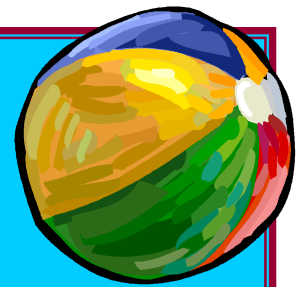


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This issue of The MINT is dedicated to showcasing recent affiliate activities. The 2008-09 Membership Committee thanks all those who participated, and the 2009-10 Committee asks that you keep your submissions coming for use in future issues!



Connie Rash, left, and Carmen Tarbush

Students Find Creative Ways to Sustain Activity in a Suffering Economy

By Connie Rash, The University of Georgia (UGA), Georgia AFCS student advisor and Carmen Tarbush, UGA, senior FCS education major

With the economy at a standstill, students in the state of Georgia had to brainstorm a new way to hold their annual state conference.

Each school semester, students from the University of Georgia (UGA), Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), Fort Valley State University (FVSU), and Georgia Southern University meet to handle the business of the state student unit. Each year, a different school agrees to hold the fall conference at their institution, and each spring, students attend the state conference with other professionals. This year, with school and student budgets, the economy issued a challenge.

After several weeks of calls, emails, and planning, the Georgia Student Unit decided to move their state meeting from Fort Valley State University to each individual college. How? Students met via a teleconference in rooms at their individual institutions with large television screens that linked to the other institutions. At first, most members and advisers were apprehensive about how it would work, but once the meeting started and they understood the technology, the meeting was successful. Carmen Tarbush, the student unit state president, commented, "I was nervous that other student members wouldn't understand why we chose to have our state meeting during our usual meeting time or enjoy being a part of the larger state association, but they really did. Students talked about it for weeks later, and they ask about future meetings fairly frequently."

With the expenses of large conferences, another issue arose for attendance to the state and national meetings. Connie Rash, the state student adviser, wanted students to be present at each of the meetings. Therefore, students from ABAC and FVSU agreed to be present at the state meeting in Savannah, Georgia, on behalf of the student unit, while students from UGA will attend the national conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, on its behalf. For the student unit to go through with the official business of the organization, we have planned an additional teleconference for the election of officers and the sharing of chapter activities.

Because of their effectiveness, the student unit plans to continue using teleconference in the future until the economy permits an on-site conference. Until then, the Georgia Student Unit wishes to issue a challenge to other student and professional associations to use teleconferences for their meetings.

Georgia & Florida Submitted by Sue W. Chapman, Ed.D., GAFCS President-Elect & Conference Chair

Almost 90 FCS professionals attended the combined conference of the Florida & Georgia Affiliates, held March 26-28 in Savannah, GA. Participants explored innovative technologies in FCS and reflected on our historical role in public policy, learning timely skills for informing legislators. Complementing the learning experience was a spirit of celebration, as we applauded our 100-year history with a Centennial-logo cake; gifts of Centennial bookmarks for all attendees; and a presentation by AAFCS President Shelly Nickols-Richardson and her mom, Dr. Sharon Nickols (AAFCS President 2002-03), entitled "Two Nickols Worth."

Mississippi Submitted by Sheri Worthy, President, MSAFCS and Associate Professor, Mississippi State University

The Mississippi Affiliate held their annual meeting February 19-20, 2009. A Centennial Celebration Gala honored 12 past presidents of MAFCS and one AAFCS past president (Dr. Shirley Hastings). Ellen Swallow Richards, as portrayed by Joyce B. Miles, CFCS, Retired, attended the Gala and the meeting day. The Friday meeting was packed with informative sessions with topics ranging from "positive youth development" to "using social networking sites safely and effectively" to "working across generations." The 126 attendees gave very positive evaluations.

Past MAFCS presidents

(left – right). Dr. Jan Haynes (2008-09), Dr. Wanda Cheek (2007-08), Linda Gayle Smith (2005-07), Ouida Pittman (2004-05), Dr. Jan Taylor (2000-01), Dr. Ann Blackwell (1997-98), Dr. Cynthia Easterling (1995-96), Dr. Barbara McLaurin (1994-95), Dr. Beverly Howell (1991-92), Dr. Raygene Paige (1986-87), Ann Rushing (1981-82), and Dr. Bettye Coward (1978-79).



Indiana Submitted by Roma Jean Bradburn

The Indiana Gala was held September 25, 2008 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, with 160 former and current members and friends enjoying a reception, an elegant dinner, awards presentations and Ellen S. Richard's (aka, Joyce B. Miles) "In Her Own Words". The highlight of the evening was the attendance of our eldest member, Dr. Anne M. Lee (pictured at right), who served as IN-HEA President from 1952-54. Happy Birthday was sung to celebrate her 100th birthday on November 26, 2008. The evening ended with birthday cake and a toast to the past and future 100 years with non-alcoholic champagne.



Ohio Submitted by Sharon Turini-Kent & Toni Carlton

Ohio celebrated their Centennial and Annual Meeting in April with keynote speaker Mark Norman and the Global Sustainable Center home he built. Shelly Nickols-Richardson spoke about AAFCS ~ Past and Present. The Awards Banquet was a gala affair with 97 members and 37 students receiving a printed and bound "100 year History of OHEA/OAFCS" compiled by Jenny Schroeder, and a key chain. Candles were given to be lit in honor of a mentor.

Ohio Friend of the Family Awardee James McDonald, left, of the Ohio Practitioner Network for Fatherhood speaks to the group.



Judy Clock, left, receives Volunteer Award from Linda Valentine, CFCS.

Maine Submitted by Lorraine Tanguay

Maine AFCS celebrated the 100th Anniversary of AAFCS on March 28th at the Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast in Hallowell, Maine, with about 17 members in attendance. The keynote speakers for the day were two women from the Maine Cooperative Extension that introduced a new program for young women called "Turn Beauty Inside Out: Full of Yourself." This was followed by a celebration of the various successes of our members. During lunch we had cake, and table favors were handed out to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of AAFCS. We also celebrated the dedication of our members by handing out a variety of awards.

Delaware Submitted by Judy Van Name



The Delaware Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (DAFCS) presented our third Friend of the Family Award to Teresa L. Schooley (pictured left) and our first DAFCS Outstanding Professional Award to Deborah Amsden Micklos CFCS (pictured right), at our annual meeting October 19, 2008. Delaware Governor Jack Markell signed a Certificate of Commendation on January 27, 2009, congratulating our Delaware Affiliate as we celebrate the AAFCS Centennial Anniversary of AAFCS. The 24th Marion H. Steele Symposium held at the



University of Delaware May 7, 2009, celebrated the AAFCS Centennial. Undergraduate and graduate students presented research papers and posters at this public forum co-sponsored by the family of Marion Steele, the Delaware Affiliate of AAFCS, and the Department of Human Development & Family Studies at the University of Delaware.

South Dakota and Nebraska Submitted by Linda Marchand, CFCS

"Creating Moments of Magic for Families" was the theme of the joint state meeting of the South Dakota and Nebraska Affiliates of AFCS, held in Mitchell, SD.

The day and a half meeting was filled with the following presentations; "Coordinated School Health and the Youth at Risk Behavior Survey," "Food Trends," "bReady," "Character Counts," "RU Green - Reduce, Recycle, Reuse," and "Creating Moments of Magic for Families." To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the AAFCS organization, Jean Knaack, AAFCS Treasurer, presented "Celebrating our Past - Sustaining the Future" and the Nebraska Affiliate provided a Trunk Show of Fashions. South Dakota presented several awards, including Teacher of the Year to Christie Larsen, Alcester-Hudson High School. State officers were also installed.



More than 160 attended the MN-AFCS annual state conference held at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, April 2-4.

Features of the conference included a gala centennial banquet and an entertaining fashion and photo walk through history. In addition, there was a keynote address by Dr. Ronald Phillips, University of Minnesota scientist, who spoke on developments in biotechnology and food. Ann Burckhardt, former *Minneapolis Star & Tribune* food journalist, entertained the audience with stories about Minnesota's historical role in food development.

Workshops featured "going green" and "sustainability" themes, as well as presentations on literacy, math standards, teaching strategies, program approval, and advisory committees. A tour of the Minneapolis International Market Square design studios and the Great River Energy headquarters in Maple Grove demonstrated advances in energy efficiency, sustainability, and environmentally friendly materials.

Illinois Submitted by Kathy Kemp, Executive Director

The Illinois AFCS annual conference, "Celebrating the Past . . . Sustaining the Future" was held February 20 & 21, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL. More than 150 FCS professionals and students attended the Illinois conference and participated in professional development sessions and tours. Being in Chicago provided great opportunities for tours (The Merchandise Mart, Chicago Tribune Test Kitchen, Lightology – the largest lighting retailer in North America, Kendall College School of Culinary Arts, Chicago History Museum – Chic Chicago Collection, Macy's Chicago Flagship Store, Fashion Resource Center, and local design studios).

IL-AFCS post-conference evaluations

- "Comforting to know that we're working hard, creating awareness for a cleaner, greener environment!"
- "I loved the networking! It's heartwarming to see I am not in a dying field. There are teachers out there that care as much as I do!"
- "Opportunity to network with other FCS teachers in the state is priceless!"

Missouri Submitted by Janine Duncan, President

A dedicated group of Missouri members met in March to plan the affiliate's course of action. Barb Froke, Ph.D., led the group through the process, in which they:

- Envisioned a stronger state association.
- Dreamt of what the future MO-AFCS would be.
- Identified challenges to build a new MO-AFCS.
- Identified strengths we have to help build a new MO-AFCS.
- Developed big goals that will help us build the new MO-AFCS.
- Identified the next step in pursuing each big goal.



(l-r) Cheryl Houston, Barb Froke and Melissa Larsen of Missouri



Flat Ellen was one of the 154 attendees at the WI-AFCS held at the U-W Steven Point, March 26-28. Ellen patiently posed with many including Kayla Slaasted (pictured left) and Priscilla Bondhus (right) who represent a span of fifty years. Kayla is a student at U W – Madison and Priscilla presently serves as the executive director of the Wisconsin Affiliate.

This outstanding conference featured keynote speaker Amie Lapp Payne who shared “One Life’s Journey: Bringing Passion and Experience to the Profession.” Payne encouraged us to have the willingness to change when necessary, keeping child and family focus as our main emphasis. Dr. Payne

challenged us with some important questions to use in setting our priorities:

- Why do we do things the way we do them now?
- Is it still working? If not, why not?
- What else might work better instead?
- What is YOUR unique contribution?
- Whose responsibility is it to bring the ideas forward?



To learn more about what is going on in the Wisconsin Affiliate click to www.wafcs.org



Kansas

Submitted by DeAnn Hauser, CFCS

Affiliate President Anna Mae Brown addresses the group, left, while “Ellen” presides over the history of AAFCS, right.



Iowa Submitted by Marcia McGoldrick

Iowa AFCS held their Annual Meeting and 100th Birthday Celebration March 27th-28th in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with 78 members and non-members in attendance. One of the highlights included the 100th birthday celebration at the evening banquet. Cakes on each table were decorated with sparklers. **(Iowa AFCS students are pictured, right, with cake.)**

The banquet restaurant, My Verona, Ristorante Italiano, Cedar Falls, Iowa, sponsored a presentation by Mary Nolan, Food Network TV host of the show “Chic and Easy.” Mary reflected on the importance of FCS classes. Her high school FCS teacher influenced her to continue her cooking talents. Nolan currently lives in New York and is originally from Davenport, Iowa.





Dr. Rosa S. Purcell presents Jeannie M. Leonard (pictured in blue, left) with the Professional of the Year Award at their annual meeting, held this year in Winston-Salem, NC. Jeannie is an FCS Extension agent. At right, 2009-10 President Jane Walker addresses the group.



THANK YOU, AFFILIATE LEADERS, FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES!

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is for affiliate and national leaders of AAFCS. Photos and articles about successful membership ideas and campaigns are welcome.

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P.S! Online tip alert!

Did you know you could contact a member of the Membership Committee to submit your ideas for promoting membership at the affiliate level and nationally? Find committee members online by signing in to the AAFCS Web Portal, clicking "Leadership Directory," and choosing "Membership Directory" in the drop-down menu.

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