

OEAFCS

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Message from OEAFCS President

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Just like most you, I am finding myself very busy with end of the year reports and making plans for 2018. While in this process, it is a great time to reflect on the successes of the past and look forward to what 2018 has in store. As a member of OEAFCS, it is also a great time to be reminded of NEAFCS creed and why we do what we do.

NEAFCS Creed

As an Extension educator, my prime concern is people.

I believe it is my responsibility to give the best of my ability and develop myself to be an effective educator.

I accept the opportunity to empower individuals, families, and communities to meet their needs and goals through a learning partnership.

May I always be willing to accept the challenges of the changing times.

The last line of the creed is not the easiest to do. Change is challenging and this past year it has been very apparent in Oklahoma Cooperative Extension. I think our theme from the 2017 State Association meeting, "Facing the Future Together", is a great reminder that we have each other to lean on for support and guidance when we face challenges.

I am thankful and feel very blessed to be a part of an association that supports each other when we need it the most. I will never forget the love and support I felt from across the state in 2010 when I was going through a very difficult time at work and in my personal life. It is very overwhelming still to me today when I think about how my family, my community and my co-workers surrounded us during this time. Your kind words, hugs, cards, donations, love and prayers were part of what kept me going when I did not want to face the next day. Thank you. I will never forget it.

It is now time to pay our membership dues for the coming year. As I encourage co-workers to join, I am asked sometimes "what will I get out of it?" I believe you get out of it what you put into it. For me it is personal. I would have never developed the friendships across the state and nation without this organization. I would never have been able to travel, see, and do some of the things I have without this organization. I would never found the multitude of resources I have without this organization. I would never have grown professionally without this organization.

Thank you for supporting me and encouraging me throughout my term as your President. I am looking forward to 2018 and all the great things we will continue to do for the citizens of Oklahoma. As you continue to empower others, please continue to remember the importance of Working Out Loud and share your stories with the public and our many stakeholders.

Kathy Enyart
OEAFCS President



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OEAFCS President
Ottawa County FCS/CED

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"The Oklahoma & National Extension Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences educate its professionals to empower individuals and families to make informed decisions."

A Message from Dr. Atilés



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

Dear OEAFCs members:

We have upon us a new year that will certainly bring new opportunities to change into a 21st century Extension system. Dean Coon is committed to support our system and transform it in a way that we can be sustainable. In 2018, we should be able to welcome a new Vice President for OCES and wish Dr. Trapp a wonderful retirement.

The fall started very well with the NEAFCS meeting in Omaha, NE. Many of you were recognized with national and regional awards and you make us very proud. I believe that your work in documenting behavioral changes through the evaluation tools makes a difference in your entries for these awards. As you continue to enjoy and develop your leadership skills though serving in OEAFCs and NEAFCS, I want to thank you for the role that you play in our state. We are in a position of advantage to take Extension to a new level in spite of budget reductions. Together we shall work to bring in exciting partnerships to leverage mutual goals and resources to help Oklahomans rise to the top. Happy 2018!

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

Professional Development



Cheryl Lively
VP of
Professional Development

OEAFCs Meeting will be held during Biennial Conference on Thursday, January 11th from 10:30am – 11:30am. Please look at the program to find the meeting location.

OEAFCs Spring Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City on April 26th and 27th, with an in-service training planning for April 25th. Be watching for more details.

Public Affairs



Lynda Latta
Vice President of Public Affairs



Living Well Month

A Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Science
Public Service Campaign sponsored by NEAFCS



Cooperative Extension Service Family and Consumer Science Educators have been providing educational services to improve the lives of individuals and families in their communities for over 100 years. Yet, name recognition and general knowledge of services provided by FCS faculty and staff in their local service areas continues to elude many residents. Significantly, county, state and national legislators who administer funding for Cooperative Extension Services may be completely unaware of the significant, successful programming developed and managed by FCS faculty and/or county educators.

To establish and maintain name recognition for the Extension FCS Programs and raise public awareness of Extension FCS services in local communities, statewide and nationally, NEAFCS began efforts to establish a public awareness campaign in 2000.

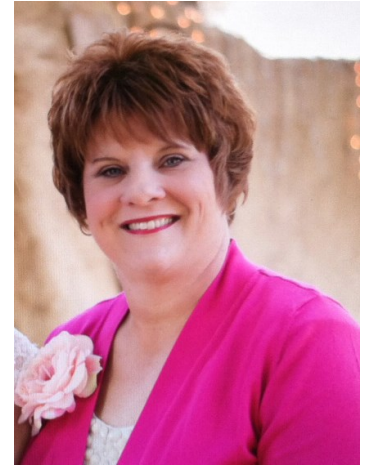
Be thinking of ideas for Oklahoma to promote this event and showcase our programming in a report.

I have created an Oeafcs facebook page. Please go and like this page and we will use it for updates and deadlines that approach and some fun along the way. I think it is a great way to highlight some things we are doing in OEAFCs. Remember to find it, capital O and then all little letters after that. I will be checking to see who is going us!

It was an honor to represent you at the NEAFCS meeting and to sit in on the Business meeting. There are a lot of great things happening in our association and I am proud to serve as your President Elect. As I sat and listened to programs and to award winners, I know we are absolutely one of the top states. We just have a hard time tooting our own horn. So I want to encourage each and every member to find at least one award you can apply for this year. Be thinking about it now and working on it when you can. I know we have lots of duties and obligations but we have

done the work and should be proud of touching people's lives.

I know we are all experiencing some changes, but remember this quote, "Changes are inevitable and not always controllable. What can be controlled is how you manage, react to and work through the change process".



Radonna Sawatzky
President Elect

Awards and Recognition



Submitted by
Diana Ramono
VP for Reports and Awards

Sixteen OEAFCs members attended the recent NEAFCS annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. Members attending included Dr. Jorge Atilas, Dorothy Wilson, Barbara Tricinella, Cindy Clampet, Cindy Conner, Brenda Miller, Kathy Enyart, Liz Gardner-McBee, Darrel McBee, Donna Jung, Ranel Lasley, Lynda Latta, Susan Routh, Radonna Sawatzky, Kristy Spalding and Mamie Thompson. Many of the educators attending the meeting served on the National Board, volunteered at the conference and/or received awards during the awards ceremony.

Congratulations to those who received awards -

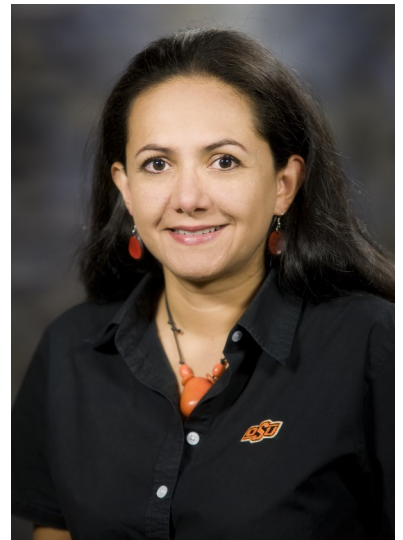
Program Excellence through Research (Co-Parenting) – 1st place Southern Region Winner and 3rd place National Winner – Radonna Sawatzky and 54 team members.

Distinguished Service Award – Jean Bailey (Dewey County) and Kathy Enyart (Ottawa County)

Continued Excellence Award – Liz Gardner-McBee (Beaver County) and Ranel Lasley (Caddo County)

Florence Hall Award - 2nd place Southern Region Winner – Lynda Latta (Ellis County)

Susan Routh (Grady County) was elected NEAFCS Vice President of Awards



As 2017 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 each of you are doing great programming and I would like to have good representation of Oklahoma programs at the national meeting in San Antonio, TX. As Kathy says, we need to Work Out Loud!

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 1st**. Go to the NEAFCS website (www.neafcs.org) to find out more under the awards tab. One easy way to find out about all awards is to use the Awards-at-a-glance. This site also has several links for tips to make award winning applications. The NEAFCS website will begin accepting online applications on December 1, 2017.

All of your award documents must be uploaded to the NEAFCS website (via the online application form). No paper forms are required. To qualify for awards, dues must be paid to the national treasurer by January 1, 2018. OEAFC members that pay after Jan 1st won't be allowed to apply for National Awards.

If you have any questions, please email me at diana.romano@okstate.edu or call (405) 744-2625.

Past President



News from Past President—Sonya McDaniel

Its nomination time for OEAFC officers! We will be taking nominations for the following positions at our Business meeting in January.

Vice President Public Affairs
Vice President Member Resources
Secretary Elect

To serve in one of these positions you must have been a member of OEAFC for 3 years. For information on the responsibilities for each office, please visit www.oefcs.okstate.edu. You can self-nominate, or nominate a co-worker. These are great positions to help get you involved in FCS leadership.

Member Resources



Submitted by
Amanda Ford
Vice President Member Resources

By now your district directors should have reached out to you about renewing your membership for 2018. As you update your NEAFCS profile on the national website consider also joining a national committee. This is a great way to get more involved in your organization and looks good on performance evaluations. And don't forget we now offer student memberships for \$75 if you know a student studying FCS this would be a great opportunity for them.



2017 NEAFCS Award Winners

