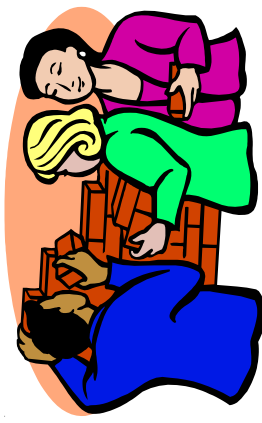


## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Greeting from the National FCE Board, we have just finished a very successful board meeting and we are all excited about the plans that were made. Plans were finalized for the 2012 Conference in Northern Kentucky. There is lots of information in this issue. Fargo, North Dakota is the site for the 2013 conference and Tucson, Arizona has been chosen for 2014.
- There will be a memorial service to honor deceased board members and state presidents at the National FCE Annual Conference. If you have not turned in the names of your deceased state presidents they can still be honored. Please send the name, state and years served as state president and/or National board position and years served on National board to National FCE Headquarters by April 15.
- At the 2011 Conference Bonnie Teeples Oregon, was elected President Elect, Betty Schalk Missouri, was elected Vice President for Public Policy Victoria Schmidt Colorado was elected Secretary, Ardyce Snyder North Dakota was elected Central Region Public Policy Coordinator, Rita Charlton Vermont was elected Atlantic Region Program Coordinator, and Anne Engen Oregon was elected Pacific Region Program Coordinator. Susan Yee Hawaii was appointed to a 1 year term as Pacific Region Public Policy Coordinator. We welcome these women to the National FCE Board. The proposed bylaw amendments all passed, the new 2012 National FCE Bylaws are on our website, [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org).
- Statistics from the 2011 Annual Conference ~ 115 full time registrants, plus 11 board members and 5 on site committee members. 24 delegates, 46 first timers, 9 1-day registrants, 21 alumni and 3 past presidents. Dollar amounts collected during the conference: Silent Auction ~ \$992.00, FCE Sales ~ \$4,078.45, Coins for Friendship ~ \$272.11, Dollars for Leadership ~ \$221.00 and 167 books were donated to the Children's Hospital in Aurora.
- **APPOINTMENTS** ~ I have appointed the **2012 Bylaws committee**: Kay Baker TN, Chair, Charlene Budd TN, Atlantic Region, Juanita Gillespie KS, Central Region, Oarlene Wingate HI, Pacific Region and Anita Capella VT, Atlantic Region. The **2012 Nominating committee**: Anne Engen OR, Chair, Connie Bazzle VA, Atlantic Region, Pat Thurman AL, Pacific Region, Mary Jane Adams KS, Central Region and (to be determined) Atlantic Region. The **2012 On Site committee**: Bonnie Teeples OR Chair, Sandy Medeiros MA, Office Manager, Scott Teeples OR, AV, Bonnie Russell KS, Sales and Silent Auction, Amber Phelan MO and Debbie Moos ND sub committee. **2013 On Site Chair** is Joan Geyer ND.
- **NEW MEMBERS** ~ National FCE headquarters should receive the names of new members within one month of joining. The county treasurer can email or postal mail the name, address, phone number and type of membership (no dues) as soon as they receive them, so the new member can receive the welcome packet and materials. Then send dues and forms to state in the usual manner. The secretary at National FCE headquarters will check to be sure the new member's name is on the state's data base that is sent with dues.
- **MEMBERSHIP CARDS** ~ Membership cards are on the cover of the FCE Today this issue. This is your permanent membership card, we suggest laminating it. Cards will be available for a fee in the future.
- **The CHARACTER COUNTS!** Essay and Artwork contest for 4<sup>th</sup> graders runs from September 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. Students' essays and pencil drawings must illustrate the Pillar of Character ~ Citizenship. State Presidents received the contest information at the Annual Conference.
- **FINANCES** ~ We have been able to work within our income for the last 2 years without transfers. The board continues to look at ways to cut back on expenses. Despite our vigilance, it will be necessary to transfer money from our reserves before the end of the year to cover our day to day expenses. This is a temporary fix at best. We all need to work on ways to fix this ~ adding new members, increase our dues, get personal and business sponsors.



**2012 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**  
**Coming Together, Working Together, Building Together**  
**JULY 19-23, 2012**  
**Erlanger, Kentucky**



**Please print clearly:** Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ This is my first National FCE Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

List any food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan meals: \_\_\_\_\_

(Disclaimer: This information is for meal count only. **YOU** will be responsible to inform hotel staff of special needs)

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:**

	Member	Non-member	Amount
Registration: By May 1, 2012	\$ 345	\$ 400	\$ _____
Registration after this date will not have meals guaranteed			
Spouses- Meals only	\$50.00 per dinner/	\$30.00 per lunch	\$ _____
Name of guest _____			

\_\_\_\_\_ **I will attend FCL Training on Friday**

# \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Future Stars (event free for people 20 years old or younger)

**ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Circle day attending, Due by June 1, 2012)**

Friday, July 20, 2012	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ _____
Saturday, July 21, 2012	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ _____
Sunday, July 22, 2012	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ _____

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

<b>Leadership Benefit (dinner and entertainment)</b>	All Welcome!	
(Saturday, July 21, 2012)	\$ 55	\$ 55
<b>National FCE Board Alumni Dinner</b>	\$ 40	N/A
(Sunday, July 22, 2012) for National Board Alumni Members & Spouse		
Total Enclosed	\$ _____	

**State Presidents: Please send your Presidents Day registration and fee with this form!**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED,**  
**BUT MAY BE TRANSFERRED**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- Keynote Speakers
- General Sessions
- Annual Business Meeting
- Workshops
- Eligibility to Purchase FCE Tours

**Events:**

**Thursday Evening:** Opening Ceremony  
 Presentation of Presidents  
 Meet the Board Reception  
 Business Meeting

**Friday:** Program Award Luncheon  
 FCL Sessions and workshops  
 FCE Night Dinner  
 Workshop Sessions

**Saturday:** Spirit of FCE Luncheon  
 Inspirational Session

**Sunday:** Luncheon & Closing Ceremonies

**Mail to:**  
 National FCE Conference  
 73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106  
 Florence, KY 41042  
 Fax: 859-525-6496  
 E-mail: nafcehq@fuse.net

**Check or credit card payment must accompany registration.**

**Make checks payable to: National FCE**

Credit cards accepted: VISA, MasterCard. (Circle one)

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC# \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of this registration form to save for your records.

## Hotel Registration

All conference attendees must make their own room reservations. Contact the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Hotel to make your reservations. When making room reservations members need to ask for "National Association for Family and Community Education" reservation block.

### Contact:

**Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Hotel**

**1717 Airport Exchange Blvd**

**Erlanger, KY 41018**

**Phone Number: 859-746-5608**

**Fax Number: 859-746-5607**

Or you can call: **1-800-HOLIDAY**, just make sure you mention the group name!!!

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of these methods. Reservations by attendees must be received on or before **July 10, 2012**.

### Room rates: \$93.00/ occupancy 1-4 people.

All guest rooms include the following:

- In room coffee makers
- Complimentary newspaper delivered to room each morning (Monday - Friday)
- Remote control TV's with complimentary cable and pay per view
- Iron and ironing board in each room
- Voice mail
- Hair dryers in each guest room
- Twenty-four hour Business Center
- Complimentary airport transportation
- Two phone lines in each room; one for voice mail, one for lap top
- Complimentary wireless high speed access throughout the entire hotel
- Ergonomic chairs and working desks
- Heated pool and hot tub
- On site restaurant

**Driving Directions:** From I-75 in Kentucky, Exit I-275 West (Airport Exit). Follow to first exit - Mineola Pike. Turn right on Mineola Pike; hotel will be on your left.

### Christmas or Birthday Gift?

Does your family wonder what to get you for a Christmas or birthday present?

How about a gift of joys and memories that entails no frantic shopping and doesn't need to be wrapped.

Just hint that you would love a gift that would help you attend the July 2012 NAFCE National Conference in Northern Kentucky. Maybe include some funds to enjoy the great tours.

This gift does not need to be put on a shelf, dusted, washed, or fed.

It's worked for me.

Anne Engen

Pacific Region Program Coordinator

# “NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP”

For

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES TO NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE**

**“REGISTRATION COST ONLY”**

Sponsored by the National FCE Board Alumni

1. National FCE dues must be on file at National FCE Headquarters by April 15.
2. National FCE Conference registration form and all applicable fees must be paid by check or listed credit card information. Winners will be notified before conference and their method of payment will be returned to them. Those applicants who are not winners will have their conference registration form and method of payment sent on to Headquarters by May 15.

3. This scholarship application form must be filled out according to the following instructions:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Years of membership \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number (on label of FCE TODAY) \_\_\_\_\_

**On ONE separate sheet, tell us about the following:**

- a. List your FCE involvement and accomplishments in the last 5 years (local, district, county, and State).
- b. What focus or issues of FCE is important to you and WHY? (i.e. Health, Home and Community Environment, International, Leadership, Youth Education, ACWW, FCL, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Community Service, Hearth Fire literatures, Membership).
- c. If you are selected, how will you share what you have learned or gained with your district, county, and State.

**Send the following postmarked by APRIL 15.**

- This Scholarship application form completed
- The attached ONE separate page of information
- Completed Conference Registration form and method of payment

Mail to: National FCE Board Alumni Scholarship, Chair

Dee Rudolph  
3672 H Road  
Dunbar, NE 68346

Phone: (402) 269-2616  
Email: darudolph@juno.com

**Applications postmarked after April 15 will not be judged.**

# Coming Together ~ Working Together ~ Building Together

## 2012 National FCE Annual Conference

The National FCE Annual Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, Erlanger, KY July 19 to 22. We are pleased to announce that we were able to keep the one day registration fee at \$125, and full conference registration at \$345. If you purchase the Friday 1 day registration, the Thursday evening opening ceremonies are included. Five (5) meals are included in the registration fee. We have also negotiated a reasonable hotel rate of \$93 max quad (4) occupancy.

President's Day will be held on Thursday July 19, with practice for the opening ceremony, presidents meeting, lunch and tour. The president's meeting is open to all who are registered.

Thursday evening is the opening ceremonies with presentation of State Presidents and the National FCE Board.

The Annual Business meeting will be Friday morning and is open to all, only voting delegates may vote during the business meeting.

FCL Training is Friday afternoon and is a part of the conference registration. Alternate sessions will be offered for those not attending FCL training. You can earn 6 ½ hours toward your certificate. Have you already earned your certificate? Continue your education in leadership with these workshops. There is always something to learn.

Program Awards will be presented at the Friday Awards Dinner.

Saturday will have FCE Educational Programs presented by National Board members. Look inside for descriptions of the FCE programs being offered. The Saturday Dinner will be the FCL Benefit. There is an additional charge to attend this event.

Sunday there will be an Inspiration and Memorial Service. We will again offer a session for "Future Stars" at no cost to them. Final awards and recognitions will be presented at the Sunday luncheon followed by Installation of new board members and closing ceremonies. National FCE is again sponsoring a book collection for a local children's hospital in the Cincinnati area, bring your books to the registration desk.

D"Lightful Tours will again be planning pre and post conference tours on Thursday and Monday.

There will be something for everyone. Check the National FCE website, [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) for the latest information about sessions at Conference. On the National FCE website home page, under UPCOMING EVENTS click registration ~~ that will take you to the 2012 National FCE Conference information. Fill out the registration form that is in this newsletter and send it in. We look forward to seeing you there.

## New Programs to be presented at 2012 National Conference

### **Be Sure of Your Community Decision Makers – Don't Get Left Out**

Micka is the Citizenship Character. Are you a good citizen? Come learn about a being a good citizen – Be sure to vote.

### **Where in the World is Chennai?**

Learn about India - it's location, recipes for a typical meal, history, how to wrap a sari, and more. We will spotlight Chennai, India, the host of the 27<sup>th</sup> ACWW Triennial in 2013.

### **HearthFire Programs:**

**Loving the Men in Your Life... and Understanding How to Keep Them Healthy:** Some men take better care of their cars than they do themselves. Few health maintenance issues are as predictable as tire rotations.

**Take It to the Street ...The Media Street:** Facebook is a great place to meet friends and share secrets. It's fun to collect as many friends as possible. Digital Media is here and now.... What other things can be learned from it?

### **Woman to Woman... How Do You Talk about Autism?**

Locked inside that person with autism is a person with feelings, and the need for approval and affirmation. Our words have power.

### **FCL Lessons:**

#### **Teaching Techniques... Involve Me, I Understand:**

What is the best teaching method? Learn a variety of techniques through lecture and demonstrations.

**How Big Is Your Heart?** Are you a Grinch or a Mother Teresa? Expand your heart through different approaches to volunteering.

#### **Developing Your Leadership Through the "V"**

**Formation:** Geese know the value of good leadership! How about you?

## 2011 CONFERENCE AWARD WINNERS

National FCE congratulates all of the award winners and would like to encourage each state to submit an entry in each category for the 2012 National Conference.

### Program Award Book

#### EDUCATION

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Arizona
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Hawaii
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ~ Kansas

#### LEADERSHIP

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Hawaii
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Tennessee

#### ACTION

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Missouri
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ West Virginia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ~ Hawaii

### Program Award Display Board

#### EDUCATION

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Colorado
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Tennessee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ~ Arizona

#### LEADERSHIP

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Hawaii
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Tennessee

#### ACTION

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Colorado
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Kansas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ~ West Virginia

#### SPIRIT OF FCL

Winner ~ Elizabeth Salfen, Hawaii

### Heart Of FCE Award

- Alaska ~ Carol Stewart
- Arizona ~ Helen Lochner
- Colorado ~ Ida (Dee) Wilson
- Delaware ~ Nancy Moore
- Hawaii ~ Masako Kuwaye
- Kansas ~ Nancy Kernick
- Maryland ~ Maddi Klein
- Michigan ~ Betty (Pat) Atkinson
- Missouri ~ Inez Statler
- Nebraska ~ Mary Beth Sall
- North Dakota ~ Alice Falkenstein
- Oregon ~ Barbara Voltin
- Tennessee ~ Bernice Goad
- Texas ~ Winona Baugh
- Virginia ~ Brucie East
- Wisconsin ~ Marion Van Dreel

### Essay & Artwork

#### Caring

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ~ Jaimelle Felipe, Hawaii
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ~ Breanne Beahler, Missouri
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ~ Brianna Corrion, Michigan

### Board Alumni Scholarship

- Mary Lou Burch, Tennessee
- Darlene McCain, Missouri
- Dorothy Dean, Colorado

### Community Service Awards

- Kansas ~ Ronald McDonald House
- Maryland ~ Being a Good Neighbor thru FCE
- Tennessee, (Eastern Region) ~ Making a Difference

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### **Public Relations Awards**

Tennessee ~ Roane County  
Hawaii ~ South Oahu FCE Council  
Hawaii ~ Palisades FCE Council  
Tennessee ~ Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carter,  
Claiborne, Cumberland, Grainger, Hamblen, Hawkins,  
Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Sevier,  
Sullivan, Union, Washington, Wilson counties

### **THANK YOU** **Colorado FCE**

Thanks to Colorado FCE for all they did to make the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual FCE Conference in Northglenn, Colorado a success. They worked very hard to welcome us to Colorado. District 8 provided funds for the FDR impersonator at the FCL Benefit. Many members helped present fun and educational workshops. There were around 20 first timers from Colorado and we hope to see them at another National Conference soon. They provided door prizes for attendees. They decorated the tables and provided elegant centerpieces. They mixed us up at lunch so that we visited with new friends. They provided workers for registration and in the conference office. Thanks for all you did Colorado FCE!!

### **THANK YOU!!**

The National FCE Board Alumni wish to thank all who donated in any way to the fundraisers, "Aprons for Scholarships" "**FCE** aids in **F**unding **C**ancer **E**limination" fundraisers at the 2011 Annual Conference in Colorado. We had 79 aprons donated and have enough scholarship money to send 3 members to the 2012 Conference. Again, Thanks for the bras, aprons, bidding on them and all the help with both. We will be holding the same fundraisers next year so get those aprons and bras ready!  
I already have 5 aprons!!

Karen Walker, Chairman  
National FCE Board Alumni

### **Follow Up to Medical ID Theft** **Conference Workshop**

Within the Medical ID Theft workshop was a concise page on Medicare fraud. Check out the government website [www.StopMedicareFraud.gov](http://www.StopMedicareFraud.gov) and print the great brochure *STOP Medicare Fraud*. Its theme is Fight Back! Deter, Detect, Defend. Print extra copies for your FCE group.  
Report suspected Medicare fraud: 1-800-447-8477  
Report questionable charges to Medicare: 1-800-633-4227  
Lost or stolen Medicare card: 1-800-772-1213 (Social Security)  
**Have you heard of SMPs?** Formerly called Senior Medicare Patrols. They work locally to empower senior to fight health care fraud and resolve errors. To find an SMP in your area go to [www.smpresource.org](http://www.smpresource.org) or call 1-877-808-2468.

### **Action Alert from Identity Theft Workshop**

The writer/teachers for the conference workshop titled "Are You Smarter Than An Identity Thief?" printed out a small booklet of actions and alerts. Professionals in the fight against ID theft had recommended to the teachers that you don't sign the back of your credit cards but instead write **Photo ID required**. After the class we learned some business may reject the unsigned card at the request of their credit card processing companies. If the unsigned card is used in a fraud, the merchant will not receive the money due them.  
So on the back of your card write **Photo ID required/ then sign name**. When charging something see if they ask for your photo ID. If they don't, ask them if they read what was written.

Anne Engen, Pacific Region Program Coordinator

### **THANKS FROM HQ**

While unpacking the boxes received from conference I found a wonderful surprise, a thank you card signed by many of you that attended plus a delicious box of chocolates. Thanks for remembering me I have enjoyed reading your personal notes and eating those yummy candies.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Kentucky at the 2012 National Conference July 19-23.

Judy Jones  
National FCE Headquarters

## OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Sometimes we tell ourselves we're not really a very talented leader, speaker or writer. But FCE has nurtured us through the years and we are surprised by how we enjoy supporting this organization by teaching lessons, being an officer, organizing FCE events and attending conferences.

Now think about joining a national team with your same love of FCE. This team is the NAFCE Board. There are only 3 positions open – to be elected at the July, 2012 National Conference in Kentucky.

Central Region Program Coordinator 3 year position  
Pacific Region Public Policy Coordinator 2 year position  
Duties include helping to write, teach workshops.  
Attend board meetings and NAFCE board meetings.  
Many expenses are covered.

Young Families Coordinator 3 year position  
Duties include representing young families, Future Stars our young people. Write, teach workshop.  
Attend board meetings and NAFCE board meetings. Many expenses are covered.

Speak to your State President about applying or contact Anne Engen, [daengen@onlinemac.com](mailto:daengen@onlinemac.com) Nominating Committee.

## DUES INCREASE CHALLENGE

FCE members were challenged at the 2011 Conference in Colorado to donate money equal to a dues increase of .50 cents. A .50 cent dues increase would raise about \$2750. Whatever money is donated will be matched. What could we do with that money? We could print 4 FCE Friends storybooks that are waiting to be published. We could purchase archival material for storage. We could print additional Hearth Fires. We could train more leaders. We could replace an 8 year old copier. We could send our President to ACWW in India. We could send a board member to help start FCE in places where we have had requests for more information. We could expand the Future Stars program. We could develop material for youth. We could publish a manuscript that was donated to National FCE. We couldn't do everything on our wish list, but this lets you know some of our needs. So far we have raised \$270 towards the increase. If you would like to help meet this challenge, send your donation to Headquarters marked "Dues Increase Challenge". Donations must be received by December 31, 2011 .

Judy Fullmer  
National FCE President

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