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“NETWORKING WITH NANCY” Your KAFCE President



As 2019 has come to an end, we are acquiring new ideas as we finalize and report what has been accomplished this year. Congratulations to all Kansas FCE members for reaching out to others and bringing in new members, that keeps our membership remaining good, as we continue to focus and seek new members thru 2020.

Now, it is 2020 and time to continue with my office as President and write articles for the KAFCE NEWS and letters to finalize the loose ends of my first year as President. I continue to listen to the members with their ideas and all the considerations for the good of FCE and the impact on what the Board has to do and work with as a blessing to “Network” with so many. I appreciate the FCE Members, as they stand behind the Board and achieve things that cannot be achieved by the Board alone. Kansas FCE members are united and with that all together, we can figure out how to get it done. The challenge to look ahead for opportunities and to encourage others, to bring out the best in them, to speak words that are affirming, to let others know they are valued, and to call out deeds of greatness, and helping others to become all they are created to be.

As I continue on to each new day, I cherish the experience. I cannot help but be thankful for the other board members who are so willing to listen and have suggestions. As President, there are some challenging days in my life, some of them most pleasurable and some are the most frustrating days of my life.

*Who would have known when I selected “**Networking with Vision in the Future for 2020**” that there would be an opportunity to broaden my networking and getting a vision, that you could not really see, was to respond to an email requesting KAFCE Nonprofit Status? Then the phone rang and the First Opportunity was speaking to a Manager with the United States Postal Service in New York. Follow thru this process of more emails and phone calls which started as an opportunity and now becomes a challenge.*

Probably the largest challenge has been the KAFCE News from printing, postage, and getting articles in on time. When change happens, it does take a toll on each member in various ways from getting the News on time to get pre-registered for Conference and we are sorry to put you in turmoil over this challenge, or just keeping up on what is happening across the State.

As you know AgPress who had been the printer for many years, discontinued that service with the Spring Issue. So, we found another printer, who only does the print job and not bulk mailing. We checked with the Post Office for bulk rate permit, but that could not happen for this issue.

Now there was another hurdle as how to mail the News, so in case you did not notice the Summer Issue had a postage stamp on it and needless to say that was a great expense. (Thanks to Edith and her FCE members for putting on each stamp, address label, and sealing the News for mailing).

Once again, it was time to work on the Fall Issue, so we found a printer who will put on the permit to do bulk mailing; but we had to have our own bulk rate permit so had to deal with the Post Office, to get this permit. God Bless, Edith for all the hours she spent making this possible so you finally received the Winter News, with the bulk mailing permit.

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President's Report continued

The permit application was sent to the US Postal Service for approval. On December 26, 2019, the US Postal Service sent email to Sherry that KAFCE had been denied our permit, so we are working with National on the requirements to do it correctly, before the Spring News. On February 25, 2020, the US Postal Service called Nancy regarding the information she emailed them for the KAFCE Application. Several phone calls and emails were received from the National Postal Service and forwarded to board members (Edith, Sherry, Judy, DeLores) to get the correct answer. Judy contacted NAFCE Office and told them our concern for the Bulk Mail Permit.

Board Meeting was March 6, and this was discussed at length with options in case we did not get the permit. Following Board Meeting, information was received from National FCE with the paperwork necessary to apply for our permit, with the name change from Extension Homemakers to Family and Community Education we had to prove that Kansas was part of the organization. A letter from Ardyce Snyder, NAFCE President, on NAFEC Letterhead, dated March 05, 2020 and with a letter from the IRS dated 2008 with our Employer Identification Number we could show proof of our affiliation.

On March 11, 2020, an email was received with a letter from the US Postal Service with our official authorization number stating "Your Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Authorization Record was updated in response to your request on March 11, 2020."

This issue of KAFCE NEWS will be the first mailing with this permit for KAFCE and we pray it will be great. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we were dealing with the Bulk Rate Permit.

I believe in FCE and all the good that has been done, presently being accomplished, and all the good that will be done. The challenges that face us are great; and it will not be easy; but we can hope for great accomplishments. If you desire to be part of the solution, the challenge is not for only each and every one of you but for every local FCE, every County Council, and every Area, to work, brainstorm, and join the Board in being part of every solution. We will continue "Networking" with Vision in the Future for 2020.

– THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER OF FCE –

Treasurer's Report DeLores Walden

"The safest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your pocket".

New members join KAFCE almost weekly since the first of the year. WELCOME to all new members and members that have rejoined. We have lost members for the year 2020 but we continue to grow in numbers, learning and friendships.

Rejoined or new members can become KAFCE members anytime during the year. Also, contributions can be sent to me anytime through the year.

All bills have been paid in a timely manner. An inhouse audit has been done. Inhouse audit are done the first two years of a treasurer's term and a professional audit is done the treasurer's last year. Income taxes have been filed. For the local FCEs, county, and area that have bank accounts be sure you have two signatures on that account.

Keep our "KAFCE NEWS" issues to refer to throughout the year.

Search for Vice-President

The 2020 State Nominating Committee is to present candidate(s) for the Office of State Vice-President to be elected at the State Conference business meeting in Liberal in October, 2020. If elected, the Vice-President's three-year term will be from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Search for Officers

The 2020 State Nominating Committee is to present candidate(s) for the Office of State President-Elect and Vice-President to be elected at the State Conference business meeting in Liberal in October, 2020.

If you are interested and want to volunteer or if you have suggestions for someone to fill an office, please contact Pat Weishaar, Chairman (NE Area) (785) 437-3160, of the committee, before June 1, 2020.

Currently:

President Nancy Kernick is serving her term for the years of 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Vice President Faye Spencer's term expires December 31, 2020.

– SEARCH FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT –

The 2020 State Nominating Committee is to present candidate(s) for the Office of State President-Elect to be elected at the State Conference business meeting in Liberal in October, 2020. If elected, the President-Elect will serve a one-year term (January 1-December 31, 2021 while current President Nancy Kernick serves her last year in office), followed by a three term as president (January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024).

Handbook By-Laws:

Article V, Section 3: Term of Office

B: The President-Elect shall serve a one year term followed by a three-year term as president.

D: The Vice President shall serve a three-year term or until a successor is elected.

E: Officers shall be elected in accordance with the schedule determined by the Board of Directors.

Article V, Section 5: Duties of Officers:

B: The president-elect shall:

Serve with vote on the executive committee and Board of Directors.

Attend meetings that the president deems necessary to represent KAFCE.

C: The vice president shall:

Fill the un-expired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of president.

Preside at meetings in the absence of the president.

Serve as chairman of the educational program committee (EPC).

Time To Think

TIME TO THINK ABOUT
RESERVATIONS
2020 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE
July 23-26 - Portland, Oregon

“Is Your FCE Vision 20/20?”

ACWW Report (Associated Country Women of the World) Message from Magdie, ACWW World President

I am pleased to be writing to you at this time when so many are facing worry, fear, and even panic around what feels like a situation totally out of our control. However, we must remember that remaining calm and focused on sensible precautions will help protect us all. ACWW first passed a resolution on immunization programs in 1980, and called for vaccination against potentially eradicable diseases as recently as 2016. Global investment in vaccine programs would go a long way to eradicating the impact of novel viral infections. Our commitment to the World Health Organization must go beyond the verbal, and we must do our best to keep our communities strong and safe by following WHO advice on hand sanitation and social distancing as the best form of defense against Covid-19. We must also ensure those most vulnerable in our communities are cared for, and avoid panic-buying provisions that cause undue strain on food distribution chains.

Sadly, with the international concern regarding the spread of Covid-19, the UN Secretary General met with all UN Ambassadors and they decided to cancel the annual Commission on the Status of Women meeting. Since I had intended to represent ACWW at this meeting, joined by several Board and Committee Members it was very disappointing that this important event had been cancelled and around 8,000 women globally had to adjust their plans. Our UN Committee Chairman, Marie Kenny and I were able to transfer our flights to London and we spent a very productive week with our Central Office staff producing a series of advocacy resources to ensure that the voice of rural women do not go unheard at this challenging time.

At the Triennial World Conference in Melbourne, last year had a lot of interest expressed in our UN work, particularly a desire to understand how individual and member societies could directly participate in our advocacy work. In February we sent a letter to all member societies asking for their support for a letter to UN negotiators working on the Political Declaration for the Commission on the Status of Women. This pointed out that women's rights are human rights, and cannot be removed from important legal treaties. This letter was signed by 185 organizations in 35 countries, representing more than 11.95 million women. It was the strongest response from ACWW's network of members and supporters in many years, if not ever, and it was a delight to see so many unite behind our message. **Nancy Kernick, KAFCE President, signed the form that arrived by email from Bonnie Teeples on February 21, 2020, with the message "Let the UN hear your voice" and to co-sign our letter to the Commission on the Status of Women.** This letter was read during negotiations at the UN, and the UK negotiator was able to use this in leverage our point and ensure as strong a Declaration as possible was agreed. Check it out on Facebook and our website.

Upon return to South Africa from London, Magdie had to enter fourteen days of Self-Isolation. Magdie and her husband drove straight from the airport to our farm out of the city, and are safe and as comfortable as possible. The new government advice in the UK, ACWW'S Central Office will be closed March 17, and staff will be working from home. When considering your meetings, gatherings, and events such as Women Walk the World on April 29, please be aware of location and nation.

Kansas became a member of the ACWW Organization in 1939 and Ruth Sayer, United States, served as World President, 1947-1953. Bonnie Teeples, of Oregon is the ACWW USA Area President, with a membership of nine (9) million women.

2020 KAFCE STATE CONFERENCE

*"There's No Place Like FCE"
October 5-7 – Liberal, Kansas*

Co-chairs: Mike and Karen Larmer, 1218 Ridgewood Drive, Garden City, KS 67846

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Counties or individuals are asked to donate items for the "Prizes by the Yard" and all the money raised will go to KAFCE Scholarships.

Detailed information, First Timer, and Registration
Forms will be in the Summer Issue of KAFCE News.

2019 KAFCE Conference Report

The South East Area hosted the State Conference in Ft. Scott on October 7-8-9, 2019. A check was written to KAFCE for \$5,612.88 with the following breakdown. BENEFIT DRAWING "PRIZES BY THE YARD" collected of \$1,172.00 for the KAFCE Scholarship Fund; Zero Hunger collected \$84.00; Gordon Parks Museum and Lowell Milken Museum of \$50.00 each; Repayment of KAFCE Advance \$800.00; KAFCE General Fund (profit) \$3,556.88.

A great big thanks to Linda Leonard and Sharon Giacometti and everyone else who had a part in making this "FCE-Building on the Future Thru History" State Conference a success.

Extension Programming and Meeting Cancelled

2020 ALL Extension programming and meetings have been cancelled. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Coronavirus, COVID-19 Pandemic. The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to work its way across the Nation, and we are monitoring developments and adapting. In the middle of the current challenge, K-State Research and Extension has been here to help every Kansan thrive and that Mission remains unchanged. They have always been available to provide relevant, science-based education and information to help make decisions to maintain and improve your health, and be responsible, thoughtful community leaders. With the **Shelter-in-Place** the support staff will continue to work for you and be available to you... just doing things a different way! With public distancing, keep in touch with your Agents as they will deliver messages by Zoom Conference and other ways of Networking with email, conference calls, or personal mail and personal phone calls. We all look forward to the time when all of our in-person, face-to-face meetings and activities can begin again and we can greet each other with a smile and together, we can do this and will emerge stronger than ever.

SPECIAL APPOINTED POSITIONS

Each person, asked to serve in the Appointed Positions, has a very special talent and emphasis to share and the membership will work with each in making our year a success.

- Membership – Judy Fullmer keeps records to NAFCE up to date
- Parliamentarian - Judy Fullmer who keeps us in line during our business meeting.
- Registrar – DeLores Walden keeps accurate records of recognition for members and units
- KAFCE News Editor – Sherry Linneman receives and sets up the NEWS
- Webmaster – Marcy Price keeps this up to date
- William Allen White – Nadine Holmes works with this program
- Marketing Committee – Dorene Reimer as chairman
- Nominating Committee – Pat Weisaar as chairman

Thanks to those who have accepted the position and I look forward to working with each of you as your KAFCE President, Nancy.

AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Each year, for a small premium, KAFCE insures each of the State Board Members with a \$10,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment policy with the American Income Life Insurance Company. In turn, every member of KAFCE has a no-cost \$4,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit. American Income Life Insurance Company does not do a mail out every year to all KAFCE Members notifying of this benefit; mail outs occur every three to five years and the 2019 year was a mail out and it contained a yellow card members could return to American Income Life Insurance Company for the purpose of receiving their certificate of coverage, designating a beneficiary, receiving free Child Safe Kits for their children and/or grandchildren, and opportunities to take advantage of other discounted services for themselves and their family.

Each KAFCE Member can choose whether or not to send American Income Life Insurance Company the yellow card. Even if a member should choose not to return the yellow card, they still are insured.

American Income Life Insurance Company gave a monetary donation to 2019 KAFCE Treasury based on the number of 'yellow cards' that were returned.

American Income Life Insurance Company has a full membership list of 2020 KAFCE members, and every name on the list has the \$4,000 insurance benefit. We are grateful to American Income Life Insurance Company for offering this benefit. Your family should be informed that you have this insurance so that, in case of an emergency, it can be redeemed.

Coronavirus, COVID-19, Shelter in Place. In March 2020, KAFCE received a letter from Robin Denham, Public Relations, about the demand for services had significantly increased at record high interest levels, with more members wanting to be seen, and inbound calls coming in for those wanting to purchase insurance, with this COVID-19. There have been virtual meetings arranged so the representatives and FCE members can meet and have the opportunity to provide protection for their family. This is a new option for the Company and they are making our FCE members aware of this as we navigate through these next few weeks and perhaps months.

A Lay-off Waiver of Premium is available for any member/policy holder who is unable to work because of what's occurring. One of the requirements for the lay-off waiver is for the individual to be out-of-work for a minimum of thirty (30) days. Customer Service will need the union or employer to confirm the policyholder was out-of-work for at least thirty (30) days and for ease in providing the lay-off form to the customer so they can request a waiver. Three months is the maximum number of months for waiver. (electronic claim form is available at www.aillife.com) or contact Robin Denham, cell: 816-835-2636.

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KAFCE – Save the Ink Cartridge

Save your old ink cartridge (put in a plastic bag to prevent drying out) and bring or send them to KAFCE State Conference. It is a very good money-making project for the KAFCE Board to carry on the business of the organization.

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2020 Calendar of Events

March 6	Board Meeting, Wichita
June 5	Board Meeting, Location (TBA)
July 23-26	NAFCE Conference, Portland, Oregon
Aug. 31 – Sept. 1	State EPC Leadership Training, Salina
October 5-6	KAFCE Board Meeting, Liberal
October 5-7	KAFCE State Conference, Liberal
October 18-24	National FCE Week
November 22-28	National Family Week

SAVE THE DATE –

2021 KAFCE State Conference

October 4, 5, 6, 2021

Ramada Inn, Topeka

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