

# OEAFCS

## e-Enterprise

### Message from OEAFCS President

What an honor it was to serve and represent Oklahoma at the NEAFCS Annual Meeting as the State Affiliate President. We had 3 voting delegates, 5 first-timers, 1 life member, 21 members (which included 3 State Specialist), 2 State Program Leaders and 2 guests. One of our Oklahoma guests was retired State Program Leader, Lynda Harriman, who joined us for State's Night Out. Along with wonderful workshops and an amazing conference site at the Greenbrier Resort, your Oklahoma colleagues were very busy serving in volunteer roles, completing assignments as National Committee members for Arrangements, Awards and Recognition and Public Affairs, presenting workshops, and much more. I'm so proud to be part of a professional organization where members give back and take advantage of leadership roles.

We are also pleased to acknowledge our State's Award Winners. Gale Mills was recognized for Distinguished Educator and Cindy Conner and the NW District Educators were honored at the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Southern Region and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place National Award winners for Human Development and Family Relations Award for their Tai Chi Fall Prevention Program. Susan Routh has represented our state well over the past two years serving as the Southern Region Director and was recognized for her service to the National Board at the awards banquet. I will use this space to "plug" applications for awards coming up in February. We have outstanding programs offered across our state which would be prime candidates for National level awards. But you can't win if you don't apply, so see Donna Jung's report for details on how to find and apply for awards this year.

It is once again time to pay membership dues for the 2016 year. We will, once again, be voting on a student membership option at our meeting in January. Several of our OEAFCS members are developing new marketing items to help promote our association and profession. These will be revealed at the January meeting as well, so stay tuned! In the meantime, reach out to FCS and FCS 4-H Educators around you. Encourage them to join the association and receive the benefits it has to offer both professionally and personally.

Please make plans to attend our Winter OEAFCS Business meeting at the conclusion of the Bi-Annual Extension Conference. There will be box lunches provided for those who request one on their registration and plan to stay for the association meeting. It will be at 12:00 pm on January 14, 2016. This is an important meeting for members to attend due to individual committee work meetings. Support your Vice Presidents in their efforts to serve you through their committee assignments. If you are not sure about your committee assignment, contact President-Elect Kathy Enyart.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your State Affiliate President. Representing you and the incredible programs you provide daily to strengthen your community and the families in your area is truly an honor and privilege.

#### 4-H Advanced Scholarship Endowment Campaign

Don't forget to support the efforts to endow this scholarship! It is as easy as printing a letter and handing it out. Due to the efforts of the centennial quilt block contest and projects sold we have passed the halfway point to our goal. It is time to step up the efforts with private donations. For your convenience, the donation letter explaining the use of funds is located on the OEAFCS website under Fundraising and Donations <http://oeafcs.okstate.edu/fund-raising-and-donations> **Think outside the box** – local companies with an FCS focus, passed 4-H FCS scholarship winners, OSU alumni in Human Sciences, etc. Remember, this is an endowment account which is a one-time donation amount that will continue to support itself into the future, and it is tax deductible.



**Sonya McDaniel**  
OEAFCS President  
Pottawatomie County  
FCS/4H

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## A Message from Dr. Atilés



**Dr. Jorge H. Atilés**  
Associate Dean,  
Extension &  
Engagement

Dear OEAFCs Members:

Congratulations to all the OEAFCs members who received a national award at the NEAFCS meeting in West Virginia. We were very well represented with 32 OSU members. It was wonderful to also meet with two of my predecessors at NEAFCS: Linda Harriman and Peggy Meszaros. Jan Montgomery, retired district director, and Dorothy Wilson (Langston) also joined the OSU team at the conference.

I was particularly pleased to learn how well attended were the OSU presentations and how many ideas we are bringing back for consideration in Oklahoma. Keep up the good work!

We look forward to seeing you in January at the biennial OCES meeting and also in April during the OEAFCs annual meeting. In the meantime, please remember to renew your membership and encourage others to join.

As always, thank you for all that you do.

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

## OEAFCs Annual Conference



Dana Baldwin  
VP Professional Development

The Professional Development committee has begun plans for the Annual Meeting of our association. We are in the process of finalizing a keynote speaker, checking on locations for tours and working out other details. The theme has been set as “OEAFCs-Empowering Ourselves”.

### OEAFCs Annual Meeting

April 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Embassy Suites Hotel

Oklahoma City, OK

More information will follow, so be sure you have these dates on your calendars!



## President—Elect



Kathy Enyart  
President-Elect

This past year has brought challenges to our profession and our future looks as if more challenges may be presented. Now,

more than ever, it is important to be an advocate for our profession. We can all do our part through serving as an officer in our association, actively serving on a committee, applying for awards and sharing our stories with stakeholders.

This is my second time to serve on the state board for our association. I can honestly say that the opportunities I have had through these officer positions were more than I ever expected. I have grown both personally and professionally. I encourage you to become active. Apply for one of the officer positions that will be elected at our state meeting in April. I will also be appointing a Historian and a Chaplain. If you are interested in either of these positions, please let me know.

As a member of OEAFCs you will serve on one of our association committees. Please visit the OEAFCs website to review the responsibilities and focus of each committee. Being an active committee member is one of the most rewarding (and probably easiest) ways you can be involved with OEAFCs. If you would like to change your committee, please let me know. Every member is important to our organization and we want you to serve on the committee where you feel you can be most beneficial.

What better way to share your story and market our profession to others than through recognition you can receive through applying for one of the many awards our association sponsors. The deadline will be approaching soon. We should have many applicants for each award, but we don't. I know it takes time, but I encourage you to make it a priority this year. Working together we can support each other and be the advocates for our profession that we deserve.



## SE District Report—Danette Russell



The Southeast District has been very busy this year and has 10 members. Three of our members retired They are Ginny McCarthick from Johnston County, LaDell Emmons from Pittsburg County and Carolyn Clifton, CNEP Area Coordinator. There are currently vacancies in McCurtain, Pittsburg, Johnston and Latimer Counties. The CNEP Area Coordinator position for the Kiamichi Unit, housed in McAlester is also currently vacant.

The SE District held their FCS in-service jointly with the NE District in November at Sequoyah State Park on Fort Gibson Lake on November 17 & 18.

Randi McCann's son, Cory McCann, was married in October. We are very happy for Randi!

## NW District Report— Lindsey Grace



The Northwest District has eleven members at this time. We are preparing for our Winter District In-service which will be held November 19-20, in Alva, OK. We will be working at the Alva Sewing Center and working with Mary Ann Rauh and she will be teaching us all various techniques using sergers. Dana Baldwin, of Blaine County, was appointed in August as a Councilwoman for the City of Fairview. And also, her oldest son, Cody has started the GM Auto Technology program at OSU IT this past September. Lindsay Grace, of Kay County, welcomed her second child, home on March 26, 2015, after spending the day at the NW District meeting in Fairview, OK! Emma Grace was 5lb 2oz and 17.5 in, born in Stillwater, OK. Many members from the NW District are going to be busy in West Virginia learning from other Educators from across the country!

## 2015 Awards and Recognition



Submitted by  
Donna Jung,  
VP for Reports and Awards

Thirty-four OEAFCs members attended the recent NEAFCS annual meeting in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia at the Greenbriar Hotel. Members attending included Dr. Jorge Atilas, Dorothy Wilson, three retirees, three state specialists, four FCS district program specialists and twenty-two FCS/4-H educators. Many of the educators attending the meeting gave presentations and received awards during the awards ceremony.

Congratulations to those who received awards -

- Human Development/Family Relationships Program Award – 1<sup>st</sup> place Southern Region Winner and 2<sup>nd</sup> place National Winner. This was a team award with the following members receiving recognition: Cindy Conner, Rhonda DeVor, Arleen James, Karen Armbruster, Jean Bailey, Recia Garcia, Lindsay Grace, Lindsey Miner, Lynda Latta, Carol Laverty, Liz Gardner-McBee, Jessica Nichols, Robyn Rapp, Marcy Wichert, Joy Rhodes, Gina Peek.
- Communications – Newsletter – Gale Mills, Washington County - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Southern Region Winner
- Distinguished Service Award – Gale Mills, Washington County
- Continued Excellence Award – Radonna Sawatzky, Custer County
- Susan Routh, Grady County, was honored for her service as the Southern Region Director

As 2015 begins to wind down, I hope that all OEAFCs members will take a few minutes to fill out at least one award application. I know our members are doing great programming and would like to have good representation of Oklahoma programs at the national meeting.

All national awards must be selected through our state awards system but they must be applied for using the National website by our state deadline of **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. One easy way to find out about all of the awards is to use the Awards-at-a-glance. Go to the NEAFCS website ([www.neafcs.org](http://www.neafcs.org)) to find out more under the Awards tab. This site also has several links for tips to make award winning applications. The NEAFCS website will begin accepting online applications December 1, 2015.

This year, upload all of your awards documents to the NEAFCS website (via the online application form). Great News – no paper forms are required! To qualify for awards, dues must have been paid to the national treasurer by January 1, 2016. Late paid OEAFCs members won't be allowed to apply for National Awards.





## NE District Report—Heather Winn



The NE district has been very busy making preparations to host the SE district for the annual conference held on November 17 & 18. This year we traveled to Tahlequah and stayed at Sequoyah Lodge on Lake Fort Gibson. We all met at Backwoods Foods where they process various salsas, sauces, jams/jellies, dessert fillings and much, much more. Participants were able to make holiday purchases in their store. Other tours included Cooks Companion, Flying Weasel and Go Ye Village Retirement facility. The following day we had program sharing and a presentation by HRAD (Hotel, Restaurant Administration) on hosting a job fair. Our time together ended after receiving an update from our district director's Randy Pirtle and Claude Bess.



Tulsa County filled their FCS position in May with Michelle Bonicelli. Michelle comes to us from Sand Spring public schools. We still have vacancies in Mayes and Nowata counties. Tristin Dean has started her Master's degree in Human Development at the University of Arkansas. Several members received Walmart Healthy Living Grants. Donna Robbins, Gale Mills, Trinity Brown & Dea Rash, Jan Maples, Ashley Davis. Ambassador Grant recipients include: Tristin Dean, Stacey Jones, Dea Rash & Trinity Brown.

Gale Mills receive 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Southern Region Communications Newsletter. Gale also received the Distinguished Service Award for Oklahoma at NEAFCS.

## Member Resources—Danielle Wells



The Member Resources committee is investing in our future, a special committee has been formed to develop marketing materials and talking points to recruit students into the field of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as becoming OEAFCs student members. Look for those sometime after the first of the year.

Also – don't forget you can support the organization and the FCS Advanced Scholarship by making a small donation. The donation form can be found on the website at <http://oeafcs.okstate.edu> at the bottom of the OEAFCs Annual Conference page. If you need the OEAFCs Advanced FCS Scholarship Donor Letter go to <http://oeafcs.okstate.edu/fund-raising-and-donations> it is located at the bottom of the page.



## State Officer Nominations



Submitted by  
Susan Routh  
Nomination Chair

Calling all OEAFCs Leaders! The Nominating Committee will be ready to accept nominations for Vice President for Public Affairs, Vice President for Member Resources, and Secretary-Elect. Any OEAFCs member who has been a member for three consecutive years and plan to be in attendance at the state meeting are excellent candidates for these offices. In addition, the Northeast and Southeast Districts will be electing a new OEAFCs District Director. Holiday in-services are great times to seek out new district directors. Please make yourself available to serve OEAFCs!



A GREAT BIG Thank you goes to Janna Kelley, Lani Vasconcellos, and Brenda Miller for organizing OEAFCs's Sales Table at NEAFCS. And, if you contributed to the Sales Table with items, we appreciate your contributions! Thanks for helping to support your officers and their representation of OEAFCs at national meetings!

Susan Routh, Nominating Committee Chair/Past President  
Lindsey Grace, NW District Director  
Danette Russell, SE District Director  
Pam Varner, SW District Director  
Heather Winn, NE District Director



The Public Affairs committee is responsible for making additions or corrections to the Constitution. A few members on the committee have reviewed again the changes that need to be made to the Oklahoma Constitution and now most recently has taken into consideration the changes that were just made in early November at the NEAFCS annual meeting in West Virginia. Please take a moment to review these changes which are highlighted in blue before we vote on them at our January business meeting. Please let me know if you have questions about this.

### OEAFCS Constitution

#### Section 1: Active Members:

1. Those eligible for active membership shall be any regularly employed Extension Professional, with a **minimum of** a bachelor's degree who is actively engaged in Extension work in any area of family and consumer sciences, at the county, area, district or state level. They may become an active member of the Association upon payment of annual membership dues. ~~To qualify, you must meet the membership qualifications.~~ *Justification: Coincide with NEAFCS bylaws wording.*
2. **Active members shall be granted full rights and privileges:**
  - a. They may receive awards, fellowships, and grants.
  - b. They may serve on committees or chair committees, serve as voting delegates or hold elected office.
  - c. They shall receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information.
  - d. They shall be granted access to NEAFCS.org which includes publications and other resources, upon payment of dues.
  - e. They may submit proposals to present at NEAFCS Annual Sessions through the Program Review Process.
  - f. They may submit articles for publication in the Journal of NEAFCS.
  - g. They may attend and submit proposals to present NEAFCS webinars.

#### Section 2: Life Members:

1. Any former Extension employee who has been a member of the Association for at least ten (10) years, and has retired, resigned, or otherwise become ineligible for affiliate membership, will be granted life membership upon payment of a one-time fee to the National Association. Life members shall not pay state dues. ~~They may serve on committees, serve as voting delegates, and receive awards, fellowships and grants. They shall not be eligible for state office.~~
2. **Life members shall be granted the following rights and privileges:**
  - a. They may receive awards, fellowships, and grants.
  - b. They may serve on sub-committees and serve as sub-committees chairs.
  - c. They shall receive the NEAFCS Annual Session registration information. They shall pay registration fees at the same rate as Active Members.
  - d. They shall be granted access to NEAFCS.org, which includes publications and other resources, upon payment of dues.
  - e. They may submit proposals to present at NEAFCS Annual Sessions through the Program Review Process.



f. They may serve as voting delegates, when a state/territory affiliate lacks sufficient delegates to the Annual Business Meeting.

g. They **shall not** be eligible for elected office.

*Justification: While working on the student membership category, inconsistencies in language and formatting were noted. In order to make the document consistent the following changes are proposed. These were circulated, voted on and approved at the NEAFCS national general meeting in November, 2015.*

### Section 3: Student Members:

1. A full time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a university, college, or other educational setting, studying family consumer sciences or related field with an interest in Extension Education as a future career who is not currently employed as an Extension Educator. Student members may seek membership in OEAFCs and/or NEAFCS by paying the designated dues amount of \$20 to the state treasurer and one half national if applicable. Membership may be obtained by submitting a student status statement verifying their full time student status.
2. Student member shall be granted the following rights and privileges for State only membership:
  - a. They may receive as eligible awards, fellowships, and grants.
  - b. They may serve on subcommittees.
  - c. They may receive the conference registration brochure via e-mail. They shall pay registration fees at the discretion of the VP of Professional Development.
  - d. They shall receive all publications via e-mail upon payment of dues.
  - e. They **shall not** be eligible for elected office, serve as sub-committee chairs, or serve as voting delegates.

Rights and privileges for National Student Membership will follow those outlined in the NEAFCS bylaws.

*Justification: Include student members in OEAFCs to encourage networking and employment with Extension.*

### Section 3 becomes Section 4:

The Oklahoma Association provides equal opportunity to each eligible Extension Professional ~~without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or veteran status. gender, age, religion, disability or status as a veteran and is an equal opportunity employer.~~ **does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, genetic information, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, or status as a veteran, in any of its policies, practices or procedures.** *Justification: Coincide with OSU Policy.*



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NOVEMBER 2-5, 2015, White Sulphur Springs, WV

## NEAFCS Annual Meeting - at Greenbrier in West Virginia

Those that were fortunate to attend the NEAFCS Annual Meeting this past November learned a little American history in the process. Some of us took The Bunker Tour where we learned that in the late 1950's the U.S. Government approached the Greenbrier for assistance in order to construct an Emergency Relocation Center with 25 ton doors. This facility could hold up to 1,100 people in 18 dormitories, decontamination chambers, clinic and operating rooms, lab, pharmacy, cafeteria, and meeting rooms for both the House and Senate. Secretively the hotel was being added on at the same time, known as the West Wing, so residents of the community did not know this was a bomb shelter to be occupied by the U.S. Congress in case of war. For thirty years this facility was kept a secret until a news reporter leaked the story on May 31, 1992 in the Washington Post. The facility codename was Project Greek Island and was maintained during the Cold War at a constant state of operational readiness. Think about attending NEAFCS next year in Montana.





**NEAFCS in Greenbriar in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia at night**



**Oklahoma Program Leaders—**  
Jan Montgomery, Peggy Meszaros,  
Dr. Atilas, Linda Harriman and  
Dorothy Wilson



**Oklahoma Voting Delegates**



**Chandelier used in the movie**  
*Gone with the Wind*



**Tai Chi Winners**



**Susan Routh, Southern Director being hon-  
ored with Dr. Atilas and Sonya McDaniel**



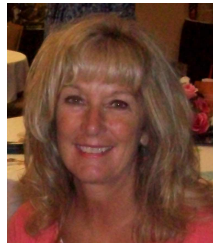
**Active Parenting  
Presenters**



## Faithful Extension Workers (F.E.W.) Update



Submitted by  
Lynne Beam  
F.E.W. President



Dear F.E.W. Members and Potential Members:

Although the turnout was small (only 10 FEW members and 3 guests were able to attend) we had a fantastic FEW Road Trip 2015 on Wednesday September 30 to Shawnee. A special thanks to Sonya McDaniel, OEAFCS President for planning us a great sampling of fun and educational activities right in the backyard of the county she calls her work home! It proved to be the perfect day weather wise for us to explore new frontiers.

Our adventure started at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art on the Saint Gregory's Campus. Founded in 1919, the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art is one of the oldest museums in the state of Oklahoma. Father Gregory Gerrer, for whom the museum is named, was a Benedictine monk of considerable artistic talent. During Father Gerrer's travels to Europe, Africa and South America, he collected many objects of artistic and value. We even got to see inside a Roman Era Mummy sarcophagus and see her - teeth and all!

Lunch was served at the quaint Benedict Street Market Cafe and Deli. Inside the deli was also a gift shop where volunteers made quilts, clothing, etc. with the proceeds going to Project Gabriel which was located next door. Project Gabriel is sponsored by the St. Benedict Catholic Church and assists women in crisis pregnancies who may be frightened and alone. Many of us attending had to do a little shopping before we left! I purchased the cutest crocheted pumpkin beanie for my FIRST grandbaby due next April!! (Oh and of course we had to have a short business meeting during lunch. I guess you can take the educator out of Extension, but you can't take the yearning to conduct meetings out of an educator!)

The afternoon touring started at the Pottawatomie County Museum (Formerly Santa Fe Depot Museum). In 1904 the building was a station for the Santa Fe Railroad. It has been operated as a museum since 1982, and contains many neat artifacts and materials from the early days of Pottawatomie County.

To many attending the FEW Road Trip I believe the highlight was the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Eagle Aviary. The aviary offers a permanent home to eagles rescued from the wild that have been injured and cannot be rehabilitated and released. They will be taken care of for the remainder of their lives at this facility. The aviary allows CPN access to naturally molted feathers, which will be distributed to tribal members for cultural and religious purposes. In addition, the facility gives the CPN the means to save the Creator's great messenger as well as the opportunity to reconnect our people to the living eagle. It would be a great place to take a group of 4-H youth or adult groups.

We look forward to attending OEAFCS in April 2016 and getting to see our friends across the state.



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