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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

Pre-conference March 1

Conference March 2, 3

Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center Lake Delton, WI

This weekend marked a very successful 2018 annual conference. The pre-conference activity was a great beginning. All ten spots in the The Little French Bakery session were filled. Chef Susan Holding prepared Gateau St. Honoré. This delicacy combines the elements of tart crust, crème patissiere, pâte a choux, and crème Chantilly. Members sampled this delicious pastry and learned new techniques during the 3- hour session.

Ten participants tasted several different varieties of local wines at the Fawn Creek Winery. Wines ranged from dry reds and whites to sweet to fruit infused wines. It was informative to hear about a local wine grower who has developed award winning wines.

The very competent co-chairs, Cathy Lader, Barbara George, and Julie Martin made sure every last detail was in place. Networking and reconnecting with friends is always a highlight of the conference. Excellent keynote speakers, unique entries in the art and design show, informative breakout sessions all contributed to the quality of the conference.

Check out the WAFCS facebook page for pictures and posts to share in the fun and activities.

Awards and Recognition

2018 brings a full slate of awards which were presented on Friday, March 2. WAFCS has very many qualified members and maybe you could be a recipient next year.

Leader Award - Cindy Quilling

New Achiever Award - Julie Martin

Teacher of the Year - Delaine Stendal

Please share your congratulations with these very deserving award winners.

Marilyn Swiontek, CFCS, 2017 Leader recipient and Sarah Puddy, 2017 New Achiever will be celebrated in Atlanta at the AAFCS national conference in June. AAFCS will be holding a “Meet and Greet” at the Atlanta conference for all attendees who are members of Sarah’s Facebook page - Family and Consumer Sciences Facebook page (11,000 members strong)

Once again, WAFCS is honoring a **“Friend of the Family”**. This year’s recipient is

Police Chief Mike Koval from Madison, WI

The **WAFCS Foundation** gave three university student **scholarships of \$500** and a **professional grant of \$1000**. These scholarships and grants provide opportunities to students and professionals.

More information about all award winners will be included in the spring/summer newsletter.

Public Policy Report by Charmaine Rimple, MS, CFCS, Vice president of Public Policy

For individuals to report suspected elder abuse call the Wisconsin Attorney General Schimel’s administration that has prioritized elder abuse and launched the Attorney General’s Task Force on Elder Abuse this past August 2017. A task force charged with compiling the resources and knowledge of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals is to study the impact of elder abuse in Wisconsin. The task force plans to assess ways to improve outcomes for this growing population of vulnerable citizens. Also, the task force will strengthen consumer protection for older adults and create recommendations for improved cross-system communications.

To report suspected financial, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, please contact your county elder adult-at-risk agency or call 1-800-488-3780. If you witness an act of abuse, neglect, or exploitation that requires immediate attention, please call 911. Also, Wisconsin Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-488-3780.

Below is legislative information for professionals serving consumers who obtain services of memory cafes and related services such as providers assisting vulnerable populations. Many bills in the Alzheimer's and Dementia bill package that was introduced in November of 2017, now, were voted out of committee (Mental Health Committee). The bills listed below passed with nearly unanimous and bipartisan support and executive action was taken.

- AB 628: Alerts for missing adults & a license review
- AB 629: Uniform adult guardianship jurisdiction
- AB 630: Establishing a dementia specialist certification
- AB 631: Creating a caregiver income tax credit
- AB 632: Grant funding for Alzheimer's & dementia awareness

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Respectfully submitted,
Charmaine Rimple

To Which FCS Organizations Do You Belong?

In an ongoing effort to establish communications with and share information and ideas, Marilyn Swiontek Vice president of External Affairs is requesting information from WAFCS members.

Instructions: Please respond to the following questions and return this completed page to Marilyn Swiontek. swiontma@wi.rr.com You do not need to include your name unless you wish to be contacted for further information.

Name (optional) _____

1. To which professional organizations related to FCS (other than AAFCS) do you belong?

2. Please list any other professional organization(s) WAFCS could contact for news, information, or other support to share with WAFCS members:

3. Can you provide contact information for any of the organizations you named?



Congratulations to Tiffany and Mike Roltgen on the birth of a bouncing baby boy.

Carolyn Barnhart, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you battle leukemia. (Carolyn's address is in the WAFCS 2017-18 directory She enjoys the cards and good thoughts and prayers from each and every one of you.)



FDA Professional Development Program in Nutrition and Food Safety

Reminder: The deadline for applying is April 17, 2018

The following is information about a wonderful professional development opportunity for teachers fully funded by the FDA.

Foodborne disease outbreaks and food recalls frequent the news. What organisms cause these diseases? What can an individual do to protect themselves from these diseases? What measures are being taken by the federal government to prevent transmission of these diseases?

Science, health, and family and consumer science teachers have an opportunity to provide inquiry-based lessons related to these outbreaks, recalls, and nutrition. Lessons can be found in the curriculum Science and Our Food Supply developed jointly by FDA and NSTA. And, in order to prepare teachers to use these lessons, FDA provides a free multidimensional professional development program that will take place July 15 – 21, 2018 in Washington, DC. Included in the program are transportation to and from Washington and all housing and meal expenses.

During the program, selected teachers will participate in activities such as the following - meet with FDA and USDA scientists to learn about their current research on foodborne diseases and nutrition; work with instructors to learn proper techniques to use in doing all the labs with their own students; and, tour USDA's farm in Beltsville, MD.

Selected teachers are asked to implement the supplemental curriculum in their classrooms during the 2018 - 2019 school year and to do a hands-on workshop on the curriculum for other teachers.

To apply on line – deadline April 17, 2018- go to: <http://www.teachfoodscience.org/apply.asp>

The Science and Our Food Supply curriculum guides on which the summer program is based are available from this website - <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodScienceResearch/ToolsMaterials/ScienceandTheFoodSupply/default.htm>. We strongly suggest you review these guides before applying for the summer workshop.

For more information, contact Mimi Cooper at mimcooper63@gmail.com
Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues.

Regards,
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Let us know your desires and concerns.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Check the online calendar at wafcs.org under “FCS Calendar of Events”. Click on the event for a description of the event.

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