

## Mary Jane's Musings. . . .

I won something!! I actually won something!!! I am sooo excited and the reason isn't totally because I really did win something, it is the fact that the proceeds benefit our scholarships!! How exciting is that.

In case you are wondering just what in the world I am talking about, a group from Cherokee County decided that since many from their county have been recipients of KAFCE scholarships, it was time to "give back" to those funds.

We were allowed to purchase tickets and place them in the bucket for a fleece blanket the color of our "favorite" school. If you paid \$5 you would get 6 tickets so I put 4 in for the purple KSU one and 2 in the orange OSU one since I attended Oklahoma State and my husband and I met while he was in grad school there. Well, I won the orange one and am thrilled. I knew if I won it there was a special high school student who would receive it for graduation as she has her heart set on attending OSU. Thanks Cherokee County ladies – great idea and we appreciate your support. (see winner list in separate article)

Have you received your penny yet?? Check out the article on "the gift" so you understand why you received or should receive your very own first penny.

2013 Roster – you will find in this issue the list of the officers that comprise the 2013 Board of Directors as well as a few others that you might need their names & addresses as a new year begins.

A special thank you to South Central Area for hosting a wonderful State Conference. Peggy Martens chaired the conference with lots of wonderful and amazing help to make the 2012 conference a success. We look forward to State Conference 2013 in Colby.

Did you know that Peggy Martens is our new NAFCE Central Regional Program Coordinator?? She was elected at the National FCE meeting in July and will serve a 3 year term representing Kansas and the Central Region.

### Setting the Records Straight

Pawnee County of Southwest Area had 100% Reporting in 2011.

From the desk of the Vice President  
Faye Spencer

Just when you think that the year is over (the 2012 forms are in the mail) there is baby New Year knocking at your door. Don't let it sneak up on you! Start preparing for a very awesome year.

The theme for the next year is **"FCE: Empower, Encourage and Enrich."**

Find a lesson or activity that will prompt you to take action, which will allow your inner voice to be heard, that will have you seek to make changes. **Empower.**

But if you are the type that would rather keep your voice quiet, maybe you have strength to push onward, to give help, by your presence, you will inspire with spirit and hope. **Encourage.**

Whatever your blessing or gifts are, your contributions will increase the quality of your service to FCE. **Enrich.**

The educational goals and community actions that are listed under the descriptions of the KAFCE and K-State lessons are just suggestions. By no means must you limit yourselves to just those ideas. Instead, use the suggestions as a start to brain-storm your own projects.

See you in the New Year. E<sup>3</sup> = (Empower, Encourage, Enrich)

"the gift"

Many of you have heard about "the gift" and all of you should have received your penny by the time you read this. Here is the basic explanation of "the gift" in case you missed exactly what is happening. This is NOT "Pennies for Friendship", this is a totally new project called "the gift".

1. This is my gift to the membership of KAFCE – no state funds were used for this project.
2. If you save a penny a day for a year (and we started the project at State Conference, Oct. 2) you will have saved \$3.65.
3. Since this is a gift, I am asking that you "re-gift" it when you pay your dues for **2014** in October of 2013 as follows:
  - \$ .50 to National FCE
  - \$ .50 to Kansas FCE
  - \$ .50 – each to 5 different other KAFCE contributions  
OR \$ .50 to 2 different projects  
AND some to your local FCE and/or county

The National organization and **your** state organization can not survive on the amount of money that they are receiving for dues. Saving a penny a day is something that we can ALL do to help support "our" organization.

As I was heading to my NE Area Fall meeting recently, I found 2 pennies on the ground, so --- I am ahead of the game!!

Treasurer's Topics  
Judy Emert  
December 2012

It was good to see many of you at State Conference in Hutchinson. We heard and read of many outstanding projects which were educational and of benefit to our communities. Thanks for the following generous contributions made at State Conference:

Auction – 38 items	\$1,347.50 to KAFCE Scholarship fund
Various Donations	158.44 to Joann Newby Adult Education Grant fund
Ink Cartridges to Recycle	116.00 (approximately)
Marketing Table	620.00

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Total \$2,241.94

We thought the cookbooks were nearly gone until a case showed up under someone's bed. They have been forwarded to NW to give to presenters at next year's State Conference at Colby. Besides giving them to presenters each year we sold approximately 200 during the past 3 years.

My next task is to work the membership information you brought to State Conference or mailed to me. I still need to receive a few before the Late Fee goes into effect November 15. It has been surprising that several have called for various forms or used old forms. The August packet is sent to each Council Chairman and Independent Member. Those forms are updated every year and should be duplicated and used. Thanks to each person who takes this responsibility. Remember that this and the mailing should be done by a member. We appreciate the support of Extension office personnel, but should not expect them to do our work.

At State Conference Mary Jane Adams, your current President, was elected to a 3-year term as State Treasurer. I will be passing the books to her early next year. This should be a smooth transition since she served as State Treasurer 2004 through 2006 and put our books on the computer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the Board of Directors. I learned a great deal and hope our decisions will benefit KAFCE and each of you members in the future.

Special Thank You

Thank you all for allowing me to spend the last 3 years as your State President. It was a pleasure for me to represent the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education at the ACWW meeting in Hot Springs Arkansas and at the National FCE meetings in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Denver, Colorado and Erlanger, Kentucky.

Never did I think that redoing our organizations handbook would happen during my term of office, but it seemed the right thing to do. It could not have been done and would not have been done without the hard work and support of your Board of Directors.

I was privileged to work with many wonderful members of this organization as they served in various leadership positions. We here in the state of Kansas are very blessed to have members willing to take these leadership positions.

As I end my 3<sup>rd</sup> year, I ask that you now transfer your wonderful support to Sharon Giacometti as she takes over as our State President. We have worked together for 3 years as she was Vice President for 2 and President elect for 1. She will serve you well!!

Thanks again for all of your support

Mary Jane Adams

### Explanation of the Leadership Award

It seems that our members and units have a hard time in understanding the difference between the FCE educational program awards of Education and Leadership. Not very many units apply for the Leadership award because they feel it is too hard to accomplish or they really don't understand the concept.

The best way I can explain it is:

Leadership is an extension of Education.

EDUCATION is when an individual or unit presents an educational program/project for learning by using NAFCE or KAFCE program material. They count the number of persons reached and the number of FCE members and others involved with the action/activity.

EXAMPLE- Mary or the Yes I Can unit presented the educational program "Money-Money" to the local Senior Center. They enlisted the help of two persons from the Department of Aging. There were 22 in attendance and 11 members from the unit giving information.

LEADERSHIP is taking this same example and using the same program and guiding the activity from beginning to end. Mary or the unit would help the Senior Center extend their learning to more persons in the community. They could team up and offer this information to extended groups such as taking it to Senior Living or their individual church groups. Record all the groups and numbers reached.

The important part of these accomplishments is to plan or make goals early in the year, not wait until it is time to fill out the report and try and decide which category fits your activity.

Janie Williams- Educational Program Committee member

## NORTHEAST AREA

Diane Hanzlicek, Director

The Northeast area fall council meeting and workshop was held November 1, 2012 in Pottorf Hall, Riley County Fairgrounds, Manhattan. Over 60 members and agents were present. The 2013 lessons were taught by the area Education Program Committee, including Carol Bishop, Nemaha County, chairman, Joyce Blanka, Pottawatomie County, and DeLores Walden, Shawnee County. We would like to thank the Green Valley FCE members, Pottawatomie County, under the direction of Ruth Seamans, for serving a delicious breakfast and lunch at our meeting. Valdimer Bairow of Pottawatomie County was elected as our area Heart of FCE Award winner. Congratulations to Valdimer.

Thank you for sending me the many member and FCE recognition award forms for 2013. It is not too late to turn them in.

Our next area council meeting will be held on April 4, 2013 at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan. I thank each and every member of FCE for your dedication and commitment to our roles as homemakers and family and community educators.

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## NORTHWEST AREA

Karen Larmer, Director

The fall NW Area workshop was held in Smith Center, KS with about 25 members attending. Members were presented with a "seed" penny and encouraged to save a penny a day for 2013 to give to KAFCE projects next fall. Members were reminded that when reporting projects, the same project may NOT be used on two different report forms (such as Accomplishment report and Community service report). Members were also reminded that the color of the different forms is very important and should be maintained when copying forms. Another reminder was to NOT use the county council project form to turn in your county accomplishment report summary numbers. The county numbers should be on a white sheet NOT on the blue council project sheet. Sorry for all the "NOT's", but I want to make sure that your projects make it through judging successfully and don't end up being disqualified.

Norma Larson of Smith County is the NW area nominee for the Heart of FCE award. Louise Greenberg of Smith County will be the nominating committee representative for Northwest area.

All Northwest counties will be expected to contribute 12-15 of a consumable/useful item to the

2013 conference table decoration/door prize baskets. Please be discussing what your county would like to donate. We are particularly looking for items that might be unique to your county. The conference committee will be contacting you later with exact numbers.

This is my last newsletter article as NW Area director. Virginia Slimmer of Ellis County will be taking over in January. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of you that helped in the events and volunteered for positions in the last three years. I could not have done it without your help.

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## SOUTHEAST AREA

Janet Kirk, Director

Our Southeast Area was well represented at the State Conference held in Hutchinson. Special congratulation goes out to our own Sharon Giacometti who was installed as our new State FCE President. We wish her well and know she'll do us proud.

A couple of reminders for County Council EPC teams: you need to have the Accomplishment Reports (both unit & county), Community Service reports, 100% Reporting Form and the County Summary/Award Winners form mailed to Linda Leonard, SE Area EPC chair by January 1, 2013 along with Unit Standard of Excellence forms mailed to Edith McClain, KAFCE Registrar. Since Edith's address is incorrect on the form, please mail to her at Edith McClain, 408 First Street, Gaylord, KS 67638.

Lastly, "Get your kicks" not on Route 66 but with KAFCE!

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## SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Wilma Lill, Director

It has been a busy time as usual. I just finished our Fall South Central Area meeting at the Benton Church at Benton, Ks, east of Wichita. Ten counties make up the South Central Area. Of the ten counties that make up the South Central Area, 9 counties had people there. Sumner was the only county not represented.

Geneva Wedel & Peggy Marten talked about the National Conference at Erlanger, Ky. Geneva talked about the bus trip to conference and also talked about the bus trip she has planned for the next NAFCE conference to Fargo, North Dakota on July 13 to 23, 2013 - the cost of \$575.00 - the conference would be July 19, 20, 21, 2013.

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Peggy Marten talked about the State FCE Conference which was held at Hutchinson October 1, 2, 3, 2012.

We had two nominations for the Heart of FCE award. They were Glennis Bell of the Highland Unit of Butler County and Kim Krase of the Canton Dizzy Dames of McPherson County. Glennis Bell won the nomination to represent South Central Area.

EPC Chairmen - Marlene Faul, GiGi Roths, and Jean Rowland talked about the lessons for 2013 giving us ideas and suggestions for presenting the lessons. The 2012 Accomplishment Reports need to be sent to Jan Roths, South Central Area, EPC by January 1, 2013

Faye Spencer, State FCE Vice-President was also in attendance. She handed out evaluation sheets to return to her about evaluating the lessons for 2012. Faye also talked about Past President Mary Jane Adams' idea of saving 1 cent a day to help with the expenses of our State Treasury funds. We could use those funds to be able to give more scholarships, etc.

Sylvia McNeal of Ellsworth County reminded us about the South Central Area Spring Meeting which will be held at the Catholic Church in Ellsworth on April 8, 2013. Also everyone was reminded about our State Meeting at Colby Community College in the fall.

I hope I have helped to update you for our year coming in 2013.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR ALL MEETING BY MEMBERS

1. Thou shall come prepared to group meetings.
2. Thou shall seek common direction in working with others.
3. Thou shall share oneself as a resource in the group.
4. Thou shall be open to listen to the idea of others.
5. Thou shall take responsibility for helping the group make decisions and solve problems.
6. Thou shall speak only for oneself.
7. Thou shall help evaluate the group effort.
8. Thou shall evaluate one's own contributions.
9. Thou shall help celebrate and honor successes.
10. Thou shall do what follow up that is agreed after the meeting of the group.

## Scholarship Benefit Auction

Thank you to everyone that donated an item/s, purchased an item/s or donated cash to the KAFCE Scholarship Benefit Auction at the State Conference on October 2nd.

County FCE Councils that donated an item/s are:

Crawford County	Doniphan County
Ellsworth County	Ford County
Harvey County	Labette County
McPherson County	Nemaha County
Saline County	Sumner County

FCEs that donated item/s are:

Canton Dizzy Dames, Countryside Boosters, Happy Homemakers, Hays Helping Hand, Kettle Queens, Monitor (all from McPherson Co.)

DDD (Labette Co.) Post Rock FCEs (Mitchell, Lincoln, Jewell & Smith Co.)

Ninnescah and Union Valley (both from Reno Co.)

Individuals that donated item/s:

Natha Manges	Ethel Jenkins
Linda Brinkman	Marcia Young
Edith McClain	Ellie Elsen
Susan Thole	Juanita Gillaspie
Kathleen Moran	Mary Little
Janie Colle	Beverly Cunningham

Mary Ellen Howell

One door prize winner item

Wal-Mart (\$30 gift card)

The auction of 38 items raised \$1347.50 in less than an hour.

Peggy Martens

2012 Conference Chair

## Bus Trip to National

The KAFCE Bus trip had 14 people going to the Erlanger NAFCE conference July 16 - 25.

A bus trip to the Fargo, North Dakota NAFCE conference is planned for July, 16-23, 2013. Planned stops will be at the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, Mo, several educational stops in Iowa, the Spam Museum and Mall of America in Minnesota. A supper at the Ojibwe Trading Post is planned. South Dakota stops will be a pageant, "Little House on the Prairie and the Mitchell Corn Palace. Travel through Nebraska on the return to Kansas. The cost will be \$575.00 if 20 people commit to going.

## 2013 KAFCE ROSTER

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## **KAFCE NEWS**

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### **2013 Dates to Remember**

KAFCE Board of Director's meeting – TBD  
KAFCE Executive Committee meeting – Summer - TBD  
NAFCE Conference – July 18 – 21, 2013  
Fargo, North Dakota  
ACWW Triennial – September 26 – October 2, 2013  
Chennai, India  
KAFCE Board of Director's meeting – October 7, 2013  
Colby  
KAFCE State Conference – October 7-9, 2013  
Colby, Northwest Area

### **Scholarship – Blanket fundraiser**

Cherokee County FCE Council has concluded a year long scholarship drive during National FCE Week in October. If you were at the state Convention in Hutchinson you might have seen the stadium blankets and purchased a ticket for your favorite university. Winners came from all over the state and you will probably recognize the names of loyal supporters of KAFCE.

KSU - blanket - Dale Carr - Independence, KS  
KU - blanket - Dana Lynch - Baxter Springs, KS  
PSU - blanket - Rebecca Wondra - Wichita  
MSSU - blanket - Mark Shallenburger - Riverton, KS  
OSU - blanket - Mary Jane Adams - Manhattan, KS  
OU - blanket - Jerrica Bidwell - Columbus, KS