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Message from the President



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that Spring is on the way with the temperatures so cold! Spring for me always means that the *OAFCS Annual Meeting* is approaching. Please join us at the Embassy Suites in Dublin on April 11-12. Dr. Virginia Draa is planning an interesting conference with Dr. Peggy Wild, President of AAFCS presenting a general session. Concurrent sessions will address many topics plus the area has many attractions for all to enjoy after hours.

I have voted—have you? Voting for new board members is available on the website now. Thanks to Sharon Anghilante for compiling a slate and to Eleanor Ames for making it easily accessible on the website. Thanks also to those who are willing to serve on the Board. Sharon is always open to hearing from members who would like to serve. The Board meets in August, November, February, and the evening before the Annual Meeting. This year the Board is going to try an e-meeting for February. Depending on the position, there are other responsibilities as listed in the By-laws.

Donna Anderson and Deborah Sullivan have been working on some possible changes to *the By-laws* to more clearly align them with AAFCS. More information will be sent at a later date but the changes may be voted on at our Annual Meeting. By now, you may have read of the nomination of *Sharon McManus for a Distinguished Service Award* from AAFCS. Any of you who have attended OAFCS annual meetings can attest to the impact Sharon has had on IFHE through the years. Her smile and sunny welcome always makes her international raffles and AAFCS Cultural Evenings very enjoyable. Although Sharon moved to Michigan a few years ago, we are pleased that she kept her affiliation through Ohio. Please consider writing a note to be included in the AAFCS book and/or making a donation in her honor.

The *Academy* project is still being discussed. I have no news other than what I read on the AAFCS website. Please consider sending your concerns to the email address listed on their website. If I read the information correctly, they are considering a slower time-line so perhaps comments are being received.

It is not too early to make plans to attend *AAFCS Annual Meeting in St. Louis* from June 25-28. I am guessing that there will be discussion at this meeting concerning the Academy—history in the making! Early bird registration is now open.

Stay warm—and let's look forward to getting together at our April conference!

Candace K. Fox



2014 Distinguished Service Award Sharon McManus, CFCS, "A Legacy of Leadership"



Sharon McManus has been an AAFCS member continuously for over 51 years, serving throughout that tenure in leadership roles at the local, district, state, national and international levels.

She has enjoyed and excelled in her teaching career and in her volunteer service and has been recognized for it through receiving several awards, including the AAFCS Leader Award, The Ohio Teacher of the Year Award and the Ohio Distinguished Service Award.

Around the world families, individuals and communities have benefited from her work serving and as Director of the International Federation for Home Economics Development Fund and the IFHE-US Development Fund. She has nearly doubled the money donated that is used to fund grants that are given from Development Fund interest. Much of that increase is due to her superb planning and management of Cultural Evening Events that have been held the past nine years just prior to AAFCS Conventions. From training and mentoring teachers and students to serving as an Affiliate President, AAFCS Senate Delegate, IFHE Council Delegate and Director of the IFHE-US Development Fund, Sharon has excelled.

Sharon McManus's life exemplifies distinguished service to AAFCS and the FCS profession, making her most deserving of the honor of recognition by AAFCS.

OAFCS & AAFCS are proud to honor Sharon McManus as a Distinguished Service Award Recipient. Congratulations Sharon!

OAFCS Officer Candidates



Kim Strode, Candidate for President-Elect

Kimberly Strode graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from Ohio University. She began her career in 2008 as the FCS teacher at Athens Middle School. She teaches Healthy Foods and Career and Transitions to seventh and eighth graders. She also incorporates FCCLA into her courses. Kimberly is also the Drama Club advisor and serves as secretary for the Athens Education Association.

Kimberly's membership with AAFCS began her sophomore year at Ohio University. She was extremely involved in OU's student unit, holding many officer positions and participating in numerous community service projects. She was also a state officer for OAFCS Student Unit. As a professional she became involved in OAFCS District D activities and served a year as President. She has served on the OAFCS board as the Vice President of Program Development and is currently District D President-Elect.



ALISSA BRUMBAUGH, candidate for Vice President of Nominations

Alissa Brumbaugh, OAFCS District B President, is a 2013 summa cum laude graduate from the University of Akron with a B.A. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Throughout her time at UA, she was the President of the Council of Consumer Interests, a student organization which offers seminars centered around student financial success and also provides students with volunteer opportunities throughout the community. Alissa was also a member of two honor societies, Kappa Omicron Nu and Tau Sigma, and spent time volunteering and tutoring with Project RISE.

Alissa currently serves as a substitute teacher in Stark County, Ohio. She is a four-year participant in the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program, which has given her the opportunity to promote a personal platform of "Life Skills: Educate, Enrich, Empower" through volunteer work and various speaking engagements. Through her platform work and her involvement with OAFCS, she hopes to increase awareness of the benefits of FCS classes and professions to students, community members, and professionals.

KATHY MCGRATH is serving her second term as Secretary to OAFCS.



Retired from active professional life, she continues to embrace the passion for the profession by serving on the state board.

Print and return ballot below to:

Sharon Anghilante, VP Nominations, 28265 Southbridge Circle, Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Or you may go to this page on the web site and vote electronically:

<http://www.oafcs.org/news/please-vote/>

Official OAFCS Ballot

President-Elect

_____ Kim Strode

Vice President

_____ Alissa Brumbaugh

Secretary

_____ Kathy McGrath

District A

Calling all District A members...please help your district! Although she had a heavy schedule with college classes and an administrative job, Vandita Prasad reluctantly agreed to serve as District A President. Because she has little contact with local members, she has been unable to get any activities planned. If you are interested in helping her, or in serving as an officer next year, please contact Sharon Anghilante, VP responsible for officers or me, Candace Fox. Cfox@mvnu.edu



District D

Donna Anderson, President District D of OAFCS, 2013-2014

We held a Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. The workshop was "The Genealogical Journey of a Lifetime." It was led by the fabulous and famous Dr. Wilbur Jebediah MacGillacutty, LOL, NoIQ and the ever helpful genealogical librarian, Julie Callahan. We headed to the loft filled with computers for our use in finding our ancestors. Wilbur and Julie know the answers to every question about genealogy that can be imagined. After a brief introduction, attendees were guided through searches for their own ancestors. Each participant had access to a computer and Wilbur and Julie helped them find their distant ancestors with all the tricks of the trade.

District B

-Alissa Brumbaugh, District B President

District B had a fantastic fall meeting at the Mustard Seed Market in Montrose. There was a lovely vegetarian buffet and an informative lecture on gluten free and sugar free living. I think we all took away some great advice on living healthier lifestyles and gained new knowledge on how gluten and sugar can affect our bodies. I hope our teachers can use this information in their nutrition lessons!

We are currently working on planning our spring meeting. We plan to tour the Kent State fashion museum and learn a little more about the textiles side of FCS. This will be a fun outing for our members and an opportunity to reach out to

those who are interested in the fashion industry, as those professions are a fun and unique part of family and consumer sciences! We hope you will join us!

SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Meeting

Dates—Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12

At Dublin Embassy Suites

Contact Ginny Draa for further info vdraa@sbcglobal.net



The Theme of this year's conference is "Sustaining the Health and Wellbeing of Families." Keynote speakers will include Peggy Wild, AAFCS President and Nancy Franz, Associate Dean for Extension in the College of Human Science, Iowa State University.

A block of rooms is available for conference attendees and may be reserved online using the code OAFCS or by calling the hotel directly at (614)-790-9000.

We are still in need of some volunteers for the conference committee. If you are willing to help out, contact me at vdraa@sbcglobal.net. Look for emails announcing the availability of registration materials soon. We look forward to seeing you in Dublin in April.

Virginia Bendel Draa, 2014 OAFCS Conference Chair

OAFCS will recognize outstanding members at the annual meeting in April, 2014.

- The **New Achiever Award** recognizes emerging professionals who have exhibited the potential to make significant contributions to family and consumer sciences and lead the association into the future.
- The **Leader Award** identifies and honors family and consumer sciences professionals who have made significant contributions to the field through their involvement with OAFCS and AAFCS.
- The **Distinguished Service Award** recognizes superior achievements in family and consumer sciences, outstanding contributions to the family and consumer sciences profession and sustained association leadership at the state and local levels.
- The **Student Leader Award** identifies and honors family and consumer sciences students who have made significant contributions to the association through their involvement with OAFCS/AAFCS student section. The
- **Ohio Teacher of the Year** will be recognized for having designed and implemented an innovative and creative program.
- OAFCS also awards the **Friend of the Family** each year. This honor is presented to an individual or organization involved in making decisions that affects the well-being of families. Its purpose is to recognize leaders whose work over time has made a significant contribution in policy areas affecting the family.
- The **Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Award** recognizes someone with an outstanding thesis and dissertation completed during 2011 or 2012.
- The **Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award** recognizes research completed by a student while enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences undergraduate program in Ohio.



In addition to the award applications, **OAFCS scholarships** will be presented in 2014. If you are an undergrad or masters student in need of financial assistance, check out the OAFCS website for information on the OAFCS scholarship.

Applications for these awards and forms, requirements, and instructions for filling out the applications are available online at www.OAFCS.org. Completed forms are due by **Jan. 31, 2014** and should be sent to Kimberly Strode, Awards Chair, kstrode3@gmail.com.

Opportunity for Students:

Sponsored by AAFCS Community of Partners in Home and Community

The BETSY NORUM STUDENT SUBSIDY is a \$500 subsidy that has been awarded yearly since 1995 by the AAFCS Community of Partners in Home and Community in memory of Betsy Norum, a past PHC Chair.

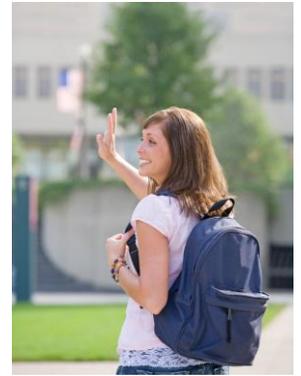
The \$500 subsidy is given to a college junior who is a student member of AAFCS, has not attended an AAFCS Conference and would like to attend the AAFCS 105th Conference and Expo in St Louis, Missouri from June 25-28, 2014.

In addition to the cash subsidy, the student selected will be our guest at the Partners in Home and Community Luncheon and at the Pacesetter Dinner where he/she will see national awards presented to AAFCS professionals. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the organization and enjoy prospects for growth through networking with AAFCS professionals.

The Application Form for the Betsy Norum Student Subsidy is available on the OAFCS website at www.oafcs.org

The deadline for submission of completed applications is **April 30, 2014**.
Please help spread the word. If you have any questions please contact Judy Husk.

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Partners in Home and Community
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OAFCS Student Unit Update

OAFCS student unit is excited for this upcoming 2014 OAFCS Conference! We are in the process of putting together a beneficial service project that relates to the theme, "Sustaining the Health and Well Being of Families." As young students, we are realizing that we have the potential to make a huge impact in the lives of families during our education and community service practices.

We are not only preparing for future practice, but also practicing for our future. We hope to gain insight and learn techniques that will encourage families to sustain their health and well-being. As a student unit, we are getting ready to carry out ideas for student recruitment in OAFCS. We are hoping for a higher student attendance than last year!

We would like to thank the OAFCS professional members for their support and resources they provide us with.

Chair: Rachel Adalem– Ashland University
Vice Chair: Sam Largent– Ashland University
Secretary: Emily Kingrey– Ashland University
Communication Liaison: Brooke Scheiderer– The Ohio State University

Celebrate OHIO SAVES WEEK by making the PLEDGE TO SAVE!

Ohio Saves is a campaign to connect Ohioans with free resources to help them save money, pay down debt, and build wealth! Coordinated by Ohio State University Extension, Ohio Saves is a part of the national America Saves campaign.

Who is an Ohio Saver?

You can be! All you have to do is pledge to take financial action



What are the Benefits?

- Savings strategies and tips to help you achieve your goals
- Access to online saving and tracking tools
- Free subscription to quarterly American Saver newsletter via email with tips, tricks, and strategies for saving money and paying down debt
- Free monthly email with savings advice and information
- Optional daily savings tips and encouragement through **Facebook/OhioSaves** and **Twitter @MoneyMattersOH**
- Optional goal based text messages and reminders (standard messaging and data rates apply)
- Free or reduced-fee financial products (ex. SaveNow bank account with 3% interest created as a partner to Saves)

Did You Know?

- Only 54% of Americans say they have a savings plan with specific goals.
- Only 43% of American say they have a spending plan that allows them to save enough money to achieve the goals of their savings plan.
- Only 66% of America have sufficient emergency funds for unexpected expenses like car repairs or a doctor's visit.

Become an Ohio Saver today at www.ohiosaves.org. Pledge to Save!



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105TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO
June 25-28, 2014 Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch
St. Louis, Missouri

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