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“NETWORKING WITH NANCY” – President - Nancy Kernick



As we look at the end of another great year in 2023, we have made many things happen and will look forward to the new year. We continue to adapt to the change with local, county, and area meetings, and continue learning the technology of doing ZOOM. This has been very helpful in keeping in touch with everyone – although not the same as really in-person.

Some of the things that take up my time as Kansas FCE President are shared below.

KAFCE NEWS - The printer will be reimbursed for the cost of the USPS Postal Service permit.

August Mailing was emailed to all County Council Presidents, Independent Members, Board of Directors, Members, and KSU Agents and the Webmaster. It is very important that the Officers' Sheet form be completed with the FCE/County Council Officers' names, mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses as well as their Agent's information. This should be completed even when there is only one FCE Unit in the county.

Membership and FCE Unit Recognition Certificates - Members and FCE Unit recognition will be done by DeLores Walden from membership forms and Registrar's records.

Lesson Materials were distributed to all five areas prior to the State EPC Leadership Training via Zoom in September. I watched and listened to the 2024 lessons presented.

National FCE - Judy Fullmer and Board have kept us informed on their activities.

Board of Directors - Emailed the Board of Directors notice for the September meeting via ZOOM. We appreciate Faye Spencer as she continues to help the Board of Directors conduct our meetings by ZOOM and sending reports to make it all happen.

Kansas FCE Conference - the Klamath Insurance was signed for 2023 State Conference, Hays.

State Scholarship Recipient - a letter of congratulations was sent to the recipient and the college.

Essay & Artwork Contest and Heart of FCE were judged and state winners mailed to National FCE.

THANKS TO EVERYONE- *I personally want to thank everyone for their continued prayers, phone calls, e-mails, and personal visits for my family this year. During Kansas FCE Conference when I received messages that my daughter-in-law was admitted into Hospice Hospital and my son was admitted to urgent care, but since he was doing okay, he was returned home. Immediately after conference, I arrived at his home. Sean got to visit his wife, Laura, before she passed away on Friday, October 6, 2023, of cancer. Thank you to the Kansas FCE members who donated to the Kansas FCE Scholarship Fund, and we will recognize Laura in Angels Among Us, Cancer for Women Fund.*

We extend sympathy to those who have lost members this year.

Nancy Kernick – Kansas FCE President

President-elect - Faye Spencer

It has been many years since there has been an elected president-elect officer. Although I have been serving as vice president and have provided support to the president with Board of Directors' Zoom meetings, August Mailings and the Kansas FCE Newsletters, there are many more duties of a president that I will be learning during this one-year term.

A presidential term will follow in 2025-2026-2027.

By the 2024 Kansas FCE State Conference, those attending will be voting to elect a State Vice President and State Treasurer. Both officers' terms will start 2025-2026-2027.

Vice President - Faye Spencer

Activities since June, 2023.

Prepared the 2024 Program Year folders for State officers, State and Area EPC, County Council EPC, FCE Units and Independent Members.

Conducted State EPC Leadership Training via Zoom with a review of the 2023 forms. The recorded Zoom meeting has been uploaded to YouTube: Named: Kansas FCE State EPC Leadership Training for 2024 Program Year. The video link is <https://youtu.be/yYofBGOBm3M>. HINT: If a unit doesn't have a leader for a lesson, the unit may play the recorded leadership training presentation. If you have any questions or problems contact either your Area Director or Faye Spencer.

Attended two Fall Area Council meetings (South Central and Northeast) and the State Conference.

Extended the term of Vice President one year, 2024. There was no vice president nominee to elect at the 2023 Kansas FCE Annual Conference. This second term started in 2019 (first term was 2012-2015). When this term concludes, I will have served this office for a total of 10 years. >>>It is time for New Leadership!<<<<

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: The voting body approved to:

Amend Article VI, Nominations and Elections, Section 1, Nominations, item A. The Bylaw will now read: "Each Area shall elect one member and one alternate to serve on the State Nominating Committee every year at the Fall Area Council meetings for one term beginning January 1. The President shall appoint a former board member as chairman of the Committee. Members of the committee may succeed themselves once."

Accept the 2024 proposed budget.

Elected President-elect Faye Spencer, term 2024, followed by a president's 3-year term.

HANDBOOKS – The approved Bylaw amendment changed not only page 10 but two other sections and pages:

Page 10: Article VI –NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 1 A, number 1.

Page 20: Area Director: 8. Organize the Fall and Spring Area Council meetings

Page 27: Under "MEETINGS", Area Council shall: item 2b

These pages have been updated and new sheets are to be inserted into existing Handbooks. These corrected pages/sheets are available from the Area Directors and the website. Set your printer to print on both sides. Print pages 9 and 10; pages 19 and 20 and pages 27 and 28. Replace the old with the new pages in all Handbooks.

The 2021 distribution of Handbooks were to officers and other positions with a few sold. That person is to maintain the Handbook and upon their term's expiration, pass on the assigned Handbook to the new officer.

Secretary - Tina Bailey

My first annual meeting is behind me. I have found this to be a challenging and exciting year. I have enjoyed the position and I have learned a lot about the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. I look forward to 2024 for the exciting things FCE will bring.

Happy Holidays to everyone. Stay Safe

Treasurer - DeLores Walden

Are you interested in figures! The State Nominating Committee will be searching for a Kansas FCE Treasurer to be elected at the October 2024 State Conference. The term of office will be 2025, 2026, 2027. If interested and have questions, call DeLores.

Bank Balance as of 11-12-2023 is \$46,643.94 which includes NAFCE Projects \$68.45; Clovia 4-H House \$379.50; Smurthwaite \$250.50 and ACWW projects \$149.00.

United Bank and Trust-Treasure Savings Business. Balance as of 9-30-2023 is \$86,685.83.

Kansas FCE Scholarship has available \$4,387.93. Gave \$500 for fall semester to Tristen Porter, SW Area.

Joann Newby Grant has available \$1,210.00 for someone who wants to go back to school and improve on their work position.

“Prizes by the Yard” brought in \$1,285 at Kansas FCE Conference. The money will be added to scholarships.

“Marketing” table brought in \$650.56 at the Kansas FCE Conference for board expenses.

AREA DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

NE Area Director - Carol Lintner

Our November 2nd NE Fall Area Council meeting was attended by 22 members. State Officers present were Faye Spencer, State Vice President; DeLores Walden, State Treasurer, Membership/Registrar/Historian; and Tina Bailey, State Secretary and State EPC. DeLores and Tina are NE Area FCE members. Faye is from SC Area.

Three 2022 Lessons, State Conference at Hays, and “Why We FCE?” were displayed.

The 2024 Education Program Lessons were presented by Tina Bailey, Margaret Barnes and DeLores Walden. I want to thank FCS/FCE member, Kathy Tharman, and FCS agent, Taylor Lee, for running the videos of some of the 2024 Lessons.

Elected as incoming NE Area Director is Diane Nielson, a 15-year FCE member of Atchison County. The term will be 2024-2025. Diane, a retired Atchison County FCS Agent of 32 years, whose passion for education, worked closely and encouraged FCE Units, 4-Her's, and other Community Initiatives such as Live Well, Live Atchison; Dare to Be You – Parenting Classes; Food Nutrition programs; and Books for Babies with Amberwell Hospital.

The 2023 End of Year Reports will be judged by the NE Area EPC Committee, and Diane Nielson, January 3, 2024!

It's been my privilege to serve the NE as Area Director for four years. I've been tremendously blessed and enriched by so many women that serve their NE Counties with great passion and zeal in Education!

“Smiles are always well spent.”

NW Area Director - Edith McClain

Reminder: Northwest Area will NEED to elect a new Area Director during the April 2024 Spring Area Council meeting. Edith cannot continue forever.

>>>It is time for New Leadership!<<<

The NW Fall Area Council meeting was held Tuesday, October 17, 2023 in the Harding Building at the Stockton Fairgrounds. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and breads provided by the Rooks County FCE members. At 10:00, NW Area Director Edith McClain called the business meeting to order. Flag salute was recited. Nadine Holmes, Smith County, was appointed Secretary for the business meeting.

Roll call was answered by 19 members and one agent, Anna Muer of the Rooks/Phillips County Extension.

The NW Area EPC members are: Susan Gartrell, Eleanor Wherry, and Diane Hrabe. Diane will be going off and Janie Lowry agreed to come back on.

Raffle ticket for the day was for the NW Area Account. Denise Marcum handled the ticket sales.

During the Annual Conference, an amendment was approved to change the Bylaws, Article VI – Nominations and Elections, Section 1, item A. “Each Area shall elect one member, and one alternate to serve on the State Nominating Committee every year at the fall Area Council meetings for one term beginning January 1”. NW Area had already elected at the Spring Area Council meeting Gertrude (Trudy) Deges of Rooks County, as chair and Louise Greenberg of Smith County, as the alternate.

Edith shared at the business meeting that there were additional Handbook changes. When those are printed off and distributed, please replace those pages in the Handbook. Each County Council President and FCE President should have those inserted into that officer’s Handbook. Additionally, that Handbook should be passed on to the next President. The Handbook belongs with the office.

Edith asked the County Council Presidents if they received the August mailing from President Nancy. All the counties present indicated they had. Were there any questions about this information? No questions surfaced at this time. Ellis County was not present so Edith will check with them.

Only one Heart of FCE application was received. Nadine Holmes of Smith County was chosen to be the NW Heart of FCE for 2024.

Edith reported on the State FCE Conference held on October 2-4 in Hays, KS. She thanked all the members that assisted with the conference and those that attended. She also reported that the Ellis County Convention & Visitors Bureau were super to work with. The Hilton Garden Inn was an awesome location. There were 103 registered but had 4 canceling leaving 99 in attendance with 23 First Timers, and 3 guests. A final conference report is being compiled.

Denise Marcum was one of the First Timers to receive the scholarship which gave her a check for the conference registration fee.

Edith reminded everyone that the membership forms and dues are to be mailed to State Treasurer DeLores Walden by Nov. 1, 2023.

The County Officers List form is needed now. If there is only one FCE Unit in the County, they become the County Council. These lists are needed for communication from the State President and the Area Director.

Sad to report the passing of President Nancy’s daughter-in-law. Prayers for the family and memorials to be sent to Nancy for the Kansas FCE Scholarship Fund.

The 2024 packets of lessons and forms were distributed to each county attending.

Edith reminded everyone that the Standard of Excellence and the Accomplishment Reports are mailed to separate addresses. *Do not mail them together.* Please check the address on the forms and mail accordingly.

Janie Lowry, Susan Gartrell, Eleanor Wherry, Anna Muer and Edith presented the 2024 lessons. Diane Hrabe was unable to attend.

The Rooks County FCE served a delicious lasagna luncheon with all the trimmings. Thanks Rooks County members. Several door prizes were awarded. Rita Habbart of Russell County was the winner of the Raffle. Each member received a cute painted jar that looked like a pumpkin.

The Spring Area Council Meeting and Recognition Day will be in April 2024 in Smith County. Details soon.

SC Area Director - Linda Hess

Several SC members attended an excellent State Conference in Hays. Thanks to NW members for all their hard work.

Several state awards went to SC units and Diana Vancuren of Viola was honored as Kansas Heart of FCE winner. Viola FCE was also honored on its 100th anniversary. Faye Spencer of Saline County was elected State President-elect for 2024.

At Fall Area Council meeting, Adele Koehn, of Canton Dizzy Dames, was chosen to be SC Area Heart of FCE for 2024. Marlene Faul was elected as Area Nominating Committee Chair and Bonnie Kaufman as alternate. Several of our units have new members for 2024!

SE Area Director - Cindy Kiser

The SE Area Council met in Parsons at the SE Area Extension Facility on November 2. Members enjoyed sack lunches and were excited to learn about the new lessons.

Be on the lookout for the SE Area to share their unit activities on a Facebook page. Cindy will hopefully have this up and running by the new year.

Glenda Miller, Starlite FCE member, announced that Starlite FCE member Betty Johnson has written several ceremonies to be used for Installation of Officers and that she would be happy to share them with other FCE's. Just let us know, and the ceremonies will be shared.

SE Area Spring Meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Neosho Valley Event Center, Erie, KS.

SE fall Area Council meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the SE Area KSU Research Facility in Parsons, KS.

SW Area Director - Karen Larmer

The Southwest fall Area Council meeting was held in Leoti, Kansas on October 19th, 2023. Members enjoyed presentations of the 2024 lessons by Karen Larmer, Leanna Adams, Ann Adams, and Connie Chavez. A delicious soup luncheon was provided by the Wichita County ladies. Connie Chavez will be the Area Director for 2024-26. Lisa Burdett of Pawnee County volunteered to replace Leanna Adams on the Area EPC starting June of 2024.

Karen Wiltse and Dorene Reimer agreed to continue as the Nominating Committee members for 2024. They will swap positions with Karen being the chair and Dorene being the alternate. Peggy Shimanek of Wichita County was selected as the Southwest Area nominee for Heart of FCE.

The Spring Area Council meeting will be in Jetmore with the date to be determined later.

This is my last meeting as Area Director.

Thanks for all the cooperation and help from all the Southwest Area ladies during my term.

State Nomination Committee - Sharon Giacometti, Chair

The 2023 State Conference was held in Hays, Kansas. At the Annual Business meeting Faye Spencer was elected President-elect starting term 2024.

The nominating committee will be looking for a Vice President and Treasurer for the 2024 Conference Annual Business Meeting which will be held in Chanute October 8. If anyone is interested in either position, please contact me or any of your area state nominating committee members.

State EPC - Faye Spencer, Vice President

After all the forms and lessons were printed, I found some errors.

1. Presentation Tabulated Data Report. Strike through the row HF #36 Developing a Dynamic Group. This is not being offered in 2024 but will be considered for 2025.
2. Community Service Project (green). Strike through 2023 and replace with 2024.

During the State EPC Leadership Training and fall Area Council Meetings of 2024 program year, there were questions/concerns in regards to Accomplishment Reports and 100% Reporting.

Of the 2022 Accomplishment Reports submitted, there were 47 FCE Units, 5 County Councils, and 1 Independent Member. Of the 47 FCE Units, 23 indicated they were to be judged while the other 24 were not to be judged.

How does a county qualify for 100% Reporting?

If all the FCE Units of a county, even if there is only one unit, submits an Accomplishment Report, to be judged or not to be judged, then that county would qualify for 100% Reporting.

What about FCE Accomplishment and/or County Council Accomplishment Reports?

If a County Council submits an Accomplishment Report, that report will be of the ONE lesson that all the FCE Units worked on. All those units would submit that one lesson's data to the County Council EPC, but that one lesson's data *shall not* appear on any of those FCE Unit's Accomplishment Reports.

What if there is only one FCE Unit in the county?

If the unit elects to submit both a FCE Accomplishment Report and County Council Accomplishment Report, the one lesson reported as the County Council Accomplishment Report shall not be re-recorded on the FCE Unit's Accomplishment Report.

If there is only one FCE Unit in a county, do the Accomplishment Summary of Award and the 100% Reporting forms need to be completed?

Yes, they do. The Area EPC members will sort all the forms into stacks of like forms. If the Summary and/or 100% are not there, then the process of qualifying for the 100% Reporting may be overlooked for that county.

What if there is an FCE Unit that disbands at the end of the year?

County Council EPC should encourage the unit to complete an Accomplishment Report for the data it may have and the unit may or may not have it judged. Thus, also the county may qualify for 100% Reporting.

If there are any other questions, please contact your Area EPC, State EPC or Vice President.

Membership list/Records - DeLores Walden

2023 had a total of 525 members—Regular 359; Senior 138; Family 14; Deaths 9

2024 has a total of 493 members as of 11-27-23—Regular 309; Senior 134; Family 11

William Allen White Children's Book Award - Anita Felzke

My last written report as a WAW (William Allen White) representative for FCE. I made it to the author's event for WAW on Friday, October 6th in Emporia. Those that were able to make it from the committee were able to meet and eat with two WAW award winning authors: J.L. Esplin (book - 96 Miles) and Lindsay Currie (book - Splish Splash). The evening was so enjoyable. We saw a video on the history of the WAW award. We heard from each author and about their literary journey. Also, we heard about all the opportunities/activities for the hundreds of students coming to Emporia for the festivities (one of which is author book signing) associated with William Allen White.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to be on this wonderful William Allen White selection com-

2023 State Conference - Edith McClain, Chair

The Kansas FCE Conference Committee worked very hard putting everything together. Thanks Northwest Area members!

There were 103 registrations received with 4 cancellations leaving a total of 95 FCE members, 3 guests and 1 FACS agent. Of the 99 attendees, 23 were First Timers, and 17 were registered for Tuesday only. There were: 59 for the Winery Tour, 33 took part in the Make & Takes craft sessions, 13 for the Sternberg Tour, 20 plus for each the church tour and the Merce Boxcar tour.

The Hilton Garden Inn was a wonderful destination as all the meetings and sessions could be held there except the tours. Breakout rooms would have been helpful. The Ellis County Convention & Visitors Bureau was extremely helpful.

There were a few glitches but overall things went very well. The evaluations were very positive.

The presenters all did an excellent job even with the audio/visual system issues.

There were lots of pictures taken at the backdrop display area.

“Prizes by the Yard” raised \$1,285. Thanks everyone for the donations.

We still have the large banner that was at the south entrance to the Hilton Garden Inn and hope to pass it on for future conferences, if desired.

Once a couple of checks have cleared the bank, a conference profit/loss statement will be finalized. It is the expectation the conference committee that a profit and the \$800 starter conference money will be sent to the State Treasurer.

Great Conference and looking forward to the 2024 Kansas FCE Conference.

2024 State Conference from SE Area

Time to start planning to attend the 2024 Kansas FCE State Conference in Chanute, KS. The Southeast FCE Area is busy planning an "Incredible Journey of FCE" celebrating 110 years of FCE! The 2024 Kansas FCE State Conference will be held at the Chanute Holiday Inn Express (620-273-2391) on October 7, 8, and 9, 2024. The Holiday Inn Express offers a free continental breakfast.

Tours will include the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum, the Chanute Historical Museum, the Chanute Library, and the Chanute Art Gallery. Other interesting sights to see are the Octave Chanute Flight Park Sculpture, Cardinal Drug Store, old fashion soda fountain, and Howard's Toys for Big Boys (a car museum); all within a 2 or 3 blocks walking distance. Several interesting speakers are already lined up and, of course, Make and Take craft projects are being planned.

Southeast FCE Area looks forward to hosting the 2024 Kansas FCE State Conference! We hope to see you all next October in Chanute, Kansas!

National Conference Report Dorene Reimer, Delegate

It was an honor to represent KAFCE at the National FCE Board Meeting in Erlanger, KY, on August 3-6, 2023. The theme of the conference was, “Empowering Volunteers – Celebrating Our Past.”

The Conference was a very well organized, and the attendees were attending meetings, dining, or fellowshiping every minute. There were 40 FCE members attending the conference. Ten 1st timers attended the Conference, all from Tennessee.

We arrived for a Wednesday evening Chocolate Workshop—yummm!

I attended the State President/Delegate meeting Thursday afternoon, which provided opportunities to get acquainted with other presidents and delegates from the rest of the states.

Dinner followed for the group as well as an opening reception. Information was presented on “The Family Community Leadership Badge” and how to earn it; classes of chocolate candy making and denim crafts and on the collection of items to be donated to shelters for victims of human trafficking.

Friday, the NAFCE Business Meeting began with the seating of the State Presidents and delegates (11 of 14 states were present) and National Board members.

It seems that Kansas has much representation in the National FCE with three on the Executive Committee, one on the Education Committee, one on the Conference Committee Office, one on Legacy Fund Committee who also is on the Future of FCE Committee.

This year, much work of the National Board and the Future of FCE Committee (of which I am a member) has been about deciding whether National FCE would continue or close down if National FCE can't be sustained. After much discussion, thought, and researching, the Board's conclusion was reached that it would be very complicated, if not almost impossible to not continue National FCE. After that conclusion, the Committee turned its attention to coming up with a list of topics for a nation-wide FCE project of three years duration. Topics the committee presented, a fairly exhaustive list, plus many more topics brainstormed by the groups of attendees in the Saturday afternoon Issue Analysis & Resolution work session, produced the topic of Food Security for the National FCE three-year project, Human Trafficking for a one-year project, and Men's Health for a focus in the future.

The highlight of the Conference for me was being a part of the Saturday afternoon Issue Analysis & Resolution work session. Watching the process used, giving every attendee opportunity for input on the projects National FCE would pursue for the future, was fascinating. It was hard, focused work for about four hours, but gradually the group, all forty attendees, arrived at a common, united resolution. It seemed that resolution arose like a volcano.

The Legacy Fund, established in 2014, was set up to help with the expenses of National FCE. The fund is set up so that only the dividends of the fund can be used to support National FCE. Since its inception, a committee (of which I am a member) has been set up to maintain, encourage and direct the funds within the Legacy Fund. In 2017, there was \$ 31,183.13 in the account. Total donations as of May, 2023, are \$ 63, 346.75. This money has come from donations of various FCE members, non-FCE members, and businesses. Our theme is “Together... We Make a Difference.” We were all encouraged to donate, even if only a small amount each year, or larger amounts as we can.

Friday afternoon, two FCL lessons were presented — "Appreciating Generational Differences" and "Music Magic — Therapy for the Soul." All attendees were divided into groups which each prepared a presentation combining the information learned from both FCL lessons. Of course, humor abounded as these skits were presented at the Friday evening FCL banquet. National FCL 30 hour Leader Certifications were awarded to nine women, all from Tennessee. Two other Tennessee women were awarded 60 hour training certifications. The 2023 Spirit of FCL award was earned by Regina McCathern, also from Tennessee!

Saturday morning, two new Hearth Fire lessons were presented—"The Silent Killer — Facts about Ovarian Cancer," and "Family Meals for a Happier, Healthier Family." Workshops were given for each lesson.

At the Saturday luncheon, the 2023 State Heart of FCE winners were recognized and given their pins. I was privileged to accept the pin and certificate for Diana Vancuren, our Kansas Heart of FCE. Both have been sent to her.

One Hundred Year Clubs across the FCE states were recognized. Kansas had two of them: Hodgeman County's Homemakers FCE — March 22, 1922 and Sedgwick County's Viola FCE, 1923.

I received four small booklets in the Delegate bag from Rural Women in Action, an arm of ACWW: CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; UDHR-The Universal Declaration of Human Rights); The Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees; United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. An offering was collected for Dollars for Leadership (formerly "Pennies for Friendship) at the Saturday luncheon.

I want to thank KAFCE for sending me to represent the State of Kansas at NAFCE Conference. In my estimation, it was a great working conference which put FCE on a focused future plan. It exemplified the answer to the question, "How do we FCE?"

Please complete and send the 2023 Educational Program Year survey to Faye Spencer, 520 Gail Drive, Salina, KS. The survey will let the State EPC know how well the lessons were received. But most importantly, when you answer the question "What topics would you like to see offered?" this gives EPC members guidance as to what could be offered, and written or selected from K-State for the 2025 Educational Programs.

2023 National FCE Conference Judy Fulmer, President

Conference is over for 2023 and now we work toward reports and awards in 2024. Congratulation to all winners in every category. Receiving recognition certificates for Community Service Awards were: Tennessee for their project “Salute to Healthcare Workers”, Betty Mayo from Huntsville, Missouri for the fundraiser for scholarships, and Go and Learn FCE of Independence, Missouri for making fleece blankets for a child advocacy center. In every category of the Open Brochure Contest, the run-a-way first place winner was Scott Teeples of Oregon. Kathie Mack of Maryland won second place in Marketing/Membership.

Check out the web site www.nafce.org to get more information on the Open Brochure Contest, and the Program Award Book because next year’s winners will receive a voucher for a portion off their conference registration. I’d like to see three winners in every category. The Program/Project reports were a very interesting read and the numbers were used to give the Annual Report. That report helps when National FCE applies for grants, for the ACWW Triennial report, to be accountable to members and to keep our 501 (c) 3 status current.

THREE-YEAR FCE PROJECT During an afternoon work session, all conference attendees participated in Issue Analysis and Resolution to set a three-year project that all states will work on and through that help with resolving membership and financial issues. TA-DA!

The three-year project is on the topic of Food Security. What happens if droughts and/or flooding continues globally? Are we prepared? Food is vital to survival. What can we do? How can we affect public policy to put rules/laws in place to help? Would our older members be willing to help with teaching preserving foods, unique ways to make food stretch?

Start now—states represented at the conference have started making plans. If you are a small state, maybe contact a state close to you and work with them.

WE ARE A TEAM, work together.

Website Update!

Changes are being made to the kafce.org website. Did you know you can send pictures to Marcy Price and she will put them on the website. Lets show the world what we do through our pictures. National has started a new campaign called, “Why I FCE” Just make a sign with the words Why I FCE on it and take a group picture with everyone carrying a sign stating why they FCE. Come on it will be fun. Send those pictures via email to Marcy Price the webmaster at theseinglady@yahoo.com

“Be sure and save your empty ink cartridges.”

Bonnie Teeples, ACWW USA Area President

When I think about going forward in this new Triennia, I am excited about the prospects of each ACWW Society. I hope each society will keep in mind the new Triennial theme ‘Sustainable Growth for the Future’ when planning the next three years. Think about what the theme means to you, to your societies, and to ACWW. Ask yourself, ‘what can I do as an individual to make or encourage sustainable growth in ACWW’?

As the ACWW Area President, I am encouraging each ACWW Society in the United States to work on a nationwide project that has a direct relationship to Food Security. For each of the three triennial years, I will suggest a focus. This year I am focusing on Food Deserts.

I have given presentations about Food Deserts. Since I cannot attend all conferences, I am including a short outline below that you can glean from and help you with a project. If you need more information, please contact me, USA@acww.org.uk.

My hope is that societies will be able to develop a project that can help mitigate food insecurity in their area. If you do a project that has a focus on Food Security (or any of the other resolutions since 1947), I would appreciate it if you would let me know what you did and some information on the project. I will use it when I write my Triennial Report and other reports to the ACWW Board.

WHAT IS A FOOD DESERT?

Food deserts are geographic areas where residents have few to no convenient options for securing affordable and healthy foods, especially fresh fruits and vegetables. Disproportionately found in high-poverty areas, food deserts create extra, everyday hurdles that can make it harder for children, families and communities to grow healthy and strong.

WHERE ARE FOOD DESERTS LOCATED? Generally speaking, food deserts are more common in areas with smaller populations, higher rates of abandoned or vacant homes, and residents who have lower levels of education, lower incomes, and higher rates of unemployment.

HOW ARE FOOD DESERTS IDENTIFIED? Researchers consider a variety of factors when identifying food deserts, including access to food as measured by distance to a store or by the number of stores in an area; household resources, including family income or vehicle availability; and neighborhood resources, such as the average income and the availability of public transportation.

WHAT ARE A FEW FOOD DESERT SOLUTIONS? Establish bus stop farmers markets. Support community gardens. Improve public transportation options.

OREGON FCE ZOOM LESSONS

All FCE Members and friends of FCE are invited to attend the Oregon FCE Lessons. The monthly Zoom lesson is the first Wednesday at 12 PM noon Central Time (Kansas). Please contact Oregon State President Scott Teeples(sfteeples@outlook.com), if you are interested in receiving an invitation email.

Future lessons are December 6 – “How to be a great guest.”; January 3 – “Keeping it Fresh”

Prior lessons are available at www.oregon-fce.org/oregon-fce-zoom-lessons-on-youtube.

States of lesson presenters have been Oregon, West Virginia, Virginia, Hawaii, Kansas, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, Alaska and Tennessee.

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2024 National and Kansas FCE Dates to Remember

February 14	Kansas FCE Executive Committee Meeting
June TBA	Kansas FCE Board of Directors' Meeting, State nominations forms due
April 15	Due date for National FCE forms, awards, honors and contest.
April 29	Women Walk the World
May 15	International Day of the Family
July 25-28	National FCE Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Cincinnati, Erlanger, KY
August/September	Kansas State EPC Leadership Training
September TBA	Kansas FCE Board of Directors' Meeting
October 7, 8, & 9	Kansas FCE State Conference, Holiday Inn Express, Chanute, KS
October 13-19	National FCE Week & National Character Counts! Week
November 24-30	National Family Week

2024 Spring Area Council Meetings dates:

NE – TBA per incoming Area Director Diane Nielson.
NW – April, Smith County
SC – April 15, West Zion Church, Moundridge, McPherson County
SE – May 2, Neosho Valley Event Center, Erie, KS
SW – TBA, per incoming Area Director Connie Chavez, Jetmore, KS