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A Message from the President



Ohio's Annual Conference will be held March 23 and 24. It promised to be packed with up to the minute new approaches to many of our areas of expertise. The food sounds very enticing. And, The Embassy Suites have always been a very relaxing place to stay with complimentary breakfast and appetizers in the evening. It is always a great way to see old friends and make new ones. Share your expertise and gain new insights.

AAFCS Annual Conference will be held June 24 -27, in Indianapolis, IN. Close enough to drive. The program is packed with interesting speakers and topics. The preconference has lots of excursions planned and the IFHE night is Italian. Ohio also plans a night out at a German restaurant with lots of history and good food. The Marriott Downtown is easy to find and only a couple of easy walking blocks to shops and restaurants to savor some of the local cuisine.

Please try to attend both of these well planned events for our profession. PDUs will be available and there is even an opportunity to become CFCS certified at both events.

On a local note, we are still looking for new members, and a renewing of our past members. We still hope to get a newspaper column written to let the public know we still exist and are still the experts in our area of helping families to solve the perennial practical problems of individual, family and community life.

Here's hoping to see you at the conferences.

Donna Anderson, President

OAFCS 2011-2012

Congratulations to the new OAFCS Board Members for 2012-13

President-Elect: Candace Fox

Vice President Program Development: Virginia Draa

Vice President District Affairs/Nominations: Sharon Anghilante

Secretary: Kathy McGrath



OAFCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE



March 23 & 24 are the dates for this year's Annual State Conference to be held in Dublin Ohio, at the Dublin Embassy Suites. Programming the two day conference includes presentations from Dr. Cheryl Achterberg, who will present an insider's look at how the U.S. Dietary Guidelines are put together, who the players are, how decisions are made, what the philosophy and ideals are that underpin this advice. She will also show how teachers and clinicians can influence their formation in the future.

In an effort to make certification clearer and convenient, Gay Nell McGinnis, the AAFCS Division Director of Credentialing, Professional Development and Public Policy will hold a session to clarify certification and AAFCS benefits. Certification testing will also be provided on site for a reduced rate for conference attendees.

Please visit www.oafcs.org for more conference information or email Kelly M. Schulze at kmac10@me.com.

IFHE-US Development Fund-OAFCS Annual Meeting

This year, unlike others, there will not be a raffle table at the OAFCS Annual Meeting for the purpose of raising money to help support the international projects sanctioned by the IFHE-US Development Fund. There will however be an envelope at the registration desk for donations. This is an extremely worthwhile way to watch your dollars in action. As an alternative, please feel free to send donations, in the form of a check made out to OAFCS, to: Teena Jennings, 226 West Elm St., Granville, OH, 43023.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY UNDERWAY!

“Partnerships for Home Economics Disaster Assistance to Developing Countries”

Nearly one hundred FCS professionals have attended initial meetings or expressed interest in a worldwide preparedness effort initiated by the International Home Economics Services (IHES) to rebuild home economics programs, which may be disrupted by or destroyed in a disaster. Prototype efforts provided materials to Antigua, St. Lucia and Grenada after recent disasters. Meetings were held at AAFCS in June 2011 and at the International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE) Council in Sligo, Ireland, to explore and gain interest and ideas. The goal is to establish a partnership of organizations WORLDWIDE with the objective of assisting with the rebuilding of devastated programs that enables their educational efforts to resume after disasters. Organizations indicating cooperation include AAFCS, the Global Perspectives Community, The Caribbean Association of Home Economics (CAHE), IFHE worldwide, and IFHE-US as well as the International Home Economics Services (IHES.).



Efforts are underway to identify additional partners and professional contacts around the world, determine the process for delivering assistance, and to develop a worldwide plan, that will be organized around the Regions of IFHE. This is a great opportunity for international involvement by taking action with local efforts whether a project for a classroom, one's community, or any group of our professionals.

BE A PART OF THE PROJECT NOW!!

We need small donated items for our "Partnerships" Product Sales Tables at various meetings. The money raised will help fund the US Partnerships Fund that is housed with the IFHE-US as a central collection organization for organizations in the United States. ANYONE can contribute by making and/or bringing items to AAFCS and IFHE-US or IFHE meetings. We will have a sales table in Indianapolis in June. To participate, simply get your donation to Juanita Mendenhall by the beginning of June, or even better, bring it to the AAFCS Convention in Indianapolis. (SCAFCS will have a sales table this week. HINT- Involving students works!!) Send items to: Juanita Mendenhall, 122 Point Lane, Ridgeway, SC, 29130.

Requests for more information or expressions of interest to participate should be made to Juanita Mendenhall, IIHES President, at juanitam@usit.net or 803-337-4012. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PROMOTE HOME ECONOMICS AROUND THE WORLD.



2012 AAFCS Pre-conference Educational Event Sponsored by International Federation for Home Economics-US IFHE-US Development Fund

Sunday, June 24, 2012

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Buca di Beppo Restaurant

35 North Illinois Street Indianapolis, Indiana

Evening Tour – Italian Cultural Evening -- \$55.00 per person/ *Student--\$25.00

If you have questions, please contact Sharon McManus at (616) 546-3394 or Svmcmanus@aol.com

Go to the OAFCS website to download Registration Form. Look under the FORMS link.