

The FAN Letter

Florida Affiliate News



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2022—2023
Board of Directors

President's Message



When I first joined the student chapter of what was then AHEA (I'm dating myself) at Florida State, I never dreamed I would one day serve as President of the state chapter. As an undergraduate major in FCS Education, I received a scholarship from FHEA, so it seems only fitting to give back to the organization that invested in my education and preparation to be a Family and Consumer Sciences professional. I am honored to serve as your new President and follow in the footsteps of some wonderful leaders of our state Affiliate.

I would like to thank our members for their support and participation in the AAFCS Annual Conference in Orlando. Nancy Bock, AAFCS Executive Director, and Sandra Andrade, Associate Director, Conferences and Communications, were a pleasure to work with and made our job as Host Affiliate so much easier. I am disappointed I was unable to attend due to illness but have heard great things about the Conference! I am proud of our Community Service Project to collect disaster preparedness supplies for the Osceola Council on Aging, which provides services to enable independence and self-sufficiency for seniors, disabled adults, the disadvantaged, and families in poverty. As we Floridians know, being prepared for hurricanes and other natural disasters requires extra effort and supplies, which can present an additional burden for persons with limited resources and other challenges. The OCOA was most appreciative of the donations, which meshed perfectly with our mission to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. For more on the Conference, please see the meeting highlights in this issue of the FAN.

A big thank you to Betty Mann McQueen and her Committee for the much-needed update of our bylaws. As we move forward this year, we will be focusing on reorganizing the Districts into Regions for more streamlined operations. I will share updates as the process takes shape.

I look forward to working with the Board and membership to continue our growth as FCS professionals and an association that serves families, the backbone of society. Please contact me with your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Enjoy the transition into Fall and the many activities it brings!

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submissions are due
December 2, 2022.

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International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)

Submitted by Joyce Cotner

IFHE sponsored the very interesting Cultural Evening Program during the AAFCS June Conference in Orlando. This Development Fund Event highlighted the progress of the Aishalton School Home Economics Program in Guyana. Dr. Audrey Jones-Drayton, IFHE member from Barbados, worked closely with the project and coordinated the presentation. Ms. Vickey Smith, Aishalton Home Economics teacher virtually joined us. Students went from cooking on open fires to actually using ovens! What advancement!

XXIV IFHE World Congress: 4th-10th September 2022— Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, GA

FYI: Here are some behind the scenes Congress happenings for Sept 6th: As IHES President I am a Council Delegate, an exciting first for me! IHES has awarded seven \$2,000.00 Scholarships to Student/Professional Home Economists from Developing Countries who will be attending. A group photo will be taken prior to the Welcome Dinner that evening. I am volunteering with Sandra Poirier and her Welcome Committee for the Sept 6th Welcome Dinner.

Check out IFHE World Congress details at www.ifhe.org. Join IFHE! www.ifhe.org

Public Relations

Submitted by Wendy Lynch

Submissions for the next FAN newsletter are due **December 2, 2022**. Thank you for your quarterly contributions. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and look forward to sharing the 2023 Winter edition of The FAN in the new year!



Samantha hosting the Extension Booth, Sept 7 & 8, 2022, XXIV World Congress. Extra congrats to Samantha, a first time World Congress attendee!

The 113th AAFCS Annual Conference—DoubleTree by Hilton, Orlando June 25—27, 2022

Submitted by Donna McGrew

The General Session began with a welcome from Robert Van Dyke, AAFCS President, and a special greeting to everyone on behalf of the Florida Association of Family and Consumer Sciences by our Out-Going President Samantha Kennedy.

After AAFCS Business, a discussion on *Education in Crisis* included panelists Dr. Andra Johnson, Dean, University of Florida Extension Service and Jessica Raia-Long (State Executive Director, Florida Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.) Following the discussion, Jana Anderson (Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Orange County) led a wellness activity.

Educational Session and/or Fast Talk presenters from Florida included Betty Mann McQueen, Marilyn Swierk, Barbara O'Neill, Stefany Joy Grant, Heidi Radunovich, and Samantha Kennedy.

Affiliate members who volunteered to staff the Florida sponsored Welcome Table and/or the Disaster Preparedness Table include Betty Mann McQueen,

Samantha Kennedy, Sha Pate, Kim Griffin, Diann Douglas, Wendy Lynch, Enid Lapham, Arnell Waldron, Paulette Goolsby, Dawn Warner, Heidi Radunovich, and Donna McGrew.

The Annual Conference Local Advisory Committee (ACLAC) collected items to donate to the Osceola Council on Aging as the recipient of the disaster relief supplies. The OCOA serves the elderly and disabled and the AAFCS and ACLAC thank you for your generosity.

And a special “shout out” goes to Dr. Sharon Pate, newly elected to the AAFCS Board of Directors and Marilyn Swierk, FCS, Distinguished Award Recipient. Congratulations!

Thank you to all of those that participated in the AAFCS Comeback Meeting, please plan to join us next year in Baltimore, Maryland.

Awards

Submitted by Kendra Hughson

Let Your Good Work Shine: Awards Announced

I am excited to announce you are invited to apply for our 2022 awards.

What’s new in awards? We have increased the number of allowable words from 50 to 500 words. We know you needed more space to share all your great work or to help you nominate a shining star.

Why apply? This year has been full of great successes. Family and Consumer Sciences topics and the life skills we teach every day help improve the lives of the families we touch. Nominate a colleague who inspired you or apply for an award yourself to recognize the work you have done this year and beyond.

How to apply? It’s easy to apply! Simply complete the application form included in this newsletter and submit a 500-word application about how the professional demonstrates excellence. Here are the awards to consider:

New Achiever Award recognizes our emerging professionals under the age of 35.

Kindred Spirit Award recognizes non-members who have greatly contributed to AAFCS goals.

Extension Excellence Award recognizes member Extension Agents who have demonstrated excellence in the profession.

Leader of the Year recognizes our professionals who have demonstrated leadership in the profession.

Teacher of the Year recognizes member teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the profession.

Business Professional Award recognizes an outstanding business professional who advances the profession and contributes to AAFCS.

Send your nomination to Kendra Hughson by email or by mail:

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Please remember that an award may be received by one person in any one category only once in five (5) years. Let’s have our state members recognized in each of these categories.



Florida Affiliate of AAFCS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Check Category Below)

_____ Teacher of the Year

_____ New Achiever

_____ Leader of the Year

_____ Extension Excellence

_____ Kindred Spirit Award

_____ Business Professional

Nominating group/person:

Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

AAFCS Membership #:

Nominee:

Name:

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**Attach a statement about the nominee describing, "What makes this individual outstanding?".
The statement should be no more than 500 words.**

Submit to Awards Chair:
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DEADLINE:
January 30, 2023

Note: If more than one nomination is received for the same award, additional information will be required from the nominee.

Leading Yourself, Leading Others **Leading AAFCS!**

ANNOUNCING



The 2023 AAFCS Leadership Academy

(Beginning Virtually April 2023 and Continuing In-Person One and One-half Days
Prior to 2023 AAFCS Annual Conference)

Baltimore, Maryland



Are you an AAFCS professional who wants to be a **Mentor** for an Emerging AAFCS Leader participating in the 2023 Leadership Academy?
(Application Deadline February 15, 2023)

Are you a “New” AAFCS Member, wanting to **gain Leadership Skills and make a difference in AAFCS?**
(Application Deadline October 1, 2022)

Mentor Requirements:

- Desire to develop AAFCS leaders;
- Attend the 2023 AAFCS Annual Conference to meet your mentee;
- Commit to a minimum of one year beginning April 2023.

As a mentor you will:

- Spend time connecting with your mentee to gain insight as to his/her needs;
- Work with the mentee to develop goals for the mentee/mentor relationship;
- Identify and use multiple venues of communications with your mentee;
- Commit to one year beginning April 2023 to a mentor/mentee relationship;
- Partner with a mentee to enhance leadership abilities.

Participants will:

- Gain knowledge and skills which facilitate the development of their leadership skills;
- Become knowledgeable of AAFCS and leadership opportunities;
- Assume leadership roles in AAFCS and other professional arenas;
- Develop a supporting network of colleagues who will link them with resources throughout their professional and volunteer experiences;
- Partner with a mentor to enhance leadership abilities.

Participant Requirements:

- AAFCS Professional Member - preference given to those with 7 years or less of membership (as of Oct. 1, 2022);
- B.S. degree or greater (by August 31, 2022);
- Must participate in virtual sessions beginning April 2023
- Attend the 2023 Leadership Academy and AAFCS Annual Conference;
- Commit to work individually with a mentor April 2023-June 2024 to further develop leadership skills and meet goals;
- Commit to work with a cohort June 2022- June 2023 to complete a project that will be applied on the Affiliate and National (AAFCS) levels;
- Participate and be involved in networking and ongoing learning and interacting online;
- Attendance at 2024 AAFCS Annual Conference strongly encouraged.

Watch for additional information at:
<https://aafcs.org/about/groups/leadership-academy>

For more information and to be put on an interest list contact: Shandi Andres (sdandres@ksu.edu), Sue Byrd (sbyrd@utm.edu), Meilana Charles (meilanacharles@gmail.com), Billie Collier (BCollier@fsu.edu), Nina Roofe (nroofe@uca.edu), or Barbara Stewart (bstewart@uh.edu)

Honoring Awardees at the AAFCS National Conference June 25, 2022

Submitted by Donna McGrew on behalf of the Florida Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



Extension Excellence

Dr. Michael Gutter, Associate Dean for 4-H Youth Development, Family and Communities is a proven advocate for family and consumer sciences. He has been integral in connecting UF/IFAS Extension FCS agents with UF Health to provide patients with a local place to meet their healthcare providers; the Our Community, Our Health grant focusing on gathering community opinions regarding illness prevention; and a program connecting FCS financial educators and cancer patients and their families to navigate financial challenges. This award proudly witnesses your hard work and dedication.

Business Professional

Dr. Ginger Phillips, founder and CEO of Arden Solutions has built a successful business on empowering others to be successful. A visionary, she saw the possibilities for distance learning and virtual meetings due to a fast-growing technological world. In addition to being a business owner with a current specialty in event planning, professional association management, and team building, she is an educator, a writer, grant writer, and a peer reviewer. We are fortunate to have her as a member of the FAFCS. We congratulate you on your accomplishments and wish you all the best.



Leader of the Year

Samantha Kennedy, Good leaders influence others by setting a good example. Samantha is passionate about our organization and demonstrates it by accepting leadership roles and encouraging others to do the same. She answered the call when asked to serve as the FAFCS President, and has fulfilled her duties for the past two years. Previously she served as President Elect and V.P. of Public Affairs. For NEAFCS she served as the V.P. for Awards & Recognition. For FFAFCS she has held the offices of South Central District Director, President Elect, President and Past President. Three cheers to you for a job well done!

Fun with Numbers—A Report on FAFCS Membership

Submitted by Nancy Hamilton

July 2022

Membership reports are sent to District Contacts each quarter and what better way to share our FAFCS Membership status than to have some fun with comparing numbers to last year's numbers. Numbers are based on the June reports.

- 75 is the number of Active members, as of May 31, 2022; 77 May 2021 (-2)
- 10 New members appeared on our reports during this year; however, 3 of these were renewed from the terminated list
- 125 Total Terminated for May 31, 2022: 114 for Spring 2021
- 71% (51/72) of members have 25+ years of membership; 31% (22/72) of members have 50+ years of membership; 40% (29/72) have 25-49 years of membership; 33% (24/72) have 1-24 years of membership.
- 24% (17/72) of members have 1-5 years of membership
- District F continues to have the LARGEST number of members – 25 (35% of our total membership!)
- District A continues to be the MOST EXPERIENCED with 100% of their membership having 25+ years of membership!
- District I was the ONLY District to show GROWTH in ACTIVE members during the year. They gained 1 new student member! 3 Districts (A,D,F) stayed even, and 6 Districts had losses in membership. Last year 2 Districts had (+) growth, 2 even, 6 had losses.
- Another interesting, but sad fact: Of the 5 first year members last year, 2 have terminated their memberships and 2 more have lapsed memberships!

GREAT JOB!

Just a few reminders:

- Be sure to pay your dues during your birth month (or before).
- Update your information on the AAFCS website so contact information is current. (www.AAFCS.org)
- Be sure that the Membership Chairperson has current contact information for the contact person in your District designated to receive the quarterly reports and other pertinent membership information,
- Welcome new members and keep them involved! RECRUIT
- FIND YOUR PEOPLE!



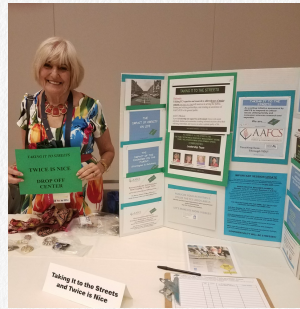
FIND YOUR PEOPLE

AAFCS Conference Photos

Nancy Bock, Heather Whaley, Martha Ravola,
Sharon Pate, Debra Andres, Debby Handy



Marilyn Swierk
Taking it to the Streets - Twice as Nice



Donna McGrew and Arnell Waldron



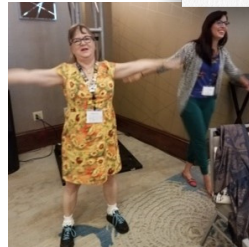
Tiffany Camacho and Dawn Warner



Marilyn Swierk, Barbara O'Neill, Ida Marie
Snorteland, Martha Ravola



Betty Mann McQueen
Fast Talks
45 Action Steps to Achieve
Total Wellness in All Aspects
of Life



Dr. Barbara O'Neill - Fast Talks
Five Tips to Flip Your Retirement Switch



Suzanne West, Tiffany Comacho, Shardelle Goshay, Dawn
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