

# OEAFCs e-Enterprise

[Oklahoma Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences](#)

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## Special points of interest:

2014 OEAFCs Meeting Highlights for April 23—25, 2014 in Oklahoma City.

Meeting tips and photos from recent OCES Centennial Celebrations.

Family & Consumer Sciences Professionals are named as Distinguished Educators.

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## The Centennial...Continuing the Journey

Recently, I was contacted by Michigan's NEAFCS affiliate and the Western and Eastern Region Directors of NEAFCS. During the Joint Council of Extension Professional (JCEP) meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, affiliate representatives were asked to share what activities that their respective state is conducting to celebrate the Cooperative Extension Centennial. Sonya McDaniel, OEAFCs President-Elect and OEAFCs representative to JCEP, shared Oklahoma's "list" of events. The "list" was so impressive that the NEAFCS Regional Directors have been contacted by other affiliate leaders to ask for the "list" from Oklahoma. Sonya did a great job of representing Oklahoma during this meeting and what a great way for Oklahoma to be recognized!

Obviously, Dr. James Trapp and the Centennial Committee chairs, Dr. Charles Cox and Recia Garcia, along with the Centennial Committee have developed many great celebrations and deserve the recognition for their dedication in making this a memorable time in Oklahoma Extension's history. And, OEAFCs members have great opportunities to be a part of these celebrations. What a great time to be a Cooperative Extension Professional! The Centennial is a great milestone for all of us to reflect on our past and to look forward to the "journey" as we continue to serve Oklahomans.

As I reflect over the past two years, I am indeed thankful to have had the opportunity to

work on many projects with very creative, thoughtful and visionary co-workers and friends. It has been a great journey as I have worked with and watched the Finance



*Susan Routh, President OEAFCs*

Committee under the leadership of Brenda Miller and the Executive Committee work together to position OEAFCs to grow financially and professionally in the coming years. With the investments in the endowment fund under the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, OEAFCs will be better positioned to grow and sustain funds for professional development. The goal was to position OEAFCs' monies to work for the membership; the interest from this fund will be used by OEAFCs representatives to attend JCEP and NEAFCS national meetings. In addition, the

contracts are in place to begin an endowment to fund the state 4-H Advanced FCS Scholarship. Our next challenge is to acquire the funds to begin the endowment. Again, this endowment will position OEAFCs to sustain this scholarship for the future.

To serve as OEAFCs President has been an honor and a privilege. I truly appreciate the opportunity to have served you in this position. I look forward to seeing each of you in April at the state meeting.

Sincerely,  
*Susan Routh*  
NEAFCS Oklahoma Affiliate  
President



*Dr. Jorge Atilas*  
Associate Dean, Extension  
& Engagement  
Oklahoma Cooperative  
Extension Service

## A Message from Dr. Atilas

Dear OEAFCs Members:  
What a great year to celebrate the centennial of the Cooperative Extension Service! We should be so proud to have been a part of this system from the very beginning. Family & Consumer Sciences is a critical program of Extension and our legacy

will last beyond the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the national scene, we are happy to have a Farm Bill passed and now we can move forward to a more stable federal environment for Extension. At the state level, we hope to continue to receive the support of our legislators who believe in the core

mission of Extension and how we improve people’s lives and the economy. We look forward to the spring meeting and to share our successes together. As always, I want to thank you for all that you do to help Oklahomans, keep up the good work.

[Dr. Jorge H. Atilas,](#)



*Sonya McDaniel*  
President Elect  
OEAFCs

## Sonya’s Synopsis

It was a pleasure to represent Oklahoma at the JCEP meeting this past February. As with many things you encounter as an Extension Educator, I really didn’t know or understand what, exactly I was attending. But, I trust those who have gone before and willingly went to fulfill my responsibility!

I was overwhelmingly impressed with the content of workshops I attended as they addressed several areas of leadership development and management. It was also an honor to voice opinions on behalf of

OEAFCs members for issues of concern at the National level – those ranging from membership recruitment and retention, the current rotation system for National Meetings and national board restructuring.

Oklahoma led discussions about Centennial Celebration activities. Impressing and motivating other states in their efforts to utilize this event to highlight the success and relevance of the Extension System. Although I expressed that these events/activities were completely due to the

efforts of our state leadership and a committee, it was a pleasure to be the one getting the compliments on their behalf.

I appreciate OEAFCs affording me the opportunity to attend this conference, and encourage all our membership to attend this professional development opportunity in the future, regardless of their position on the board. As I begin my Association Presidency in April, I plan to utilize the information I gained to enhance the membership experience for OEAFCs members.

[Sonya McDaniels](#)



## Brenda's Balance

### Update on Establishing Endowments with the OKLAHOMA 4-H Foundation

I am pleased to inform the membership that \$25,000 was paid to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation on February 7, 2014 to establish the OEAFCs Professional Development Endowment.

The funds used to establish this account included:

National Meeting CD	\$16,000.00
Cleo Bryan CD	4,200.00
Barbara Tricinella CD	<u>3,300.00</u>
Sub Total	23,500.00
Fees	<u>32.28</u>
SubTotal	23,467.72
OEAFCs General	+ <u>1,532.28</u>
Endowment TOTAL	25,000.00

We will continue working to establish the **OEAFCs Managed Account** (\$10,000) and the **OEAFCs ADVANCED FCS 4-H ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND** (\$12,500).

Brenda Miller  
Treasurer  
OEAFCs

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### UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 67 paid members and 2 new Life members!

Thank you to everyone that joined and the District Directors who worked so hard.

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Tracey Watts  
Vice-President  
Professional Development



### *“Family & Consumer Sciences ~ Leading the Way ~ Past, Present and Future!” April 23 – 25, 2014 Embassy Suites, Oklahoma City*

Celebrating Cooperative Extension’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is the foundation of the State Conference this year. We will enjoy learning from historical presentations by Dr. Jan Scholl, Pennsylvania State University Historian and Extension Specialist. Her topic, “Who were the first ones and how did they lead the way?” will explore the rich history and heritage of our profession. Did you know Oklahoma had the first African-American Home Demonstration Agent? Do you know her name? We will learn about her and all of the wonderful home economists who paved the way for us! Jan will speak to us again on Friday with a special Keynote address, “Technology in Extension – How it changed and advanced our message.” This presentation includes viewing Extension films from the 1910’s & ‘20’s! It will be exciting to get to see how far we’ve come!

[Tracey Watts](#)  
VP-Professional Development



Dr. James Trapp and Susan Moffatt  
2014 Distinguished Educator, OCES



Dr. James Trapp and Jan Maples  
2014 Distinguished Educator, OCES



Joyce Martin Sherrer  
and Gary Sherrer  
Whistle Stop & Festival 2014  
Cooperative Extension Service  
Centennial Event

Annie Peters Hunter  
First African-American Home  
Demonstration Agent in the  
United State appointed in  
Okfuskee County, Oklahoma  
& was honored at the 2014  
[College of Human Sciences  
Week at Oklahoma State](#)

## Stop "Waste of Time" Meetings

From our friends at Walk the Talk

Here's a contradiction I've experienced ... and perhaps you have as well. On one hand, meetings are critical activities designed to convey information, develop understanding and make decisions. On the other hand, they are often counterproductive and a "waste of precious time" exercise.

To fix this dilemma, everyone needs to know how to run an effective meeting. Here are 10 meeting standards to follow that will really help!

### Meeting Standards

1. Have a clear purpose and defined objective(s) for every meeting.
2. Ensure that the right people are either in the room, on the phone or represented.
3. Create and follow a realistic, timed agenda.
4. Start and end meetings on time.
5. Acknowledge that achieving winning outcomes is not just the meeting leader's responsibility, but everyone's responsibility.
6. Facilitate for results so that everyone stays involved and engaged.
7. Take thorough notes, documenting important discussion points, outcomes and agreements.
8. Develop a "who does what by when" action plan.
9. Publish meeting notes and action plans quickly, and follow up to ensure timely execution.
10. Strategically cascade meeting outcomes promptly and consistently to others in the organization.

Meet Well...Meet Right!

The e-Enterprise is the professional development newsletter of the *Oklahoma Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences*. Three to four issues are written throughout the year keep the membership informed of association news and events. Information is provided by the officers and members of the association.

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