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The mission of WAFCS is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

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2018 WAFCS Annual Conference

The Wintergreen Conference Center in Lake Delton March 2 & 3

Put in your request now for conference days to attend !

Conference costs are listed on page 2 in the newsletter
and are also posted on the WAFCS website

2018 Keynote Speaker

“Top 10 Consumer Complaints: Facts, Resources & Rights”

WI DATCP Assistant Deputy Secretary Sandy Chalmers

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is Wisconsin's primary consumer protection agency and has statutory and rule making authority over transactions between businesses and consumers. These statutes and rules serve as a framework that allows legitimate businesses to flourish, and provides consumers with confidence in the marketplace. Secretary Chalmers will share her expertise regarding consumer issues in Wisconsin and will enable us to make more informed decisions.





Fawn Creek Winery – Another Pre Conference Option

Thursday Afternoon, March 1

Nestled amongst 36 acres of Sugar Maples and pines is one of Wisconsin Dells newest and most popular destinations. Fawn Creek Winery is family owned and located just 10 miles north of downtown WI Dells. While sampling wine you will enjoy their Razz-Prairie which was featured at the WI Winery Association Wine Garden at the WI State Fair. Learn about how this family business has grown into the “People’s Choice for Southwest Region Venue” for two summers based on their scheduled performing artists throughout the warm months. Fawn Creek Winery also donates to the community – in 2016 they wrote the Adams County Sheriff’s Department a check for \$3200.00 which demonstrates their philanthropic goals. The Fawn Creek Family looks forward to welcoming you and includes: Dan & Sally Haberkorn, Dan & Diana Hanson, Susan & John Marx. Located near Chula Vista, we will be traveling there via car. No cost for wine tasting. Register for Fawn Creek Winery pre-conference option using same form as conference registration.

2018 WAFCS Annual Conference

Registration Fees & Lodging Room Rates

Conference Registration

Fri/Sat Member - \$160.00

Fri/Sat Non-Member - \$195.00

Fri/Sat Student - \$90.00

Fri Only Member - \$90.00

Fri Only Non-Member - \$110.00

Fri Only Student - \$50.00

Sat Only Member - \$90.00

Sat Only Non-Member - \$110.00

Sat Only Student - \$50.00

Lodging Room Rates at The Wintergreen

Single \$82.00 + tax

Double, Triple, Quad \$95.00 + tax

Tax exempt documentation presented at check-in or at time reservation is made.

All conference information will be released by December 1.



Congratulations Sarah Puddy. The Family Consumer Science Teachers Facebook page now has over 10,000 participants!! Sarah Jill’s vision of a communications tool for family and consumer sciences professionals is a reality beyond comprehension. You are an inspiration, Sarah Jill!

Did you send in your nomination?

Nominations due **TODAY, November 1**, for *Leader - Teacher of the Year - New Achiever*.

Nomination forms and criteria are on the WAFCS website. Or, if you are short on time, just email the name of your nominee to Carolyn Barnhart : barnhartc@uwstout.edu

WHO do you know in the state who might be worthy of the *Friend of the Family award*? Criteria available on the WAFCS website. Nominations due by December 15.

Did you know the WAFCS Foundation provides several stipends for annual conference attendance?

Check it out on the WAFCS website - wafcs.org

Message from the President , Carol Subera



As we enjoy this beautiful fall weather we are seeing early marketing signs of the coming holiday season. A short time after we celebrate the season with friends and family we will be preparing to attend the 2018 well planned, jam packed state conference that Cathy Lader and her committee have organized. (Watch for registration materials which are forthcoming)

As we approach the conference we will be seeking candidates for WAFCS leadership positions. Since one of our strategic priorities is “Say Yes to FCS” I would like to propose that members also consider “Saying Yes to WAFCS” when approached to take on a leadership role for the coming year. We all struggle to fill positions, committees and volunteer slots in our school, community and service organizations, and we are all busy with many obligations. But someone once told me that if you want something done, give it to a busy person and that is applicable to all our members. So if you are a busy person, we are looking for you to “Say Yes to WAFCS” when you are asked to fill a leadership role in WAFCS. Thanks for your commitment and cooperation.

At the AAFCS annual conference in Dallas, IFHE had a special session the evening before the actual conference began. The following article reports on the state of affairs on the Tex-Mex border.

Calendar of Events

November 1

Nominations for Awards due

November 8

December e-Newsletter deadline

December 3

Dining In for Healthy Families
Day

December 15

Winter Newsletter deadline

December 15

Friend of the Family
Nomination due

2018

March 1,2,3

WAFCS Annual Conference

April 15

Spring/Summer Newsletter
deadline

June 24-27

AAFCS 109th Annual
Conference - Atlanta

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IFHE speaker offers a look at Las Colonias in the 21st Century

Jean Schwass-Long

Jordana Barton, MPA, peaked our interest regarding the state of affairs on the Tex-Mex Border community of Benevides. The Federal Reserve uses action research in understanding the border situation.

The Colonia, community or neighborhood of Benevides, may or may not have potable water, sewer systems, electricity, paved roads or safe housing. 73 percent of its people are US Citizens with 94 % being under 18. Limited English Proficiency, at 43.3% can have bilingual value. They have an “informal economy” selling from their homes or flea markets. There is movement from informal to formal. They invented the concept of “Food Carts”.

Their infrastructure impacts the health of the Colonia. Food dessert issues along the border limit access to a healthy selection of choices with 40 % enrolled in the Food Stamp program. Potable water is made with Acqua water filters, when available. There is a limited access to health care, especially Psychiatry. Diabetes impacts 30% of the people, while obesity is double the national average. Their children’s life span is shorter than the parents!

The housing situation is based upon “self-built” homes, being put together according to how and when you can afford it = piecemeal. The “Rent to Own” contracts are wealth stripping. Only 11.7 % use a bank or credit union to finance their home. Thirty per cent of residents face repossession where most just “Walk Away” losing everything. Multiple families share one lot.

The wealth inequality is the widest gap since the Great Depression which is squeezing the middle class. Without access to the internet, the low income people are left out. Often the infrastructure

for internet is at the curb, but can't be connected. What can be done to close the "digital divide"? Ms. Barton shared some hope through the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, Texas. They are looking holistically at housing and the infrastructure issues. The question of how to pair builders with families provides some hope. ARISE is another organization with goals and recovery for education.

"POVERTY IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE A PERMANENT STATE"!

Have you renewed your membership??

On the most recent membership list I received, there was a list of several lapsed members. It is easy to overlook renewing. Please check your status and take a few minutes to renew if you are one of the lapsed members. It is easy to do right on the AAFCS website.

On that same note, directory revisions will be underway in the next couple of weeks. Your most **current and updated information** is needed to make it is accurate as possible. Please send any updates to Janet Powell - janetmpowell38@gmail.com



Plan now for you special "Dining In" event for Healthy Families on December 3. Check out all that is available regarding this special day at aafcs.org

