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The President's Message

By Ann Domsch, KAFCS President

Greetings from Manhattan!

I hope when you read this it will have cooled off, as it is very hot today.

One of my goals for my year of being president is to increase membership. We need to not only keep members, but to also recruit new members.

What does AAFCS mean to You? Why are you a member when others feel no need to belong to the professional organization? Everything we do in AAFCS influences our lives as well as the non-members lives.

If we really believe that being a member of Family & Consumer Sciences helps us professionally and personally, why are we not all out recruiting new members?

All of us have made an investment in the profession with 4 years of college and probably 2 years of graduate school so isn't belonging to AAFCS a continuation of that investment? Some people will tell you that the cost to belong is too high. Do those same people not have cable TV or a cell phone? The cost to belong is not much more when you divide it by the month.

So what are the benefits for members of AAFCS --- these are just a few ideas.

1. Wells Fargo Capital for Knowledge Programs.
2. Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences.
3. Continuing education
4. FCS career connection
5. Fellowships
6. Research grants
7. Professional certification
8. Education Program Accreditation
9. Networking opportunities
10. State affiliation
11. Advocacy for public policy
12. Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal

I hope this sparks some interest in helping to recruit members. We can make a difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities.



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Foundation News

The KAFCS Foundation was established with the vision and purpose to support the program and work of KAFCS. Members and friends of the Association contribute financially to see that this support grows and remains strong. Assets of the Foundation at the end of the 2005 fiscal year are over \$72,000. Thank you to all who contributed during the past fiscal year.

In June, the Foundation supported six undergraduate students from Kansas State University and Pittsburg State University, assisting them in attending the AAFCS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. The Foundation Board discussed additional ways to facilitate professional development of new professionals as well as recognition of current members. Committees are working in the areas of marketing, scholarships and awards and fund-raising.

Your investment in the Foundation through a tax -deductible gift is appreciated. Please join those who have already contributed by sending a check to the KAFCS Foundation, c/o DeAnn Hauser, 352 2000 Street, Humboldt, KS 66748.

Lynette Olson
KAFCS Foundation Board of Trustees Chair

AAFCS Restructuring Update

Following discussions by various groups over the past year, the AAFCS Board of Directors established a work group to examine the future structure of the association. "The work group's initial charge was to redesign the governance and structure for AAFCS to be in alignment with the new strategic plan adopted by the Senate in 2003 to enable the organization to operate more effectively as a 21st century organization. However, as the board continued to witness decline in membership, diminishing revenues, reorganization or dismantling of FCS programs at the university level and changes in the overall external environment in which the organization operates, it was determined a deeper look was need by the time the workgroup met shortly after the April Board of Directors meeting. The specific charge had evolved to a broader charger of looking at the future of the organization, determining an effective operating model and subsequent structure and governance." (Tecker report, April 2005) As individual members, we all received notification of this process as well as a call for input. Should you want to refer again to the documents provided the membership, they are available as links from the AAFCS web site (<http://www.aafcs.org>).

At the AAFCS Annual Meeting held in June in Minneapolis, much discussion took place surrounding the report provided by Tecker Consultants, the group hired to assist in this process. Sections, divisions and other units reacted to the report, which had been distributed to the membership prior to the Annual Meeting. The Open Forum was structured in small "listening groups" to allow the most opportunity for individuals to state their perspectives. The work group will meet in August to synthesize input from the membership. Should you want to provide input, even past August, address e-mails to Don Bower (dbower@uga.edu), AAFCS President, Jim Moran (Jdmoran3@aol.com), AAFCS Past President and Karen Tucker Martin (ktucker@aafcs.org), Executive Director. The work group's intent is to provide recommendation to the Board of Directors in a timely manner so that any recommendation could be voted on during the 2006 Annual Meeting to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina next June.

Note: AAFCS membership dues have been frozen for 2005-2006 until some decisions have been made.

Submit Applications for KAFCS Awards!

Anna Mae Brown
KAFCS Vice-President of Operations

I want to encourage all KAFCS members to think of someone to nominate for 2006 State Awards. Many of our members have accomplished great achievements in our field of work with families in our communities. These accomplishments often go unrecognized.

Since award nominations are no longer submitted by Districts, it is vital that awards be submitted by individual members or submitted on behalf of another KAFCS member.

Award applications are available on the KAFCS website. Click on "**About Us**"; then on "**Awards**". You will find the General Application Form to be used for all awards.

By selecting the award you are interested in, you will learn about the award eligibility, selection criteria, and the nomination format for that award.

KAFCS Awards include:

- Distinguished Service
- Extension Award
- Teacher of the Year
- Leaders Award
- Martha Streeter New Achiever
- Outstanding High School Student (Scholarship)

Award applications are due by *January 15th.*

Submit all applications to: DeAnn Hauser, KAFCS Executive Director, 352 2000 Street, Humboldt, KS 66748

WALL OF FAME

The KAFCS web site will soon have a new link entitled "The Wall of Fame". KAFCS award recipients will be honored by a listing of all past award winners. Anna Mae Brown, KAFCS Vice-President of Operations, is currently working on compiling this list. If any member has an old listing of past award members please share with Anna Mae so that our "wall" will not have any "missing links"!

District J News

Dear fellow Family Consumer Science Professionals:

The new year is just around the corner and the officers of District J have put together a program for the three scheduled meetings planned for the year that we hope you will find both enjoyable and beneficial. We plan to have a meal with each meeting. The meetings are scheduled for September 20, November 17 and February 13th. We are extending an invitation to all FCS professionals. You do not have to be a member of AAFCS or KAFCS to attend. The meetings are open to anyone interested in the topics. Let your fellow professionals know about the meetings if they do not receive a notification of the meetings.

We hope you will put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Location: SE Area Extension Office, West 14th, Chanute, KS

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Business: Report on NAFCS meeting in Minneapolis
Nominations for Awards

Program: "New Tools for Nutrition Education" Resources will be shared and everyone is invited to share their resources with the group as well.

Speakers: Gayle Price & Jan Stephens

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Location: Parsons, KS Exact location to be determined

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Business: Finalize nominations for award recipients.

Program: "Relaxing Techniques for the Holidays"

Janie Higginson, owner of the Wellness Center in Parsons will be our speaker. She will share information on aromatherapy, massage, the benefits of reflexology and nutrition for the nervous system. This is a perfect program to get you through the holidays.

Monday, February 13, 2006

Location: Ft. Scott Middle School, FCS Classroom, Ft. Scott, KS - Hosted by Joyce Davenport, FCS
Instructor
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Business: United Meeting, Wichita
Election of 2006 -07 officers
Program: "A Financial Check up"
Diane Burnett, Miami County FCS Extension Agent will present the program on things you need to know regarding financial records and interpreting financial information. Also some of the security issues associated with family financial matters.

Registration for each of the meetings, including the meal will be \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for non-students.

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American Association of Family and Consumer Science

50-year Member Award
to:

Mariellen Appleby

Congratulations!

Mariellen Appleby, Sedan, Kansas, attended the 96th American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Annual Conference, *Sizing Up America: Obesity Causes, Effects and Solutions*, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 23-25, 2005.

Mariellen was recognized as a 50-year member at the Pacesetter Brunch Sunday. Her membership in AAFCS began as a student at Kansas State University, spanned her career with K-State Extension and has continued in retirement.

Approximately 1,100 professionals and students in family and consumer sciences and allied fields met at the Minneapolis Convention Center to share knowledge on obesity related topics, learn how others are addressing the obesity crisis in America, and propose solutions to this growing problem. The meeting featured an array of general sessions, panels, lectures, educational sessions, and workshops dedicated to learning more about the obesity crisis in America, as well as special events honoring award, grant, and fellowship winners.

AAFCS is the professional organization that unites teachers, researchers, administrators, cooperative extension educators, professionals in business and industry and others in the field on family and consumer sciences.



Kansas Family and Consumer Science members attended the June 2005 AAFCS Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Here are just a few of the members whom attended:

Mariellen Appleby

Jan Stephens

Jan Wissman

Gayle Price

Cris Elliott

Duane Whitbeck

Carol Riffel and husband

Lynette Olson

Robyn Nienstedt

Anna Mae Brown

Carol Kellett Sally Yanke





Welcome KAFCS Executive Board 2005-2006

Ann Domsch, President

Marie Blythe, President-elect

Shannon Justice, Secretary

Jan Stephens, Vice-president for Program Development *Anna Mae Brown*, Vice-president of Operations

Angela Abts, Treasurer

Kathryn Roberts, Counselor

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