



The Messenger

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President's Notes by Dana Harris

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Wow! Mary and I drove 1,834 miles traveling to all six of our MAFCE Districts. What an exciting times to see old faces and some new faces, seeing all the different decorations, learning from interesting programs (SE--Stress; SW--city of Carthage; NW--live musical entertainment; Central--Pettis County Community Partnership; NE--Aging Wisely; and EC--made greeting cards) and eating great food. It made everything "brighter" to see so many have continued to stay anchored in FCE. We gained some new members this year and lost a few. We have 211 members. Hopefully everyone will work hard to get more people in their communities interested in FCE.

Thanks to those who gave to the "Dimes for Donation" --a Dime at a Time for NAFCE and for Pennies for Friendship which supports the ACWW projects.

Big thank you to Lana Snyder (NW), Dixie Blum (NE) and Ruth Mellor (EC) for their wonderful hospitality in letting Mary (VP) and me (president) stay at their lovely homes.

I am excited to be attending the July 13-18, 2022 NAFCE Conference "Be the Spark that Ignites FCE" in Portland, OR with Mary Klaproth. Workshops will be: Birth Order, Know When to Say NO, Rabies, Food Waste, FCE Through the Years, ACWW Changes, Health and Humor, and workshops on HF Lessons and program awards.

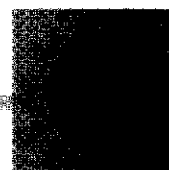
I am super excited for our upcoming MAFCE Annual Conference "Working Together for a Brighter Tomorrow" - September 13-15, 2022 in Columbia.



See page 12 for more details and p. 10 about Hotel reservations.

Please take time to read the Messenger and look at the pictures. In order to put more pictures but less pages I did not write what each picture is about. Enjoy anyway.

This quote makes my life brighter . . .
Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people. A heart that forgives the worst. A mind that forgets the bad. And a soul that never loses faith in God.



DISTRICT REPORTS *****

Southeast District

Phyllis Flanigan, Director

Greetings from SE Missouri.

RIPLEY COUNTY: Judy Tracy, President of Ripley County FCE reported that Ripley County has one active club this year. Flatwoods FCE Club supports lots of community projects. They donated 50 cuddle bears to the local police and State Troopers to give to children in accidents or coming from abusive homes. Their big project this year is donating to Heifer International. This year they bought a goat, 60 chickens, and Bee Hives. These items will be sent to families living in poverty-stricken areas to help feed families and earn money. The members also donate time to the Food Pantry, the Library, Museum, and local schools.

BUTLER COUNTY: Phyllis Flanigan is serving as President and District Director during 2022. The three clubs: **Star, Fun, and Heritage Girls**, all work together on county FCE projects. The county has raised funds to send at least 10 members to the state meeting in September. They tie-dyed tee shirts for the Poplar Bluff Spring Soccer Classic Tournament. Fall wreaths were made and sold at the Women Aware conference. Other fund raisers included Valentine silk flower arrangements and memorial crosses for cemeteries. The members made Valentine cards for the VA hospital and are

Teaching basic sewing skills to local youth. The members made six weighted blankets for the local schools.

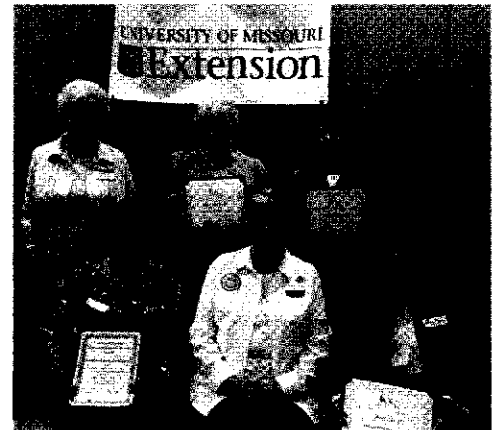
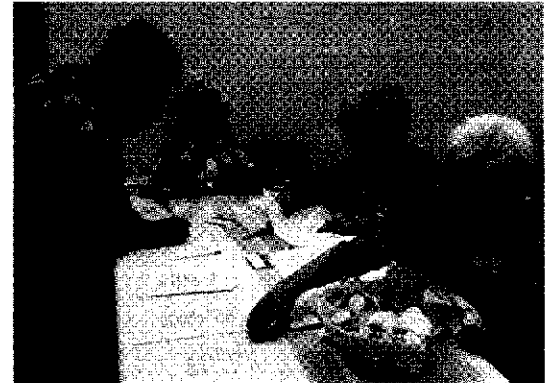
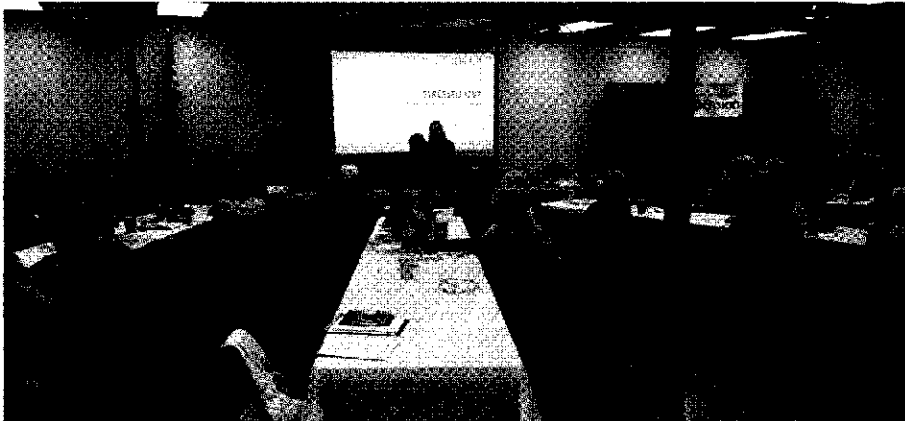
CAPE COUNTY: According to Judy Strickland, President of the FCE Council, Cape Girardeau County has five active FCE clubs. Various club members have participated in several county-sponsored activities. All Clubs Day was held with 25 members participating. County Clerk Kara Clark Summers, a member of Kage FCE Club, presented a program on county voting regulations. Silent auction proceeds were donated to Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship program. The clubs also met to sew items for the Easter Seals/Autism Center in Cape Girardeau. Twenty-five weighted blankets and five lap pads were delivered to the center. The Southeast District meeting was held in Jackson with 39 members attending.

Cape Girardeau County Commissioners presented a proclamation declaring National Day of Family as May 15, 2022, to members and officers of Cape Girardeau County FCE clubs. Club members also attended the University of Missouri presentation, Food for Thought: The Connection between Diet and Brain

Health. Here are a few highlights from the individual clubs: **Kage Club** has made donations to Cape Senior Center, FISH Food Pantry, Hope for One More Children's Home, and the Safe House for Women. **Lamplighters Club** hosted an international program and meal featuring Iceland and Ireland with members of **Cheerful Country Doers Club** as guests. Lamplighters collected and delivered books for young children to Birthright, Safe House for Women, and Cape County Health Department. The club also sewed 15 toddler lap pads for special needs children. **Oak Ridge Club** members raised funds for several community activities such as bingo prizes for Monticello House Residential Center and Missouri Veterans Home. They all donated to the Backpack Meal program for local schools, Hope for One More Children's Home, and the Amen Center in Delta, MO. They have purchased 48 books for their upcoming annual Christmas Giveaway. **Town and Country Club** gave donations to the Salvation Army, Lutheran Home, and Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center. They gave 42 books for newborns at Southeast Health in recognition of National Day of the Family. They also planted flowers at the University of Missouri Extension Center in Jackson. At the district meeting four members

**Southeast District
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were recognized. Sue Jones, Mary Klapproth, and Darlene McCain received 55-year membership certificates and Lois Seabaugh received a membership certificate for 50 years.



Central District:
Mary Beatty, Director

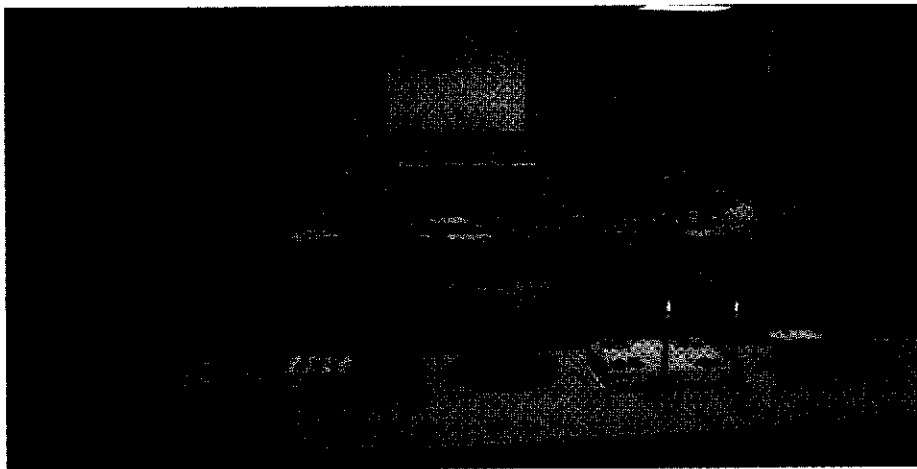
FIRST...please consider running for a MAFCE state office. We need a president and a treasurer. Please contact me and/or an executive board member if you are interested in keeping our amazing organization going. Thank YOU! Be watching for your Messenger with information! Share the Messenger articles at your meetings!

Callaway County:
Fulton FCE...Carolyn McCormack reporting (Thank you Carolyn for doing such a great job reporting). *November 2021*...Anna Klick presented the program on Celiac disease. Members

Planned for 2022. They shared information about the tour of Worldwide Mobility (PET). Members also collected tennis balls, plastic jugs (used for packing and shipping), and sewing supplies for Worldwide Mobility. Fulton Club does an amazing job with ongoing monthly projects: tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Columbia, coupons for the military, Moser's grocery receipts for the Senior Center,

Best Choice labels, and collections of old towels, sheets and lint rollers for the Spay/Neuter program. We are pleased that our only member in Cole County, Diana Finnie, keeps her membership with Fulton Club. We treasure our Cole County friends who were so devoted to MAFCE, but can no longer participate.

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East Central District:
Vivian Cody, Director

Guess what? The District is getting into the groove of doing and meeting. Spring district meeting was both fun and educational. State Officers, Dana and Mary, enjoyed their home stay with St. Charles County member Ruth Mellor. MAFCE President Dana's program was encouraging words using the theme for inspiration. This year's theme, "Working Together for a Brighter Tomorrow" encourages team work, persistence and a positive outlook. Member, Mary Lou Thompson was presented a membership certificate for 61 years of membership with FCE. HURRAY! District Essay/Artwork winner was presented with the District 1st Place award Julia Jackson, our Essay/Artwork winner was also presented an MAFCE State 1st Place Certificate. We were all elated and surprised. Vice-President, Mary, informed the membership of upcoming events. Conference will

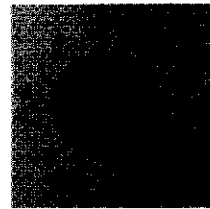
be in September. More information in this Messenger. Lunch and hand-made card making finished off the day.

St. Charles County reported membership is getting back together again. They tested summer salad recipes for Today's Farmer magazine. All members are focusing on one service project this year. Donations of toys and other items for the St. Joachim & Ann Care Center. HiHopes met at Theis Farms and made gnomes and enjoyed the plants and flowers.

Montgomery County has two new members. Congrats and welcome. The membership also tested summer salad recipes for Today's Farmer Magazine. They have been busy. They sewed/constructed pillow cases, bibs and bags for wheelchairs and lap throws. The items were donated to a Nursing Home. The membership donated money to the Dolly Parton Book for Kids project. Educational

programs included Iceland, hands on making greeting cards and Christmas decorations and new activity with the Master Gardeners.

Lincoln County FCE members are getting into the groove again. February they gathered for lunch and Valentine exchange. March found them busy with congrats to the county Essay/Artwork project winner. The county had three schools with 42 entries participating this year. The County learned at Spring District that their entry, Julia Jackson, placed 1st in State. The month of April they tested summer salad recipes. This activity is always fun. The May meeting was lunch out and program on STRESS. Each member received a "STRESS KIT," The program was taken from the Resource Book.



Northeast District

Gloria Macomber, Director

CLARK COUNTY news from the Show-Me Club: Spring has taken her time this year in arriving in NE MO and the weather is now reminiscent of summery days. The trees are green, the grass is growing, gardens are in and seeds are sprouting and flowers are beginning to bloom and will be a riot of color all summer long and into the fall months.

Dixie Blum graciously hosted the April meeting in her home and the club worked on finalizing plans for the NE District Spring Meeting for 2022. We also enjoyed a program on "Fun Facts About April" that was given by Barbara Clark. The flower for April is the daisy and each member was presented with daisy seeds at the end of the program to plant in their gardens.

Ozelma Shoup was our cordial hostess for the May meeting by opening her home to club members. Our club took care of those last minute details that come with hosting the NE District Spring Meeting. Gloria Macomber presented a program on chocolate and shared some luscious chocolate candy as part of her program. The program was informative and tasty, too.

Our next meeting will be on June 2, 2022, with a trip to Bentonsport, IA and the surrounding Villages of Van Buren County, IA. We will be eating out at the Great Day Café in Keosauqua, IA.

The Spring District Meeting was well attended with 17 making the trip to Kahoka. Thank you to all the ladies that came to enjoy the

fellowship and company of the members in the NE District. Dana Harris and Mary Klaproth shared their vision of what "Working Together for a Brighter Tomorrow" means to the FCE membership across the state of MO. Our afternoon program was presented by Debbie Whiston on "Aging Wisely." So many great ideas and tips were shared. The Show-Me FCE Club would like to thank all who participated and made the Spring District Meeting a success.

RANDOLPH COUNTY news: Randolph County FCE tested pie recipes for the Today's Farmer Magazine. They held their 44th annual Craft & Gift Show with 65 vendors which was down from previous years as they usually had 85 to 100 vendors. The 4-H Jr. Leaders help with a free craft making project for children 12 and younger at the craft show. This went so well they decided to do it again. This project was done at the craft show as the annual Kids Make It for Christmas project was dropped after 40 years. They donated \$200 to the Madison High School cheerleaders for taking care of the three tables to take fees at the craft show. They received a \$500 grant from the Moberly Tourism Committee for advertisements for the craft show. A report was sent to ACWW for the type of animals, vegetables, fruit or etc. of FCE members who live on a farm.

Four Randolph Co. FCE members attended the annual NE District Spring meeting in Kahoka. Their organization was the recipient of a HEED Grant of \$500 to be used for their annual babysitting/child care clinic. They helped with the annual

Government Day for all juniors of the four high schools in the county when they toured the county courthouse and then met at the fire department building in Huntsville for lunch. This event is sponsored by the Moberly Rotary Club with the help of FCE and the retired teachers association. Betty Mayo attended all four high schools for their awards assembly to present a \$500 scholarship to one senior of each school. Two scholarships were presented to the students of the New Traditions program at the Moberly Area Community College. Betty attended the awards assembly at the Westran Elementary School to present awards for three of the fourth grade students for the 4th grade essay/artwork contest. The student at Westran won top place not only in her class but in her school, county and second place in the NE District. They sent coupons to their military families overseas which they do every 3 or 4 months.

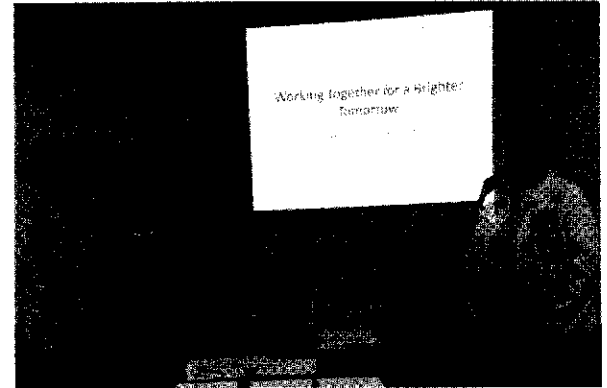
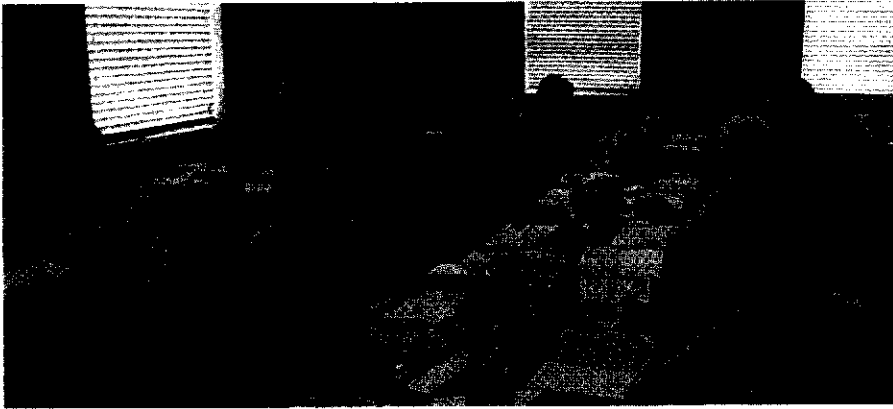
KNOX COUNTY news: Diana Cheatum & Linda Harder attended the State Conference in Columbia, September 21-23, 2021 and received information, documents and awards to share with other club members on their return. Diana entered the club's tri-fold display of activities to share with other MAFCE members state-wide. At our October 2021 meeting, Nena Palmer gave a demonstration on "Women's Way to Complete a Breast Exam" with good educational information shared.

4th Grade Essay & Artwork Contest on "Fairness" was in full swing in October with class rosters received for two classrooms and contact with judges secured. Students

Submitted their completed in December and judging was completed with awarding of medals and certificates in February 2022. 1st Place went to AdaLynn

Griffin. She was also selected as the NE District winner. Her essay received 3rd Place in State. In December 2021 Knox Co. FCE met for Recipe

Testing pies. In April 5 from Green Acres had pedicure and manicures and Chinese Buffet lunch. May 2022 was the Senior Girls Tea and members making the refreshments.



NE District Spring Meeting in Kahoka, upper left and right pictures.

40 Easter baskets for nursing home in April.



Northeast District
Knox County Pictures



Northwest District
Connie Taylor, Director

Lana Snyder--Grundy County reports: We toured Vintage Vine in Trenton. It's a gift and flower shop. Had a tour and was shown how to arrange flowers. Very informative.

Bobbie Hawks--Clay County reports: Only one Associate member. Nothing to report.

Carla Robison--Ray County reports: We made Thanksgiving dinner for a family in November. In December we gave away Christmas gift baskets to two families in need. In January we changed our club name to "A Cup of Hope."

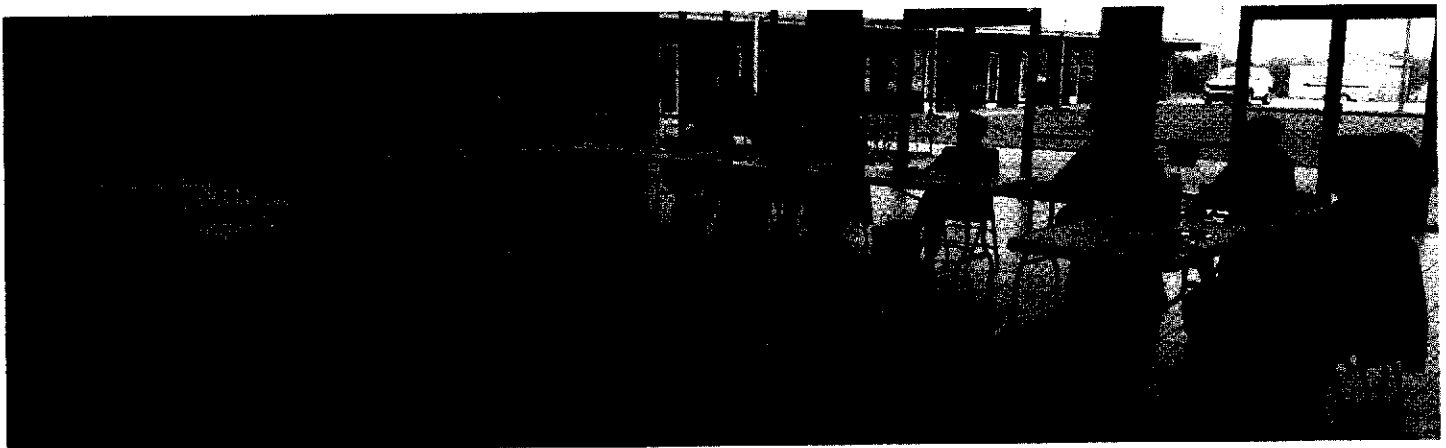
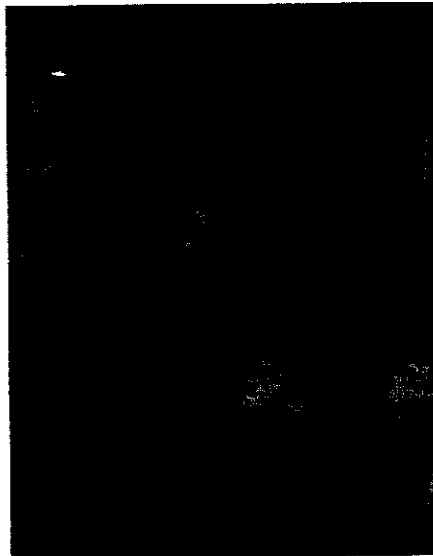
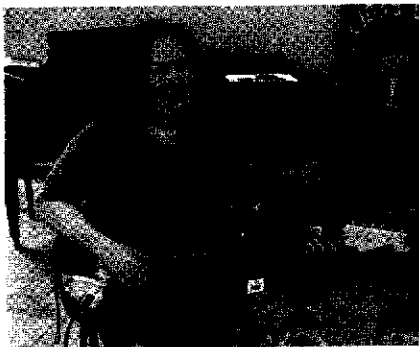
February and March meetings not much went on. In April the president stepped down and the new president assumed the duties. At May meeting we went to District meeting, held our normal club meeting which our

excitement was very high. At that very same meeting, new event ideas were discussed, a new vehicle for communicating was set up called "Band." It's an app and allows a working environment electronically that has great potential. We are able to invite folks to view live demonstrations that we host. Scripture and quote cards handed out and shared with one another at the same meeting and generated a lot of fellowship and good ideas to pass around to folks as we are out in the town. In the month of June there will be no meeting but some ideas for the bags for the

upcoming conference were placed out on the Band app for the group to vote on so we can get started working on the design for them.

Kathy Roach--Andrew County reports: The club has been very busy! We have studied Iceland, complete with food, we had Missouri and presidential trivia day, we helped the residents of Anew Care Facility paint wooden Easter eggs and we ate lunch together and toured Robidoux Row museum. We are hoping to have at least 2 more join us! The fall District meeting is October 11.

Gayle Delaney--Buchanan County reports: The Number 5 club started the New Year with a meeting to plan the 2022 calendar of the monthly meetings and programs. In February the club provided cookies for the Gower Convalescent Center's Valentine party. In March the members met for a day of sewing items for the pregnancy Resource Clinic and Women's Abuse Shelter in St. Joseph. The program for the April meeting was presented by a volunteer for the St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Clinic. We had an enjoyable outing in May lunch at Cracker Barrel & tour.



Southwest District

Patti Reed, Director

Nola McMillen, Co-Director

Seventeen attended the SW District Spring meeting at Carthage on April 27 including Colin Goewert, 4th grade essay/artwork SW District winner and second place state winner, his mother, grandparents, and his teacher (who is a first year fourth grade teacher at Triway/Stella). Gail Kreutzer and Barbara Hunter of Jasper County did a superb job of directing the meeting when Patti Reed and Nola McMillen had obligations keeping them from getting there until later in the morning. Our district bank account has finally been closed in Marshfield and moved to our area. We have 21 members in our district.

Jasper County--Les Femmes, an evening club, hasn't resumed meeting but they are hoping to be back in session in September. Gail Kreutzer and Barbara Hunter have retired and are now able to help with district activities; they were

very active members as young women on all levels. We are glad to have them back.

Webster County--Jane Hamilton-Smith and Dorene Yearian are still members. Jane is doing fine but Dorene is fighting lymphoma. She is waiting to begin radiation treatments. Her husband Tom passed earlier in the year.

Greene County--We have received word that Ruth Deckard, former district director and state president, passed on May 9. She has been missed. Also Betty Reynolds is not doing well with a health issue. She lived for some time in San Antonio, Texas, with her daughter.

Newton County--Merry Makers are merrily cruising along. We met in January at the Neosho Fish Hatchery for our annual planning meeting. We had received twenty-six 4th grade essay/artwork entries, the most ever, and a committee met later in the month to judge them. Colin Goewert won for Newton County and it was a first time for that particular fourth grade also. Chocolate was the February theme with roll call, "Name and bring your favorite chocolate candy bar." Jane Taylor presented an interesting lesson on

chocolate using Hearth Fire #7, "Woman to Woman, Searching for Chocolate," with examples of different chocolate products. Volunteer hour sheets were turned in and several state reports were completed and mailed. Jam and jelly recipes (30+) were tested for Today Farmer from February 15 to March 15. Most were really good and a few were unusual. They appeared in the May issue of the magazine.

Our outreach to the East Newton School District continues. One member has a granddaughter/teacher at Granby elementary who requested chair back covers for her classroom. Our March meeting was a workday to make chair covers and other projects plus we had a jam and jelly taste testing. This member is now writing a grant to help fund the chair back covers project. So far 55 covers have been delivered to the two elementary schools and eighty more have been requested. A deceased member's daughter has donated her mother's stash of fabrics, and a sister-in-law of another member has donated unused washable drapery fabrics for the chair back covers. Patti Reed reports that CASA is in need of



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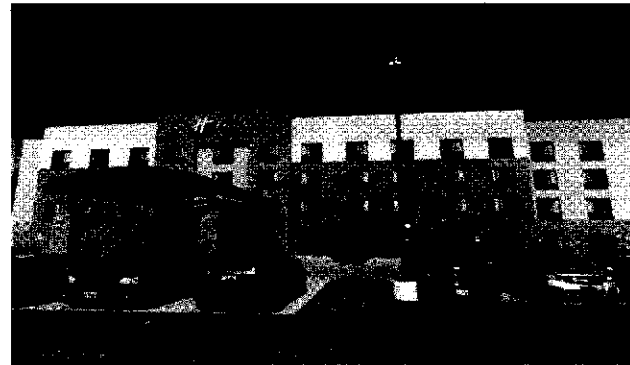
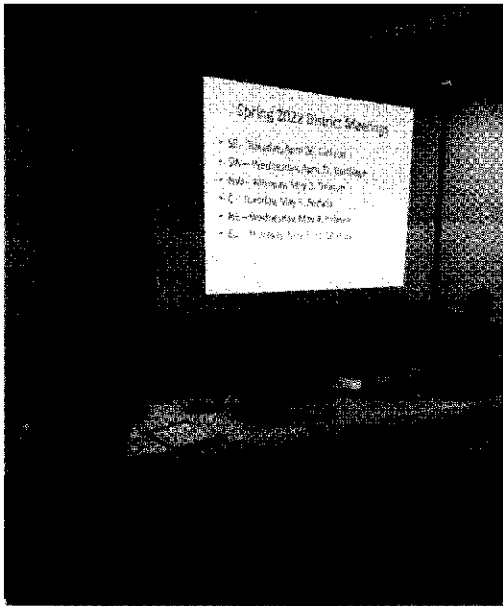
VICE PRESIDENT'S NOTES
By Mary Klaproth

Hello to all the FCE members: It was a busy and interesting time going with Dana Harris to all the six district meetings. I enjoyed meeting some new members and renewing friendships with others. Dana and I traveled many miles for the meetings. I want to thank everyone for their hospitality shown to Dana and myself.

I want to thank all the FCE members that completed reports and mailed them to me. I enjoy reading the reports and finding

out the projects your clubs/counties are involved with. I received 7 of the big Program Award Book Reports. I received 3 reports in education, 3 in action and 1 in leadership. I received 7 community successful reports, 7 additional program/project, 6 MAFCE achievement reports, 3 scholarship and volunteer hours from 7 counties. I want to thank the women that took the time to submit the reports. I hope next year more reports will be submitted. The women will be recognized at the MAFCE Conference on September 14th.

I want you to mark your calendar for the MAFCE Conference to be held in Columbia, Missouri, on September 13th, 14th and 15th. The conference will be at the Holiday Inn East at exit 131 off of I-70. The cost of the room is \$94.00 plus tax. All rooms have refrigerators, microwaves and coffee pots. We have lowered the registration fee to \$100.00. A number of scholarships are available, some pay for 1/2 of your room. Preference will be given to 1st time attendees, but others will be considered. If you have already attended a conference please complete the application for consideration of a scholarship. Looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

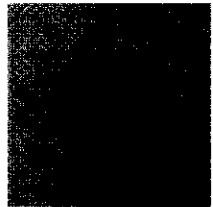


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Hotel Reservations for 2022
MAFCE Conference
September 14-15, 2022
Early Bird September 13th

Holiday Inn East
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MAFCE Treasurer's Report as of May 25, 2022, by Judy Strickland

On May 3, 2022, a 37-month CD matured. The original was \$70,000.00; it earned \$5,537.01, which was deposited in the checking account; \$15,000.00 was deposited in the savings account. A new 17-month CD of \$55,000.00 was re-invested at an interest rate of 0.15%. That CD will mature 10/03/2023. If we need to access the funds in that CD before its maturity date, we only lose interest. Our account balances are as follows: checking account \$3,869.37; savings account \$15,251.28, and one certificate of deposit \$55,000.00.

Currently, we have 211 members enrolled for 2022. Some clubs have disbanded this year for various reasons, but one main reason cited is problems associated with aging. An associate membership is available for persons who do not live near an active club but still want to be a part of FCE. On the other hand, some clubs still continue to add new members.

2022 MAFCE State Conference "Working Together for a Brighter Tomorrow"

MONDAY, September 12--Board Pre-Conference Meeting, 2 pm-10 pm

TUESDAY, September 13, Board Pre-Conference Meeting, 8 am-3 pm;

Registration: 4 pm - 7 pm

Early Bird Workshops: 7-10 pm:

Fabric Flowers--Mary Beatty (Business Meeting Room);

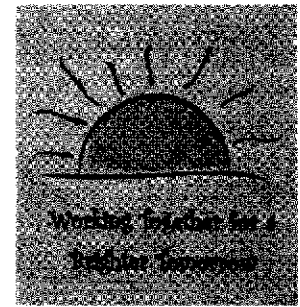
Wreaths--Phyllis Flanigan & Betty Schalk (Dining Room);

Show & Tell--(Business Meeting Room)

Relax by Coloring--(Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 14--Annual Business Meeting, Workshops, Memorial Service, Alumni Meeting & District Meetings, and Banquet with entertainment.

THURSDAY, September 15--Free breakfast, Workshops, Lunch with Installation of Officers.



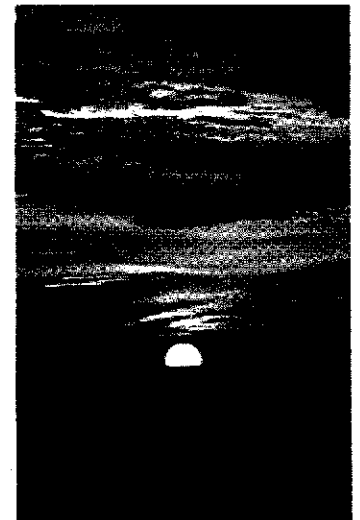
2022 MAFCE State Conference Workshops

EDUCATION: Pollinators

ACTION: "Developing An Immune System for the Soul"

LEADERSHIP: "Growing Great Groups"

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM: Chile

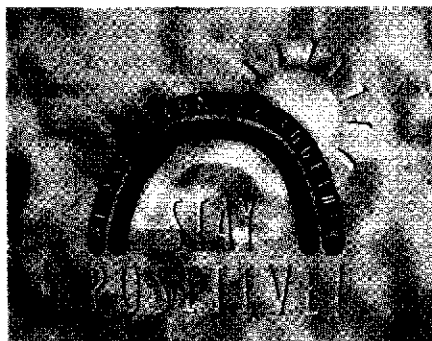


NOTES:

Anyone can register for full conference or partial conference (Banquet night). You can stay at hotel or at home and participate any time of day.

(Costs: Full conference=\$100.00, after August 30=\$120.00; ONE DAY=\$65.00 (Wednesday or Thursday with lunch only); BANQUET only Wednesday evening=\$25.00. *No refunds after September 7.*

There will be a Silent Auction. Clubs should bring quality items for bidding. **THERE WILL BE NO COUNTRY STORE.** There will be 50/50, Pennies for Friendship and NEW this year--*Live Entertainment.* Also new: There will be no MFFCE Raffle table, but the Board will have a Raffle Table as a fundraiser rather than the Live Auction.



Central District

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*December 2021...*Members shared lunch with a gift exchange game by Kathryn Wade. Donations for December were toilet paper for Wiley House/Our House a homeless shelter in Fulton, and canned goods for SERVE food pantry. *January 2022...*meeting was canceled due to weather. *February 2022...*Carolyn McCormack demonstrated how to make a dog chew toy. She used the 2022 MAFCE Resource Book for this program that was presented at the 2021 MAFCE Annual Conference. Each member made one to take home. Members shared old recipes and stories that went with them. Hostess Cheryl Rohrbach served ham and beans with cornbread. Roll Call was to share your bucket list for 2022. Everyone brought items for our ongoing community project. Volunteer hour forms were turned in and members helped fill out the county/club achievement form for 2021. *March 2022...*MAFCE President Dana Harris presented the "De-cluttering Stress" program from the 2021 MAFCE Resource Book. The community outreach program continued and members brought plastic bags for SERVE. *April 2022...*Members planned their May 9th Friendship Gathering. The program was presented by Donna McGrath on gardening tips. She gave members seeds and a marigold seedling.

Central District hosted the Spring District meeting at Pettis County Extension Office in Sedalia on May 3. there was a small crowd present, but it is always good to share ideas and visit. MAFCE President Dana Harris and Fulton Club President Carolyn McCormack represented Callaway County.

Pettis County . . . Prairie Ridge/Flat Creek, Mary Beatty reporting.

*January...*Members met at the Pettis County Extension Office in Sedalia. We tested mushroom recipes for Today's Farmer magazine. That is always work, but it is fun to do! Roll call was "what dish did you like best?" Since only four of our members can attend, we asked an additional four from the Extension Office to help us judge recipes. Members finalized plans for the Ag-Expo held at the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds on February 4-5. Members had a booth displaying what our club does, and we gained a member this way!! Welcome to our club, Nancy Heidrich! The club provided coffee and cookies for the vendors. We also distribute gently used/sanitized books to children and literacy materials to parents attending the Expo. Over 70 books were distributed. Cards for members who can not attend meetings are sent monthly. Our donation was written to Pettis County Extension.

*February...*This meeting was all about Missouri. We are still celebrating Missouri's 200th birthday! Roll Call was "a place I'd like to visit in Missouri." Volunteer sheets were turned in. Planning the Spring district meeting was our focus for this meeting. Our donation went to our local animal shelter. *March...*We met at Pettis County Extension office again. Our speaker was Mr. Bill Turner, who has spearheaded the development and building of Mercy Rest Stop, which is a local facility for transitory people who need help getting a job, medical care, and/or additional help. That organization received our monthly donation. Our roll call was "a first sign of spring." Members made plans to visit two members who now live at Golden Oaks Senior Living near Marshall, Missouri. *April...*Our club did not meet in April due to hosting the Central District Spring Meeting on May 3, at the Pettis County Extension Office. Our club provided a salad lunch. MAFCE President Dana Harris presented the morning program that coordinated with our MAFCE theme for 2022 "Working Together for a Brighter Tomorrow." Our speaker was Mr. John Thompson, director of Pettis County Community Partnership. Mr. Thompson's program was about foster care and Covid-19, as well as a new grant PCCP has received that provides (continued on page 14)

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Dollars for foster children to promote meeting needs that could not be met otherwise, particularly staying in school and getting a diploma. We all enjoyed the 50/50 drawing and our auction. Also, our club has been donating suitcases to PCCP for needs foster children have when they leave their homes due to crisis in their lives. Many times children who are removed from their homes leave with nothing. A Suitcase can be the beginning of having a few belongings as they rebuild their lives. Vice President Mary Klapproth presented scholarship forms for attendance at the annual conference and reminded members present to use the Resource Book for programs and forms. Members received small flower spots made from newspaper with seeds as their favor, as well as a handmade yo-yo fabric flower.

*May...*Our program was presented by member Lori Gerke. We met at her house near Windsor and she told us the history of Windsor. Our roll call was "a word I have trouble spelling." Our donation was to American Heart Association.

*June...*members will learn about flags and the collection will be to the local Relay for Life.

Central District hopes everyone has a healthy and happy summer. Plan to attend the MAFCE Annual Conference in Columbia, Sept. 13-15.

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Baby and crib quilts; Jo Lemoire is working on a grant to help with this. Jo and another member are making sunflower place mats for state conference.

April meeting's roll call was to bring a picture or garment of an old-fashioned style which was also the program, "The History of Fashion." Erlene Hoepfner, 96, brought her wedding dress. A fun, interesting program! Plans were discussed and finalized for the April 27th Spring District meeting at Carthage. Ina Milton, the 2021 alumni scholarship winner, turned 90 on the 29th, and continues to be active in FCE and Master Gardeners.

Hearth Fire #41, "Someone's in the Kitchen...Making Concoctions" was *May's* program with roll call, "Name your favorite dessert." Refreshments had members making and shaking ice cream in a plastic bag. (The recipe is in the Hearth Fire.) Our hostess Ruth had us also making "Cake for One" in the microwave. We made plans for the Newton County Fair, July 5-10, with members choosing 15 out of 24 items for display on our fair table.

June's tentative plans are a tea party at the Newtonia Community Center provided by a Newtonia lady.

Our main fundraiser is our booth at the Newtonia Fall Festival, the last Saturday of September. As of now, three plan to attend conference and with more scholarships available, perhaps more. Southwest District offers a registration scholarship in addition to those from state.

We are looking for a district director as Patti Reed has been given more duties with CASA. Her term ends December 31, 2022.

4th Grade Essay/Artwork Contest

Congratulations to all the 4th grade participants across the state who took part in the 4th grade essay/artwork contest, writing and drawing about "Fairness."

Three districts sent in their district winners:

1st Place in state is Julia Jackson from EC District

2nd Place in state is Colin Goewert from SW District

3rd Place in state is Adalynn Griffin from NE District.

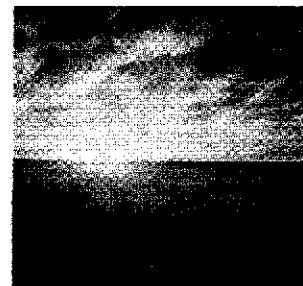
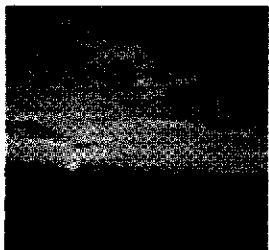
Prize money for 2022 was not listed in the 2022 Resource Book, but the amounts were: 1st--\$100, 2nd--\$75, and 3rd--\$50.

The 2023 contest topic will be CARING. Info for the contest will be in 2023 Resource Book and should be to schools (public, private, parochial and home) between September and December 31.

Encourage your members to contact their local schools and 4th Grade teachers. Essay writing is now part of the 4th grade curriculum. Our essay/artwork contest is an opportunity for our state's 4th graders to practice essay writing and perhaps earn some money.

District winners should be sent to: Nola McMillen, 24911 Hwy. D, Stella, MO 64867-8119 417-628-3817 jnmc1959@leru.net

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