

# THE LAMPLIGHT

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## Message from the President

Indianapolis - here we come! Ohio night out is Tuesday, June 26. We will be enjoying dinner at the Rathskeller. Originally a German establishment and community, the restaurant now serves German food. We will be having a waitstaff person tell us about the history of the restaurant and everyone will leave with a brochure of the history of the German establishment and community and the restaurant. We will be leaving the hotel at 6 pm.



Watch for more information on this to come. If you will be joining us in Indianapolis could you please drop me a line with your summer e-mail and I will contact you with all the details of where, when, and how.

**Have a Great Summer . . . See you in Indianapolis!**

Donna Anderson, OAFCS President

## YOU'RE INVITED!



American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences  
**103<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO**  
Main Conference: June 24 – 27, 2012  
Indianapolis Marriott Downtown | Indianapolis, Indiana

What better way to collaborate with colleagues across all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences.

There are educational sessions and special interests and events planned. Join us to gain knowledge, research, and tools you need to grow and accomplish more in your classroom or area to stay current in your field of FCS. We hope to see you at the university reunions and entrepreneurial fair.

IFHE is hosting an "Italian Cultural Evening on Sunday night 6-9 PM. Contact Sharon McManus for more information: [svmcmamus@aol.com](mailto:svmcmamus@aol.com)

For a complete listing of educational sessions, please visit: [www.affcs.org/meetings/12/ed\\_sessions.html](http://www.affcs.org/meetings/12/ed_sessions.html)  
Please do not hesitate to contact me or AAFCS for more information. I hope to see you in Indianapolis

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## Welcome our New Student Unit Officers

I am pleased to introduce the OAFCS members to the new Student Unit Officers for 2012-2013.

- **Katie Jordan , chair** ,she is a junior at Ohio University majoring in Family and Consumer Science Education.
- **Megan Burney, vice chair**,who is also a junior at Ohio University majoring in Family and Consumer Science Education.
- **Emily Murray, secretary**, is a senior at Ashland University majoring in Fashion Merchandising.
- **Brooke Scheiderer**, communication liaison is a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in Family and Consumer Science Education.

The student advisor is Dr. Ruth E. Dohner, Associate Professor at The Ohio State University. As a group, our goal is to create a community of learners and professionals in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. We would like more student involvement, and are planning to coordinate an event for next fall. We look forward to a great year together!

## Congratulations to the 2012 OAFCS Award Winners!

### The Columbus YWCA Family Center received the Friend of Family Award

In appreciation of their work with homeless families. The YWCA Family Center, the area's only emergency shelter for families with minor children, provides emergency shelter and critical services to stabilize homeless families in central Ohio. No family with children is turned away, according to Center policy. Families start the search for permanent housing at the YWCA Center but might be assigned case managers through the Homeless Families Foundation, Salvation Army or Volunteers of America who work to get families into stable housing. A national model, more than 70 percent of their families find housing within 25 days of entering the program.

This year's member awards were changed to mirror national awards.

### Ann Paulins of Ohio University is the recipient of the Ohio Leader Award

Ann has long involvement and service to the profession and organization. She received the AAFCS New Achiever Award in 1995. She is past president of OAFCS and past secretary/treasurer of District D. She is a reviewer for the *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*. Ann is a past member and chair of the Council for Accreditation, AAFCS.

### Kelly Schulze is Ohio's New Achiever in 2012

She is an FCS Teacher at Bexley High School. Kelly's school activities include service as an Instructional Committee member, Key Club advisor, Ski Club advisor and Senior Project Co-advisor. She is a member of the District Wellness Team. She just completed a term as OAFCS Vice President of Programming, assuming responsibility for the recent annual meeting. She is past president and current secretary for District D. She is an Executive Board committee member for Ohio Action for Healthy Kids (OAFHK) and serves as the OAFCS liaison to OAFHK.

### Ohio's Distinguished Service Award winner is Meta VonNostran

A retired FCS Educator and family farm operator. Meta spent nearly 50 years working in Family & Consumer Sciences and agriculture. She taught FCS high school classes and GRADS before becoming an adjunct professor for the University of Rio Grande and Ohio University. At Rio Grande she served on a Career Technical team that implemented the first alternative licensure program, helping non-teachers earn a license and use prior work experience in occupational programs. She was a curriculum supervisor and school improvement coach for Athens and Meigs County and finished her career as teacher educator and assistant professor for FCS Education at Ohio University. A long time OAFCS member, Meta served the association as the District D treasurer, section chair and Vice President District Affairs and Nominations. She was the 1983 Ohio Teacher of the Year. Meta heads the OAFCS ad hoc committee for the Ohio State Fair nutrition project.

## Catherine Susteric is Ohio's Student Leader Award Winner

The Ohio University student has been a member of the AAFCS student unit for three years, serving as OAFCS State President for two years. She has been AAFCS Student Unit Vice Chair of Outreach and Service and attended the last two AAFCS National Meetings. As a member of the AAFCS professional student organization at Ohio University, Catherine is instrumental in assisting officers with the organization of meetings and special events. She served on the Ohio State Fair Nutrition project. Catherine has been invited to join Phi Upsilon Omicron. She is a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and an ambassador for the Patton College of Education. She is a two year recipient of the OAFCS Student Scholarship award.

## Public Policy Report

Sandy Laurenson & Janet Laster  
Co-Chair, OAFCS Public Policy

Public Policy efforts this year have been focused on two resolutions—Obesity Prevention/Healthy Weight Initiative and Sustaining Family and Consumer Sciences Education—that were sponsored by OAFCS and approved by the AAFCS Senate, June 2011. Activities of note in support of the resolutions included:

- OAFCS Annual Conference, March 23 & 24: Kudos to Kelly Schulze and her committee for the excellent programming in support of the resolutions. The keynote presentations and sessions related to obesity prevention and healthy lifestyles were outstanding and provided several opportunities for collaboration.
- District B FCS Synergy Workshop, April 28, 2012 (program attached): The workshop—FCS Education + Healthy Lifestyles = Synergy—was attended by 41 enthusiastic FCS professionals. The program included challenges faced by FCS in Ohio and strategies to meet those challenges, a nutrition update with connections to public policy, and the perspectives of State Representative Nan Baker (R – Westlake), a member of the House Education Committee and Reno Contipelli, president of the Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education. Use of the new FCS brand was strongly emphasized as was connecting with the AAFCS Taking It to the Streets Obesity Prevention Initiative. Both panelists emphasized the need to communicate with legislators and board members regarding FCS education. Representative Baker attended the whole four-hour workshop! Her comments were very helpful as we plan next steps. We are continuing to communicate with workshop participants via email.

OAFCS members who would like to be included on the email list to receive updates pertinent to FCS educators should contact Sandy Laurenson at [Laurenson1@gmail.com](mailto:Laurenson1@gmail.com). Work will continue over the summer to determine next steps. Anyone interested in serving on the Public Policy Committee should contact Sandy Laurenson or Janet Laster at [JanetFLaster@gmail.com](mailto:JanetFLaster@gmail.com).

**Summer Homework:** check out the FCS brand on the AAFCS website ([www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org)) and plan ways you can use the brand to promote FCS.

Click on the FCS logo on the home page to get guidelines for using the logo, a downloadable logo, and templates for uses such as letterhead and business cards.



**Let's work together to create a new visibility for Family and Consumer Sciences!**

## Update from Sharon Turini-Kent

Twelve years after retirement I am busier than ever. Jim and I have been spending 2 months during the winter in sunny Merida, Mexico, and we love it. It is very relaxing, but then back into the real world where I work part time at Sawmill Creek Shops, associated with the Sawmill Creek Resort. In between traveling to states where our 12 grandchildren live, I have also taken on a new venture~ being a Miche Purse Representative.

My business partner and I have been having fun and making money doing home parties since these purses are not sold in stores. Check out our website and create a purse that is just for you: <https://thepursegirls.miche.com>  
I'll be at the AAFCS Conference in Indianapolis serving on the Awards and Recognition Committee and selling Miche purses. Hope to see you there!

## **Shout Out the Good News**

Cheryl Chapman

I would like to mention that I had a 75% passing rate on the Webxam in Career Search with the average grade being a 78%, a 68% passing in Healthy Living with the average grade being a 79%. This is the first time Johnstown-Monroe High School students have taken this exam. I am very proud of their results.