

TAFCE Connection

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President's Note

Hello! I have been wondering where in the world this year has gone. I remember my parents, aunt and uncle saying that time was flying by. I always thought they were crazy, time seem to go so slow when I was younger and in school. I understand now, it seems like Christmas was just a month or two ago and now we are coming into the last quarter of the year. Everyone is getting ready for their region Mini-Conferences, entering their cultural arts and fashion revue items.

Then it's on to getting ready for state conference. Please be sure to check with your county agent or region board to get the packet for all the fun packed things to do at conference this year. It all starts on Sunday nights with games and many classes and things to do on Monday and Tuesday. Be sure to get your room reservation at the hotel as soon as possible. If you should have any problems getting a room please contact me @731-549-7947 and we will see about getting more rooms moved around to make sure everyone has accommodations.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your State President for the past three years. I have had the pleasure to join regions at their conferences and I wish that I had been able to get out to more of the counties and meet more of our members. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at State Conference in Memphis, November 11-14, 2018.

I see wonderful things in store for FCE in the coming years. I hope that our membership will begin to grow again as we reach out to new members or maybe members that have left due to family commitments or jobs that made coming to meetings difficult.

Patty Mayhall

TAFCE President

Dates to Remember

- OCTOBER
- 1 Credential form for voting delegates to State Treasurer-[Tammy Halliburton](#)
 - 1 Conference Tours Registration due to Conference Chair- [Ann Luther](#)
 - 1 Conference Registration due to State Treasurer-[Tammy Halliburton](#)
 - 1 Fashion Revue Winners (1st&2nd place) due to Ed. Chair – [Crystal Holt](#)
 - 1 Cultural Arts Winners (1st & 2nd place) due to Ed. Chair – [Nancy Wilson](#)
- NOVEMBER
- 1 TAFCE and NAFCE memberships due to State Treas. – [Tammy Halliburton](#)
 - 11-14 TAFCE Conference, Hilton, Memphis, TN

V P for Programs

State Project Reports: I received 29 out of 95 counties' Summary Reports. I hope to receive more counties' reports for 2019. The reports are due February 15th each year. It is important to send these reports for accurate accountability of the volunteer hours performed. There will be new forms for 2019, so be sure to use the new forms. They will be available on the website. TAFCE.org

NAFCE NATIONAL CONFERENCE: I attended the National FCE conference in Austin, TX as the delegate from Tennessee. This was my first National Conference and had a good time.

We received three new FCL leader lessons and two new Hearth Fire lessons. Be looking for these presentations in the future.

The World President of the ACWW, Ruth Shanks, spoke to us about what was happening in the world with ACWW. She is a delightful person and I enjoyed meeting her. Jo Ellen Almond, area president of the United States of ACWW, also attended for one day. Jo Ellen brought information about the ACWW in the US.

Go to: www.acww.org to find out more

The date and place for next year's conference will be announced at a later date.

Pamela Sites

TAFCE VP for Programs

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VP for Programs

2018 has been a FANTASTIC TAFCE year!!!!

First: We have 13 FCL graduates! They are Robin George, Winnie Decker, Brenda Grey, Jan Burks, Elenora Mallory, Marilyn Ann Wentz, Peggy Richmond, Penny West, Carol Weeks, Susie Rodgers, Pat Hitchcox, Patty Priest and Pamela McIntyre-Albaro. I really hope to see all of you at the 2018 TAFCE State Conference in Memphis! I will be sending a graduation letter within the next month.

Second: While writing the CVU report for UT, I felt total complete pride in our organization! All of the wonderful men and women who volunteer their time, energy and talents to improve the lives of Tennesseans. THANK YOU!!! Recognition will be given at the State Conference in Memphis.

Third: Each Region submitted a Best of the Best applicant. YOU are already a winner in your region! The State winner will be announced at the State Conference in Memphis.

I have just written three reasons for attending the State Conference in Memphis. Plus there are all the wonderful classes, fellowship, and new friendships. Bee Amazing, Bee FCE!!!!

Diane Uher

TAFCE VP for Public Policy

Treasurer

I am excited about State Conference this year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Statement of Account

Checking Account	\$23,320.20
FCL Checking Account	\$ 4,072.12
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 3,119.05
Certificate of Deposit	\$24,820.29
Total Funds July 31, 2018	\$55,331.66

Membership

	TAFCE	NAFCE
Central	1757	32
Eastern	1076	24
Western	767	84
TOTAL	3600	140

Tammy Halliburton TAFCE Treasurer

Western Region Education Chair

Nancy is busy getting the books and list together for Cultural Arts. She wanted to remind everyone she needs **names, address, and counties** on the registration forms and region list being sent to her.

Eastern Regional Education Chair

I have received all the essays and they are ready to be judged. I have 26 books left over from 2017 Creative Writing. I will be selling the **2017 books** for \$5.00 at the 37th TAFCE conference in Memphis.

Our scholarship winners have been awarded their first installment to their college. They will be invited to speak at the conference, if they are available.

Looking forward to seeing you in Memphis

"Bee Amazing Bee FCE" Mary Kay Davis

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Central Region Education Chair

50 year membership was due July 1st. I received 4 from Central Region and 1 from Eastern Region. They have all been sent to UT and approved to receive pin and certificate at TAFCE State Conference in November. Letters to the individual recipients will be mailed in the next week or so to confirm if they will be attending Conference.

I am waiting on Fashion Revue winners to be submitted to me after all the Regional Meetings have been held this month. After receiving those I will be working hard to get all the entries into our slide show for conference. I am hoping for a better turn out this year for Fashion Revue at TAFCE State Conference in Memphis this November.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Conference this year.
Thank You, Crystal Holt

Eastern Regional President

Eastern Region is diligently working to secure a venue for the 2020 Annual State Conference. Conference Chairperson, Caroline Bales has investigated hotels in Gatlinburg, Johnson City and Kingsport. Edgewater Hotel in Gatlinburg has classroom and ballroom facilities that are too small. Pigeon Forge doesn't have a hotel available that includes convention facilities. We would need to use the separate Le Conte Convention Center. Meadow View Hotel by Marriott in Kingsport is a perfect venue for 2020. It has 42 classrooms/meeting rooms, large ballroom, on site restaurants, and normal November room rates to the public in November are in the \$130's. Caroline has been trying to connect with the administrator of special events who is based in Atlanta.

Eastern Region held its annual Spring Conference at Clyde Austin 4 H Camp in Greenville in May. Our theme was "Up, Up and Away With FCE". Campers made and launched a huge tissue paper hot air balloon with our special guest speaker, Meigs County Extension Agent Meagen Brown. Meagen shared the lessons taught to 6th grade 4 H members. We are sure that the adult campers learned as much and had as much fun as the students usually have. Our banquet luncheon was attended by 100 members and guests; tables were beautifully decorated with hot air balloons decorations made by each county. Thirty craft and informational classes were taught. Our Wrapped In Love charitable project was a collection of over 500 personal items donated by our counties to the Greenville Center, "The Opportunity House" which provides service to homeless and others in need during emergencies.

Many members present reported that this was the best camp ever attended. Eastern Region wishes to extend a huge thank you to Carolyn Thomas, Vice President of Programs, her volunteers and all of the Eastern Region Officers who helped make camp a huge success. A special thank you goes out to Tammy Guess (State Board Fashion Revue Chair Crystal Holt's mother), Crystal's grandmother and two nieces who were constant volunteers at camp.

Carolyn Thomas and her committee members are now working on Eastern Region's Fall Mini Conference which will be held at Rothchild Event Center in Knoxville on September 21st. The theme will be "Fall Into FCE" with emphasis upon our historical heritage with old time musical entertainment being provided by Fran Howard, Eastern Region Treasurer, and two musicians related to another Eastern Region Officer. Our Wrapped in Love charitable project will be the Thompson Cancer Center.

Our annual regional Leadership Day will be held on November 26. Carter County Extension Agent, Vickie Clark will teach an FCL lesson on "Recruiting New Members" as part of the day's workshop.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Holcomb
Eastern Region President

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Central Regional President

The Central Region had an excellent Retreat with 29 instructors offering 73 classes of crafts and learning sessions. They are gearing up for their Annual Meeting September 13th where their Cultural Arts and Fashion Review will be judged.

The 2019 Conference Chair is keeping the planning stages of the conference ever present in our minds. Thme boards were displayed at Retreat, to be delivered to the State.

Central Region is making progress in their attempt to have the Human Trafficking Hotline number in every member's cell phone. Ultimately, we hope Eastern and Western to follow suit. What an impact we can make to be prepared if ever we suspect something suspicious. National Human Trafficking Hotline Number: 1 (888) 373-7888

Website: humantraffickinghotline.org

Emily Gordon, CR President

Western Regional Education Chair

Western Region is buzzing along for TAFCE Conference November 11-14 at the Memphis Hilton. Conference Coordinator Ann Luther and her committee chairs are a honey of a team! Bee Amazing, Bee FCE!

TAFCE-Western Region held its Annual Mini-Conference on July 31, 2018, at the Henry County Fairgrounds, Paris, TN. Continuing with our region focus on LEADERSHIP, our theme was:

"Bee the Leader fCE Needs"

Retired Marine Corps Captain Dan Dziekonski gave an excellent educational presentation on LEADERSHIP. In addition to our annual business meeting, we had our regional Cultural Arts competition and Fashion Revue, and announced winners of the Creative Writing contest. Each county was asked to bring a basket valuing at least \$50 for the Basket Silent Auction, with money from this going to the hospitality room for TAFCE Conference. Lunch was catered by Miss D's Catering.

We are working on plans for our next Leadership-In-Action, with a tentative date of January 10, 2019 (snow date Jan. 15th) at the UT Research Center in Jackson.

Our next conference planning date, for committee chairs only, will be September 17th at 1:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 104 N. Church Ave., Camden, TN.

The July edition of our region's quarterly newsletter is available on our region webpage. Western Region Family & Community Education: Like us on Facebook! *Western Region Family & Community Education*

I continue to BEE proud of working with this AMAZING group!

Respectfully submitted,

Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR President

State Conference Chair

Your 2018 TAFCE State Conference is almost here! Come and join the "busy bees" of Western Region as we swarm into Memphis, November 11-14. Registration packets were mailed to all county council presidents in July and emailed to FCS Agents, so contact one of them if you do not have your packet yet. It is also on the state TAFCE web site. Registration deadline to receive our special room rate at the Hilton Memphis is October 1.

Classes galore! With over 20 classes available, you are sure to find something of interest. Walk-in crafts classes are being taught several times, with preregistration requested. Plus four tours, Jazzy Jars, "Sex in the Garden," Executive Alumni Silent Auction, "The Honey Pot" Hospitality Room, "The Bee Hive" Gift Shop, and Games, Games, Games are just a few of the many things to help you "Bee Amazing" in Memphis.

Feel free to contact me, Ann Luther, you conference coordinator, at annluth03@comcast.net or 615-799-5356 if you have a question. See you in Memphis.

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UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR

Consumer Economics Impacts through Tennessee FCS Extension Programs

We are appreciative of our work in communities with TAFCS members across the state. In many counties TAFCS members partner to implement Extension consumer economics programs. Through this work agents and volunteer leaders have focused programming on (1) training citizens in sound basic financial practices, (2) encouraging Tennesseans to save to build assets over their working lives, and (3) encouraging individuals and households to reduce dependence on credit and decrease debt.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension financial education activities are conducted through bankruptcy education, homebuyer education, High School Financial Planning and teacher training, saving education for adults and youth, and financial education simulations for youth. Counties across Tennessee reported 136,880 total direct educational contacts by agents and volunteers through group meetings, programs, and other direct methods. An additional 1,172,392 Tennesseans were reached with the message of the importance of savings and financial responsibility through agent and volunteer media and exhibits. Agents logged a total of 18,112 hours in financial education programming with 4,953 additional hours logged by volunteers.

Our Impacts: The percentage of Extension clientele reporting saving fell to 56.0 after rising consistently over the prior three years (36.9 percent in 2014; 58.9 in 2015; and 62.3 in 2016). Per-month savings and debt reduction amounts continued to trend down. The estimated economic impact of clienteles' saving totaled \$1,483,812 in 2017, with debt reduction estimates totaling \$1,329,876. The total estimated impact of Extension Tennessee Saves adult and youth programs as well as youth financial simulations on Tennesseans' saving increase and debt reduction was \$2,813,688. Six hundred thirteen prospective homeowners successfully completed homebuyer education requirements. Sixteen hundred twenty eight bankruptcy filers completed financial education courses to prepare for exiting bankruptcy. Thirteen completed pre-filing bankruptcy counseling. Dr. Ann Berry aberry9@utk.edu and Dr. Dena Wise dkwise@utk.edu are the University of Tennessee Extension Faculty who provide leadership for the Extension Consumer Economics programs across the state.

Thank you for your involvement in local efforts such as On My Own Financial Simulation, Health Insurance Literacy, and other financial education programs. Through our work we are helping individuals and families become more financially secure and build important financial management skills.

Sincerely,

Laura Stephenson, PhD

Assistant Dean

UT Extension