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Message from President



Greetings OAFCS Members,

What an exciting time to serve as the President of the Ohio Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (OAFCS) as has been my good fortune this year. The board has developed three main focusses for this year to move OAFCS into the future.



Focus #1: A partnership between the Ohio Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (OATFACS) and OAFCS to secure the services of "The impact Group" a PR/Marketing firm from Hudson, Ohio has been established. Their mission is to help us identify and change the perceptions of Family and Consumer Sciences. As we progress through this process we will keep the membership informed.

Focus #2: We will begin to streamline the Board by reducing the number of members from 22 to 15 consisting of community chairs which will also serve a committee chairs in many instances. A complete list is on the website.

Focus#3: With reduced membership and districts struggling to hold programming it was voted at 2014 Annual Conference to have each district send the balance of their treasury to state and establish a district professional development line item in the budget.

We will continue to work on the redefining of the district structure.

I look forward to serving the Ohio Affiliation this year and thank Candace Fox for her outstanding service as president last year.

Best Regards,
Mary Jo Kohl

Message from the Past President

Dear Friends,

I cannot believe that it is October 1 already! Where did summer go?

Please think back with me to April—and our successful Annual Conference and Business Meeting. We made some minor changes in the Bylaws but more changes will be forthcoming. As we heard from several of our speakers, changes are coming in many areas of family life.



Mary Jo Kohl and I attended the AAFCS Annual Conference held in St. Louis in June and served as your voting delegates. Several other members attended including: Judy Husk, Jenny Schroeder, Nancy Sampson, Debbie Rezabek, Donna Anderson, Alice Darr, Sharon McManus, Patricia Brinkman, Ruth Dohner, Debbie Sullivan plus two student unit officers—Chelsea Snell and Brooke Scheiderer. Additionally, Debbie Sullivan brought two students from Ashland University. Besides the many informal times we gathered, many of us went out for an Ohio dinner at a local Italian restaurant. (If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me).

Many of you are aware of the changes that are being proposed for future AAFCS structure. At this conference, we focused on one of the parts of the changes—streamlining the organization. Mary Jo reported to the Board on the changes at their August meeting and I am sure that you could read her highlights in the minutes. The Senators requested that the proposed changes to the Bylaws be broken down into several parts for discussion and voting. We spent time deliberating one day, had a town hall meeting, and then voted on the last day—much thought went into this!

To me, the most far reaching change is that the membership will no longer elect the national officers. Instead, Directors will be selected and then those people will decide who should serve as the various officers. Also, fewer Directors will be appointed. There will no longer be a nominating committee nor will there be some other positions such as the Affiliate Director to the Board.

People will serve out their terms and other people phased in as the positions open to ensure a rotation on the Board. I spoke directly to a few of the current Directors who told me that they think these are exciting and revitalizing changes.

Your opinions were heard concerning the proposed Academy. AAFCS will continue to be a member of the group rather than absorbed into it. Much work will be done on this phase throughout the coming year. I will again be attending the Affiliate Leadership Conference in Washington this month. I hope to hear more about this topic.

It has been an honor to serve as your President. Although my term ended May 31, I have continued to work with Mary Jo on the Policies and Procedures Manual. Again, be assured that much time and deliberation has been spent on this document by the past and current Boards.

Sincerely,
Candace Fox

FCS Education at the Crossroad: Do or Die!

Sandra Laurenson

**FCS EDUCATION
IS AT A DO OR DIE
CROSSROAD!**

Middle and high school FCS programs are closing for a variety of reasons. University FCS teacher education programs are closing due to lack of enrollment begetting secondary programs closing because school districts cannot find FCS teachers! Zero incoming university freshmen have declared majors in Family and Consumer Sciences Education this fall in Ohio.

OATFACS and OAFCS are joining forces to hire the Impact Group, a proven PR/marketing firm, to develop and help us implement a major promotion of FCS education over the next 12 months! This initiative begins with Regional Focus Groups during October:

- Northeast: Monday, October 6, 6:00-7:30 pm at Tallmadge High School
- Southwest: Wednesday, October 8, 6:00-7:30 pm at Butler Tech, Adult Education
- Central: Tuesday, October 14, 6:00-7:30 pm at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Columbus-New Albany Campus
- Southeast: Wednesday, October 15, 6:00-7:30 pm at Athens Middle School Library
- Northwest: Thursday, October 23, 6:00-7:30 pm at Millstream Career Center

At each Focus Group, we need to pick the brains of a variety of persons who have influence regarding course offerings or student choices of electives or careers—think guidance counselors, administrators, parents, students, school board members, state legislators, university admissions counselors, etc. Please invite such persons to attend with you—or to go without you. Diversity must also include those who have not been so supportive in the past. Their participation will

be more difficult to achieve, but has the potential to give us very key information to help us design messages that will convince these audiences of the value of FCS.

If you wish to participate and need more information, visit www.oafcs.org or check your email for a message from the OAFCS listserv on September 22 titled October Focus Group Invitation, or contact Sandy Laurenson at 330-468-3955 or 216-509-7597 or Laurenson1@gmail.com.

Send RSVP's to Nathan Mellor at nmellor@igpr.com. RSVP's are due a week before the Focus Group. You may RSVP for yourself and your guest(s) noting the name and role (teacher, Extension agent, principal, counselor, parent, etc.) of each or your guest(s) may RSVP separately.

We have a huge challenge ahead of us, but by working together and sharing the load,
We Can Do This!

In Grateful Memory of Alice Darr

by Sandra Laurenson



Alice Darr, 79, always a true family and consumer sciences professional, passed away August 21, 2014. While a professor and teacher educator at Kent State University, she taught and mentored students into home economics/FCS education. Many of her former students are still FCS teachers in northeast Ohio schools and beyond. Throughout her career and retirement, Alice was active in AAFCS/OAFCS and District B serving at all levels in a variety of positions. She was a current OAFCS Board member serving as State Certification Coordinator. As her concerns and interests extended beyond our U.S. borders, she was also active in IFHE. We will miss her many contributions, her insight, and her wry observations. Our condolences go to her husband, Ralph, and their family. Ralph has given us her AAFCS Betty Lamp pin, which will be given to Chelsea Snell, President of the OAFCS Student Unit. Memorial contributions may be sent to the [American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancersociety.org) or a charity of one's choice.

District News

OAFCS District C is planning its Fall District Meeting on October 11, 2014. We will first go to Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House in Springfield, Ohio. Completed in 1908, The Westcott House is Frank Lloyd Wright's only Prairie Style home in Ohio. Located at 1340 East High Street, Springfield, The Westcott House has recently undergone an inch-by-inch \$5.3 million restoration. Each of its features — from art glass to original hardware and hand-decorated walls to massive urns — has been returned to its 1908 appearance. Furniture has been rebuilt according to Wright's specifications and gardens re-landscaped in keeping with the time.

Following the tour and lunch at Los Mariachis, we will tour the Fair Trade Winds, a family-run store committed to helping communities around the world as well as our own. The fair trade products range from jewelry and accessories to kitchen items and home decor. All items are handmade by artisans around the world — each product has its own story! Donna Jarzab, who is a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher employed by Ohio Hi Point Career Center, will give us a presentation and tour about the store and how Fair Trade winds only carries items in which the workers are paid fairly.

Our July District meeting was held at the Olive Oasis, a store in Troy, Ohio that offers 21 different olive oils, including fresh fruit extra virgin olive oils, gourmet, flavored, fused and infused olive oils as well as 28 flavors of balsamic vinegar. The owner gave a very informative talk about the various olive oils and balsamic vinegars before letting us taste as many as we wanted to taste.

Following our visit to the Olive Oasis, we toured the Hayner Cultural Center, also in Troy. Following a boxed lunch, we had a guided tour of the mansion which was formerly the home of Mary Jane Hayner. The 1914 Romanesque mansion houses a lively

Partners in Home and Community Report

The AAFCS Community of Partners in Home and Community was pleased to award the 2014 Betsy Norum Student Subsidy to Atalie Tompkins, Kansas State University. Atalie was presented with her \$500 check during the PHC Luncheon in St. Louis. Applications for the 2015 Betsy Norum Student Subsidy will be available soon.

The Betsy Norum Student Subsidy is available to college juniors who will be attending their first AAFCS Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL in June 2015. Check the student unit page on www.aafcs.org for application and complete information. If you are a student, a college professor, or if you know someone who might be interested in applying and would like an application sent directly to your email address please let me know and I will be sure all information about the 2015 Betsy Norum Student Subsidy is sent directly to you as soon as it is available.

Judy Husk, CFCS

OAFCS Partners in Home and Community Chair, jhuskcfcs@gmail.com

Sharon V. McManus, AAFCS DSA Award



Sharon V. McManus received the AAFCS Distinguished Service Award at the 105 Annual Conference and Expo in St. Louis, Missouri, June 28, 2014.

Sharon has been continuously member of OAFCS and AAFCS for more than 51 years. For OAFCS, she been president and led us through the development of our website.

As Director of the IFHE-US Development Fund, each year she plans a dinner program around an international culture related to the geographical area where the AAFCS Conference is being held. She chairs the IFHE-US Development Committee which makes decisions about raising funds in order to offer grants for projects in the developing world. Sharon has enriched the international understanding of the membership and caused us

to consider the work our profession does worldwide.

Congratulations, Sharon you are so deserving of DSA Award.

Other AAFACS Distinguished Service (DSA) Awardees from Ohio

- Ruth Deacon
- 1993 Francille Firebaugh
- 1994 Helen Strow
- 1996 Julia Dalrymple
- 1997 Lena Bailey
- 2006 Genevieve A. Schroeder

The Student Unit Appreciates All of the Support for KITS BLITZ!

Submitted by Brooke Scheiderer, OAFCS Student Unit Vice President



The OAFCS Student Unit would like to thank everyone who contributed to our service project, KITS BLITZ. The Student Unit collected activity and toiletry kits at the annual OAFCS conference on April 11 & 12. Money was also collected to purchase more kits after the conference.

Our goal of raising 40 kits was surpassed and we ended up with a total of 42 kits! The kits were dropped off at Nationwide Children's Hospital. We appreciate your support and contributions. These donations are making a big difference to children and families spending time in the hospital.

Welcome To Our New OAFCS Student Unit Officers for 2014-2015

by Chelsea Snell

Name: Chelsea Snell



Position: Chair

University: The Ohio State University

Major: Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Minor: Human Development and Family Science

Fun Facts: I love anything outdoors, whether hiking, camping, picnicking, or relaxing by a pool, I love it all! I also enjoy all types of music, but especially country in the summer time.

Hopes for the OAFCS Student Unit 2014-2015: I hope to soak up as much experience and knowledge that I can during my time serving as Chair for the OAFCS Student Unit. I am very eager to begin my career as a FCS teacher and I am looking forward to building many new relationships.

Name: Brooke Scheiderer

Position: Vice-Chair

University: The Ohio State University

Major: Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Minor: Human Development and Family Science

Fun Facts: I love to run. I am currently training for my 3 half marathon and hope to run a full marathon one day.

Hopes for the OAFCS Student Unit 2014-2015: I hope to become more involved in OAFCS and further my knowledge in my future profession. I also hope to connect with other OAFCS students and members.



Name: Allison Bruns (Alli)

Position: Communication Liaison

University: The Ohio State University

Major: Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Fun Facts: I am the youngest of 8 children and I have 10 nieces and nephews who I absolutely adore. I love to be outdoors and stay active by walking, jogging or biking.

Hopes for the OAFCS Student Unit 2014-2015: I hope to broaden my knowledge of Family and Consumer Sciences Education and build a relationship with other students and members who have the same passion as me.

Name: Dr. Ruth E. Dohner

Position: Student Unit Advisor

University: The Ohio State University

Fun Facts: I am a gardener of vegetables and herbs and love to find new and delicious ways to advance a plant-based diet.

Hopes for the OAFCS Student Unit 2014-2015: My advisor goal for the OAFCS students unit is to connect and professionally support the FCS college students across Ohio. My promise is to mentor the student unit officers to create professional plans and events to bring the Ohio FCS College students together.



Submitted by Allison Bruns, OAFCS Student Unit Communications Liaison