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Success with Sharon.... Your KAFCE President

Success!!!! Yes 2014 was a success for Kansas Association for Family and Community Education. The 2014 State Conference in Parsons was a success -- 143 attended. The weather was wonderful and the food was excellent. If you heard Dr. Mark Johnson you will remember everything from now on by using your "Photographic Memory". Bradford Wiles told how through "Intergeneration Programing" we can make a difference in our community. The fundraising effort was successful with the "Wizard of Oz" Quilt, raffle items and the 50-50 pot. The canning contest had a lot of good entries and the winners received a lot of helpful kitchen items for their next projects. A BIG Thank You to South East Area chairman, Janie Williams, and all the counties for the extreme effort to make this conference a success.

Kansas was successful at the National Family & Community Education Conference in July at Tucson, Arizona. In education category Kansas won second place with members using the Hearth Fire Series #10," Someone's in a Meeting: Making Good Decisions" when applying the lesson "Everyday Can be a Holiday". Kansas won \$300.00 in vouchers for the purchase of educational materials for the upcoming year. Thank all of you who wrote the extra details on your accomplishment report to make the Kansas report a success.

Kansas was successful in receiving Standard of Excellence awards. Northeast area received five gold seals, Southeast received eight, South Central received two and Northwest received four. Membership Awards were issued for 25, 50,55,60,65,70,75,80, and 85 years of membership. 38 were received. FCE (group) Recognition was issued to 6 outstanding groups.

With the challenging financial concerns of the organization we reduced the "KAFCE NEWS" from four issues to three. Along with my monthly FCE Connection we were able to get all the information to members in a timely manner. With the use of the kafce.org website members could get the "NEWS", all forms, scholarship information, and 4th Grade "Essay & Artwork" contest guidelines at their fingertips.

The greatest success is the implementing of the 2014 Lessons. "Focus on the 'Stars' Cooking Healthy for the Holidays" is something we all should use. "Let's Live a Little: Physical Activity for Fun and Fitness" is important as much as eating healthy. And "Food Allergies" is a constant concern for all of us today. We learned more about "Eggs" than we could ever have imagined and what a nutritional powerhouse they are for us. "What is your Brain Age?" got us thinking about what activities we can do to keep using our mind for a long time. And "Does Your Engine Purr?" compares us to a car and why it is important to keep all our parts running and in good condition. "Character Counts" Respect was represented in nine counties with the 4th Grade Essay & Artwork Contest. Groups, members and counties won many awards for the projects and activities done in their communities.

The FYI booklet is a tool that state board puts out at the conference. It has all the reports and articles about the 2014 KAFCE year. If you did not attend the conference I have a few left and if you email me at: sgiacometti@ckt.net I will mail you one.

Thank You for a Successful year and allowing me to be your KAFCE President and Representative to the national Conference!

Vice President and EPC Report Faye Spencer

The State of Kansas is awesome! It had become more apparent each time I attend the National Association of Family and Community Education conferences. It is during these conferences I approach other state members to learn from them what are they doing in their states, to see if there is anything that Kansas can improve upon. It is my conclusion that we already do an awesome job. Our Kansas state members are so involved in all areas, just as the NAFCE mission statement and creed states.

Thank you to all members for their involvement, leadership and spirit. You are a beacon that shines lighting the way for others to follow.

Thank you to all the State, Area, County and Unit EPC members who by holding to high standards as they are evaluating the reports inspire the membership to go the extra mile, to do more than just present lessons. That extra effort is made to involve and reach out to their communities, to educate and provide leadership and community service.

Thank you to the 2013 State EPC, Tina Bailey, Janie Williams, and Edith McClain for writing their lessons.

Thank you to K-State for their 2013 lessons

Everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments. "The proof is in the pudding." Our "proof" came at this year's National Association of Family and Community Education in Tucson, AZ when the Kansas State Program Award Book and Kansas State Award Brochure each won SECOND PLACE. The category was education, how our membership used the National FCE Hearth Fire # 10 "Someone's in a Meeting: Making Good Decisions" when implementing "Everyday Can be a Holiday" activities, public policy and community service. The total of the two vouchers was \$300.00. This will go a long ways in purchasing lesson materials for 2015 and maybe even 2016.

In this issue is a leader's guide to the lesson Character Counts! Responsibility. This was presented at the State EPC training.

The KAFCE web site will also have the 2015 lessons and links to the K-State lessons member's fact sheet and leader's guide. These links are in a pdf format and printable.

I have so enjoyed serving as your vice-president and feel blessed from the friendships that have developed over the years.

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of this office.

Q & A about Franchise Insurance

Why the insurance is needed? If a non-member is attending ANY of our functions and gets injured etc. the insurance will cover the medical bills instead of FCE. Other wise- FCE leaders are on the line for lawsuits.

What it covers? Non-members who may be injured while attending one of our FCE sponsored functions. We all know that the insurance protects us from lawsuits from non-members, and that we can't sue ourselves. Some people are asking what happens if a member gets injured ~ their insurance would cover that. Or if we have to have a certificate if an event is held by Extension ~ no their insurance covers that. **It has to be an FCE sponsored event, if FCE members are helping ~ at a health fair, the Red Cross, a literacy program at library ~ all those events are covered by the organization holding the event. Only if an FCE is sponsoring the event are we covered. We are covered whether or not you get the certificate ~ the certificate is necessary when you are asked to show proof of insurance.**

We are covered if we give incorrect information in material we distribute (Hearth Fires, FCL) that causes someone to have an injury.

Could the form be emailed to you? Yes, you can email the form to them, they will email back.

How long, once applied for the insurance will the certificate sent? Usually comes back in a few days.

Treasurer's Topics
Mary Jane Adams

HAVE WE ARRIVED??!!!

How exciting it is for me to report that I think we "Have Arrived". Have arrived from where you might ask?? Here are the ways I see that we have arrived.

A year ago there was much discussion on a need for a raise in the Kansas dues for 2016. After much discussion and some not so positive, the motion at the 2013 State Conference Annual meeting was tabled for your Board of Directors to discuss, which we did. The motion was again presented at this year's State Conference Annual meeting and there was not one negative comment and it past. We have arrived -- we are looking ahead to the future of our organization; gaining new members and realizing that we want the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education to continue. The Kansas dues will increase by \$5 to \$10 at the end of 2015 when we are collecting dues for 2016 so you have a year to save for the increase.

Returning home from State Conference I had a bag full of envelopes containing 2015 membership forms and dues checks. There were not as many as in the past, but I am pleased to say "Thank you" for doing the math correctly. The majority of the dues forms have been correct and if there is an error, it is easily corrected. (And I am receiving them daily to make up for those that I did not receive at State Conference).

Did you see the "OZ Quilt" during this past year? I had planned that I would win this, but the luck of the draw didn't go my way. We did, however, raise almost \$1,500 with this project. Thanks to Dorene Reimer for her idea and her hard work in making this project a very profitable one. If you have ideas for similar projects please share them with any member of the Board of Directors.

We "have arrived" and I am glad you all are on board with us as we continue for many more years!

CONFERENCE BUS TRIP

A KAFCE bus trip is being planned to attend the July 23-26 NAFCE conference in Blue Springs, a part of Kansas City, Missouri. The bus trip will be July 21-27, 2015 on Village Tours of Wichita. Plans are:

July 21 - pick up passengers starting in Wichita, Dodge City, Hays, Salina and Topeka, eating at Cracker Barrel in Topeka.

July 22 -Topeka attractions are Kansas Capitol, Brown vs Board of Education, Tiffany Wind dows and possibly Harley Motorcycle museum. Mexican lunch, old fashioned sodas and special pizza, 2 nights in Topeka.

July 23 -Truman Library with Hart Benton Murals, Peace Pavillion and Hallmark Visitors Center and Bandanas BBQ meal

July 23 - 26 NAFCE Conference

July 26 - Remington Nature Center and Shrimp Boil meal in St Joseph, Mo. Overnight in Topeka.

July 27 - Return people in Kansas to drop off places.

Cost would be \$350.00 if 25 people commit to go. Reservations should be made by February 28, 2015. Contact Geneva Wedel, 1712 Magnolia, Moundridge, KS 67107 or Call 620-345-7158.

Important Correction!!!!

Beverly Cunningham, State Registrar,
Zip Code was wrong on the 2014 Standard of Excellence Report

Correct Zip Code 66216

Correct Phone 913-962-9155

Standard of Excellence due to Beverly by January 1

A Board Presentation: "A Nostalgic Walk Through FCE: 1914-2014"

The KAFCE Board, joined by Diane Hanzlicek, immediate past board member, and Judy Fullmer NAFCE Secretary, performed a 100 year history review of Kansas FCE at the recent KAFCE Conference in Parsons, KS. A brief history of Kansas FCE beginnings in 1914 through KAFCE today was compiled by Dorene Reimer, SW KAFCE Area Director. Reimer commented, "The historical research and writing has been done by various authors throughout the hundred years. I read many of them and used parts of those that I thought fit into the flavor of our presentation."

The program was prefaced by clips of 50 musical numbers that were the top songs of the century. As the program progressed, each history clip covered about ten years of FCE development and was followed by a vignette of what might have been a typical FCE unit meeting of that decade. The FCE members were eight state board members, and the audience was included as guests at each meeting. Appropriate decade music at each FCE "meeting" was group singing, led by Diane Hanzlicek and accompanied by Mary Jane Adams at the piano. Over 70 vintage hats, loaned by Dorothea Appl, 2013 KAFCE Heart of FCE, were used for costuming. After each "meeting," appropriate style hats were donned in readiness for the next decade. Vignettes ranged from serious, comical, advisory, and educational, illustrating the fellowship, humor, culture, and relationships women have built in FCE through the years.

The presentation illustrated the mission of FCE: education for families and communities, leadership development, and community service, through which FCE members make a difference in the world in which they live.

Character Counts!®- Responsibility ---Leader's Guide

Introduction:

Responsibility requires a person to recognize that one's actions or decisions (or lack of) matters; they are morally accountable for the consequences; a person is to do the right thing even when no one is looking or even when no credit or praise is forthcoming; and actions done will not harm others.

Educational Goals: Participates will learn:

That there are four parts of responsibility: duty, accountability, perseverance and self-control.
That changing to a positive attitude can impact how one deals with life.

That the community's adults serve as role models and teachers for children to acquire lifetime responsibility skills.

Community Awareness Activities:

The lesson will be presented and fourth graders will be encouraged to participate in the NAFCE Essay and Art Contest.

Make printed bookmarks with a quote by Helen Keller: "I am responsible for doing the work I need to do today even though it may be hard."

Donate to libraries books suggested for responsibility:

Kindergarten: Berenstain Bears Trouble at School by Jan Berenstain; Five Little Monkeys with Nothing to Do by Eileen Christelow; The Ant and the Grasshopper by Amy Lowry Poole

First Grade: Annie Shows Off by Shelagh Canning; Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon! By Pat Cummings; Pigsty by Mark Teague

Second Grade: Arthur's Pet Business by Marc Brown; Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco; Tops and Bottoms, by Janet Stevens

Third Grade: A Day's Work by Eve Bunting; Betsy Who Cried Wolf by Gail Carson; Crow Boy by Taro Tashima

Fourth Grade: Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss; The Paper Boy by Dav Pilkey; Your Job is Easy by Carl Sommer

Fifth Grade: Kate Shelley: Bound For a Legend by Robert D. San Souci; The Boy of the Three Year Nap by Dianne Snyder; Why do Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears? By Verna Aardem

Encourage other organizations to take an active role in supporting character-building activities.

As an individual, consciously incorporate the teachings and modeling of the Six Pillars of Character into everything you do, in all of the various roles of your life.

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SOUTHWEST AREA

Dorene Reimer, Director

KAFCE Conference 2014 in Parsons is now in the past. What a great conference we had! The speakers were educational and informative and the workshops were interesting and fun. Of course, food and fellowship were awesome.

At the annual KAFCE business meeting, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of raising the 2016 annual state dues from its present \$5.00 level to \$10.00—a raise of \$5.00. What a great investment and opportunity this is for each of us to preserve a great organization!

The Southwest Area is busy preparing for our Fall Workshop and Fall Area Council Meeting. Ford County is hosting at Dodge City. The lessons for 2015 are some of the best I have seen, and the Area EPC is excited to present the overview of each one. At the printing of this article, we will have had our workshop and meeting and selected our SW Area Heart of FCE. The 2015 District Recognition Day and SW Area Spring Council meeting will be hosted by Lane County, date to be determined.

A reminder is in order for all SW Area Counties and FCE Groups: be filling out those forms and getting ready to submit to the proper people—addresses and e-mails and phone numbers at the bottom of each form—to meet the deadlines! We want to hear about and honor everyone and all groups as they deserve!

The 2015 FCE Theme is “FCE: Caring for Others.” Southwest Area has the honor of hosting the 2015 KAFCE Conference, “Open The Door To Caring,” and carry out this theme. The Conference Committee asks for suggestions, ideas, and/or expressions of concern. Since we can’t do this alone, all SW Area counties will be contacted to explore what the opportunities for participation are.

I will be completing my three year term as Southwest Area Director on December 31, 2014. It has been a pleasure to have served in this capacity. I have learned a phenomenal amount and have loved getting to know many of you. I will be passing the gavel to Mary Prose, Lane County, in January.

Blessings to each of you during this rapidly approaching holiday season!

NORTHWEST AREA

Edith McClain, Director

The NW is gearing up for the Fall Workshop on Oct. 28 at the Hansen Museum in Logan with the Phillips County ladies in charge of arrangements. Registr

ation starts at 9:00 a.m. The 2015 lessons and other important information will be shared by the NW EPC: Kim French, Leanna Larmer,

Susan Gartrell and myself. We received the State training and are preparing the presentations.

We will have been to State Conference in Parsons and will have exciting things to share about the Conference.

Summer has gone entirely too fast. I love fall, but not looking forward to winter. Here it is the last of September and it is almost 90 degrees. The farmers are trying to get wheat planted in the dust.

As my Father-in-law used to say “Plant in the dust and the bins will bust”, sure hope he was right this time. It is extremely dry here but forecast for some rain...we pray.

NORTHEAST AREA

Delores Walden, Director

“Poppin Fresh”

FCE is 100 years old this year. We have been many names but we continue to have the same reason for being an organization—to volunteer and to educate. The Doughboy was created in a kitchen for an advertising campaign in 1965 by Ruby Perz. So the doughboy and FCE have some of the same connections—the HOME.

The Northeast continues to be poppin. Many thanks to Alberta Parry, Washington County for volunteering to be on the NE Area EPC committee.

The spring meeting was held April 3rd in Manhattan. “Barn Quilts and Flint Hills Barn Quilt Trail” was presented by Connie Larson and Bobbi Prinz. The members really enjoyed looking at boards that were painted with quilt designs and ones that would be put up on barns.

The president’s letter has been sent on to the county’s presidents. I am in the process of collecting member and FCE recognition and county officers.

The November 6th meeting is in the planning stages. We have 12 counties with councils. They will be picking up the information and lessons for 2015.

Several members enjoyed the KAFCE conference in Parsons by learning, playing and renewing friendships. The state dues were passed to increase by \$5 in 2016. Members, FCEs and county councils will be working on how we can keep members and help those that may need some assistance to pay the dues. The advantages out way the disadvantages of this organizations as the proof when Kansas is awarded NAFCE awards for the projects that our members do to inform their families and their communities.

As you can see we are staying informed and staying POPPIN FRESH.

SOUTHEAST AREA

Janet Kirk, Director

This is my final article as your Area director. I've been enriched by meeting and working with such fabulous women because of KAFCE.

We just hosted the 2014 State Conference in Parsons and with everyOne's United effort it was super !!! Great attendance (140), excellent sessions, tours, crafts and Southeastern hospitality was enjoyed.

I know you will embrace Linda Leonard of Allen County as my successor with the same supportive enthusiasm. Just one last reminder that all Accomplishment Reports are due to your County Council EPC by December 1st. County EPC teams will judge them and forward them to our Area EPC chairman, Jennine Marone of Pittsburg by January 1st for area judging. Addresses and Due Dates are located on the back page of the Accomplishment form.

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Wilma Lill, Director

Has been a great summer. I didn't get to attend the National FCE meeting in Tucson, Arizona, but hoping to attend the National FCE meeting next July 23-27, 2015 at Blue Springs, Missouri.

I did attend the State FCE meeting at Parsons, Kansas on October 6-8, 2014. Enjoyed the History of FCE given as a program which was written by President-elect Dorene Reimer. There was a lot of other interesting programs and speakers.

The South Central area meeting was held at the Benton Methodist Church at Benton, KS on October 27, 2014.

There were 3 Heart Office candidates. There was Rogene Russell of the Highland Unit of Butler County – Beverly Nickel of Modern Mrs. of Harvey County and Wilma Jean Cooper of Happy Homemakers of McPherson County.

There are several interesting lessons or programs about health such as Diet – Apples, Obesity, Chronic Pain, Moving, and Care Givers for the 2015 FCE year.

The South Central Spring Meeting will be held in Salina at the Methodist Church on April 6, 2015. This is the awards for year of 2014.

Be sure and get your EPC reports sent to Jean Rowland so they can be judged. Jean talked about these reports at the Fall meeting at Benton.

Hope everyone has a joyous and happy holiday season.

KAFCE Gives Away Kansas “Oz-some” Quilt

For the past six months, FCE members across the state of Kansas have been selling chances on a quilt commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Wizard of OZ. Used as the 2014 KAFCE money making project, the quilt is truly a Kansas product. The top was pieced by Elizabeth Coldwater of Chase, KS. It was displayed at the Prairie Flower Crafts Shop in Alden, KS and purchased by Dorene Reimer of Leoti, KS. Dorene selected the backing and binding fabric. The quilt was machine quilted by Mary Reier of Leoti, KS, and the binding was hand done by Dorene. The drawing was at the Wednesday awards luncheon at the recent KAFCE Conference in Parsons, KS. Sylvia McNeal, a member of Friendly Neighbors FCE, Ellsworth County, South Central Area, won the quilt. See pictures on the KAFCE website, and read Mary Jane Adams's treasure article to find out the proceeds amount for KAFCE.

National Fundraising Report Judy Fullmer

You will be hearing a lot about finances today ~ your state and national associations are both struggling to find ways to finance the functions of the organization. There were two (2) proposals at the National meeting last July. One was presented by Bob Hannon, a member from Arizona. His idea was to get 400 members/people to donate \$5000 to FCE that would be in an endowment account to help reduce or eliminate the cost of operating FCE locally and nationally. The interest from the fund would be used to maintain the quality of our organization, locally and nationally. The Yuma Arizona FCE Club made one of the first pledges to this fundraiser and challenged the states of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska to match their pledge. For Kansas to make the \$5000 challenge would be approximately \$5.00 per member. There was excitement about this in Arizona, and there were 2 individuals who wrote \$5,000 checks for their donations ~ so there is \$15,000 to start the fund. (There were at least 10 people who came forward during the Kansas conference and matched the \$50, 1 pledged \$100. And one county pledged \$50 and challenged the other 54 counties in Kansas to match that)

Congratulations!
To our new Area Directors
Linda Leonard----Southeast Area
Mary Prose—Southwest Area

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Did you know Kansas FCE has a website? Check it out at www.kafce.org. Submit articles for the "news" page to Marcy Price at marcyfce@yahoo.com.

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

March Board of Director's meeting
March 12 Sedgwick Co. Extension Office

June Executive meeting – TBD

July 23-26 National FCE Conference
Blue Springs, Mo

KAFCE Board of Director' meeting —
Garden City October 5-6

KAFCE State Conference-Garden City
October 6-7

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4th Grade Essay and Artwork Contest

“RESPONSIBILITY”

National FCE's Essay & Artwork Contest promotes FCE's literacy, programs, CHARACTER COUNTS! and community involvement. This contest is to encourage students to understand and practice RESPONSIBILITY, and strive for excellence and creativity in reading, writing and drawing skills. County Winners are due to Sharon Giacometti, State President, 221 East 670th Ave. Farlington, KS 66734 by March 1 or sooner if completed. Information can be found on the kafce.org website, click on Essay & Artwork Contest link.