

OEAFCs

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Message from OEAFCs President

For my first formal communication to membership as President, I am glad it comes at a time when we are reflecting on the past and planning for the future! It makes me stop and consider how thankful I am to represent a wonderful group of professionals who strive to improve the lives of individuals and communities. Not many people can make that claim, and actually have data to back it up, but as Family and Consumer Science Educators, we can!

It also gives me a chance, for just a moment, to slow down and be thankful for the job I do each day. The ability to physically and mentally accomplish my tasks (although sometimes hurried, or running a bit late)! To be grateful for the privilege to sit in front of a group of people, young and old, and give them a little knowledge to make their life easier, safer, healthier, happier, etc. Not many people can say that either, but as Family and Consumer Science Educators, we can!

It is an exciting time to be an OCES Extension FCS Educator. We just saw results from issue team evaluations in the form of county level reports. We are leading the way nationally with NEAFCS on how we are able to report impact to state leaders and administrators. Several county educators were given the opportunity to have Family and Consumer Science graduates from OSU shadow them this fall as part of their student teaching experience. This has generated renewed interest for graduates to really understand the extension program and employment opportunities. Although there are pros and cons with any career, there are a lot of “pros” for Extension work. One noted by my student, no homework papers. FCS School Teachers can say that, but as Family and Consumer Science Extension Educators, we can!

I hope to see many more opportunities for students to experience the joy that can be found in Extension work. We will be exploring student memberships, outreach activities and recruitment ideas over the next year, and I hope to gain insight from each of you on how we can promote our profession to high school students and FCS graduates. Hopefully, we can focus on the reason so many FCS Extension Educators have devoted their career to a county extension program and the sense of accomplishment from being able to improve people’s lives. Then, as they look for a career path they will choose FCS Extension, because they can!

Sincerely,
 Sonya McDaniel
 OEAFCs State President



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OEAFCs President
Pottawatomie County
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A Message from Dr. Atiles



Dr. Jorge H. Atiles
Associate Dean,
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To all OEAFCS Members:

The annual NEAFCS conference was again another great opportunity to showcase our work and also to compete for awards. I encourage you to work closely with your DPS to put together award applications. We are doing phenomenal work and with more data from evaluations you can document your impact even better. I attended several sessions that included several of you. I have to say I was so proud to see your work shared and the many questions it elicited from the audience. Those of you who presented along with FCS specialists really showed how Extension programming takes and benefits from a partnership between county and state experts on a subject matter. Finally, Lani Vasconcellos and I came back from NEAFCS with additional ideas on co-parenting after seeing the University of Nebraska Extension presentation. As a result we entered into a service agreement which will allow us to use their online platform to do co-parenting online where authorized by the judges. If you as an educator have not gone to NEAFCS, please consider submitting a proposal and attending next year. In the meantime, continue to do the great work you do in Oklahoma and supporting OEAFCS. Let's get ready for an exciting 2015!

Dr. Jorge H. Atiles, Associate Dean, Extension & Engagement
College of Human Sciences

State Officer Nominations



Have you been a member three years or more in OEAFCS? Have you previously served as an officer? Many of you have served our association and meet the criteria prescribed in our constitution to be eligible for an officer's position (See Article V of OEAFCS Constitution). OEAFCS District Directors serve as members of the nomination committee and will be looking to you to help them fulfill nominations for the following officers' positions:

President Elect – Members eligible for this position will have previously served as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director and have been a member for five consecutive years or more.

Members who have had OEAFCS membership for at least three consecutive years will be eligible for the following positions (elected odd years):

Treasurer-Elect, Vice-President for Professional Development, Vice President for Awards and Recognition, Southwest and Northwest District Directors (determined by District membership).

Perhaps you have served on the Professional Development Committee or the Awards and Recognition committee and may have a greater understanding of the corresponding Vice Presidents' role. Or, you may know a member who would be an excellent candidate for any of these offices. I encourage you to contact your OEAFCS District Director with your nomination(s).

Susan Routh
OEAFCS Past President
Nomination Committee Chair

SW District Report



OEAFCs Annual Meeting



Greetings from the Southwest District!

New Educators:

- Nancy McFarlin, FCS Educator in Beckham County
- Cheryl Lively, FCS Educator in Jackson & Greer Counties
- There are open FCS Educator positions in: Roger Mills and Harmon counties

Life Happenings:

- Tara Brown's daughter got married on September 13 to her High School sweetheart which blended two families. Tara is now blessed with three grandchildren (ages 3, 5 and 8) who call her Nana or Nana Brown!
- Amanda Horn got engaged in August to Eric Ford
- LaDonna Hines (formerly Dunlop) got married August 1st to Bobby Hines

Radonna Sawatzky, acting Chair for the 2015 OEAFCs Annual State meeting has been hard at work with her committee planning a fantastic (and adventurous) state meeting for this year!

**OEAFCs Annual State Meeting
April 22nd—April 24th, 2015
Embassy Suites Hotel
Oklahoma City, OK**

More information will follow, but mark your calendars for a State FCS update meeting beginning around 1:00 with conference registration starting late afternoon on Wednesday, April 22nd.

The OEAFCs- SW district has 25 members

2015 Awards and Recognition



Submitted by
Elizabeth McBee,
VP for Reports and Awards

The awards system is open and ready for your submissions.

Go to the NEAFCS website (www.neafcs.org) to find out more under the Awards tab.

This year (2015) is a pilot year for the awards online process so you will have two steps.

Step 1 - Upload all of your awards documents to the NEAFCS website (via the online application form).

Step 2 - Ship all of your awards documents (the same ones you uploaded) to your state affiliate Awards Vice President by **January 30th**.

There is a new award this year - **Master Family and Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program Award**. More information can be found in the awards manual.

Please NOTE: To qualify for NEAFCS awards or fellowships, dues must have been paid to the national treasurer by January 1, 2015. Late paid OEAFCs members won't be allowed to apply for National Awards.

Public Affairs



Submitted by
Gale Mills,
VP for Public Affairs



I would like to thank Lynda Latta, SE District Director for attending the VP of Public Affairs meeting on behalf of the association. Lynda brought back several action steps that are doable. To help promote our profession, the national association suggests that each state create an energizing “You Tube” promotional video using the NEAFCS creed as the script with FCS members exemplifying the creed in their communities. I am open for any members who are interested in working on this project to contact me. If you have not done so already, members are encouraged to add the FCS logo to their email signatures and like the NEAFCS Facebook page. One other item that the committee will be working on is reviewing and updating the OEAFCs bylaws and working with Danielle Wells and our Membership Committee to include language for student members in our association since OSU now has added a FACS Education degree under the direction of Dr. Paula Tripp.

NEAFCS Impact Statements are always updated at the national meeting and again Oklahoma was well represented. In the area of Protecting Our Resources – Family Life, our co-parenting through divorce class was mentioned helping over 300 parents in 17 counties. Also in this same area our active parenting now and active parenting for teens program was mentioned. In the Healthy Homes & the Environment impact area, nineteen disaster preparedness workshops reached 1,952 people encouraging participants to take the “Build a Kit” challenge. In the area of Financial Management, Oklahoma’s financial programming reached 886 citizens using Making Sense of Money Management and OK’s Dollar Decisions programs. Lastly, through the Childhood Obesity impact area, Oklahoma’s Organwise Guys (OWG) program generated 107,800 contacts through radio PSAs, 1,485 contacts through TV PSAs, 16,540 contacts through educational articles and 1,490 contacts through community events & online OWG website. The Growing Strong Bodies and Minds program was offered to 3,335 youth this past year. A copy of the 2014 impact statements can be found at <http://www.neafcs.org/impact-statements>. Thank you to all of you for your programming efforts making Oklahoma shine.

Member Resources



Submitted by
Danielle Wells,
VP for Member Resources

At the January 2015 OEAFCs Business Meeting we will be discussing the issue of student membership and participation for our State Association. This will require a change to our constitution. It is important to begin fostering a relationship to encourage high school students and college graduates to pursue a profession in Family and Consumer Sciences, especially within Extension.

I would also like to thank Dea Rash for her continual efforts in providing refreshments and information about our Association for the New Hire Orientation held twice a year. This is a huge help and support to OEAFCs.

Faithful Extension Workers (FEW) Update



Submitted by
Ida Fay Winters,
FEW Past President

FEW Update
Ida Fay Winters, Past President

The FEW fall tour to Stillwater on September 29-30 was outstanding and educational for 19 members and 6 guests. A special thanks goes to Mary Selk for planning and implementing the details for the enjoyable get-together. With pleasant autumn weather and good company, the FEW fall tour was bound to be successful!

On the first day, OSU students served as tour guides of the Alumni Center, Old Central, (which is now the Honors College), and the Student Union. Dr. Jorge Atiles, Associate Dean, HSCI/Assistant Dir., FCS, spoke about advancements and challenges facing Extension professions in family and consumers sciences after the group ate lunch at Mexico Joe's.

Afternoon touring started with the 4-H and Cooperative Extension Centennial displays at Gallagher-Iba Arena and Boone Pickens Stadium. The next attraction on the schedule was touring the Oklahoma Museum of Art downtown in the Postal Plaza (the old post office). This included a presentation on the permanent collection and preservation of artifacts and viewing Oklahoma State Capitol Senate Collection entitled "Framing History".

Dinner was at Hideaway Pizza. A business session was conducted by Past FEW President Ida Fay Winters. The group voted to send two memorials to the Ambassadors in memory of Ruth King and Ruth Ann Flanders. After the meeting, retired State 4-H Program Leader Charles Cox brought all the supplies to teach a painting class. Everyone finished a scenic project as a souvenir to remind them of all the fun together that evening!

The second day started with Master Gardener tour guides at the "Oklahoma Gardening" site. Next stop was the Eskimo Joe's Print Shop to see the screen printing in action.

Lunch was at DaVinci's for Italian food, before touring the Sheerar Museum featuring "Old Central and the Start of the University".

FEW currently has 3 new members and 53 current members.



FEW members Laveda Hammond (left) of Oklahoma City and Gina Calhoun of Ninnekah take a "selfie" at the Gallagher-Iba Arena in front of a Pistol Pete statue on the FEW tour.

Virginia Walker of Cordell concentrated on her painting project in the art painting class taught by Charles Cox.



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Submitted by
Elizabeth McBee,
VP for Awards and Recognition

2014 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Liz Gardner-McBee, Beaver County Extension Educator, was honored recently at the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2014 annual session, "Win, Place, Show with NEAFCS". She received the **Distinguished Service Award** at the conference held in Lexington, Kentucky.



The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award presented by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The award recognizes members for leadership, outstanding program efforts, and personal and professional development. The NEAFCS silent auction sponsors the plaque for the award. While attending the National Meeting, McBee was chosen as 2015 NEAFCS Award Sponsorship and Support Subcommittee Apprentice (becoming Chair in 2017).



2014 CONTINUED EXCELLENCE

Tommie M. James, Bryan Co Extension Educator, and Debra Garrard-Foster, CNEP State Coordinator and Asst. Extension Specialist, were honored recently at the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences 2014 annual session, "Win, Place, Show with NEAFCS". They received the **Continued Excellence Award** at the conference held in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Continued Excellence Award can be received only once. This award recognizes NEAFCS members who have been actively involved in professional improvement programs, the promotion of professional development of others, and leadership. Winners must have received the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award prior to the current year and must have attended at least three (3) NEAFCS Annual Sessions. The NEAFCS silent auction sponsors the plaque for this award.



Representing Oklahoma Well



Oklahoma Represented at National Meeting: A group of 29 Oklahoma Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences members represented the state at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences meeting in September at Lexington, Kentucky. Several members and specialists presented workshops, while many others represented Oklahoma as national committee members and attended officer trainings. Susan Routh acted as the National Southern Region Director and Board Member conducting the regional meeting and serving as a voice for the Southern States.

Several members were recognized as award winners, including:

- 3rd Place Southern Region Award – Radio Podcast: Gale Mills, Washington County
- 3rd Place Southern Region Award – Social Networking: Amanda Horn, Oklahoma County
- 3rd Place Southern Region Award – Community Partnership: Jean Bailey, Dewey County
- National Distinguished Educator Award – Elizabeth Gardener-McBee
- National Continued Excellence Award – Tommie James
- National Continued Excellence Award – Debra Garrard-Foster



Mark Your Calendar!
Join the FUN!!
NEAFCS National Meeting
Green Briar Resort, White Sulphur Springs West Virginia
November 2-5, 2015