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## NOTES FROM DORENE

The first of my three year term as KAFCE President has quickly passed. It is natural to reflect on the accomplishments of 2016 as well as the challenges of the 2017 FCE year.

I chose as my theme for my three year term, "FCE: On the Move!" As I visited all five areas in the spring, I realized what great heart and commitment FCE members have for their respective communities. Even a quick reading of Area and State awards reveals the tremendous opportunities that have been taken to use FCE as a vehicle to develop Education, Leadership, and Action on key, relevant, and up to date issues in our Kansas homes and communities. Even on the National level, at the NAFCE Conference in Memphis, the Kansas awards were numerous and outstanding. Truly, FCE programming is "on the move."

In March, Board members gathered for a most productive and quite intense Board meeting. Together, we crafted an approach to the challenges facing KAFCE that has three parts to it: strides in **Marketing** Expansion, strides in the use of **Technology**, and strides in **Membership** expansion & retention.

Our first emphasis was in the area of **Marketing** expansion. The Board purchased four new products and began marketing them. The program has gone well, with over \$2500 taken in and more income anticipated before the end of 2016. We are going to market products at Spring and Fall Meetings, at Conference, at Holiday Festivals, and any gatherings, large or small, where marketing is appropriate. Board members have shown themselves committed to working hard in this area. I will appoint a marketing committee consisting of a member from each of the five Areas. We will obtain new marketing products every year.

At the June Board Meeting, we received some instruction and demonstration on how to use the internet for the formation of FCE Units. **Technology** was used in the August Mailing to get the 2017 Tool Kit to all FCS Extension Agents in Kansas who have an FCE in their counties. The Board and Marcy Price, KAFCE Webmaster, are committed to expanding our KAFCE website ([www.kafce.org](http://www.kafce.org)) and making it as user friendly as possible. Technology use will continue to be a focus in 2017 because of its tremendous potential for financial savings.

**Membership** is the biggest challenge of KAFCE. There were 11 new 2016 members through June, which was encouraging. Preliminary 2017 membership applications indicate many FCE Units across the state have brand new members. I am proud of Kansas FCE members for taking this challenge seriously. However, we must all continue to seek new members into 2017 and understand that the memberships submitted in the fall of 2016 include any new members acquired at that time as well as renewals for 2017, but the fall is not the end of our 2017 new membership pursuit. The first three months of the year are not too late to enroll 2017 members. The Board will continue to work on innovative ideas for applying technology to obtain new members. We ask for contributions of other ideas from all Kansas members.

As we go into 2017, the Board will begin the task of Revising the Handbook. The last revision was in 2012, and it is time again for another. This revision will be complete, at the latest, by 2018 & the end of my Presidential term. We will continue to work toward establishing a technology "network" of FCE members in order to take maximum advantage of "free" communication and distribution of materials for the August mailing. There will be hard (paper) copies for any who are to receive the August mailing but don't have access to technology.

In no way will any Kansas FCE Members be "left behind" as the Board develops plans for the future. The perpetuation of Kansas FCE will be first in the Board's every consideration. We are committed to decreasing financial shortfalls each year. We are here to serve **all of you**. We pledge to listen to you, and we believe, by a united effort, we can perpetuate and grow KAFCE.

It is a pleasure to serve as your President. I have been pleased to meet so many more of you this year. I am grateful for this opportunity. Thank you.

## Vice President's Report Edith McClain

**KANSAS FCE MEMBERS DID IT AGAIN!** Because of all the work and great reporting that the Kansas Family and Community Education members did the past year, we won three first places and three second places at National FCE Conference. We received vouchers totaling **\$1,275** to purchase National FCE materials! All the reports and brochures were available to view at the KAFCE Conference in October in Topeka. The reports and brochures were made easy due to all the work by the members. The EPC committee judged the reports and selected State Winners who were recognized at the 2016 State Conference.

I can't thank Faye Spencer enough for all her help and guidance.

The Educational Program Committee—**Judy Fullmer, Rebecca Wondra, and Susan Gartrell**—did an awesome job at the training at Salina on August 29 & 30, 2016. The KSU lesson authors attended in order to share their lessons. Lots of great information and ideas was shared. Judy and President Dorene worked on clarifying the explanation of the volunteer hours. The committee worked diligently to simplify the forms. Members' feed-back would be greatly appreciated. All the Areas' EPCs and the Area Directors planned for their fall workshops.

Hopefully, the County Council Presidents have copied and shared the information from the August mailing from President Dorene. **The County Council Presidents are the most important link** between the State Board and the membership.

The EPC Committee and I selected the lesson titles offered from KSU and also the subjects to write the 2018 lessons. This team is always looking into the future to make great choices for the membership. Suggestions for lessons for 2019 are welcome and encouraged. If anyone would want to serve on the Area or State Education Program Committee, all you have to do is tell your Area Director or the State Vice President. A committee member goes off each year and a new one comes on.

The National Conference in Memphis was super. It was so rewarding to accept, with President Dorene, all the awards. **The 2017 National Conference will be in Omaha, Nebraska, July 13-16.** I hope lots of Kansas members will plan to attend.

2016 has gone by really fast. My term as Vice President is only for two years (2016-2017), so I hope members will step up and run for the office. I have learned so much and am looking forward to 2017 to be another great year. The members make this organization so wonderful, and the entire State Board are a pleasure to work with. I truly believe that you get out of an organization what you are willing to put into it.

And remember, if you have a question, **ask it**, because someone else might have the same question. That is one of the great things about FCE—a question leads to an answer, and everyone benefits from the learning journey.

State EPC Leadership Training for will be at Webster Conference Center in Salina on August 28-29, 2017. Area EPCs and Area Directors, please **save those dates** and plan to attend.

### **President's Report: National Conference 2016**

I would like to thank KAFCE for sending me to Memphis in July to the NAFCE Conference. The Conference theme highlighted the 80 year celebration of Family & Community Education: "FCE: Mighty Like An Oak." It was a great experience; I learned a great deal, fellowshiped with Kansas FCE members, reconnected with FCE members from across the country, & met new FCE friends.

On Thursday, after attending the Presidents' Breakfast, we went on the Presidents' Day Tour: Rock & Soul Museum, lunch in downtown Memphis and shopping on the Famous Beale Street. Thursday evening, I was proud to represent Kansas in the Presidents' Processional just prior to the opening of Conference. I served on the Credentials Committee, which was a learning experience. I was also privileged to be a page for the business meeting.

Friday, I was able to attend two of the three FCL Workshops: **Public Policy**—"Stars & Stripes..Flag Codes/History," & **Group Process**—"Great Groups, Terrific Teams..." Both were informative & useful for Leadership development. At the Awards dinner that evening, I was honored and proud to accept, with Edith McClain-our KAFCE Vice President-many awards for Kansas brochures.

Saturday evening, at the FCL Benefit, Willy Bearden spoke on "Memphis & the Mississippi Delta." His presentation was amazing, as he used storytelling to portray the vision of America of writers, musicians, & artists of every stripe & the culture of the Mississippi Delta.

Human Trafficking continues to be a project for FCE. Two speakers informed us about forced labor. Conference members donated 127 bandanas for distribution in the fields. Ninety-eight bags containing personal & inspirational items as well as cash were assembled & donated to a local outreach program, Bridge of Hope.

Thank you again, KAFCE' for making it possible for me to go to NAFCE Conference! President Dorene

## KAFCE Treasurer's Report

Joyce Gobl

Financially, the most important accomplishment this year has been to reinvest the KAFCE CD which had been invested since March, 2012, and matured in September, 2016. After much investigation & consulting with various financial experts, the most financially advantageous move was to leave the CD at United Bank & Trust in Sabetha, KS, and reinvest it, using a five year "Rate Riser CD" for the bulk of the investment. Smaller amounts were invested in a six month, a fifteen month & a twenty-seven month CD. This permits a stair step kind of investment that will provide access to funds, if needed, each year for five years. If monies are not needed when any CD matures, they will be reinvested, using the most lucrative CD investment at the maturation time of each CD. The Board is optimistic that we will be able to increase income using Marketing, & decrease expenses using Technology, to decrease the shortfalls we have been experiencing for several years. The Board has concentrated on keeping the money in guaranteed & safe investments.

At the October Board meeting, the Board voted to reduce the travel reimbursement from \$.30 to \$.25 per mile. While this seems to be a small amount, when penciled, it turned out to average over \$100 savings per meeting. Another seemingly small savings has been to have potluck lunches at Board Meetings—we have enjoyed the fellowship together and the sharing of each person's "specialties." This has yielded about \$100 savings per meeting.

The Board will continue to search for new ways to protect KAFCE monies and keep it safe for the future perpetuation of KAFCE.

## State Nominating Committee Report

Sharon Giacometti

At KAFCE State Conference, in October, 2016, Janet Kirk was appointed to a one year term as State Secretary. Janet is from Labette County in the Southeast Area.

2017 is here & FCE is starting off the year in grand fashion. President, Dorene Reimer, has again appointed me State Nominating Chairman for 2017. We are in need of two new officers for the upcoming year. This is a wonderful opportunity for a member to use their leadership qualities and develop skills to benefit not only personal growth, but also Kansas Association for Family and Community Education.

Dorene will finish her second year as State President this year & **we will need a President Elect for 2018.** Vice President Edith McClain will finish her term this year, & **we will need a Vice President.**

Please read the responsibilities for each position in the KAFCE Handbook (Page 12) and pass them on to any member that is interested. Nomination forms can be sent to Sharon Giacometti, 221 East 670th Avenue, Farlington, KS 66734.

## COMING SOON!!!

Save your pennies and save the date!

Start making plans now to attend the 2017 National FCE Conference—"Be All You Can Be"—in Omaha, NE, on July 13-16, 2017, at the Double Tree Hotel. The Conference includes keynote speakers, general sessions, annual business meeting, workshops & FCL Leadership training. Omaha is much closer to Kansas than any National Conference has been for many years, so plan to attend.

NEVER BEEN TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE? Apply for the National FCE Board Alumni scholarship for first time attendees to National FCE Conference! The scholarship covers registration cost only and is due May 15th.

All forms--registration, conference tour reservation, and first timer scholarship--are in the Spring issue of "FCE Today," which is coming to you soon. OR you can download all the details and forms on [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org).

## 2017 Area Heart of FCE Winners

### **Beverly Kindler Norton—Norton County North West Area Heart of FCE**

Beverly, a retired Extension Agent, has been an FCE member since 1994 and enjoys meeting people & working in the community. When asked to present lessons on a variety of topics that better the lives of individual community members, the lessons are always thorough. She has shared her knowledge with many community organizations & has given many lessons to Lenora FCE. Many hours are spent as a dedicated volunteer for a variety of projects in her community in Lenora FCE, Heritage Quilt Club, United Methodist Women, Senior Center, & GFWC Mid Century Federated Study Club in which she serves in district and state office positions. Along with her volunteer work, her hobbies are travel, quilting, & reading.

### **Ruth Ellen Simpson Pittsburg---Crawford County South East Area Heart of FCE**

As a newly wed farm wife, Ruth Ellen joined EHU in Bourbon County in 1978. Her mother-in-law invited her to join in order to meet the “neighbor ladies” and get involved in the community. She served as secretary & president of her unit & as County Arts Chairman. She won a statewide writing contest with a short story that was published in an EHU book. After moving to Pittsburg, she joined Renaissance FCE in 1982, quickly becoming involved in many activities: leadership programs about farming, lessons on the care, handling, & framing of paper & textiles, clipping coupons for the military, pill bottle collection, collections for Wesley House, Safe House, & Little Libraries, planning & installing annual fair booths, displaying FCE educational materials in her Finishing Touch Store’s windows to promote FCE. She has been secretary & president in her Renaissance Unit. Beyond FCE, she volunteers as a Seamstress for NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown program, sewing over 300 burial gowns for infants who die at or shortly after birth, knitting stocking caps for Wesley House, serving on Pittsburg’s Advisory Board, Chamber of Commerce, United Methodist Church, & Ducks Unlimited. Even today, Ruth Ellen shares FCE with her sister & daughter.

### **Teresa Neufeld Moundridge---McPherson County South Central Area Heart of FCE**

Teresa was a charter member of the Kettle Queens FCE in 1982 & has been a faithful member for 34 years, serving in every office. Presently, as public relations contact, she writes articles for newspapers about each meeting in a way that educates the public about FCE. Teresa regularly brings prospective members to FCE meetings, gives a lesson every year for a monthly meeting, & planned a 20th year celebration of her Unit. Teresa has worked on many Kettle Queens projects: Character Counts, Black Kettle parade floats & contests, tying fleece blankets for SRS, centerpieces & door decorations for Pine Village residents, selling tickets and doing a cake walk for Heritage Days, selling FCE Cookbooks, writing grants for books for newborns and young children, tending flowers at the Community Bulletin Board, & donating food items for county & district events. Besides FCE, Teresa is a 50 year active member of the United Methodist Church, member of the McPherson City Council, on the Library board, & a 23 year Avon dealer.

### **Beverly Cunningham Shawnee---Johnson County North East Area Heart of FCE**

Beverly has been a member of FCE for 24 years. She has served in many FCE positions: Unit—President, Council Representative, EPC; County—Council President, EPC, Vice President, program book editor; Area—Area Director, Marketing Chair, EPC Chair; State—Conference Chair & Committee, Registrar, KAFCE State Board. FCE is foremost in her life & heart as evidenced by her participation & leadership in FCE activities: teaching & using table displays on how to keep and improve “Brain Age,” given to other organizations, reaching 700 members & nonmembers; presenting a “Being Green” lesson to 14 different groups to help people set up a recycling program, herself being a model for recycling. Besides FCE, her other passions include volunteering in her church office, volunteering as an instructor’s helper for computer classes, & belonging to the American Sewing Guild.

### **Rosalie Carr Jetmore---Hodgeman County South West Area Heart of FCE**

Rosalie began attending EHU as a child with her mother. As an adult, she first joined FCE in 1969. Even though she has moved several times, she always joined FCE wherever she lived, with only a two year break—in all, Rosalie has been an FCE member for 47 years. She has always freely offered her time & energy, serving as Unit President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations chair, EPC, & currently on the County Council level as treasurer. She is currently on the South West Area EPC. She has presented at least one educational lesson per year in her FCE service. Rosalie considers her biggest accomplishment to date to be helping their County FCE Council organize an e-waste recycle event for 2015 & 2016, with the amount of e-waste collected in 2015 doubling in 2016 (1500 pounds to 3500)! This is an on-going event which saves landfill space, reclaims valuable metals, and keeps toxins out of the environment. Besides FCE, Rosalie gives time & energy to benefit others: serving on the Extension Board, being a 4-H Community leader & project leader, being a Sunday School teacher, Bible Study Leader, serving in the “Good News” after school program, helping produce the annual “Journey to Bethlehem” live performance, distributing food for the County Community Food Pantry, and being a 35 year volunteer EMT.

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## SOUTHWEST AREA

Mary Prose, Director

The SW Area has had a busy spring & summer with members participating in many activities. Wichita County hosted the District Recognition Day, April 20, 2016, in Leoti, with the theme "Stars of FCE, Let's Celebrate!" Several individuals & units were honored for their work in 2015. In March, Vicki Reed, chairman of SW Area EPC, passed away. At DRD, members were given an opportunity to honor her memory by donating to the Legacy Fund. A check for \$237 was sent to National FCE Legacy Fund in Vicki's memory.

I had the privilege to attend the NW Area DRD in Stockton with President Dorene & Judy Fullmer & had a fun day meeting many new FCE members!

Karen Larmer, Garden City, was appointed to the Area EPC.

On August 29-30, Karen Larmer, Shirley Trabert, Judy Fullmer & I attended Leadership Training in Salina, where the 2017 lessons were presented. While there, we planned the SW Area Fall Workshop, which was on October 11th, with Hodgeman County hosting. The theme was "Vote for Wise Choices." Rosalie Carr was chosen as the SW Area Heart of FCE. After observing a demonstration on the lesson, "Salad In A Jar," members assembled their own salad that was later eaten with a soup lunch.

SW Area DRD & Spring Meeting will be co-hosted by Ford and Gray Counties in Cimarron on March 28th, 2017, at the 4-H Building, with registration at 9:30 am.

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## NORTHEAST AREA

DeLores Walden, Director

Thanks to all of the Northwest Area members for helping put on a successful 2016 State Conference that was enjoyed by 112 members and guests. The next NW Area Director is Beverly Cunningham, Johnson County. Thanks for all the support I have received the last three years—please support Beverly for the next three years.

The NE Area Fall Workshop was November 3rd & the 2017 Lessons were brought to all the counties from the State EPC training in Salina last August.

The NE Area has two DRD programs: Pottawatomie and Riley Countys' DRD will be April 20th, 2017, at the Green Valley Community Center. Atchison, Doniphan, Jackson, & Nemaha Countys' DRD will be April 25th, 2017, at the Troy Community Building in Troy, KS.

## SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Marcia Young, Director

Highland FCE enjoyed the lessons presented this year. We are saving Box Tops and Soup Labels for the grade school in Benton until the end of the school year, and they are thankful. We also collected Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

I went to the KAFCE Board Meeting on June 23rd in Wichita. I was not able to go to NAFCE Conference in Memphis due to a death in the family. Wilma Lill & Mary Little went and enjoyed the National meeting.

The KAFCE Leadership Training was in Salina, August 29 & 30. The lesson reviews were great. We should have a good time this year with the lessons.

The 2017 KAFCE State Conference will be in Salina, October 2-4.

Our Area Fall Workshop and Meeting was in Benton on October 24. The 2017 lessons were presented and distributed.

South Central DRD and Spring Meeting will be April 4th, 2017, at Ellsworth. Stay tuned for details!

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## NORTHWEST AREA

Dorothy McRae, Director

We had our fall workshop October 20th at Hays with seventeen for lunch, eighteen attending. Roll call: Ellis County 2, Norton County 3, Rooks County 7, and 2 Extension Agents.

We had a special visitor, our State President Dorene Reimer, plus the State Vice President Edith McClain. Dorene reported on many things, encouraging us to recognize excellence or it will disappear. She went over the FYI Booklet, emphasizing some changes for 2017. Dorene brought several new marketing items which were popular with the ladies (doing a little Christmas shopping). If you have suggestions for new marketing items, contact Dorene. She also reported on State Conference in Topeka, with 110+ attending. The 2017 State Conference will be in Salina, and the 2018 Conference will be in NW Kansas, place not yet determined.

Edith reported on National Conference in Memphis, TN—70-75 attending. National Conference 2017 will be in Omaha, NB—not too far away. Plan to attend!

(Northwest Area report continued)

We had election of State Nominating Committee member from NW Area and Alternate: Louise Greenberg and Ellen Schmidt, respectively. Beverly Kindler, Norton County, was nominated as our NW Area Heart of FCE candidate. There were eight lessons given by NW Area EPC members.

NW Area members watch for location, time, date & place for DRD & Spring meeting.

## SOUTHEAST AREA

Linda Leonard, Director

This year the Southeast Area Fall Workshop was at the Southeast Area Extension Office in Parsons on November 3rd. The focus of the workshop was led by our Area EPC team who presented some of the 2017 unit lessons. All the Area EPC members—Jerry Janssen, Cindy Kiser, Glenna Wulf & myself—attended the EPC training in Salina on August 29 & 30 & saw all the lessons presented. I believe that the State EPC has chosen good lessons & that everyone will learn something new.

The State Conference at Topeka at the Downtown Ramada Inn on October 3-5 was fantastic. The tours & workshops were designed with every participant in mind. Our own SE Area member, Janet Kirk, Labette County, was appointed State KAFCE Secretary & Joyce Gobl, Bourbon County, is State KAFCE Treasurer, making two SE Area members who are State officers. Several SE Area Units & County Councils were recognized for their EPC projects. What a great compliment to FCE in our area.

SE Area DRD & Spring Meeting will be May 9th, 2017, at Pittsburg. Details will be forthcoming.

## MEMORIAL LIST

### Southeast Area

Elsie M. Vail 1-2-2016  
*Labette*  
Irmgard Alexander  
8-1-2016  
*Cherokee*  
Shirley White 9-4-2016  
*Bourbon*

### Southwest Area

Geneva Glunt  
11-17-2015  
*Hodgeman*  
Vicki Reed 3-15-2016  
*Gray*  
Helen Finger 6-10-2016  
*Pawnee*  
Ruby Williams 6-13-2016  
*Hodgeman*  
Marlene Ullom 6-21-2016  
*Gray*  
Maxine Hann 8-2-2016  
*Hodgeman*  
Kathleen V. Carney  
8-26-2016  
*Edwards*  
Lois Colburn 12-17-2016  
*Hodgeman*

### South Central Area

Vivian Kratzer 2-8-2016  
*Ellsworth*  
Carol J. Kaufmann  
4-1-2016  
*McPherson*  
Jan Nelson 11-12-2016  
*Ellsworth*

### Northwest Area

Estella M. Nuss  
4-3-2016  
*Russell*  
Alane L. Radke  
7-14-2016  
*Russell*  
Marie K. Sloan  
12-30-2016  
*Russell*

### Northeast Area

\*Aliene Craig Bieber  
4-22-2015  
*Douglas*  
Donald Max Fuston  
1-11-2016  
*Douglas*  
Virginia R. Radford  
9-13-2016  
*Nemaha*  
Elaine B. Wilson  
11-11-2016  
*Shawnee*  
Joyce J. Nitz  
12-3-2016  
*Atchison*

*\*Aliene's name was erroneously listed in the March, 2016 issue as Aliene Kanwaka. Sincerest apologies!*

### Save the Date!

October 2-4, 2017  
2017 KAFCE Conference  
FCE—At the Crossroads

**New** Hilton Garden Inn & Convention Center

3320 South 9th Street  
Salina, Kansas 67401

Exciting tours, educational sessions,  
make-&-take workshops  
already planned!

Registration forms & First Time Scholarship Forms in July  
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### Procedural Update

The Memorial list will be published once a year in the March issue of the "KAFCE News." The Memorial list above are the members that were reported as deceased in 2016. There are two 2015 listings—one was missed in the last March issue, and the other is a correction. Of course, members that may not get reported as deceased in time to be listed in the March issue, or corrections that need to be made will be published in the next March Issue.

In order to report the death of a member, the local Unit President should notify both the current State Treasurer and the current State President, whose names, addresses, e-mails, and phone numbers can be found on the Roster published in each March "KAFCE News."

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### 2017 Calendar of Events

- March 9-- Board meeting, Wichita  
Sedgwick County Extension Office
- TBD -- June Board meeting-Wichita
- July 13-16 -- National Conference  
Omaha, Nebraska
- August 28-29 -- EPC Leadership Training  
Webster Conference Center  
Salina
- October 2-3 -- KAFCE Board of Director's  
meeting-Salina
- October 2-4 -- KAFCE State Conference  
Salina
- October 8-14 -- National FCE Week
- November 12 -18 -- National Family Week

Please keep each issue of the "**KAFCE News**," as it includes information each member will need throughout the year. Also read and keep the "**FCE Today**," as it will keep you informed about our national organization.

If you don't know **your FCE Membership ID Number**, look up above to the top of the page at your name and address. Just above your name is **your FCE Membership ID number**. If the last character is an I, it means "individual," an F means "family," an S means "senior."