President's Message

Spring 2007 in California has certainly been interesting. In the Sacramento area, we had bulbs blooming in December, rain, more blossoms, no rain for weeks, more blossoms, and then rain. Perhaps organizations like ours are like the weather. We have past histories, expectations and “comfort zones” but also the challenges of the unpredicted and the need to adapt to the changes always happening.

As mentioned in the last issue of Contempo, our state needs to complete the State Affiliate Self-Assessment. The results of this process will be our ‘Plan of Work’ for the coming years. Please visit our website at www.caafcs-ca.org for a complete copy of the self-assessment document.

Pending EEF approval of a proposed funding grant, between 10 to 20 members will be needed for a one-day workshop in the Sacramento area. This probably would happen in July or early August. If you are interested, please contact me at 916-944-3553 or FPStude@aol.com.

If you are interested in participating in the self-assessment process in some other way, please send me your thoughts about our state association: irritations, praises, dreams, disappointments, fond memories, suggestions and more suggestions. Your thoughts are very important: now is the time and opportunity to share them!

Our web site keeps getting more “visitors” and the scholarship section is the most frequently viewed. It is vital that our web site have accurate and current information about the scholarships. Now that many of the scholarship deadline dates have passed and perhaps changes on applications are needed, it is vital that I be contacted to make those changes on the web site. I am asking each district to contact me by June 1st to confirm information. Also, if you have ideas for links to add to our web site, please contact me. (cont’d. page 3)
California State University
Northridge
Department of Family & Consumer Sciences

Full-time Lecturer in Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Science
Position: Full-time Lecturer position available for 2007-2008 AY (subject to budgetary approval) in ADA accredited program in nutrition, dietetics, and food science.

Qualifications: Ph.D. preferred. Master’s degree required. Registered Dietitian and active membership in American Dietetics Association required. Demonstrated clinical and administrative experience. Evidence of teaching ability in undergraduate foodservice production and management, nutrition and dietetics courses. Demonstrated computer knowledge. One degree or experience in Family and Consumer Sciences or comparable field preferred. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to teaching and mentoring a diverse student population.

Full-time Lecturer in Apparel Design and Merchandising
Position: Full-time Lecturer position available for 2007-2008 AY (subject to budgetary approval) in AAFCS accredited program in apparel design and merchandising.

Qualifications: Earned doctorate preferred. Master’s degree required. Primary emphasis in apparel design and merchandising. One degree in Family and Consumer Sciences or similar program preferred. Evidence of effective teaching experience required. Experience in student advisement desirable. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to teaching and mentoring a diverse student population.

Full-time Lecturer in Interior Design
Position: Two full-time Lecturer positions available for 2007-2008 AY (subject to budgetary approval) in CIDB accredited program in interior design.

Qualifications: Earned doctorate or MFA in Interior Design or related field preferred. Master’s degree required. One degree in Family and Consumer Sciences or similar program preferred. NCIDQ Certification preferred. Experience in design studio instruction and evidence of teaching experience. Experience in professional practice is desirable. Candidate must be qualified to teach at least three of the following content areas: lighting, building codes, structural building systems and details, drafting, CAD (AutoCAD preferred), materials and specifications, professional practices and presentation techniques. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to teaching and mentoring a diverse student population.

Department: There are 20 faculty members, 120 graduate students, and 900 undergraduate majors in 6 option areas. For more information about the department and California State University, Northridge visit http://ics.csun.edu or http://www.csun.edu.

Application Deadline for the above positions: April 30, 2007; positions open until filled. Applications should include: curriculum vitae and at least three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your work, official university transcripts, student evaluations (if available), and a cover letter including a statement of professional interest. Portfolio of professional and or student work upon request.

Inquiries and nominations should be addressed to: Dr. Allen Martin, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Family & Consumer Sciences, California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8308; 818-677-3051; FAX: 818-677-4778.
President's Message (cont'd. from page 1)

As part of our "Second Century of Helping" activities in the coming year, a special activity called the "Volunteer Campaign" will be developed. The tentative national goal is to have each affiliate document 100 hours of volunteer time and leadership skills by our members in various charities and community organizations. Maria Nicolaides, our Vice President for Communications will provide leadership for this project. More information about this special activity will be shared at our national conference in Reno. After chatting with our members and reading letters from members, this seems to be a great opportunity for our members are very active in their communities. Stay tuned for more information.

Our national association is thinking on a new way to take action on topics relevant to individuals, families and communities, and of course, family and consumer science professionals. You have a chance to be part of a focused group - an AAFCS Community. Whether your area of interest is entrepreneurship, Perkins funding, attaining tenure, or world hunger, an AAFCS Community gives you the opportunity to converge with your colleagues and take action on a topic. Check the website communities@aaftcs.org for just a few topics that might be central to an AAFCS Community. Once you identify a topic of interest, AAFCS will help you connect with fellow AAFCS members to form a Community. It only takes six people and a statement of purpose. An application form and Plan of Action with a request for funding, if necessary, is part of the process.

If you would like to start a community, e-mail communities@aaftcs.org by May 15th. Help is available. In fact, your area of interest may be spotlighted at the 2007 Annual Conference in Reno, June 21-24, 2007.

Along with summer travel and relaxation activities, I hope you will participate one or more of the opportunities in our association. Please do not limit yourself to one of the activities mentioned in this newsletter as you can develop one of your own...after all you are a capable, talented and busy person. Take good care of yourself. Betty Knopf, Ed.D.

Follow-Up Checklist

___Sign up for Contempo by e-mail.

___Sign up for State Self Assessment Project.

___Share your thoughts about our state association for the Self Assessment Project.

___Join Centennial Quilt Project Group.

___Confirm and/or report new scholarship information, if you are a District President; and

___Go to Reno for 98th Annual AAFCS Conference on June 21-24, 2007!!!
Call for AAFCS Annual Conference Volunteers!

The Nevada Affiliate could use a little help from their friends. If you are attending the Annual Conference in Reno and are willing to give some of your time to assist the Nevada Affiliate with various tasks, such as taking tickets at luncheons, counting participants at sessions, helping set up the AAFCS booth/bookstore, or greeting participants at sessions. No experience is needed. We will provide training at the conference.

*Please contact Paula Schaefer (pschaefer6@cox.net) by May 31.

OPPORTUNITY

By Betty Knopf, Ed.D.

The Nominating Committee continues to search for a member to become Vice President-Programs. The major duty of the office is to plan our state’s conference. By tradition, our next state conference should be held in “the north”. This is an opportunity for a member to provide leadership and service to our professional association. It is important to know that many members who have provided leadership to past conferences are again willing to work on our next conference. If you are a person who is willing to take on a challenge, perhaps newly retired, perhaps has already “been there done this” in the past, or perhaps having a “professional moment”, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members:

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Memories Shared by Members

By Betty Knopf, Ed.D

Recently an EEF grant enabled me to present award certificates to 111 members who have been AAFCS members for over 40 years. I really enjoyed designing the certificates and making the presentations to the members who were present at our conference in Los Angeles. When I mailed out the certificates to the other members, I enclosed a cover letter and told the recipients I would enjoy hearing from them about some of their special “home ec” memories and experiences. I also told them I thought others in our association would enjoy knowing about our history, possibly in Contempo. Well, the responses have been overwhelming. I will long-cherish these responses from some of our very talented, committed, and enthusiastic members.

Frances Saunders shared that she left CA for a trip to Europe and never got back to CA until she retired. On her return home trip from Europe, she had a stopover in New York and ended up getting a job for the gas company in home and community services where she worked for 26 years.

Jane Beattie Huxtable called and wrote me to express her appreciation for her certificate. In her written note she asked, “How does one condense easily 63 of membership including historical changes?” While talking on the telephone, Jane shared she taught 8 years and then got married, as she “was busy.” She has now been married for 56 years. When we were talking on the telephone, she closed our conversation with the thought that she still gets excited to see the Betty Lamp, the symbol of our profession and what we can do for families.

Shirley Exeter expressed her appreciation for “the neat certificate.” Shirley highlighted the numerous offices she had held in her local district and in our state association. She also was a home economics teacher at a junior high in Los Angeles and for the last 17 years has been working as an assistant manager/activities director in an independent living site for seniors.

Delores Bonander wrote a very thought provoking letter. (...And she did not think of herself as “special”). She grew up on a farm during the early 30’s Depression era, which inspired her to “the love of cooking, sewing, food preservation and making the best of a situation.” Inspired by her mother and high school “home ec” teachers, she received a Special Secondary Teaching Credential in Home Economics and taught high school for 6 years. Being adventurous, she became a Home Advisor for the UC Co-op Extension Program in Fresno County. One of her fond memories was the program “Dressing by Design” that included a personal color plan.  (continued on page 7)
Register for Nevada Educational Excursions by May 20!

Space is limited, and time is running out to register for the exciting educational excursions coordinated by the Nevada Affiliate. If you attend the Annual Conference in Reno and would like to participate, be sure to register by May 20th. There is a separate fee for the excursions and they are subject to change.

*Due by May 20, 2007 Excursion Registration Form (use for all but Clothing & Textiles Tour) Clothing & Textiles Tour Registration Form *Due by May 20, 2007

June 20, 2007 - Educational Excursions

Clothing & Textiles Tour 9:00am - 4:30pm
$65 per person *Tour includes transportation, admission fees, lunch, and all gratuities.
Join us on an outing to the state capital in Carson City. At our first stop, the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center, you will enjoy a fascinating tour of historic Nevada costumes from the 18th century.

Tahoe Gal Cruise 10:00am - 3:00pm
$73.00 per person *Tour includes Lunch, Round-Trip Transportation, and Shopping Shuttle in Tahoe City.
This scenic cruise begins after a beautiful drive from the Grand Sierra Resort. The Tahoe Gal is a replica of the paddlewheel boats that plied Lake Tahoe in the latter 1800's and early 1900's, primarily used as public transportation prior to the development of roads around the lake. Your 2-1/2 hour cruise is a historic trip along Lake Tahoe's West Shore. Bring your camera and take advantage of the spectacular photo ops!

A Day in Virginia 10:00am - 3:00pm
$70.00 per person *Tour includes Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation and Lunch.
As you ascend into the foothills, the exciting history of Virginia City and how this boomtown came to life will be revealed. Built on the riches of gold and silver ore, Virginia City was not only known as "the richest place on earth", but was also the biggest city between San Francisco and St. Louis in the 1860's. Abounding with 30,000 people and 110 saloons, it was an affluent city with a rowdy population.

Reno City Exploration 12:30pm - 4:30pm
$45.00 per person *Tour includes Transportation/Museum Fees. Comfortable Shoes recommended.
Welcome to Reno, "The Biggest Little City in the World." Reno is the center of a growing metropolitan area, which lies in the foothills in the northeastern area of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Attracting over five million visitors annually, the area has something for everyone.

A Nevada Style Evening 6:00pm - 9:00pm
$70.00 per person *Tour includes, Three-Course Dinner and Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation.
Comfortable shoes and a Light Jacket are recommended.
Nevada is part of the "Old West" and this excursion is sure to give you a feel for why this area is famous for. Just a short drive from the Grand Sierra Resort, you will take a step back in time and experience a western-style cook out. Along the way you will hear stories of the mining days and take in spectacular scenery.

Massage sent by AAFCS, 400 N. Columbus Street, Suite 202, Alexandria, VA 22314
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“Little by little changes have occurred. As popular interest has changed, changes of funding have followed. This has led to differences in emphasis in Home Economics. Some of the changes in Home Economics have been in specialists, names and new programs. However, I have found that as Family and Consumer ‘Scientists’ we all are resilient, adapt to the times and have become strong in new areas.”

Peggy Olivier expressed her thanks for the award recognizing her 46 years as a member and how she continues to be proud to be a Home Economist.

Willy Hall got involved with FHA and took home ec classes in high school. She shared some highlights of her association activities and she continues to teach...this is year 43! “The home ec thing has always been present in my life.”

Ruth Johnson became a member of the Home EC Club in college. She didn’t pay her association dues for several years after graduation until motivated by Dr. Gladys Stevenson. She then became involved in the LA District. She became an R.D., and taught part time at CSULB and CSULA and did some special projects with many cardiologists. She retired from USC as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine. Ruth was a founding member of the Whittier Home Economists in Home and Community Group in 1956 and the group celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2006 (and currently it has 52 members).

Em Riggs sends her appreciation for the award for her 65 years of membership. Em considered herself as “so very shy and didn’t realize there were such things as counselors” when she went to college. She expressed her interest in dress designing to a counselor and the counselor said, “Then HOME ECONOMICS is for you!” As Em shared, “All learning did not take place in the classroom.” She remembers convocations, speakers such as Amelia Earhart, and the mentoring of Hortense Hearst who was the State Home Economics supervisor...“I took the messages very seriously.” With the skills and knowledge of Home Economics, networking, having mentors and being a mentor, taking risks, sometimes being a bit gutsy, and having a passion for work, I have had a rewarding and extraordinary career in home economics.” She shared her hopes that our association “can move progressively for a new way, new hope, new day.”

Judith Douthit started teaching in 1955 and joined our association “as soon as possible”. Her career included teaching middle school, senior high school and adult education. She now is very active as a volunteer in a long list of organizations and enjoys reading Contempo.

Evelyn Clarke expressed her surprise and thanks to receive the special certificate. She sends her “wish for the younger members to continue their activity in our association.”
Industry Collaborative Grant  Submitted by: Joann Driggers—jdrigger@mtsac.edu

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The purpose of this project is to continue to improve vocational and technical education in Family and Consumer Sciences TOP Code 13 (Child Development; Family Studies; Fashion Merchandising and Design; Gerontology; Hospitality; Interior Design and Merchandising; Life Management/Consumer Services; and Nutrition, Foods, and Culinary Arts). Priorities for this grant are established with the direct advice of the business, industry and educational community via the Family and Consumer Sciences Statewide Advisory Committee.

A major activity is maintaining and updating the FCS website, www.cccfcs.com. FCS experts submit original articles for posting. The grant staff searches the Internet, journals and web sites of professional organizations for articles and events of interest to FCS educators and then writes a short abstract and links to the original document. Ongoing projects such as student leadership events, mini-grant outcomes, and the like are posted as well.

Educators are informed of events in FCS Flash!, the electronic professional development newsletter written and disseminated by this project. Over the year 18 issues highlight local, state, and global events pertinent to FCS. Then each issue presents a classroom activity for faculty to use that will expand student work-based skills and knowledge. Previous issues are archived on the web site.

For the past five years this grant has organized three student leadership events in the fields of Culinary Arts, Interiors and Fashion. The first two events draw over 100 people each, while on 2007 the Fashion Symposium attracted over 1100 students, plus 100 industry and education representatives. Visit the web site to view posters and invitations, photos, competition rules, and the like.

This project supports numerous research activities that create better communication with and among FCS educators, creating stronger programs that meet California’s labor market needs, and increasing student access to interesting and high demand careers. For the last two years this grant has partnered with others on the Child Development Curriculum Alignment project. When complete, 100 CCC and numerous CSUs will have negotiated a common 24 unit Child Development core. Other similar activities include Partnership Model Mini-grants, articulation meetings, and sub-discipline projects. They all address career pathways using work-based learning, strengthen the connections between secondary and postsecondary systems, and integrate academic and vocational skills in order to prepare students for careers that pay family-supporting wages. All opportunities and outcomes are reported on the web site: www.cccfcs.com.
AAFCS Graduate and Pre-Professional Student Chapter (CSULB) News Update

The AAFCS Student Chapter at CSULB met five times during the last academic year. Goals for the year were to increase membership and raise funds to help support student attendance at professional meetings.

Meetings were held on the first Monday of each month at 5:30pm in the Education Lab. This time was chosen because it would accommodate new students who attended an FCS credential class scheduled immediately after the AAFCS meeting time. There were 13 members in the Chapter during this academic year.

After attending the fall and spring CA-AFCS Board of Directors meetings as Southern Region Representative for Graduate and Pre-Professional Student Chapters, President Leha Vo informed the members about current issues, activities and meetings that took place in California and at the national level. Four student members attended the National AAFCS Conference in San Diego and shared what they learned in the many sessions they attended.

Department’s conference room in the fall. Many orders were placed by students, staff and faculty, and a total of $49.65 was raised for the Chapter.

A 49ers campus grant was written requesting support in the way of supplies and materials for the Chapter’s FCS booth at the annual Kaleidoscope Fair on the CSULB campus, however it was not funded. For this reason and due to student schedule conflicts, the AAFCS photo booth planned for promoting FCS was cancelled.

Leadership development was selected as the focus for the next academic year. Students will learn about leadership by attending workshops sponsored by the Career Development Center and other educational sessions conducted by the Associated Student Association and by using parliamentary procedure skills at meetings.

Dr. Margaret Lichten, AAFCS Chapter Advisor
California State University Long Beach

As an alternative to the sale of See’s Candy for fundraising, a Pampered Chef Open House was held in the FCS

Attention Quilters

The AAFCS Centennial Planning Committee has initiated an idea that members from each affiliate can develop a quilt(s) that focuses on our rich and wonderful history. Participants would research the AAFCS achievements of the past 100 years (using the archives) and develop a quilt(s). Each state would provide a quilt to the 2009 AAFCS Centennial Celebration to be displayed and then auctioned to raise money for the Centennial Fund. If you are interested in researching our history or working on a quilt, contact Betty Knopp at fpstudie@aol.com or call 916-944-3553.
Spend Summer
2008
in The South Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii)

13 day tour—$3261 for those under 23 at the time of the tour, $3676 for those 23 and over.

Just $95 secures your spot and locks in your price.
Volunteers Needed

10-20 volunteers are needed for the special State Self Assessment Workshop July 21, 2007 in Sacramento. Complete information is available at the CA-FACS website

www.aafcs-ca.org.
Sign up NOW for Contempo by E-mail

My goal was to get 23 more people to sign-up to get Contempo by e-mail. Wooh! We now have 24 more people who made this choice.

...But I have purchased 23 more “wonderful collector items”, ...So you can still get a “collectors item”...when you sign-up to receive Contempo by e-mail.

Contact Betty Knopf at fpstude@aol.com

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