



National FCE Board Alumni Newsletter October / November 2024

A Note from Denise

Greetings!

The 2024 National FCE Conference, held in July was so exciting and fun. I always enjoy meeting new conference attendees and catching up with those of us who attend every year. The workshops were great, there were new Hearth Fire books presented, and the meals were delicious. I've included lots of photos and information about the Board Alumni's participation in this issue of our newsletter. The committee awarded two scholarships which covered the attendees registration costs. The winners were Peggy Richmond and Sarah Sharp, both from Tennessee. They both joined us during our breakfast meeting and expressed interest in learning what the Board Alumni does. Please read Sarah's post conference write up in this issue. We also voted during our meeting to donate \$1000 to the Legacy Fund to help support National FCE.



Next year's conference will be an extraordinary one! National FCE will combine our annual conference with the ACWW USA Society conference. We will be excited to welcome Magdie de Kock, the ACWW World President to the conference, which she will attend in full and be a guest speaker. Tish Collins, the Executive Director of the ACWW headquarters office in London, will be in attendance also. See more information about this special conference in this issue. To encourage FCE participation, we voted to allow for 10 First Timers scholarships to be awarded. We have also extended the scholarship application deadline to coincide with the conference registration deadline. Scholarship applications and conference registration forms will be available soon on the National FCE website. The Board Alumni will once again be holding a Silent Auction, but this coming year all proceeds will be donated to ACWW to support their various programs. This will be such a special event, I hope many of you will consider attending!

National FCE

Alumni Officers

Chair

Denise Smith

Vice Chair

Martha Crawford

Secretary

Margaret Polen

Treasurer

Susie Martell

Denise Smith

National FCE Alumni Chairman

Reminder!

Alumni dues of \$25 for 2024-2025 were due September 1st. If you have not already paid, please submit, using the membership form attached to this issue. Thank you!

Make check payable to: National FCE Board Alumni

Mail to: Susie Martell

8851 N. Oracle Rd. # 179, Oro Valley, AZ 85704

From the Editor



Your articles and photos (yes, we'd love to have photos!) can be sent to my email address: cdsmith2139@gmail.com or to my home address:

433 Sylvan Ave. spc 39, Mountain View, CA 94041 or
give me a call at: 650 969-3422 - leave a message if I'm not at home. Next
newsletter **deadline is April 10, 2025**. We hope to hear from lots of you!

As a reminder, all the NAFCE Alumni Newsletters are available on the
www.nafce.org website. Click on **Quick links > Website Menu > Alumni Officers,
Forms, Newsletters.**

Hugs, Denise Smith

**First Timers Application forms are available on the National FCE
website (www.nafce.org) –
Click on **Quick Links > Alumni Officers, Forms, Newsletters.****

100 Year Old House

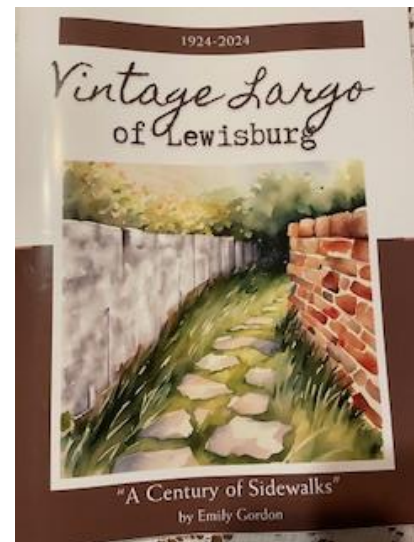
Submitted by Emily Gordon

National FCE Board member 2022 – 2023 Public Policy Coordinator

Our home turns 100 this year. For two years I have collected history information wondering how I was going to tie it together to make it have unity and be interesting. After reading the information gathered from the three families that have occupied the house, I came up with the idea of its history being told through its sidewalks. I have had so much fun presenting at our Historical Society, our Lewisburg Study Club, my DAR Club, my FCE Club, my Delta Kappa Gamma Club, and the adjoining county FCE Club. Well over 100 have enjoyed and toured it. We also have accepted invitations for the local high school History Club and another adjoining county FCE for their yearly outing to come to the house.

My program leads them through the history, then they are invited to partake of delicious cookies and almond tea as they tour themselves through the house, out to the cabin, and across the backyard where I have turned the tennis court into a walking track/play area. I end with encouraging all to bring their children and grandchildren to take pictures in the yard and to pass the history to the next 100 years!

The two pictures below, the oil on canvas (left) was done by our granddaughter, Madison Thames. I have published a magazine about the house (right). My husband, Jerry, and I have lived here 40 years. I am wondering if our ages, if having time after retirement to give to the project, coming out of our fog of life has made us appreciate what we have more. Life gets busy, we don't allocate the time, brings to mind: Psalm 46:10.



Betty Reynolds

Does anyone know of a current address or contact for Betty Reynolds of Miami, OK? The last address that I have for her is 2525 Elm, apt 8 and her last newsletter was returned as "attempted to deliver, unable to forward". Prior to the April 2024 newsletter her mail had been accepted. Thank you, Denise Smith

From Carolyn Ropp – Past National FCE President 2007 – 2009

FCE Members Life is rushing by. Can't believe 2024 is almost over and that I am 81! I now live with my youngest son and family, Warren and Mandy. They converted their two-car garage to a bedroom and bath for me. The bonus room above it that they used for storage is now my office and sitting area. I have a chair lift on the stairs to move me up and down. It's a good space for which I am very grateful. They redid their kitchen area. I can't lift heavy dishes out of a wall mounted microwave. This lower one is great! I can lift out heated dishes with ease. My three sons and two daughter-in-laws all live nearby. They are all still working so I take advantage of Meals on Wheels and Visiting Angels. A Visiting Angel takes me to appointments, does some shopping and light work like change my sheets. It's quite a switch from when I used to work on FCE conference, drive to Burlington, KY for meetings and remodel houses, which Don and I did for years. But such is life – it's full of changes. I sold some my rental properties. Retained three houses and a commercial building. I have good tenants in the houses, a list of dependable contractors when problems occur. I use a walker all the time due to neuropathy and poor balance. When going out I sometimes need a wheel chair. My middle son Wiatt and I go out to lunch almost every Saturday, then maybe to Kohls's or Walmart shopping and to the library. With my reduced mobility I read 25 to 30 books a week. Am reading some Agatha Christie mysteries. For non-fiction I especially enjoyed Amy Stewart's "Wicked Plants" – The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities". May you have a lovely and peaceful fall. Leaves are just now starting to turn in central Ohio.

In Memory



The following members were recognized during the memorial service held on Sunday, July 28, 2024

ACWW Officer ~ Irene Chinje July 2024

ACWW Deputy World President 2023 – 2026

Area President, East, West, & Central Africa 2016 - 2022

National FCE State Presidents ~

Massachusetts *Sandy Medeiros June 27, 1939 – April 21, 2024

Eastern Region Public Policy Coordinator 2007 – 2009

State President 2000 – 2003, 2008 – 2024

Nebraska Dixie Alberry September 7, 1937 – September 7, 2023

State President 2007 – 2009

Donna Lapour May 27, 1946 – January 3, 2024

State President 2004 – 2006

Adelaide (Addie) Scheve March 1919 – August 10, 2023

State President 1978 – 1979

North Dakota * Joan Geyer May 6, 1949 – April 3, 2024

Secretary/Historian 2006 – 2008

Virginia Ann Dancy April 12, 1932 – August 28, 2023

State President 2005 – 2006

Elizabeth "Betty" Durrett August 15, 1929 – April 21, 2021

State President 2007 – 2008

Rosetta Harris June 9, 1935 – June 25, 2020
State President 1989 – 1991
Isabelle Kimmeth September 2, 1930 – November 14, 2014
State President 1994 – 1995
Juanita Nelson 1922 – December 31, 2011
State President 1996 – 1997

*Served on the National FCE Board

From Sarah Sharp – Tennessee Association Family Community Education

It has been a great privilege to receive this scholarship for 2024. When I first applied, I had these great ideas to recruit outgoing 4-H members to start FCE to continue their growth and this should strengthen FCE and its future. I found out that many of our current members don't understand what FCE is all about. So, I have been educating new and older members what is FCE.

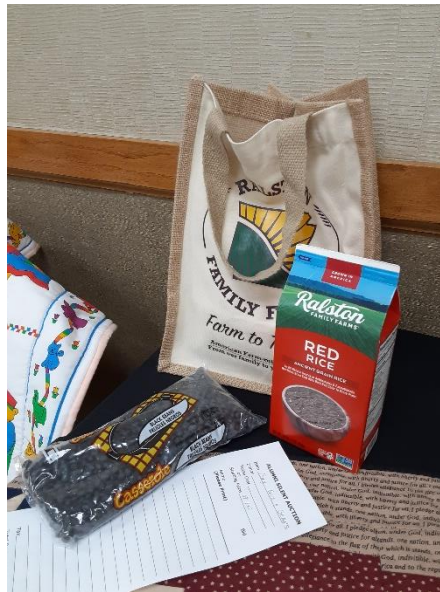
I have utilized the "FCE Tool Kit for the Local FCE" notebook I received at the National Conference. Also, the President of my local county had a vision to do some educating with the members that we have now. This is a much slower process than I had first thought, but I will not give up. I carry the notebook I received with me to any FCE function I attend. 90% of the time, I have pulled it out and referred to it for information.

The FCE members that I have talked with, and shared information are glad to have this information, and I see new leaders being developed. I will continue to share and promote FCE. Like all programs, it starts at home and then spreads slowly. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity to receive this scholarship.

Silent Auction Donations and Winners

There was quite a collection of items for the Silent Auction this conference! Lots of small quilted items – a child's quilt, table runners, table toppers, a quilted travel carry-on bag, and a casserole carrier. There was an abundance of aprons, delicious food items from Hawaii, snowmen candle sticks, a flock of angels, special rice, and a cuddly crocheted baby blanket.





A tremendous thank you to the following, for providing donations to the Silent Auction which helps to fund the First Timers Scholarships: Linda Hanberry, Margaret Polen, Barbara Beeman, Martha Crawford, Emily Gordon, Peggy Martens, Lynn Barut, Hawaii FCE, Maui FCE, Denise Smith, Marti Angler, Esther Button. The Silent Auction brought in \$555.00!

Silent Auction winners: Margaret Polen, Martha Crawford, Lynn Barut, Sarah Sharp, Faye Spencer, Esther Button, Barbara Beeman, Kathie Mack, Cynthia Mishtal, Leslie Sharp, Debbie Johnson, Jeanne Purich, Margaret Cambra, Amber Beall, Bonnie Teeples.

Election of New Officers in 2025

The positions of Board Alumni Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer will be open for election at our 2025 annual meeting during conference. The current officer's 3-year terms will expire as of December 31, 2025. Even though we, as officers, enjoy serving in our positions, some of us have been at this for a long time! It would be nice to have new members step up to relieve us and to add "new blood" to the committee – something that is always needed to keep our organization vibrant. Please consider serving in one the positions. Elections will take place at the annual Alumni meeting during our July 2025 conference in Erlanger, KY. The following are the positions and job descriptions:

Chair -

- Preside at all meetings of the Board Alumni.
- Be the official representative of the Board Alumni.
- Make reports to Alumni members annually.
- Make a report to the National FCE as requested.
- Appoint a Newsletter Chair with the approval of Board Alumni Officers.
- Appoint a Bylaws Committee, Budget Committee, & other Committee Chairs with the approval of the Board Alumni Officers.
- Perform all other duties as agreed upon with Board Alumni members & any others as prescribed in these bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order.

Vice Chair -

- Chair the Scholarship Committee.
- Preside at any meeting of the Board Alumni in the absence of the Chair.
- Serve as an aide to the Chair in all assigned duties.

Secretary/Treasurer -

- Keep records of all meetings and distribute minutes within 60 days of said meeting.
- Official minutes of all the national meetings and other pertinent written material shall be deposited in the archives at National FCE Headquarters following the term of each Board Alumni Chairman.
- Receive and keep records of all funds of Board Alumni and deposit in a depository approved by the Alumni Officers.
- Pay authorized expenses upon written order of the Alumni Chairman.
- Serve as Chair of the Budget Committee.
- Make a full report at the annual meeting of Board Alumni.
- Send notice to all Alumni not paying dues at the annual meeting as a reminder.
- Keep a record of all the National FCE Board and those who have paid their current dues.
- Have books reviewed once during each term and at the end of the term.

If you are interested in serving in one of these meaningful and necessary positions, please contact me at cdsmith2139@gmail.com or 808 430-2097 (cell/text). I'm happy to answer any questions.
Denise Smith

2025 Conference – Erlanger, KY July 21 – 25 Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport



Magdie de Kock
ACWW World President

We are so excited to announce that the 2025 National FCE Conference will be combined with the ACWW USA Society conference and that Magdie de Kock, World President of ACWW, from South Africa, will be in attendance and a guest speaker. Tish Collins, Executive Director of the ACWW London headquarters office will be in attendance, as will be Bonnie Teeples, Trustee and Area President for the USA. There will be business meetings for National FCE and ACWW, workshops, guest speakers, a tour, presentations by various USA Societies, a silent auction, and several luncheons/banquet dinners. The National FCE Board Alumni voted to offer 10 scholarships to First Time attendees in hopes of encouraging members to join us for this exceptional opportunity to meet Magdie de Kock and attend a National FCE conference. Please

help spread the word to your clubs, county, and state organizations that these scholarships are available on the National FCE website.



National Association for Family &
Community Education Board Alumni
July 27, 2024

The members of the National FCE Board Alumni met July 27, 2024, in Erlanger, KY at the Airport Holiday Inn. Chairman Denise Smith called the meeting to or at 7:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone.

Those present: National FCE President, Judy Fullmer, Connie Larrington, Barbara Beeman, Scott Teeples, Faye Spencer, Jeanne Purich, Martha Crawford, Linda Hanberry, Bonnie Teeples, and Sharon Giacometti.

Scott Teeples provided the Inspiration.

Special Guests were introduced: Sarah Sharp, TN and Peggy Richmond, TN. They were awarded the Alumni's First Timer's Scholarship.

MINUTES

Jeanne Purich moved to accept the 2023 minutes as e-mailed out. Barbara Beeman seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Susie Martell was absent. She sent a Financial Report that Denise Smith presented:

Income:	\$425.00	Disbursements:	0
Auction Income:	\$141.00		

Balance as of July 31, 2024: \$10,655.28

Her report was filed for audit. (Report attached to Secretary's Minutes.)

REPORTS

1. Pres. Judy Fullmer expressed her thanks for all the Alumni support. She reported that the Board had decided to close National FCE Headquarter, just the physical office. Insurance on the office has become prohibitive. Several Board members will come back to KY, maybe October, to begin the process of finding storage and getting everything moved. Judy Jones will remain and become an outside contractor and work from home.
2. Jeanne Purich, Chairman of the Honor Fund, reported that the Fund contains \$1935.00. Anyone can donate. A donation does not have to be in memoriam, it can be for a celebration or just because.
3. Denise reported on the nice variety of items donated for the silent auction. This money goes into the treasury for the First Timer's Scholarship.

4. There will be an Oct/Nov and an Apr/May newsletter. Denise will be looking for articles and updates.
5. Bonnie asked that we SAVE THE DATE for the 2025 Conference. It will be in Erlanger, KY again at the Airport Holiday Inn. It will be a combined conference with the ACWW USA Area. She requested that we get the word out.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Denise and Jeanne presented to two First Timer's Scholarship winners for 2024 with their certificates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. It was announced that Sandy Maderios had passed away. She will be remembered at the service on Sunday morning.
2. The ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock (South Africa), will be attending the 2025 National FCE Conf. The National FCE Conference will be blended with the Country Women's Council Conference. Watch for upcoming details.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scholarships: A question was raised on continuing the silent auction. It was agreed to do so for now.
A second question was raised on extending the deadline for the application to be submitted. It was agreed to use the conference registration deadline.

It was also agreed that it needs to be promoted more. Suggestion was to have it in an FCE FLASH and the fce TODAY as well as in state newsletter, the website and Alumni newsletter. Continuing to invite First Timers to the Alumni breakfast. The consensus was to continue this practice. Alumni Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should have a list of all States' Conferences for the Alumni newsletter and ask the FCE FLASH and fce TODAY editor, Editor and Website Manager to add them to their list. This will help promote the scholarship, the conference, etc.

2. Donation: With money in the Treasury ideas for using it for a good cause was discussed—
 - a) Money to National FCE to help offset expenses
 - b) Legacy Fund donation of \$1000
 - c) Add to number of First Timer's Scholarships
 - d) Engage a dynamic speaker for the 2025 Conference

Judy Fullmer moved that the National FCE Board Alumni offer up to ten (10) First Timer Scholarships based on criteria for the 2025 National FCE Conference.
Scott Teeples seconded. Motion carried

Judy Fullmer moved the National FCE Board Alumni donate \$1000 to the Legacy Fund.
Linda Hanberry seconded. Motion carried.

The two previous motions are attached to the Secretary's minutes.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. - - - - - Margaret Polen, Secretary



National Association For
Family & Community Education

NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM-20__

(TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Years Served (optional) _____

National FCE Alumni dues (due September 1st) \$25 per year \$ _____

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Donation

\$ _____

Name & address of person(s) remembered, living or deceased, or those you want to thank or to someone special. A note will be sent to them saying "donation will go to Scholarships for Conference".

Name: _____

All money in the Scholarship Fund will go toward the First Timers Annual Conference Scholarships. If you would like your donation to be in remembrance of or for someone special, please fill out their name and address.

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Total \$ _____

MAKE CHECK TO: NAFCE BOARD ALUMNI

MAIL TO: Susan Martell 8851 N. Oracle Rd. # 179, Oro Valley, AZ 85704

TOTAL OF CHECK: \$ _____

TOTAL OF CASH: \$ _____

ALUMNI MEMBER SIGNATURE