



# Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Inc.

May 2020

## A Message from PAFCS President, Maureen Martz

Greetings.

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. As many of you know, the Board of Directors made the unfortunate decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Conference due to Covid-19. As the Association worked to move forward during these unprecedented times, Incoming President Mercy Ross and myself along with our Leadership Team worked to come up with alternative ways we could address the business of our Association. We have implemented a plan to promote and recognize the scholarship and award recipients whom would have been recognized at the Annual Conference through social media and in a virtual recognition ceremony. I encourage all Association members to take part in the annual Business Meeting on June 8, 2020 at 7PM. Please mark your calendar and watch your email for more details. Over the last few weeks, we have been working hard to transition your incoming Board of Directors. 2021 will look different for PAFCS, as we begin hosting Area Meetings. As a member, you will have the opportunity to attend three days worth of professional development and fellowship if you so choose! We also encourage you to save the date for the 2022 State Conference. This will be held April 22 - 23 in Altoona, PA.

As I say farewell to my second term as President, I know that I am leaving the Association in good hands. As members, you should be proud of the group of great people that you have leading you into the future. Mercy has been working very diligently with me to make sure our transition will be smooth as we venture into the unknown.

PAFCS President Maureen Martz

## Save the Date

### PAFCS Virtual Business Meeting

June 8, 2020

### PSU Extension

Click [here](#) for professional development opportunities

### PSU Virtual FCS Summer Workshop

June 16 - 17, 2020

To register, click [here](#)

### AAFCF Virtual Conference

June 25 - 26, 2020

To register, click [here](#)

### Temple University & IUP FCS Professional Development Workshop

July 21, 2020

To register, click [here](#)

## 2020 Award Recognition

Congratulations to the 2020 PAFCS Scholarship & Award Recipients.

### PAFCS Teacher of the Year

Erin Byrnes, Solanco High School

### Undergraduate Scholarships

Tariah Rozier and Abigail Fontana, Messiah College

### Friends of FCS

Judith L. Dodd and Caroline West-Passerello, University of Pittsburgh Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

# Say Yes to FCS

## Membership Milestones

PAFCS would like to recognize the following members for Saying YES to FCS and for dedicating years of service to the FCS profession.

### 25 years

Dee Jaye Frye, Upper Moreland HS

### 30 years

Patricia Hetrick, CFCS-Retired, Reinholds  
Sister Denise M. Mollica, IHM, Immaculata  
Elizabeth Ricker, Annville

### 35 years

Cathy Bowen, CFCS, State College  
Mary Alexis Fahnestock, Felton  
Catherine Knupp, CFCS-Retired, Altoona  
Cheryl Kocay, Pittsburgh

### 45 years

Robyn Wampler, Carlisle

### 50 years

June Rudy, CFCS-Retired  
Hilary Zubritzky, CFCS-Retired



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## Member Spotlight

Hilary Zubritzky, 50 year member of the Pennsylvania Home Economics/Family Consumer Sciences Association is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University with both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Home Economics Education. Following graduation she received a teaching position at the Montour School District in Pittsburgh. She taught Home Economics there for 35 years. Following retirement she became an adjunct professor at the Community College of Beaver County for several years. Currently she continues to teach at the Community College of Allegheny County through an outreach program in the Department of Aging teaching seniors life skills.



Hilary is an active alumnus at Carnegie Mellon. She currently serves as the Scholarship Chair of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, awarding scholarships to outstanding juniors at the CMU. Previously she served as president of the women's alumni association of Pittsburgh and still serves on the board of Pittsburgh Alumni. She also recruits students for CMU. Hilary has also served several terms on the Alumni Association Executive Board at Carnegie Mellon. In 1993 she received the Outstanding Alumnus Award at CMU for service to the university.

At PAFCS, Hilary served as President of the association for two terms. She also was chair of the Southwest District as well as served on several annual meetings over the years. She is an active member of the Allegheny County Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, where she also served in many leadership roles.

Home Economics is very important to me, at CMU my professor ( Dr. Gladys Spencer) told us in this field you will have two professions- first, a home economist and second, as a teacher and that I found very important. She also instilled in me the need for being professional and joining my professional organization. I joined AHEA immediately (1970) and attended my first annual meeting in Atlantic City in 1972 and attended Pennsylvania's annual meetings nearly every year and many of the national meetings. I loved my career choice and that has never changed over 50 years. It is very difficult for me to see the value of my profession diminished in the past several years as it continues to be removed from school curriculums. It is the most important course a student could take to provide them skills to make them a viable member of society.

My career choice fifty years ago remains the same fifty years later. It was an honor to be able to serve PAFCS and it is an honor to receive this recognition for this important milestone. It is truly appreciated and I thank the association



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June Rudy, 50 year member of the Pennsylvania Home Economics/Family Consumer Sciences Association is a graduate of Mansfield State Teachers College. She writes... At the time of my life when I began to think of my future years, there were far fewer choices for a female than in more recent times. I graduated from the State College High School in 1956 and there was only one higher education choice that I considered. That, of course, was Home Economics as we were proudly known at that time. I applied and was accepted to Mansfield State Teachers College, again as it was known at that time. My college years were a time of growing, learning, making lifelong friends, and studying hard while still enjoying campus life. I had the benefit of highly qualified and capable instructors, ones who taught the subject matter very well, and were genuinely committed to our growth and progress.

I married a Mansfield graduate and we had three children. I was substitute teaching in the public schools in the mid 1960's when Dr. Lilla Halchin, Chair of the Home Economics Department, called and asked me to fill in for one semester for the Assistant Director of the Home Economics Nursery School. Following that semester I continued substituting for a semester when I again received a call from Dr. Halchin asking me to cover one clothing construction course for one semester only. That was in the spring of 1968 and those two semester part time opportunities were the beginning of a thirty-one and a half year professional career on campus. I retired from my Mansfield position in 1999 and continue to live in Mansfield. Securing a teaching position was far less complicated then than now.

Teaching at Mansfield University was a dream position. We had wonderful students and because we had so many laboratory courses, our classes were small and we became very close to our students.

In 1991 there was an administrative decision to close the Home Economics Department and we had two years to complete the program for the students to whom we had made a commitment. During that transition period I had the opportunity to become part of the Education Department and did full time supervision of elementary and secondary student teachers in the field. This was another fulfilling and very rewarding period in my life.

The Pennsylvania Home Economics Association (PHEA) and currently PAFCS contributed greatly to my professional development. The annual conferences were consistently a time of renewal. The speakers were highly qualified and inspirational, the workshops were well planned and meaningful, and by attending the conferences we learned what was taking place statewide regarding our profession. We became acquainted with faculty and students from all of the other Pennsylvania colleges offering Home Economics/FCS, and spent time with the public school educators. One of the most rewarding aspects for me was meeting with former students, learning about their programs, and observing them stepping into the leadership roles.

My choice of profession was indeed a wise one for me, one that has provided me with years of pleasure that I would not have even known to hope for. It has been an honor to be a member of this organization for fifty years. My wish for each of you is that PAFCS will mean as much to you personally and professionally as it has to me.