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## Notes From Dorene

What a great State Conference South Central Area had in Salina! The many educational workshops, entertaining speeches and other presentations, and the good food added up to three great days together! Thank you South Central Area for an enjoyable and well planned Conference.

As the 2017 Holiday Season approaches, I look forward to some respite as well as acquiring some new ideas. In order to generate new ideas, however, it is necessary to first scrutinize what has been accomplished this year.

Our 2017 membership year has been a good one. Our net loss in membership was 57—the lowest in several years—with 8 of those losses the result of member deaths. Congratulations to all Kansas FCE members for working on reaching out to others and bringing new members in. Let's keep that focus in 2018! Keep seeking members into at least March of 2018; collecting of dues and getting members in September and October is just the beginning of working on membership.

Marketing has gone very well in 2017. We sold all of three of the four new marketing items for 2016. We introduced two new marketing items for 2017—a screen printed business bag and an embroidered fleece stadium blanket—with “FCE: Making A Difference.” We've already had to reorder the business bag. Polo shirts & sweat shirts are still available by order. If you desire to order, contact me or your Area Director. Thanks to all who have supported KAFCE marketing endeavors!

For the first time, the 2017 August Mailing was sent in an e-mail with attachment. Of course, such a first time endeavor isn't without its hitches! Judy Fullmer & I forgot about the individual unit membership lists to be included separately for the County Council Presidents to distribute to each unit. A special “sorting” of data has to be planned ahead of time. That will be “fixed” next August! While I talked to many County Council Presidents personally, there are some who got missed, or couldn't download the document, or missed the mailing, or didn't recognize it. Many of those contacted me and we worked out another contact person or corrected an e-mail address or got a new one. I have no doubt there are still some who need some help with this, but it is a small number. The August Mailing was sent to all KAFCE Board Members, County Council Presidents, Independent Members without a County Council, KAFCE Past Presidents, all Kansas County Extension FCS Agents (or AG Agents if there wasn't a FCS Agent) who have an FCE Unit or Units in their counties or Districts. Please contact me if I have missed you or if you have a question! The August Mailing is also on the KAFCE website: [www.kafce.org](http://www.kafce.org) There are FOUR different possibilities for obtaining the August Mailing!

An FYI booklet was not published at State Conference this year for three reasons: expense, repetition of material that had already been published in the “KAFCE News,” and the percentage of Kansas members receiving a copy of the FYI—10% as opposed to 100% receiving the “KAFCE News.” Material that was in the FYI only will be published in the “KAFCE News.” To provide space in the “News,” the Area Director Reports have been eliminated. FCE Members will be able to keep up with Area happenings with an Area Calendar printed in the right hand box on the bottom of the back page of each Issue of the “News.”

I have had to remember more than once this year that “Life is all about how you handle Plan B.” Right before sending the last bits of the “KAFCE News” July Issue for printing & mailing, a computer crashed. The page was lost listing the 2016 100% reporting awards and the 2016 Individual and Unit Recognition Awards. Somehow, the 2015 rewards page was republished. The 2017 Conference insert was lost as well. The immediate Plan B was to mail the Conference Insert in a separate mailing. The Plan B for the Awards page is to publish it in this November Issue—Please see the awards page inside.

I am going to emphasize CONNECTIONS in the year 2018. It is so important to our functioning as human beings to be connected to one another in a meaningful way. We need to keep the connections we have—and they are wonderful ones! I look back on the year since last conference, and it has been filled with tragedy for three of our Board Members. In every case, FCE Members have been connected in wonderful, personal, and caring ways. Being connected involves caring for one another. We have multiple opportunities to care for one another on the FCE level. I want to recognize those opportunities and not fail to take advantage of them.

Thank you for sending me to Omaha to the NAFCE Conference in July. The Conference theme—“Bee All You Can Bee,” was followed in some of the keynote speakers and the FCL Workshops. I attended two of the three FCL workshops offered. It was a great experience; I learned a great deal, fellowshipped with Kansas FCE members, reconnected with FCE members from many states, and met new FCE friends.

**Happy Holidays!**

## Notes from KAFCE Treasurer

The fall season is fast upon us. Membership forms/dues and contributions will be rolling in fast and furious. By the time you read this I will either be done or in the middle of getting the figures on Quicken, the checks deposited and checks written. "Prizes by the Yard" brought in a total of \$825 at this year's conference. This will be split between Clovia 4-H House, Smurthwaite and KAFCE Scholarships. The Barn Quilt boards made a profit of \$377 with one going to a FCE member (Bonnie Kaufman) and the other to Patty Silveira of Gardner, KS.

We have given a total of \$1000 from the Joann Newby Adult Grant and from the KAFCE Scholarship a total of \$2700 to six individuals. They will receive the same amount the next semester after proof of enrollment.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!  
Delores Walden

Once again this year, Kansas shone brightly at the Awards Luncheon at National Conference.

In the category of Program Award Books

Leadership: Kansas FCE---2nd Place

Education: Kansas FCE---3rd Place

Action: Kansas FCE---1st Place

In the category: of Open Brochure

Marketing/Membership: Edith McClain---Kansas---3rd Place

FCE Tools: Edith McClain---Kansas---3rd Place

Other: Susan Gartrell--Kansas---3rd Place

Kansas won \$670 in vouchers to use for future programs! Thank you for doing such a wonderful job reporting on Unit and Area activities which makes it possible to produce excellent, winning reports and brochures on the National Level!

### 2017 State Conference Chair Report

The success of this conference would not have been possible if members did not support this event by their volunteerism and attendance. South Central Area counties, Butler, Ellsworth, Harvey, McPherson, Saline and Sedgwick, wish to say thank you to all the members who served on committees (Welcome Bags, Monday evening social, Photographer, table centerpieces, Registration Table, Marketing Table, Prizes by the Yard Table, Table Favors, Speakers and Make and Take), donated to Prizes by the Yard, served as hostesses, and served as leaders for Make and Take and Educational Speaker Sessions. There were 103 FCE members, 1 non-member and 1 FCS advisor registered for the conference. Those registered to attend the full conference were 87, with 17 as Tuesday only.

There were three members who received a First Timer's Scholarship. They were Anita Felzke of Spring Hill, Cindy Median of Olathe (both from Johnson County, NE Area), and Elaine Gray of Smith Center, Smith County, NW Area.

"Prizes by the Yard" had an awesome 67 prizes to bid on! The generous amount collected, \$825.00, will be shared by the three projects: KAFCE Scholarship Fund, Clovia 4-H House and Smurthwaite House at KSU-Manhattan.

There were a few bumps during the conference, but overall, the evaluations received were positive. The favorite events were the educational speakers, especially Strum your Harp, and the tours to Rolling Hills Zoo and Downtown Salina. "What I will share with others" question was answered with, "the conference was fun, more members should attend, good to see old friends and make new friends."

So spread the word--- KAFCE State Conference is great. Come to become informed, relax, and socialize. Oh, and did I mention- HAVE FUN!

## **Amendment Submitted to NAFCE Bylaws Committee**

By Judy Fullmer

The voting delegates at the 2017 Kansas FCE Conference voted to submit an amendment to the National FCE Bylaws Committee to establish the Legacy Fund in the National Bylaws. The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to stabilize National FCE fiscally so that the organization will be saved for future generations.

At the 2014 National FCE Conference, a proposal was adopted to set up a long term fund that all members could donate to as they wish. The Fund presently is in an Edward Jones investment account and donations have been accepted for the past three years. It was reported at the 2017 National Conference that there is \$31,183.13 in the account.

Money has been collected from State Associations and individuals with the intention of establishing an endowment to help support National FCE in the future. The funds collected so far haven't been sufficient to use any of the interest from the account for the benefit of FCE.

The Kansas FCE amendment would create a new bylaws article that would establish the Fund and give some direction as to its use and how members would be appointed to the Legacy Committee. Current members of the Committee are Bob Hannon, AZ; Phyllis Narus, TN; Oarlene Wingate, HI; and the National FCE Executive Committee.

The proposed amendment has been sent to the National FCE Bylaws Committee Chairman, Ardyce Snyder.

### **Leadership Positions Needing Filled**

(A request from President Dorene)

As 2018 knocks on the door, we all need to be seriously considering who the leaders will be to accept the challenge and step up and take some offices in KAFCE. At the 2018 State Conference, we will be electing FCE Members to the State Offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer —three of the four Executive Board Offices.

It is an exciting and challenging time to be a leader in FCE. The need for creativity and resourcefulness has never been greater.

When I review the KAFCE Mission Statement and Creed, I am reminded that I am to be an FCE Member who "...strives to promote a better way of life for all families and communities in making the world a better place in which to live. Through **leadership**, may we have pride in our role as volunteer educators, be conscious of the needs of others, and be strengthened by our **unity**." Those are certainly worthy and inspiring goals, which, as the Creed states, are attained through leadership. I challenge each of you, instead of asking, "Why me?" ask, "Why not me?" As Sharon Giacometti has said, "This is an excellent time to step up and take KAFCE into the future."

If you have some FCE Member in mind for any of these positions, or if you are interested in accepting one of these leadership positions, contact Marlene Faul, newly appointed State Nominating Committee Chairman: 3000 Wildwood Way, North Newton, KS 67117, (316) 283-3342, [marlene.violet@gmail.com](mailto:marlene.violet@gmail.com)

### **Kansas Well Represented on NAFCE Board**

Congratulations to Peggy Martens, newly elected NAFCE Public Policy Coordinator and Marlene Faul, newly elected NAFCE Secretary. These ladies were elected in Omaha in July at the National FCE Conference. They join Sharon Giacometti, NAFCE Program Coordinator. KAFCE is proud of Kansas participation on the National level!

### **Liability Insurance**

For several years, NAFCE has provided a liability insurance administered by Klamath Insurance Center. (This is the Klamath Insurance form received in the August mailing with an explanation of how to complete the form). The premium is paid for by a portion of each Kansas FCE members' annual dues. The insurance covers liability for the National Board and for all NAFCE members when an FCE event occurs where non-FCE members are involved. It protects FCE in the event that they would be sued by a non FCE member.

However, this insurance has become so costly, that NAFCE is having difficulty paying the annual premium-\$20,000-for the States' part of the insurance. National has made no definite decision yet, but the options are limited: collect more donations or dues to cover the premium or drop the insurance. Kansas FCE members must seriously consider our options if NAFCE is forced to drop the insurance. Do we want/need the insurance? If so, how do we pay for it? **Please give this some consideration and thought at the local and area level.** I ( and you can too) will be doing some investigation on other options to share with you. **Stay tuned—you will be hearing from the Board.**

### **A William Allen White Lesson**

Compiled by Dorene Reimer

William Allen White was a famous Kansas journalist. After he died in 1944, two memorial foundations were created in his name. In 1952, Emporia State University created one of these foundations—The William Allen White Children’s Book Awards—to honor the memory of this Emporia newspaperman.

Ruth Garver Gagliardo was an employee of White’s at the Emporia Gazette, and it was she who laid the groundwork for the Children’s Book Award Program. Gagliardo wrote a column about books, music and art for children. She was one of the first to review children’s books for a newspaper, which gave parents, teachers, and librarians the chance to know about good quality books for children. Her column then led to “The Children’s Bookshelf,” a book review column in the “Kansas Teacher” magazine. She also started the children’s Traveling Book Exhibit to introduce good books to children all over the state for 23 years..

The motto of the Awards Program is “Bringing Authors, Books, and Children Together.” It is a way to stimulate the reading of excellent literature among Kansas kids. Each year the book selection committee (to which the KAFCE President appoints a representative) reads books written for kids in grades three through eight. The committee members then submit nominations, following the program guidelines, three times a year to the selection committee chairperson, presently Beverley Buller.

The selection committee members then meet in September to choose the master reading lists from the nominations—one for grades three through five, and another for grades six through eight. In order to participate in the meeting the committee members must have read at least 50% of the nominated books—in 2017, about 60 books. After the nomination list is narrowed down to about 20 books total between the two lists, the authors and the publishers of the selected books are contacted and sign a contract that their book will be kept in print the entire time it is on the master list and, if their book should be voted the winner of the WAW Book Award, they will attend the Awards ceremony the following October.

The lists are then given out to all public and school libraries. In April, the children who have read at least two of the books on the WAW master list, vote for their favorite, resulting in a winning book in each of the two age categories. At the awards ceremony in October, the winning authors have a morning autographing session followed by games and the awards presentation. Two Kansas children are selected to present the awards to the winning authors. In the past, the public library systems took turns selecting the kids. Now, the Kansas Association of School Librarians’ six districts selects the children presenters, with the privilege of selection rotating among the six districts.

The award celebration used to move around the state, sponsored by various organizations. In the 50th anniversary year of the WAW Children’s Book Awards, the celebration was moved to Emporia and has remained there.

This is the 65th year of bringing authors, books, and children together in the State of Kansas through the WAW Book Awards. This is the only Book Award, that chooses the winning books by children’s votes.

### **2017 William Allen White Report**

By Leanna Adams

The William Allen White Committee met on September 9th, 2017, in Emporia, KS, to select the books that Kansas children will read during the 2018-2019 school year. I successfully read 74 of the 130 titles nominated and was glad to see that several of my favorites made the list for the kids to read next year.

The winning books for 2017 were **Life on Mars**, by Jennifer Brown, selected by voters in Grades three through five. **A Million Ways Home**, by Dianna Dorisi Winget was the winner selected by voters in Grades six through eight.

This was my last year on the committee, I learned so much during my time on the committee and have enjoyed being the KAFCE representative.

Nadine Holmes, N W Area, Smith Center, KS, was appointed to replace Leanna on the WAW Selection Committee as the KAFCE Representative. Nadine was invited by the WAW selection committee chair to observe the September, 2017, selection meeting in Emporia. Nadine’s work will begin in January, 2018. Nadine commented, “I can’t wait for 2018 and the new list of books we will read!”

## 2018 Educational Program Guide

### “Ask Me About FCE”

KAFCE State Educational Program Committee

*\*Human trafficking...Slavery Still Exists* by Judy Fullmer, State EPC

Human trafficking occurs when any person is taken against his/her will and exploited in any way. Human Trafficking generates many billions of dollars profit per year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of crime. By working together, we can make a difference.

*\*Make Your Day A Little Smoother!* by Edith McClain, KAFCE Vice President

Tired of skipping meals or eating on the run? There is a better solution. Make healthy smoothies, and you have it all covered. Only three steps: Ingredients, Blend, and Drink. Real food is always best, but when there isn't enough time, smoothies have it all.

*\*Kids In The Kitchen* by Susan Gartrell, State EPC

What kid doesn't like to eat? What kid doesn't need to eat!! Making food choices and helping prepare their own meals gets kids into the kitchen and helps them develop healthy eating habits.

*\*GROUP PROCESS...Putting the Pieces Together* by Edith McClain, KAFCE VP

Working together for the betterment of our FCE and Community, we CAN make a HUGE difference. Get together with members, youth, & others in the community. Find a common passion & work together. Everyone benefits when the pieces are all put together.

**\*CHARACTER COUNTS!—Citizenship—as an FCE lesson.**

Leader's guide written by Edith McClain, KAFCE Vice President

- \*Learn what true citizenship means
- \*Learn words & actions that show citizenship
- \*Learn to recognize opportunities to show good citizenship

**\*CHARACTER COUNTS!—Citizenship—Essay & Artwork Contest—complete details and packet can be downloaded on [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org).**

## KSU LESSONS

*Alzheimer's 101* written by Erin Yelland

Kansas' aging population is rapidly increasing and with that will come unique opportunities as well as challenges, one of which is Alzheimer's disease. Everyone with a brain is at risk for Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. This is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. This lesson will provide information on the differences between dementia and Alzheimer's, how Alzheimer's impacts the brain, risk factors for Alzheimer's, symptoms of the disease, action steps, and the benefits of early diagnosis.

*Healthy Cooking Styles* written by Donna Krug

Have you ever tried sautéing with water or prepared a boiled salad? It is easy to get in a rut and prepare the same foods in the same way. This lesson will introduce some healthy cooking techniques that result in creating more variety in the dishes you serve your family. Food that we eat provides the energy we need. Different cooking styles can affect the energy in our food.

*Tap To Togetherness* written by Bradford Wiles

This program aims to build family relations and increase health and physical activities of Families with young children through learning to tap dance. Anyone can learn the steps, then teach others, especially the youth.

### **Board Continues Work on Handbook Revision**

In 2018, the Board will be busy with Revision of the Handbook. It is requested that any ideas, concerns, or questions be addressed to any Board Member at any time. Please refer to the Roster of Board Members included on Page 7 for contact information. **Reminder:** the Board will be acting on any revisions at the March and June Board Meetings, with the intension of finishing Revisions by the October, 2018, State Conference in Russell, KS. The goal is to print and distribute soon thereafter.

## Membership Recognition

### 25 YEAR MEMBER

Joyce Blanka  
Jane Larson  
Mary Prose  
Donna Wilmoth

Patricia Johnson  
Nancy Kernick  
Freida Martin  
Marcia O'Bleness  
Elaine Reussner  
Hazel Sargent  
Saundra Shapland

### FCE RECOGNITION

**55 YEARS**  
Ideal FCE –SE

**65 YEARS**  
Excelsior FCE –NE  
Green Valley FCE –NE

**70 YEARS**  
Kipp FCE –SC

**80 YEARS**  
Town and Country FCE –SC

### 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Doloras Althouse  
Marlene Faul  
Judy Fullmer  
Shirley Frame  
Rachel Purvis  
Virginia Slimmer  
Wilma Smith

### 60 YEAR MEMBERS

Leah Huett  
Bonnie Ladd  
Alberta Parry  
Virginia Pringle  
Janet Southards

### 55 YEAR MEMBERS

Noralee Chadd  
Barbara Egert

### 65 YEAR MEMBERS

Virginia Rezac

**90 YEARS**  
Moran FCE - SE

## 2016 Area Counties 100% Reporting

<u>NW Area</u>	<u>NE Area</u>	<u>SC Area</u>	<u>SW Area</u>	<u>SE Area</u>
Ellis	Atchison	Butler	Ford	Allen
Norton	Jackson	Ellsworth	Gray	Cherokee
Norton	Nemaha	Harvey	Hodgeman	Crawford
Rooks	Pottawatomie	McPherson	Lane	Labette
Smith	Riley	Saline	Pawnee	Montgomery
Thomas	Shawnee		Wichita	Neosho

### Kansas FCE Membership Report

Kansas FCE recorded 995 members for 2017, including 700 individual members, 257 senior members and 38 members in family memberships. There were also 3 youth memberships that don't pay Kansas FCE dues, just National dues. The loss of members from 2016 was 57, this loss continues to decline. There were 21 new members to FCE and 3 members rejoined. There were 8 deaths for the year.

Counties that had an increase in membership were:

9 more members ~ Crawford County, 5 ~ Ellsworth County, 4 ~ Montgomery County, 3 Sedgwick County, 2 ~ Atchison County, Ellis County, Finney County, Hodgeman County, Johnson County, Meade County, Saline County and increase of 1 ~ Bourbon County, Butler County, Ford County, Pawnee County, and Thomas County.

2018 Kansas Association Family & Community Education  
CONTACTS

At State Conference in Salina, KS, the KAFCE Secretary and the KAFCE Treasurer were elected for a two year term and a one year term, respectively. In the spring of 2017, the Southwest Area, the Southeast Area and the South Central Area each elected Area Directors. Below is a roster, reflecting these elections.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Executive Committee**

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### 2017 Calendar of Events

National Family Week - November 19-25

### 2018 Calendar of Events

March Board of Director's meeting - TBD

June Board of Director's meeting - TBD

NAFCE Conference - July 19-22  
Austin, TX

EPC Leadership Training - Webster  
Conference Center - Salina, KS  
August 27-28

KAFCE Board of Director's Meeting  
Russell, KS - October 1-2

KAFCE State Conference - Russell, KS  
October 1 - 3

National FCE Week - October 14 - 20

National Family Week - November 18 - 24

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## 2018 FCE State Conference

Save the dates: October 1 - 3, 2018

Northwest Area will be hosting the 2018 Conference in Russell, Ks at the Fossil Creek Hotel & Suites Conference Center.

The theme: FCE: The People, Patterns & Pieces of Our Heritage.

The speakers have been chosen, two Make and Takes selected along with at least two tours.

We are excited to be sharing our part of the State with our FCE members.

Hope to see all of you then.

STAY TUNED

Edith Mclain, 2018 Conference Chair



