Becky has also been involved with Wichita Public school PTA (serving as officers, tutoring and computer Lab set-up).

She also uses her FCL training to reach several other organizations.

Computers are an amazing means of communication, but there are times we still have a glitch in technology. Therefore the first article was for the March issue.

Treasurer's Topics Judy Emert

Past KAFCE Treasurer, Nancy Kernick has been helping me get started with the responsibilities of this office, and my husband and I traveled to SE Kansas to pick up the supplies. I have been processing late membership forms, which include some for NEW and RE-JOINED members. The blank for Member ID # is often still blank. This number starts with KS and ends with I (individual) or S (senior 80 yrs). It can be found on your membership ID card on the back cover of the NAFCE Handbook you received last year. It is also printed near the address on "FCE Today" and "KAFCE News."

When I applied for this office I said I also looked forward to being a member of the KAFCE Board. So, contact me with questions and suggestions. Judy Emert, 815 South 8th, Sabetha, KS 66534 785-284-3095 j&demert@mewlan.com

Treasurer's Topics Judy Emert

We have learned that all small tax-exempt organizations must file an e-Postcard each year. Most FCE Units and Councils got an Employee Identification Number (EIN) during the past 2 years. The next step is to "activate" it so you can file the e-Postcard. The details of this process were summarized on a single sheet given to each county at Area Spring Council Meetings. Hopefully it was copied and passed to each unit. It is essential to have the EIN, the name and address used when the EIN was obtained and a lot of patience. The IRS Helpdesk can be reached at 1-877-829-5500 and they are very helpful. Good luck! The Employer Identification Number (EIN) is similar to a Social Security number for an individual and different than a tax-exemption number.

The 2011 Membership Forms will be in the August mailing which will be sent to County Council Presidents. They should pass them on to each unit and Independent Member in the county. Complete them at your September meetings so they can be given to your County Council Treasurer and someone can bring your packet of forms, dues, and contributions to me at State Conference in Dodge City October 11-13. Remember that there is a \$1.50 Late Fee for each Membership Form mailed after November 30.

National dues did increase, but State dues remain a bargain at \$5.00. Of course both must be paid to be a member of FCE.

Regular (formerly Individual) member dues are \$19 plus \$5 for a total of \$24.00

Senior (80 yrs. old by January 1) dues are \$15.80 plus \$5.00 for a total of \$20.80

Family (2 or more persons living at the same address) dues are \$26.50 plus \$10 for a total of \$36.50

There will be some changes in the Contribution list because of new information from ACWW and NAFCE. Please only send contributions for listed projects. Other monies received will be "re-gifted" to current projects.

Kansas loses Past President

Margaret Heinz, 95, passed away Thursday, April 15th. She was past state president of Kansas Homemakers Council in the early 60's. She was from Claflin, Barton County.

NAFCE NEWS

Bettie Lucas, the National FCE president lost her battle with cancer recently. In February Judy Fullmer took over as "acting president" of NAFCE and will continue that position until National Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Blue, Green, Yellow and Red Part 2

Here is Part 2 of the Officer Workshop results from the 2009 State Conference. Part 1 created some discussion so hopefully you will continue to read, learn and glean new ideas from these comments.

And the Question is:

Blue - The Best Thing about FCE

Green – My goal for the State FCE

Yellow – My goal for my FCE/County or both

Red – 2 pieces of advice for a person with the same office as I have.

Each issue of "The NEWS" will include some of the responses/questions from each of these categories for you to enjoy and agree with or disagree with. Know that these are printed exactly as they appear on the card.

"The Best Thing about FCE"

(Responses from 10 cards, many will be similar)

- The friendship developed by being in the same organization and the information we get from some of the lessons.
- Lessons and friends
- Friendship; taking the lessons; learning new skills
- Education – learning
- The learning experiences; sharing with others; meeting so many people from other areas and backgrounds.
- The leadership values I have
- Opportunity to get together with others in community; to plan programs, learning experiences of interest to members
- Friendship; abilities to learn to be a leader; to be able to share time, talent, and services to our communities
- Learning from the lessons and developing one myself
- I love the members of my Unit as I love my sister

"My Goal for the State FCE"

- Retain membership; Have programs for ALL of members.
- Please keep a consumer services person in each county; have members share their knowledge with the group.
- To be consistent with EOC Accomplishment reports – don't change rules in middle of year and every time a new VP is elected.

- Come up with lessons to teach us
- To increase publicity; recognize FCE members
- Good leadership as always. Try to be consistent in instructions
- To grow again—To keep on learning – keep the lessons current
- To work with others to keep this organization together
- Increase membership and find ways to increase the budget balances
- Unity the state in a project that can showcase the positive contributions being made by FCE members for Kansas families.

"My goal for my FCE or county or both"

- To make women aware of the organization and become a part of it
- Better attendance; Continue great friendships
- Have more fellowship and spark interest in some of the lessons
- Get more members, but dues are getting to expensive for women.
- Get to know other members better, include members
- To reach out to people in your community and inform them the purpose of FCE.
- Decide on a project, then get 100% participation of members
- I am an at-large member in my county and would like to see increased membership
- I would like to increase our membership; To make meetings interesting.
- At least retain members but try to recruit new younger members; make programs projects more interesting

"Two pieces of advice for a person with the same office"

- Secretary – Keep accurate minutes of meeting. Write them up ASAP and get a Copy to the members
- Make it short and Informative
- Let others help you; Don't stress about it
- Listen to members; Learn about county, state and national organization
- (President) Keep an orderly notebook and communication is Number 1.
- (Reporter) 1) Computer knowledge; 2) Writing skills
- Have fun and enjoy the ride
- Be Yourself
- Change offices - every 2 years
- (Public Relations) – Make the articles interesting; Impart bits of educational information through displays, newspapers, radio, TV and any other form of media

What a great exercise for me!!! Thanks for all the great comments and watch for more in the next "NEWS".

2010 STATE CONFERENCE – FIRST TIMER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Kansas FCE Board believes that attending a State Conference helps build support and enthusiasm for our organization and is offering financial support to 5 first time attendee(s) to the conference. The scholarship will cover only the cost of the Registration Fee with all other expense being the responsibility of the winner.

To apply for this scholarship, you must be a full dues paying member of Kansas FCE. Complete the questions below and send it along with one letter of recommendation from your FCE or County Council President to, Judy Emert, 815 S. 8th, Sabetha, KS 66534 no later than August 1, 2010. Independent members may also apply with the recommendation letter from another organization in which they are active.

NAME _____ FCE Name _____

ADDRESS _____ County _____

PHONE _____ E-mail _____

On a separate page please answer the following questions:

- 1) Why do you want/need this scholarship?
- 2) What goal do you have for your FCE?
- 3) How do you plan to share the information from State Conference?

Signature of Applicant _____

- Winners will be selected by August 15, 2010
- Scholarship is for 2010 State Conference only
- 5 winners will be chosen with first preference given to 1 from each area
 - Membership will be verified
- State President will notify winners; conference committee chairperson and State Treasurer
- State Board reserves the right to choose no winner if the situation arises.

NORTHWEST AREA

Karen Larmer, Director

The Northwest Area held the Spring Business Meeting and Area Recognition Day on April 22nd in Lenora. Thanks go to Darlene Day and the Lenora FCE ladies for hosting us. Everyone had a good time despite the rain which did prevent a few from attending due to flooding. Area awards were given out and items of business were discussed such as the e-postcard and the retirement of the marketing table. Marketing will focus more on the organization and less on the selling of items. Thanks go to Mike Larmer for his salesmanship in selling the last of the cookbooks that NW Area had.

Following a delicious lunch made by the Lenora ladies, Susan Anthony of Norton gave a very interesting program on her time of teaching and living in Turkey. We learned of some of the ways that the people of Turkey differ in their customs from the U.S. but we also learned that people there have many of the same needs and desires and are not so very different as we might think. I'm sure that those that were able to attend ACWW saw this as well.

One last item that needs to be mentioned is the fall workshop in Thomas County. The Northwest Area Directory that was handed out has an incorrect date for that event. The correct date is November 4th and the meeting will be in Colby at the Methodist church. I hope to see you all here and at the state meeting in Dodge City in October since it's not that far from us in Northwest.

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Faye Spencer, Director

The 2010 SC Area Spring Meeting/District Recognition Day was held April 5 in the Stringer Fine Arts Center in Hutchinson. SC Area Director Faye Spencer call the meeting to order. Janie Colle, Reno County Council President, gave the welcome. Roll Call was answered by 9 presidents, 46 members and 3 FACS agents, for a total of 58.

Reports were given by:

Marlene Faul who will be attending the ACWW Triennial Conference, April 19-28, 2010 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Susan Thole and Peggy Martins donated 60 tatted ornaments to be sold at conference.

Geneva Wedel reported on the trip plans to the National FCE Conference, July 16-18, 2010 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The planned bus trip is undersubscribed. She added that, in view of the difficulty and expense of planning such bus trips, this would be the last one.

Nomination Committee members, Peggy Martins and Mary Little reported that Becky Wondra has agreed to be nominated for State Secretary. No one has yet agreed to accept the 3-year term as SC Area Director to succeed Faye Spencer. They asked members to consider accepting this post and pointed out that time and travel requirements have been greatly reduced by combining some meetings and eliminating others. This requirement may need to be changed to include candidates that have held unit offices in order to widen the pool of candidates.

Faye requested volunteers to serve on the State Nominating Committee but receiving none, indicated she would attempt to fill the position via phone calls to individuals.

The Fall SC Area Council Meeting will be November 1, 2010 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Salina. Unit Presidents, Vice Presidents and EPCs are encouraged to attend.

There were two guest speakers before the recognition and award part of the day. The first speaker was shop owner and certified tea consultant, Monique Jensen who presented a program on "Tea Celebrations." Her presentation was filled with interesting facts and practical tips about the world's most favorite drink. The second speaker was an entrepreneur, Patricia Capstick. She described the development of her business, The Pantry Shelf Company, from a small, part-time home project with 3 muffin mixes in 1987 to a highly successful company with international customers.

With 58 people present, many members, units, and counties were present to receive their recognition of years of membership, and accomplishments.

The 2011 Spring SC Area meeting will be hosted by Sedgwick County. A volunteer is needed to host the 2012 SC Area meeting. Please contact Faye Spencer by November 1, 2010 if your county is able to host the 2012 meeting.

SOUTHEAST AREA

Janie Williams, Director

The Southeast Area Spring Council was held April 15 in Chanute with 31 in attendance. The following are results from the roundtable discussion on declining membership, who is FCE and what are we doing to correct these issues:

We get in a rut, not welcoming to our clique, don't market our programs and fail to explain our name and connection to K-State Research & Extension. We are going to have to move into today's world and use city/county web sites, Facebook, and always wear our FCE volunteer pins when giving programs or working at the

county fair and GO GREEN by distributing unused program materials with the community. We have to go to the people, not wait for them to come to us.

Sixteen persons from our area attended the County Women of the World 26th Triennial Conference in Hot Springs April 23-27. It was very enlightening to visit with women from all over the world. We learned about many ACWW projects, listened to debate about proposed resolutions concerning care of our land, doing away with plastic bags, rights of women, membership dues and Pennies for Friendship. I was proud that I got to vote for the incoming officers. Craft night was made possible by all the beads that were donated by the Kansas FCE groups.

"Celebrating Diversity" was the theme of our Recognition Day held May 6 at the Fort Scott Community College. The speaker, Jill Warford, told about the life of Gordon Parks and members viewed some of his art, photos, and memorabilia displayed in the Center. Educational awards, unit and member tenure awards were presented. Loyal Workers from Montgomery County celebrated 90 years of continued service and Virginia Pringle, a member at large, was also recognized for her many years of dedication to FCE.

Fall Council meeting and the presentation of 2011 lessons will be held Nov.4 at the Neosho County Courthouse in Erie.

NORTHEAST AREA

Tina Bailey, Director

The State Board met in Manhattan in March for the Spring meeting. We got a lot discussed and learned a lot. The Spring Council Meeting was held in Manhattan on April 4th. We had around 30 in attendance and had a good meeting. The Northeast area will be hosting the 2011 state conference. We had a state conference meeting to discuss things and throw out ideas. More will come in the near future.

There were four District Recognition Days held in the Northeast area. We did discuss the possibility of trying to combine these into 2 meetings. No decision was made.

I would like to thank the members in the Northeast for 3 great years. Now I would really like for someone to step up and be our new leader. Please call me if you would like to be the Area Director or on the Education Program Committee (EPC) These are important position in our organization and you will learn more about FCE when you are on the committees. I would also like to say THANK YOU to all of you in the NE for being understanding when I could not attend the District Recognition Day in your area.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

SOUTHWEST AREA

Ellie Elsen, Director

It has been a busy time for me. I went to the board meeting in Manhattan in March and learned a lot there. It is really enjoyable working with the ladies on the board. We had our District Day on April 14 here in Dodge City. Afterwards we had the Spring Council meeting. Mary Prose from Lane County has agreed to be the new EPC person for Southwest Area. We are looking forward to working with her. I gave out the information on the EIN and e-Postcard filing procedure and also the procedure for keeping volunteer hours.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Southwest for the State Conference in October.

CALLING ALL COOKBOOKS

Do you have cookbooks hiding in your closet? If you have more than just your own KAFCE cookbook in your house, and have not already given that number to your Area Director or a member of the State Board of Directors, PLEASE let your Area Director or myself know as soon as possible.

2010 will be the year that we "finish the cookbook project" so your help is appreciated. And, by the way, if you don't have a KAFCE cookbook, they are only \$15 and I know where you can get one.

National FCE Conference
July 15 -18, 2010
Grand Rapids, Michigan

A special "THANK YOU" to Geneva Wedel who worked tirelessly to try to secure a bus trip to the National FCE Conference. It didn't, however, work out as not enough of you were interested in taking the bus this year. Watch for it in years to come – it will be back!! Again, thanks Geneva for all your work.

Kansas will be well represented at National Conference with Judy Fullmer, acting National President, Bonnie Russell, National Secretary, and Marcy Price, Office Manager for the conference. Sharon Giacometti, State Vice President and I will be representing the State Board.

If you are planning to attend the National Conference, please let me know as they are always looking for hostesses and I would be happy to volunteer you if you will be there. My e-mail is mjafce@gmail.com or call 785-776-6324.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 24 - Executive Committee meeting - Wichita

July 14 - FCL Day - Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 15 - 18 - NAFCE Conference - Grand Rapids,
Michigan

October 11-12 KAFCE Board of Directors Meeting

October 12-13 KAFCE Conference - Dodge City

October 11-17- FCE Week (2nd full week in
October)

Someone's in the world: Being Green

FCE members used the program to great lengths. They wrote articles, had display booths, made eco-friendly cleaning products, held workshops, purchased energy efficient appliances, Recycled! even made centerpieces from recycled materials.

The members worked with KSU facility members, Climate+ Energy project, County Conservation Districts, Master Gardeners, and even the Ronald McDonald house representatives.

They reached 1,089 members; 24,364 non-members; 445,820 by the media, and shared 4,809 volunteer hours.

Way to Go Kansas FCE's -- Way to Go Green

