

OEAFCS

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Message from OEAFCS President

When I was asked to attend the meeting on Exploring the Future of Extension in Oklahoma, I wasn't sure what to expect. I had heard many rumors and discussions that weren't always encouraging. I left the meeting feeling encouraged, challenged and still somewhat concerned. Not knowing what lies ahead is my concern. Believing that Family & Consumer Sciences is and will continue to be an important component of Oklahoma Extension left me encouraged. I'm challenged to do my research, and represent the membership of OEAFCS the best I can.

The feedback that I received through the survey from you confirmed that many of us have the same concerns, stresses, and challenges. As I look over our reports, impact statements, see your Facebook posts, and read through your comments, I see that we are working hard to keep our focus and do what it takes to help improve the lives of our clients.

Oklahoma Extension is changing. We have to change due to budget cuts. We also need to change to continue to be relevant. We like tradition, but in our case the way we have always done things is no longer working.

As we are looking to the future of Oklahoma Extension, let's not forget to focus on our core values by answering two questions. What makes Oklahoma special? What makes Extension special? My answer to those questions are the people and that we work to help the people across Oklahoma improve their lives through research based information. As mentioned in the meeting, "We are good at taking information and transferring it to knowledge".

You will be involved in this restructuring process. More than likely one of the next steps of the restructuring process will be to ask our clientele what they find most useful in our programming and services provided through a survey type process. This will probably be followed by listening sessions.

I ask that we remain positive and focused toward our mission. Remember that this is a process and will take time to implement.

You elected me to be your President. I am dedicated to represent you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, more feedback, concerns, etc.

Don't forget to... Work Out Loud!
Kathy



Kathy Enyart
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. Atiles



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

Dear OEAFCS members:

Once again you have shined through the awards at the NEAFCS conference in Montana. Your accomplishments are well celebrated when Oklahoma can continue to be recognized for its FCS programming before this national platform.

I am also very pleased with the work that your board is doing. The recent survey conducted by your president, Kathy Enyart, in preparation for the OCES Futuring Retreat in October, was very enlightening and provided validation to many points we made on behalf of FCS Programs at the meeting. Every time Extension faces a budget reduction I think of the expression: “never waste a crisis.” By that, I mean that scarcity can be the mother of reinvention. We are presented an opportunity to rethink how and what we do and then come up with amazing ideas of how we can preserve our mission and deliver it in new and innovative ways. As a program area we are quite ahead in terms of thinking out of the box; generating funds from non-traditional sources; and managing many demands on our time.

The FCS Extension Programs I envision will allow county educators to focus on what matters most: helping the people of the state adopt the behaviors and best practices that allow them to fulfill their dreams, be healthy, be self-sufficient and an active contributor to society and the economy. So during this time of brainstorming keep your spirits up and maintain a positive outlook. Dr. Trapp will continue to see your input as educators and OEAFCS members. If you have new ideas to offer, please share them with Kathy Enyart, Brenda Miller, and me so we can best represent you. Thank you for all that you do. Together we can design a brighter future for all!

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

Professional Development



**Dana Baldwin, VP of
Professional Development**



“The Professional Development committee is busy making plans for the 2017 OEAFCS Annual Conference. Currently a theme is being decided on as well as speakers, workshops, tours, etc. Make sure you have April 19, 20 & 21 marked on your calendars and plan to come have an enjoyable time with professional improvement and networking with everyone across the state. Full details with registration materials will be sent out to members and others when they are finalized.”

Public Affairs



**Lynda Latta
Vice President of Public Affairs**



The Public Affairs committee is excited to showcase “Dine In” on December 3rd. The Family and Consumer Sciences profession had its beginning as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families with regards to water quality, food safety, and the safety of home environments. Today, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, a part of the Cooperative Extension system, continues to focus on the family and the needs of family members across the lifespan. NEAFCS professionals promote families eating and preparing meals together as a way to improve personal nutrition, reduce the risk of chronic disease, and build strong, resilient families. Be sure to check out the attached flyer and make your plans to encourage families to participate.

2017 NEAFCS IMPACT Deadline Date: February 1 so be sure Oklahoma shines in upcoming Impact Statements.



National Meeting Delegates Represent Oklahoma



Awards and Recognition



Submitted by
Donna Jung,
VP for Reports and Awards



Twenty-six OEFCS members and one guest attended the recent NEAFCS annual meeting in Big Sky, Montana. Members attending included one retiree, four state specialists, four FCS district program specialists, one area CNEP Coordinator and seventeen FCS/4-H educators. Many of the educators attending the meeting gave presentations, served in leadership roles at the conference and received awards.

Congratulations to those who received awards –

- Distinguished Service Award - LaDonna Hines, Oklahoma County, and Sonya McDaniel, Pottawatomie County
- Continued Excellence Award - Donna Jung, Canadian County, and Brenda Sheik, State CNEP Evaluator

As 2016 begins to wind down, I hope that all OEFCS 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 Nebraska. 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 21st**. 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, 2016.

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, 2017. OEFCS members that pay after Jan 1st won't be allowed to apply for National Awards.

If you have any questions, please email me at donna.stangl@okstate.edu or call (405) 262-0155.

Past President



News from Past President—Sonya McDaniel

Past President – The Professional Development fundraising booth at NEAFCS raised just under \$500 to help offset the cost of officers and award winners attending national meetings. Great effort and support from all who attended the meeting in Big Sky, MT. Anyone with suggestions for other, simple fundraising ideas please let me know.

Nomination Time is coming soon! In April we will have the privilege of voting in several new officers for the OEAFCS board. Each member brings talents, experience and expertise to the organization through membership, and now is the time to go one step further by serving in a leadership role. As Past President, I would gladly begin taking any nominations! Self-nominations are welcomed, however nomination recommendations from others are always appreciated. Maybe you know someone who would serve well in an OEAFCS leadership position, but may need a little encouragement in putting their name in the nomination pool. The following are the offices up for nomination and their guidelines for qualification.

President Elect, Vice President Awards and Recognition, Vice President Professional Development, Treasurer Elect The Southwest and Northwest will both be electing new District Directors for 2017.

Article V - SECTION 2. **Qualifications.**

- A. Officers shall be elected from the active membership of the Association.
- B. B. The elected officers of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director must be:
 - 1. Members of the Association for three consecutive years.
 - 2. Be in attendance at the Annual State Meeting at the time votes are cast for election.
- C. The president shall be selected from any of the past elected officers of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director. The candidate should meet the qualifications of the other officers as above and be an Association member for five years.

All officer roles, responsibilities and duty calendars can be found online at www.oefce.okstate.edu/officers

Member Resources



Submitted by
Amanda Ford
Vice President Member Resources

Starting this fall we will begin accepting student members to OEAFCS. According to OEAFCS constitution student members can be “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.” Fees for student members will be \$50 towards national membership and \$20 towards state affiliate. Student members will be eligible to apply for and receive awards, serve on subcommittee’s, and attend annual state and national conferences. They will not be eligible to serve as officers. If you know students interested please feel free to have them contact me for more information.



Looking to the future I hope to work with the Awards and Recognition committee and the OEAFCS board to discuss establishing an OEAFCS Student Member of the Year Award and/or a small scholarship. I think this will help us to increase student participation.

Lastly we are just a couple thousand dollars away from fully funding our Advanced FCS 4-H scholarship. If you would like to make a donation please visit the OEAFCS donation site: <http://oeafcs.okstate.edu/fund-raising-and-donations>.

Remember there is an incentive for the FCS Educator who raises the most funds toward the scholarship. The winner will receive \$125 from OEAFCS to go towards either membership dues or the national meeting and \$500 from Dr. Atiles office to be spent at a national meeting. So far only 3 people have entered and they are very close. So if you haven't donated you still have time win. If you are one of the three you may want to consider donating more to pull yourself ahead. Deadline is December 31st.

Treasure



Kristy Spalding
FCS/4-H/CED
Washita County



Membership Renewal Time

It is time to renew your OEAFCS/NEAFCS Membership. It is important for you to pay your membership dues to your district director by their deadline so that you will be eligible for NEAFCS Awards.

Below are the steps you need to take to renew your dues. (FYI - Oklahoma is in the Southern Region.)

Log into the NEAFCS website with your member username and password in the upper right corner of site.

Note your username and password are case sensitive.

Under the "Member Resources" tab, click "Dues Renewal."

Complete and submit the Membership Dues Renewal form. Please note that this form will be posted for a limited time; if you do not find it, please use the hard copy membership form.

Print the Confirmation Page that comes up after you click submit.

Send the printed page to your OEAFCS District Director, along with your check for your 2017 dues.

Renewal Membership fees:

Renewal Active Member: \$100.00 (National Dues) + \$25.00 (State Dues) + District Dues

Renewal Active Dual Member (also member of OEA4-HA): \$100.00 (Nat'l) + \$12.50 (State) + District Dues

Life Member: \$300 (a one-time fee)

New Members need to complete the *New Membership Form* which is available from your OEAFCS District Director and submit with your dues.

New Membership fees:

New Member: \$100 (Nat'l) + \$15.00 (State) + District Dues

New Dual Member (also member of OEA4-HA): \$100.00 (Nat'l) + \$7.50 (State) + District Dues

Please contact your district director for further information and new member forms.

National Award Winners





Dining In for Healthy Families December 3

- NEAFCS joins the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) to celebrate *Family & Consumer Sciences Day & Dining In*
- Use *Dining In* to promote your Extension FCS program
- Pledge to “Dine In” at AAFCS.org & encourage clientele to do the same
- Promotion ideas & materials available now at AAFCS.org & on NEAFCS.org after Annual Session
- Questions? Contact Glenda Hyde, VP of Public Affairs, glenda.hyde@oregonstate.edu



#FCSday and #diningin4fam

NEAFCS is an equal opportunity/affirmative action association. NEAFCS values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation. Membership is not by invitation. (Strategic Plan 1993-97)