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Mary Jane's Musings. . . .

What do you have when you have education, humor, great food, lots of good conversation, motivation, super weather and wonderful accommodations?? You have the 2011 State Conference in Lenexa. A special thank you to Beverly Cunningham and the NE Area counties for all of their hard work in putting on a great conference.

State Conference is a perfect time to renew friendships, learn something new and spend extra time being motivated with new ideas. 2011 State Conference has come and gone, but 2012 will be October 1 – 3 in Hutchinson, "FCE-Salt of the Earth", so mark your calendar now. Every area has an opportunity to "host" the conference and show off their part of the state. I am always amazed with the talent in each area. Great conferences seem to happen each and every year.

Note taking is something I do not do much of when I attend a conference, but I was particularly struck by several statements by Rev. Nanette Roberts and I felt that it truly applied to KAFCE.

"Know that we need community" - FCE is a community and we need to emphasize that in "marketing" our organization. Community doesn't happen in front of a computer screen.

"Offer a stability on which change can occur" – Change is very hard and happens often, but our long standing organization can offer the stability among the changes.

"Life is lumpy and life is inconvenient
A lump in the oatmeal
A lump in the throat
A lump in the breast
are not the same -----"

"The future is filled with hope" – Where is KAFCE hope taking you?

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The 2012 roster is included in this issue of the KAFCE news. It includes your KAFCE Board of Directors which includes the Executive Committee – President, President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer; and your Area Directors from the NW, SW, SC, NE, SE area.

VICE PRESIDENT NEWS FROM SHARON

BY SHARON GIACOMETTI

The time has come to say "So long!" I want you all to know how much I have appreciated you allowing me to be your Vice-President for the last three year. I have enjoyed it immensely and have acquired much knowledge. The State Convention in Lenexa was really great. I hope all of you have attended your Fall Area Council / Workshop meetings to learn more about each lesson for 2012, and that you asked any questions you have about filling out and judging forms. If you still have questions, do not hesitate to contact your Area EPC, or any of the State EPC.

The theme for 2012 is "FCE – Allegiance to Family, Community & Country". The lessons include from K-State Research & Extension: Loving Long Distance, More Plants on the Plate, and Social Networking: Making the Connection to Generation Y. National Lessons are: Organization to Organization....Recruiting and Keeping Members and Citizenship (this goes along with the 4th grade Essay & Artwork Contest). Coping with Conflict in Society is part of the FCL Family Community Leadership program. Two lessons have been written by State EPC member, Jean Rowland. She wrote the lessons "Just Say Cheese" and "Edible Flowers from Your Backyard". I know you will learn a lot from these lessons and develop many great projects.

Did you loose the stone out of your ring (or off a jacket)?? A small stone was found in the banquet room at state conference. It is a clear stone. If you lost it, contact Mary Jane Adams, 785-776-6324. If I do not hear from the owner by Feb. 1, 2012, I will know that it's owner can not be found.

Treasurer Wanted: No, Judy Emert did not quit, but come the end of 2012 her term will end and we need a replacement. The information about the office of Treasurer can be found in the FCE handbook (yellow color) or contact Judy Emert and ask her what she does.

The nomination form can be found on the website – www.kafce.org and must be mailed by February 1, 2012 to the chairperson of the nominating committee, Ellie Elsen, 1301 6th Street, Dodge City, KS 67801-9311; 620-225-6368; ellie_elsen@att.net. As of this writing Ellie was having computer difficulties, so please double check that before e-mailing information to her.

Kentucky here we come!!

Make plans to attend the 2012 National Association of FCE in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 20-22. There will be a KAFCE bus tour for those wanting to travel and tour. The cost will be \$650.00 which does not include conference hotel or registration. Plans are to pick-up people along I-70 and eastern Kansas on the way to Carthage, MO to Precious Moments. Other stops will be in Springfield, MO. For Glass Works and Honey Haven Bees; Route 66 Museum and Root Beer in Lebanon, MO; with Cape Girardeau to see Flood Wall murals; Paducah, KY for American Quilters Museum and Louisville, KY for Sluggers Museum. The Underground Railroad Freedom Center for slaves in Cincinnati will be seen. After the conference the trip will continue thru Indiana, Turtle Run Winery and Dr Teds Musical Marvels. The Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville, Illinois and Alton Entertainment will be seen before traveling through Missouri and Kansas to return. All meals included in this trip. To ask questions or make reservations contact: Geneva Wedel 2475 Iron Horse Road, Canton, KS 67428 or phone: 620-628-4958.

Essay and Artwork "Citizenship" contest

What an opportunity we have to share "Citizenship" with elementary students. County winners are due to Mary Jane Adams, State President, but March 1, 2012 or sooner if completed. Information can be found in the August packet sent to County Council Presidents.

Treasurer's Topics Judy Emert

The KAFCE Conference and Annual Meeting are important events for our organization. There are business, educational, and entertaining sessions, as well as opportunities to eat together and recognize individuals and FCEs for outstanding accomplishments. Geneva Wedel arranged a bus trip, which helped many who wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise.

This year we had a "Lively Auction" featuring 48 unique items which sold for \$1,633.00, around twice the amount usually raised by the Silent Auction and a lot of fun. This profit was added to the amount available for KAFCE Scholarships. An impromptu collection yielded \$115.00 for the Joann Newby Adult Education Grant.

The marketing table was a popular place, with Geneva Wedel and her helpers in charge. Total sales were \$1,058.25, with \$325.00 coming from those taking advantage of the reduced price for the cookbooks. They now sell for \$10.00, as long as the supply of 76 lasts. They can be purchased for \$15.99 in Wilson and at the East Topeka Turnpike rest stop, KS Originals locations.

Another opportunity at the conference was for counties and individuals to bring their membership information to me. Others sent theirs before or after and only 14 counties missed the November 1 due date. Hopefully they will get theirs to me before November 30, so no one has to pay a late fee.

Thank you for your part in helping your local, county, state and national organization make a positive impact for individuals and families. Invite others to become members and participate in meaningful and enjoyable activities.

CITIZENSHIP

"Citizenship" is the Theme for the 2012 National Association for Family & Community Education Essay & Artwork Contest this year. CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS COALITION is a project of Josephson Institute of Ethics. Each year FCE members nationwide present this annual contest for all 4th grade students in public, private, and home schools. This contest promotes the FCE literacy program, CHARACTER COUNTS! and community involvement. Students are encouraged to strive for excellence and creativity in reading, writing and drawing skills. Citizenship is both complex and simple at the same time. It means that you do your share to make your community a better place to live. The guidelines for this contest were sent out in the August mailing to each county. Counties should send their overall county winner to KAFCE President, Mary Jane Adams by March 1, 2012.

DON'T FORGET TO INVITE
SOMEONE TO JOIN FCE!!!

FYI booklet vs Conference program book

After State Conference the **question** was asked, "Why couldn't we have just one book rather than 2 at state conference?"

The **answer** is: the FYI booklet is a tool that is prepared by Board of Directors with all the business items, reports, etc. so that the annual business meeting will run smoothly and timely. The conference program book is prepared by the State Conference committee so that those attending conference will know what is happening hourly.

The **confusion** this 2011 conference was that Beverly Cunningham, conference chairperson of Shawnee chose the color for the State Conference Program Book – solar yellow, and Mary Jane Adams, State President, of Manhattan chose the color for the FYI booklet – solar yellow, so now you know why there was some confusion and question.

Colors!!!!!!

We are blessed in nature with a rainbow of colors. The grass is green, the sky is blue, tomatoes are red, corn is yellow, and carrots are orange. The intersections would be a crashing mess without red, green and yellow lights. When we think of babies we think blue for boys and pink for girls. What would life be like without colors?

Colors define our lives. I remember a movie from the 60's with Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball. When they married both had a bunch of kids but with a little organization and colored towels it worked. Our organization has 143 units in 54 counties with 89 independent members. We could have the possibility of 143 accomplishment reports, 143 community service reports, 54 county council reports, and a possible 89 independent reports. So think about all these reports setting in front of you. Pages and pages of wonderful programs, projects written in all types of handwriting and styles to read. Wow! Now that would take a lot of time to go through, study, and sort into Education, Leadership, and Action winners.

Over the years our state officers and the Educational Program Committee have fine tuned this process. Five areas were divided with three area EPC members each. The forms have been reworked and shortened to the form page and one additional page (100 words or less plus pictures and newspaper articles on that one page). Each county sends only their unit winners in the three categories of Education, Leadership, and Action to their area. Each area sends their winners to the state. Accomplishment reports are in **white**, County council reports are in **blue**, Independent reports are in **yellow** and next year the community service reports will be in a color yet to be determined. The committee members now have only four color piles of reports to review. This organization process helps the area and state committee members so an error is not made as to the category for that report. We are an organization of volunteers and we all donate our time to promote a better way of life for all families and community. But time is important to each of us.

All forms are on the web site www.kafce.org. They are easy to save to your desktop and then type into your report. This is not a requirement but a tool to save you time. Handwritten reports should be done in a neat legible manner. This is for the benefit of our EPC members who are reading these reports and trying to come up with the best from the whole state. We ask for your cooperation for these volunteers and please work with them as they make their decisions as to the winners. Your help is appreciated.

Lesson Quiz:

Pull this page out and put it with your 2012 FCE information as the answers to this quiz will be in your 2012 lesson materials.

Lessons that should be "the answer" to these questions.

- A. "Loving Long-Distance: *Families Separated by Distance*
- B. More Plants on the Plate
- C. Just say Cheese!!
- D. Edible Flowers from Your Backyard
- E. Good Citizenship – Helping Our Communities
- F. Coping with Conflict in Society – Be Calm, Be Patient and Have Respect

- _____ 1) "Your local newspaper is an excellent way to communicate these needs to the public".
- _____ 2) Defining what geographical separation means for your family is the first step.
- _____ 3) Adopting a more plant-based diet requires a change in thinking.
- _____ 4) Jesse Williams was an enterprising dairy farmer in Rome, New York, in 1851.
- _____ 5) Hang upside down by the stems in a dark, well-ventilated place or on a fine screen.
- _____ 6) One first needs to identify the conflict style employed by yourself, your family or your club.

SOUTHWEST AREA

Ellie Elsen, Director

It has been a pleasure being the area director for the past three years. I have learned a lot from doing this. We will be having our Fall Workshop and Meeting on November 1st. We had lots of fun at the state conference. I am excited about some of the new lessons. The one on membership has been given a lot of thought. Here's a suggestion - most every city has an apartment complex where many of the elderly live after retirement. Why not try to reach some of these individuals. Many are looking for something to do and there are meeting rooms in their living complex.

Again I want to say thanks for this opportunity and you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Faye Spenser, Director

South Central Area conducted the Fall Meeting and Workshop early, October 24. It was a beautiful fall day for all of the ten counties to attend. Everyone who had attended the National FCE Conference and the Kansas State FCE Conference had lots of positive comments both about the hotel and the conference itself. South Central is looking forward to hosting the 2012 conference and to have the same quality experience. KAFCE 2012 State Conference Chairperson Peggy Martens announced some of the more final plans. Some parts of the conference will be worked out before the South Central Spring Meeting and Recognition Day. The goal will be to have all the planning for the 2012 conference finalized April 2 in North Newton.

Another big event was the election of a new South Central Area Director, Wilma Lill. She is a member of the Highland FCE, Butler County and serves as Butler County FCE Council EPC. She has also volunteered to complete the term of Cheri Kasper, Area EPC.

This is the end of my tenure as South Central Area Director. It has been a pleasure to work with such fine members. They have been very supportive with making the meetings productive and meaningful. As this term ends, a new one begins.

NORTHWEST AREA

Karen Larmer, Director

Northwest Area held their fall workshop in the small town of Luray on November 3rd. There were about 35

people in attendance. Those present were given a handout about the bus tour to the national conference near Cincinnati. They were also told that the state board is revising the handbook and it should be out in 2012. Also in 2012, all members will be receiving a permanent laminated national membership card.

Members were reminded that if they need to copy any report forms that these should be copied onto the same color of paper as they came originally (blue for county project etc.) for ease in sorting at the state level. Don't forget to double check the bottom or back of the form to make sure you send it to the correct person.

Members were also reminded to send in dues for new members right away to Judy Emert no matter what time of year it is. Furthermore, send those names to me also so that I can get them on the national mailing list promptly.

Finally, members were asked to send nominations to me for a new EPC person to start in 2012 and a new area director to start in 2013. I need those names right away in order to get them contacted and on the roster by our spring meeting. If you know of someone in your county who would be good in these positions, please call me ASAP. I will take care of seeing if they're willing to serve. All I need from NW members is names!!

SOUTHEAST AREA

Janie Williams, Director

The SE Area FCE Fall Council/Leadership training was conducted November 10 at the Neosho County Courthouse meeting room. There were 51 members and FCS Agents in attendance to learn about the lessons and programs for 2012.

Area specialist Gayle Price shared that the "Aging with Attitude" Regional Expo would be held April 27th in Chanute. FCE members will be helping again this year.

Jennine Marrone will be the new member joining the Education Program Committee and Linda Leonard will be the new secretary.

Five counties introduced their Heart of FCE candidates and Barbara Heilman from Neosho county was selected to represent the SE area. All of the women were very deserving of the honor and have given many hours of time to our organization and their communities. 2012 calendars were given to all those attending the meeting and they were asked to mark next year's FCE meeting and program dates. The Spring FCE Council will be held April 5, 2012 with the new director Janet Kirk presiding.

This is my last official news article as SE Area director. It has been a great three years and I have learned so much and made many new friends. In January I will join the State EPC and would welcome any ideas or changes with our programs.

NORTHEAST AREA

Diane Hanzlicek, Director

Congratulations to all the county council presidents for mailing me your forms in a timely manner! I knew you could do it!

The Northeast area fall meeting is November 3, 2011 in Manhattan. We would like to thank the Green Valley FCE members in Pottawatomie County for continuing to provide a delicious breakfast and lunch at each of our area meetings. They have graciously served our members and guests for several years, under the leadership of Dorene Howard. Anne Reves, Carol Bishop and DeLores Walden, our area EPC committee members, will give us excellent training on the new 2012 lessons for FC E. We will vote on one of four Heart of FCE area candidates.

We are so very proud of our Beverly Cunningham and her committee who planned and organized the 2011 KAFCE conference in Lenexa. Thank you to all the members and units in the Northeast area who helped host this event. Wonderful fun and educational information were shared by the members and guests attending.

Thank you for sending me the many member recognition forms for 2012. It is not too late to turn them in. Remember the deadline for accomplishment reports, summaries, county projects, individual reports, etc. are due November 1, 2011.

Our next area meeting will be April 5, 2012 at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan.

Thanks to each and every one of you for being a part of FCE.

Hot Cranberry Tea

- 1 quart Cranberry Juice
- 1 quart Apple Juice
- 1 - 6 oz orange juice concentrate
- 1 - 6 oz lemonade concentrate

Add equal amount of water or little less depending on taste

Add a few drop (3 or 4) of cinnamon oil.
Heat and enjoy!

(original recipe called for sugar, water and tea bags, but omitted those and made a family favorite).

A BEAUTIFUL STORY

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them.

She said "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?", they asked.

"No", she said. "He's out."

"Then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in!" The woman went out and invited the men in.

"We do not go into a House together," they replied. "Why is that?" she wanted to know.

One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!!", he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success.

"I only invited Love, Why are you coming in?"

The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!!!!"

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!

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Submit articles for the "news" page to
Marcy Price at marcyfce@yahoo.com.

Dates to Remember:

KAFCE Board of Director's meeting
Wichita - March 22, 2012
KAFCE Executive Committee meeting – June 2012
National FCE Annual Conference
Florence, Kentucky – July 19 – 22, 2012
KAFCE Board of Director's meeting
Hutchinson – October 1 & 2, 2012
KAFCE State Conference – Hutchinson
October 2 & 3, 2012
National FCE Week – October 14 – 20, 2012

2013 Dates to Remember

KAFCE Board of Director's meeting – TBD
KAFCE Executive Committee meeting – Summer - TBD
NAFCE Conference – July 18 – 21, 2013
Fargo, North Dakota
ACWW Triennial – September 26 – October 2, 2013 –
Chennai, India
KAFCE Board of Director's meeting – October – TBD
KAFCE State Conference – October – TBD
– Northwest Area

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Don't miss out on the 2012 bus trip to
the NAFCE Conference in Kentucky.

Geneva Wedel once again has pre-
pared a great trip to the NAFCE Conference
and would like for you to sign up now and
plan to take the bus.

Mark July 16 – 25, 2012 on your cal-
endar, but send your reservation to her by
February 1, 2012. The cost will be \$650
with 4 breakfasts and 10 meals included in
this price. Price for the National Conference
will be in the next issue of the "FCE Today".

For more details see Geneva's article in
this issue of the KAFCE NEWS.