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STATE PRESIDENT - NANCY KERNICK “NETWORKING WITH NANCY”

As the year 2023 came to an end, and we welcomed the year of 2024 with new ideas, challenges and opportunity to make our members of Kansas FCE ready to bring positive benefits to our community. Thank you for providing Kansas FCE updates, discussions on the strategic goals and progress as the year continues.

I appreciate the response of our Kansas FCE members to the various challenges. Our experience has shown us that the recent challenges brought opportunity and looking back over the past months, I am extremely proud to be a member of Kansas FCE. By doing so, we have made progress toward the Kansas FCE “Mission Statement” which is “To strengthen individuals and families through: (1) Continuing Education (2) Leadership Development and (3) Community Service.

As I write this, we continue to have most meetings by Zoom thus lowering the costs for our organization and everyone through time, and travel expenses. We are working diligently to adopt a mindset of continuously looking for ways to improve access for all through the use of technology.

To briefly highlight some of the activities and things that take up my time.

- **Kansas FCE Executive Committee Meeting** was held on February 14, 2024, at the home of DeLores Walden, with myself, Faye Spencer, and Tina Bailey sharing their time to do business. Decisions were made for other meetings: Board of Directors’ Meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024, 9:00 AM by ZOOM and Board of Directors’ Meeting on Friday, June 7, 9:00 AM, in person with location to be determined. For the JUNE meeting, all Board of Directors’ reports shall be written and e-mailed by May 15 to me and Faye Spencer. The reports will help prepare the agenda, can be combined into one report, then sent out to those who are attending.
- **Membership & FCE Recognition Certificates** were signed.
- **ZOOM Meetings**-Kansas members have participated in the National FCE Zoom Meetings and lessons provided by Scott Teeple, Oregon FCE State President.
- **Kansas FCE Conference** - We had a successful conference in Hays. We look forward to getting together and sharing at the 2024 Conference which will be in SE Area, at Chanute.
- **Heart of FCE** will be selected in March. The state winner will be sent to National FCE by April 15.
- **Essay & Artwork Contest**-Kansas winner will be sent to National FCE by April 15.
- **THANKS TO EVERYONE** – for keeping in touch by telephone, e-mail, and all the prayers for health to stay well and strong for each new day. Every day as I get started, what will be the next big project to work on and with your assistance, it should go smoothly like in the past. Thank you for your efforts in moving the KANSAS FCE towards achieving our “Mission Statement” and continuing for the future. The KANSAS FCE exemplifies that together we are stronger, so together we will continue to work toward supplying greater access to fair and impartial information for our organization. Cell Phone: 620433-1405: nancyavon78@gmail.com



I thank KANSAS FCE and each member for your prayerful support of me as your President.

Treasurer-DeLores Walden

Kansas FCE Scholarship available \$4,532.93. Gave \$250 for spring semester to a student from SW Area.

Joann Newby Grant available is \$999.50 for someone who wants to go back to school and improve on their working position.

Are you interested in figures! We are looking for a KAFCE Treasurer to be elected in October, 2024 to run the term of 2025, 2026, 2027. If interested and have questions, call DeLores Walden.

SW Area Bank account was signed by me for second signature. Remember all bank accounts need two (2) signatures. All bank accounts, whether local FCE's, counties, and areas, need EIN numbers.

“Love this day and it will love you back!”

Northwest Area Director-Edith McClain

Met with the NW Area EPC members to judge the 2023 reports on January 31st at the Stockton Courthouse. We received word from Diane Hrabec that she did not join FCE in 2024 due to her husband's health. A new EPC was appointed. Janie Lowry agreed to come back on the committee. The others of the Area EPC are Susan Gartrell and Eleanor Wherry.

We are still searching for an Area Director!

The NW Spring Recognition Day will be Tuesday, April 16th, beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. at One Ten Studio in Smith Center. Meal will be catered by the Movers & Shakers FCE. Price of meal is \$10.00 and reservations are due to Edith by April 12th. The meeting place is on the east side of main street near the 2 Cup Café. Letters have been sent to all NW FCE groups and the Kansas FCE Executive Committee (all are welcome).

The list of 2024 County Council Officers for NW has been mailed to Faye Spencer & Nancy Kernick.

Judged the Heart of FCE and mailed back to Nancy Kernick.

The 2023 KAFCE State Conference Profit & Loss Statement was completed and sent to DeLores Walden along with a check for \$550.00. The \$800.00 seed money was returned right after the conference. We thank everyone who attended. We can't thank the NW members enough for all their work to make it a very successful KAFCE State Conference.

Looking forward to the 2024 Conference which will be hosted by SE Area in Chanute.

South Central Area Director- Linda Hess

Members of the SC Area EPC met to judge reports in January.

South Central Area Spring Meeting and Recognition Day will be April 15, 2024 at West Zion Church, Moundridge. Registration is at 9:30.

Word has been received that Mary Little, Wilma Lill, and Myrna Bain, members of the Highland FCE in Butler County, passed away this past fall. Although the unit disbanded, they will be fondly remembered for their work at area and state levels.

Southeast Area Director – Cindy Kiser

The Spring Recognition meeting will be held on May 2 at the Neosho Valley Event Center, 321 N. Wood, Erie, 66733.

We have been busy with plans for the State Meeting in October. There will be many pleasant surprises I have opened a conference checking account to handle the registration and expenses.

SE is opening a Facebook page and group. This is in its infant stages, so be on the lookout as we take our baby steps.

We are KAFCE SOUTHEAST.

Southwest Area Director-Connie Chavez

Southwest Area FCE members are invited to attend the spring recognition meeting on April 11, 2024, at the Jetmore United Presbyterian Church, 303 West Best St., Jetmore, KS 67854. Ford County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, Andrea Housman Burns, will be our guest speaker. Andrea will share many photos and speak about her recent two-week long agricultural tour to Brazil. She is the granddaughter of Homemakers FCE Unit member Pat Housman of Hanston. More information about this event will follow.

The Southwest Area will host the 2025 Kansas FCE State Conference. While this may be a daunting job, I know “many hands make light work”! I will be reaching out to all SW Area Units seeking volunteers to be on the Conference Committee. All ideas for this important meeting will be greatly appreciated!

As you may know, I’m a relative “newcomer” to Kansas and FCE. My husband and I moved to Jetmore 10 years ago from Denver to retire and to live closer to our daughter and her young family. Moving to a small town was a big change for us. However, a simple invitation to attend an FCE meeting is all it took to meet some wonderful women and feel like I belonged in this community! I hope you all reach out and invite someone new to a meeting!

I know I have a lot to learn about being an Area Director. I am not one to hold back and ask questions. I’m not afraid to think outside the box! So, I look forward to working with the FCE units in Southwest Kansas!!

Northeast Area Director -Diane Nielson

Year 2024 kicked off with a bang as we celebrate 7 new FCE members in the Northeast Area. **Welcome to Shirley Eckert-Atchison County, Joyce Grundon-Douglas, Marcia Hanson-Republic, Terri Schmidt-Johnson, Josephine Strnad-Republic, Lynette Willis-Johnson and Joyce Waddington-Republic.**

As incoming area director, I had the opportunity to join the Northeast EPC (educational program committee) team judge accomplishment reports. Reading about **Family and Community Education member** impact was inspiring—Northeast Kansas communities are richer because of your efforts. Watch for details as we share your success stories in the months ahead. Congratulations.

And a huge thank you for the leadership provided by **EPC Chair Cheryl Anne Reves, Tina Bailey and Margaret Barnes** for their involvement. Anne will be retiring after serving a 3year term in June, A new EPC team member will be recruited at our April 4th Area Spring Council Meeting. Duties include attending State EPC training via Zoom, sharing new educational programs with the northeast region in November and assisting with judging of reports in January. What a great opportunity to make new FCE friends and discover ideas for *Why We FCE* across Kansas.

Plan to come the April 4 Area Spring Council Meeting in Manhattan and be ready to share your talents. The spring meeting will include FCE updates and happenings to share with local members. The day will offer a time with FCE members across the region as we discuss *Why We FCE*.

Area FCE program accomplishments and community service projects will be recognized at the spring meeting. Spring district day recognitions across the area will honor FCE unit achievements and members alike.

We salute the FCE leadership shared by out-going Area Director, **Carol Lintner**. Carol’s guidance was much appreciated as we learned to Zoom together as an organization.

As I begin my new term as area director, I invite you to learn more about FCE with me.
Diane Nielson, Northeast Area Director

Membership list/Records Chair DeLores Walden

2024 has a total of 504 members as of 2-22-2024—Regular 335; Senior 147; Family 11
Gain of 24 new/rejoined members for 2024
Loss of 52 members—NW-19; SC-3; NE-11, SW-12, SE-7
Largest Area: NE-148 members; Smallest Area SC-79 members
Area with most FCEs: NE Area-14; Area with least FCEs SC-7
3 Deaths reported
Longest member - Pauline Fecht, SW Area/Hamilton County 73 years joined in 1951
Oldest member - Rosella Cline, SC Area/Saline County
Youngest member - Whitney Blevins, SW Area/Meade County
Area Directors received their area's membership list

2023 State Conference in NW Area, Hays KS Edith McClain

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A big thank you to the NW Area members for all their work to make it a very successful Conference

The Southeast Area State Conference Committee

Lois Carlson (620-432-1004) and Carol Stephens (620-432-4028) are excited to host the 2024 Kansas FCE State Conference on October 7, 8, and 9, 2024 in Chanute, KS. They are planning an **“Incredible Journey of FCE”**, celebrating 110 years of FCE! The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 3401 Blue Comet Drive, Chanute, KS, (620-273-2391). The Holiday Inn Express offers a free breakfast every morning of the conference.

Most of the meetings and meals will be at the Central Park Pavilion, with free bus transportation being provided between the hotel and Pavilion. The free bus will also be available for tours. Chanute is home of the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum, the Chanute Historical Museum, the Chanute Public Library located in the historic train station, and the Chanute Art Gallery; all within a block of each other. Other interesting sights are the Octave Chanute Flight Park Sculpture, Cardinal Drug Store's old fashion soda fountain, and Howard's Toys for Big Boys (a car museum).

Of course, there will be several interesting speakers, too. Marla Day will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, October 8 banquet, 6:00 pm. Marla Day will share the story of Parson's native, Ellen Donnelly Reed, better known as Nelly Don, fashion designer and voted Kansas City most illustrious businesswomen for her success in creating stylish and flattering ready-to-wear designs for women of all sizes.

Judy Fullmer, National FCE President, will speak at Wednesday's luncheon on the “History of FCE”. Following the luncheon, Faye Spencer, Kansas Vice President, will have a Sharing Time, a session giving officers/members of FCE Units, County Councils and Independent Members time to “brag” about their “Why We FCE”.

So, start planning to attend the Kansas FCE State Conference now! An **“Incredible Journey of FCE”** awaits!

Award Winners of the 2023 Educational Program Year

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by FCE Unit in the Education Category

- 1st. Sunshine FCE, Jackson Co./NE Area. *“Container Gardening”*
- 1st. Canton Dizzy Dames FCE, McPherson Co./SC Area. *“Men’s Health, Arthritis and Cancer”*
- 1st. Sliferette FCE, Crawford Co./SE Area. *“Blueberry”*
- 1st. Bluelight FCE, Gray Co./SW Area. *“CHARACTER COUNTS! Caring”*
- 2nd. Terry FCE, Atchison Co./NE Area. *“Men’s Health, Arthritis and Cancer”*
- 2nd. Evening Belles FCE, Saline Co./SC Area. *“What is on Your Device?”*
- 2nd. Starlite FCE, Bourbon Co./SE Area. *“Men’s Health, Arthritis and Cancer”*
- 3rd. Broderick FCE, Pottawatomie Co./NE Area. *“Healthy Body, Healthy Brain”*
- 3rd. Kettle Queens FCE, McPherson Co./SC Area. *“Container Gardening”*
- 3rd. Leamona FCE, Neosho Co./SE Area. *“Container Gardening”*
- HM: Farmerettes FCE, Atchison Co./NE Area. *“Blueberry”*
- HM: Viola FCE, Sedgwick Co./SC Area. *“Character Counts! Caring”*
- HM: G.A.L.S. FCE, Allen Co./SE Area. *“Grandparents Raising Grandchildren”*

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by FCE Unit in the Leadership Category

- 1st. Rock ‘N Roll FCE, Neosho Co./SE Area. *“What’s on Your Device?”*

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by FCE Unit in the Action Category

- 1st. Spring Hill FCE, Johnson Co./NE Area. *“CHARACTER COUNTS!-Caring”*
- 1st. Modern Mrs. FCE, Harvey Co./SC Area. *“Healthy Body, Healthy Brain”*

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by County Council in the Education Category

- 1st. Atchison County Council/NE Area. *“Healthy Body, Healthy Brain”*
- 1st. Allen County FCE Council/SE Area. *“Container Gardening”*

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by County Council in the Action Category

- 1st. Johnson County Council/NE Area. *“Grandparents Raising Grandchildren”*

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT submitted by FCE Unit

- 1st. Harmony FCE, Johnson Co./NE Area. *“Hillcrest Transitional Housing”*
- 1st. Kettle Queens FCE, McPherson Co./SC Area. *“Caring for Moundridge through Volunteerism”*
- 1st. Starlite FCE, Bourbon Co./SE Area. *“Strengthening Our Communities Second Year.”*
- 1st. Springcreek FCE, Lane Co./NW Area. *“Up Your Nose”*
- 2nd. Kaw Better Homes FCE, Pottawatomie Co./NE Area. *“Food Pantry Donations.”*
- 2nd. Viola FCE, Sedgwick Co./SC Area. *“Project Hope - Caring”*
- 2nd. Sunshine FCE, Rush Co./SW Area. *“Lone Star School, Bison, KS”*
- 3rd. Spring Hill FCE, Johnson Co./NE Area. *“Life Spring School Supplies and Snacks for Kids”*
- 3rd. Bluelight FCE, Gray Co./SW Area. *“Christmas Cards to Residents of Bethel Home”*

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT submitted by County Council

- 1st. Atchison County Council/NE Area. *“Quilts/Craft Retreat Scholarship Fundraiser”*
- 1st. Crawford County FCE Council/SE Area. *“Kitchen Restore”*

NW Area Award Winners will be announced at their Spring Council Meeting

100% Reporting Awards

NE Area State Award 100% Reporting
SC Area State Award 100% Reporting
SE Area State Award 100% Reporting
SW Area State Award 100% Reporting

Allen County/SE Area
Atchison County/NE Area
Bourbon County/SE Area
Crawford County/SE Area
Doniphan County/NE Area
Douglas County/NE Area
Ford County/SW Area
Gray County/SW Area
Harvey County/SC Area
Hodgeman County/SW Area
Jackson County/NE Area
Johnson County/NE Area
Labette County/SE Area

Lane County/SW Area
McPherson County/SC Area
Montgomery County/SE Area
Nemaha County/NE Area
Neosho County/SE Area
Norton County/NW Area
Pawnee County/SW Area
Pottawatomie County/NE Area
Republic County/NE Area
Rooks County /NW Area
Rush County/SW Area
Russell County/NW Area
Saline County/SC Area
Sedgwick County/SC Area

Memorial List for 2023

Mary Dorrell, Jocoukans FCE, Johnson County 1-28-2023 NE
Dorothy Kroh, Independent, Johnson County 3-18-2023 NE
Ruth Myers, Berwick Home Benefit FCE, Nemaha County 11-5-2023 NE
Leona Steuart, Terry FCE, Atchison County 2-22-2023 NE
Karen Allison, Evening Belles FCE, Saline County 4-19-2023 SC
Christine Glahn, Happy Homemakers FCE, McPherson County 11-6-2023 SC
Patricia Johnson, Happy Homemakers FCE, McPherson County 7-6-2023 SC
Elsa Collins, Rock N Roll FCE, Neosho County 6-26-2023 SE
Carolyn Foote, Lucky 13 FCE, Montgomery County 7-31-2023 SE
Shirley Palmer, Thursday Nite Live FCE, Bourbon County 2-8-2023 SE
Sandra Shapland, Spring Creek FCE, Lane County 6-14-2023 SW

“When a Cardinal appears in your yard it’s a visitor from Heaven.”

2024 HEART OF FCE WINNERS

SE AREA – DEB LUST

Deb Lust was raised on a farm near Hiattville, Kansas, with her six siblings. Her parents are Henry and Doris Ericson. She learned about leadership and responsibility as she found herself watching the little ones while her mom and dad worked in the field. The Ericson family was very involved in 4-H. The 4-H motto, head, hands, heart and health, was a creed practiced by the Ericson family. In 4-H, Deb learned the demands and rewards of hard work. She won the state award for livestock and attended the National 4-H Conference in Chicago. She also attended the American Royal Leadership Conference from Bourbon County. In the Hiattville 4-H Club, she served as president and secretary and won the prestigious Kay Award.

Being a member of a 4-H farm family, Kansas State University was a natural choice. Deb graduated with a BS in Animal Science, and then passed the Kansas Board of Certification as an EMT. She worked from 1984-86 in Woodson County. With this job, she continued to learn about hard work and leadership skills.

Deb joined the US Army in October of 1986. At Ft. Leavenworth she worked in the Veterinary Clinic with the rank of Sergeant. She was promoted to Staff Sergeant during Desert Shield/Storm when she joined a humanitarian mission for medial support to the African nation of Mauritania.

Moving back to Washington, DC, she was selected as an instructor. Transferring to Walter Reed Veterinary Service, she was promoted to Sergeant First Class. She oversaw Army veterinary techs. October, 1999 found her in Seoul, South Korea as a Platoon Sergeant providing care for Military Working Dogs. In 2000, she returned to Walter Reed and received a medical discharge in 2001.

Next, as a Civil Service employee in 2001, she accepted a position at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as supervisor. She oversaw a \$3 million budget.

In 2014, she moved back to Kansas. She said she came back to “settle in” but for Deb that did not mean “setting back in her easy chair.” Deb had been a member of EHU from 1978-1983 in Elsmore, Kansas. She joined Starlite FCE in Bourbon County in 2013 and served as President from 2016-2019. Each year she presented a lesson. She has taken part in the WALK Kansas program, participates in all the projects of the club and has attended numerous Fall Follies and Spring Teas.

Deb is an active member of the Bourbon County Garden Club serving as Vice President, 2016-2018 and President 2018-2020 and is also a member of the Southwind Extension District Master Gardener Unit since 2016. These organizations weed, water and plant flower gardens around the city pool, and downtown Fort Scott, filling planters and hanging baskets.

As a member of the Bourbon County Fair Board, she has served as Co-Superintendent of the Open Class Crop and Garden section since 2015. She is always present for setting up and closing out the fair.

Deb has served the Marmaton Watershed District, #102 as secretary since 2017.

Deb joined the Bourbon County Soil Conservation District as an advisor from 2016-2017 and has been a Supervisor since 2018. She has been the Treasurer since 2022.

Deb’s membership in the Veterans of Foreign War began in 2013. She served as Commander from 2019-2022. In this capacity, she planned the Veterans Day assemblies at the National Cemetery, and other projects. Currently she is Quartermaster/Adjutant. Deb is also a proud member of the American Legion joining in 1991.

Deb Lust is a nonstop power house. She is always ready to go the extra mile, working as a leader or a follower. She is definitely a candidate for the Heart of FCE which stresses continuing education, developing leadership and community action as its goals to help members become involved citizens. She not only serves her community but has served her country tirelessly and with honor.

NW AREA – NADINE HOLMES

Nadine Holmes, Smith County, North West, member of Movers & Shakers FCE.

- * Nadine is married to Don, and have two grown sons, Matt and Andrew.
- * Nadine joined the Movers & Shakers FCE in 2008 while she was Secretary for Smith County Extension Office. She has been a very active member.
- * Nadine has been and is the Secretary for the Movers & Shakers FCE.
- * She serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the Smith County FCE Council since 2011.
- * Nadine is a very active member and is always willing to assist with all activities.
- * She has served as Secretary for the NW Area meetings for the past several years.
- * She had the privilege of serving as representative for Kansas FCE on the William Allen White Committee from 2021-2020.
- * Nadine is very active in the Smith County Kiwanis Club and has held several offices. She is currently treasurer of the club now.
- * Nadine is on the Smith County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She and her husband are members of the local Picnic Club.
- * Nadine volunteers in a 2nd Grade Smith Center Elementary classroom. She helps the students with their reading. This is a very rewarding time.

SC AREA – ADELE KOEHN

Adele is 33 YEAR MEMBER of CANTON DIZZY DAMES –

- * Secretary about 10 years.
- * Vice President as Program Coordinator 10 years.
- * Presents 1-2 FCE programs yearly and is hostess for them.
- * Has Christmas gathering as hostess.
- * Leadership for unit's Christmas project of hats, mittens, and socks.
- * Leadership for supplies for Christian Ministry of Canton.
- * Assist's yearly with display poster for FCE entry at McPherson County Fair.
- * Assisted in highway clean-up project and embroidery floss for Kansas FCE.
- * Attends most of the FCE Area and State meetings.
- * Shares craft projects and meeting ideas with our Unit and her family.

The BEST things are yet to happen,
the BEST memories are yet to be made,
the BEST people are yet to cross your path;
never give up on LIFE no matter what happens,
LIFE can surprise you in unexpected ways.

SMILE and make others SMILE with you. There are so many things in your life to SMILE about.

SW AREA – PEGGY SHIMANEK

Peggy has been in FCE since 1983 (40 years). She started for one year in Oklahoma when FCE was connected to Farm Bureau. When she moved to Kansas, she joined Lydia Homemakers Extension Homemakers Unit.

- * She held many offices. She has been President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, Educational Program Committee and Extension Board over the years.
- * After Lydia Homemakers EHU disbanded, she joined the newly formed Prairie Pals Family and Community Education Unit in 2012.
- * She has helped with many money making projects such as Jum Jourt Cake Walk, Rodeo Concession Stand and the annual Holiday Festival. Over the years hosted her EHU in her home.
- * Peggy has always enthusiastically helped with any projects and is a willing volunteer, especially in cooking or helping in any other way she is needed.
- * Peggy is also an active member of her church as a lecturer and helping with meals.
- * Peggy says she has enjoyed these 40 years of friendship and lessons in FCE.
- * Peggy is very involved with her four children and thirteen grandchildren.

2024 State Nominating Committee State Chair Sharon Giacometti

The State Nominating committee has received applications from DeLores Walden (Shawnee County) for KAFCE Vice President and Marcy Price (Ford County) for Kansas FCE Treasurer. If anyone else is interested in either positions, please contact me or any of your area state nominating committee members.

Registrar/Historian-DeLores Walden

If you have records that are needing to be out of your closet, please forward to DeLores Walden. She will take them to the Archives at K-State. Keep—bank statements, pictures, programs, minutes, and other information that is pertinent and with the dates on the items.

2024 KAFCE Membership Recognition received—NE-23; NW-10; SC-10; SE-26; SW- 25

2024 KAFCE FCEs Recognition-NE-2; NW-0; SE-4; SC-1; SW-0

2023 FCEs Gold seals years-NE-2; NW-0; SE-3; SC-1; SW-3

No FCEs disband in 2023 or 2024

Greetings from your National FCE Board

“From the beginning it was survival training that came into the community from Extension Service. Then clubs were formed and the rest is history.” Our organization started out with the extension service in various states educating rural women on safe food preparation and generally helped to improve the life of rural women. The women soon gathered together to share this information. State councils were formed and in 1928 there were 18,956 clubs with 388,197 members. The benefits of a national program was recognized. In June of 1936 nearly seven thousand women were in Washington, DC when the National Home Demonstration Council came into being. The women had come to attend the third Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World and to organize the rural women into a national organization. Today we are a small group of 13 states and one 3 state association. Our association with the Extension service is as a partner. We are an independent organization and in some states work with extension service on mutual concerns. We continue to work to improve the lives of not only women but families. We are a part of ACWW and work on many of the issues that they identify as problems throughout the world. At the 2023 conference the attendees worked through a lengthy process to identify an issue that FCE could focus on for 3 years and that focus was FOOD SECURITY. You will be seeing a lot of information about this topic and there are many different ways your club can address this issue. We are not asking that you give up any other community projects you have but we hope you can find a way to address this issue by educating the public and finding ways to be a public voice about Food Security. The Midyear FCE Zoom meeting is about Food Security and you will find the registration form with the last issue of the FLASH.

Every year there are open positions to be filled on the National FCE Board. Serving on the national board is a great way to learn more about how things work from the national level. It is a different ballgame so-to-speak from serving on a state board. Please consider stepping up-to-the-plate and giving it a try!

Open positions to be elected in 2024 are: Secretary, Program Coordinator, Public Policy Coordinator, and President-elect. If you are interested or know someone else who would make a good candidate contact the nominating chair, Kristin Walker by phone at (304) 863-8253 or by email at kristinfce@yahoo.com.

Information can be found on our website www.nafce.org. Look at the bylaws ARTICLE V for qualifications, terms, and duties. You may also call Kristin or any board member with questions that you might have pertaining to any of the offices up for election.

Over the hills and through the woods to conference we're a goin'...

Make your travel plans to attend National FCE Conference this year.

Come by bus as we want you to bring donations for the women's shelter, items for the silent auction, and, of course, take items home that you purchased.

Lots of exciting and interesting plans are being made. Plan to arrive Wednesday, July 24. That evening there will be some fun and a bit of serious.

The Program and Public Policy Coordinators are busy working on Hearth Fires and FCL programs for Friday and Saturday: “What is the American Red Cross”, “Food Security: How Can I Help?”, “What Does Food Security Look Like?”, Finesse + Civility = Leadership”, “Spilling the Beans on Beans”.

We will again be in Erlanger, KY. It is close to Headquarters. Watch for all the information about registration, which will be the same price as last year. (Don't forget how great the food and the servers were!!)

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Did you know Kansas FCE has a website? Check it out at www.kafce.org.

**2024 SPRING DISTRICT
RECOGNITION DAYS**

NE – April 4, Manhattan

NW – April 16, One Ten Studio in
Smith Center

SC – April 15, West Zion Church,
Moundridge, McPherson County

SE – May 2, Neosho Valley Event
Center, Erie.

SW – April 11th, 2024, at the Jetmore
United Presbyterian Church at 303
West Best St

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

March 18 National FCE Midyear Meeting, 1 pm or 7
pm CST

April 15 Due date for National FCE forms, awards,
honors and contests.

April 29 Women Walk the World

May 15 International Day of the Family

June 7 at 9:00 am Kansas FCE Board of Directors'
Meeting, State nomination forms due

July 25-28 National FCE Annual Conference, Holiday
Inn Cincinnati, Erlanger, KY

August/September Kansas State EPC Leadership Train-
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September TBA Kansas FCE Board of Directors' Meet-
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October 7, 8, & 9 Kansas FCE State Conference, Holi-
day Inn Express, Chanute, KS

October 13-19 National FCE Week & National CHAR-
ACTER COUNTS! Week

November 24-30 National Family Week