Prestigious National Honors for WAFCS Members

Sue Buck Named AAFCS Director-at-Large

(Alexandria, Va. - June 30, 2007) — Sue Buck, CFCS, EdD, Central District director, University of Wisconsin-Extension, was named director-at-large of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) at the recent AAFCS 98th Annual Conference & Expo in Reno, Nevada. In a formal installation ceremony, Buck and other AAFCS officers for the fiscal year 2007-2008 were officially sworn in by Past President Don Bower, CFCS, before an audience of nearly 900 members and other conference participants.

“I am looking forward to serving the members of AAFCS as we move into the second century of our profession,” said Buck. “This is an exciting time for us with the observance of the Centennial of our organization, which develops family and consumer sciences professionals who improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities.”

Buck can draw on her 30 years of outstanding contributions to AAFCS in her new role as director-at-large. She served as president of the Illinois Affiliate, member of the AAFCS Board of Directors, chair of the Extension Section, and chair of the AAFCS Council for Accreditation. Before becoming Central District director with the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Buck held positions as family and consumer sciences educator and county department head in Henry County, Illinois, and Southeast District family and consumer sciences program specialist in Oklahoma.

Her honors include the AAFCS Leaders Award, Distinguished Service Award, NEAFCS Award for Diversity and Distinguished Service Award, and the Award of Merit from the University of Illinois School of Human Resources and Family Studies/College of Agriculture.

Buck earned a bachelor’s degree in family and consumer sciences and journalism, a master’s degree from the University of Illinois, and a doctoral degree in adult and continuing education from Northern Illinois University.

Kendra K. Naef Named AAFCS National Teacher of the Year

Kendra K. Naef, CFCS, of Kimberly High School, Kimberly, Wis., received the prestigious American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 2007 National Teacher of the Year (T.O.Y.) award at the AAFCS 98th Annual Conference & Expo in Reno, Nev., last month.

The AAFCS National T.O.Y. award, sponsored by AAFCS and co-sponsored by publisher Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, recognizes outstanding educational programs, methods, techniques, and activities that give visibility to family and consumer sciences (FCS) elementary and secondary education and support “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB).

Each participating AAFCS affiliate selects its Teacher of the Year and the winning affiliate entries are submitted to AAFCS for the national competition. From this group, the Top T.O.Y.s are selected, with the most outstanding receiving the number one award. The National T.O.Y. is selected based upon the following criteria: integration of FCS with the core curriculum (NCLB) and other disciplines; exemplary level of professional commitment to FCS; goals and outcomes of the program; sustainability of the program; creativity, innovation, and cutting-edge techniques in the program; ability to sustain funding and overcome obstacles or challenges; positive influence on the lives of students; relevancy and timely impact on the students, school, and community; and increasing the visibility, recognition, and support of the FCS profession within the community.

“Being recognized as the 2007 AAFCS National Teacher of the Year is a great honor,” said Naef. “I feel privileged to work closely with students and to continue my learning alongside them. AAFCS has provided me with a strong understanding of the philosophical foundation on which the profession was founded, as well as opportunities for leadership, professional development, and networking with FCS colleagues.”

Through Naef’s unique and innovative P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S. program, special education students are teamed with regular education 11th and 12th graders to develop positive social and academic relationships. The program contributes to decreased stereotypes, positive peer attitudes, advocacy for individuals with special needs, and a more harmonious school culture.

Following an initial orientation, both special education and regular education groups are brought together for an introduction to the P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S. program and for teacher-led activities that incorporate cooperation, tolerance, patience, teamwork, and the identification of similarities. Then students from both groups are partnered and interview each other to construct visual representations of themselves and discuss their interests. Throughout the remainder of the semester, pairs of regular education students develop, plan, and teach weeklong units.
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Message from The President

My year as WAFC President has started off with a BANG! Attending the national meeting in Reno, representing WAFC at the Affiliate President’s meeting, serving on the Conference Planning Committee, celebrating Kenda’s Teacher of the Year Award, helping with the invitation to Milwaukee, leading the first board meeting has been a “short-course” on the AAFC/WAFC and all it has to offer – which is LOTS!

We have a very busy year ahead of us as host of the 2008 national meeting. Hosting a conference of this size is a big undertaking, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get involved with a very tangible project. As the WAFC board discussed goals for 2007-2008, three that stand out for me are:

1. involving all WAFC members in hosting the conference
2. increasing WAFC member attendance at the annual conference, and
3. making the conference a positive growth experience for WAFC – let our strengths grow and shine!

And at the rate the year is going, June 19-22, 2007 will be here before you know it. If you don’t already have the dates on your calendar, write them in and start saving – a dollar or two a day and you’ll be set by next June. And please think about how you would like to be involved in the conference – do you like to introduce speakers, host excursions, work at a hospitality booth, work on conference PR – just to mention a few possibilities.

A couple other things the WAFC Board will be working on next year include:
• updating our state website
• looking at board size and organizations, and
• preparing for our 100th celebration in 2008-2009

The Milwaukee Conference, will serve as the kick-off for the AAFC Centennial Celebration. Like many FCS professionals, I enjoy reading and learning about our founders and early work, so one of the highlights of the 2007 Annual Conference for me, was a presentation by Dr. Jan Scholl at the Extension Luncheon. Jan’s presentation “Strolling Down Memory Lane” included footage from a black and white silent Cooperative Extension film made between 1917 and 1931 on “modernizing” your kitchen with running water. It was great and I hope to see it again!

As I returned home, I checked out websites that focus on the history of our profession and will be sharing with you through the newsletter, some of the “gems” I found. A couple of my favorites quotes were found on the Cornell website — quotes by Ellen Swallow Richards and Eleanor Roosevelt:
“Home Economics stands for the ideal home life for today unharnpered by the traditions of the past and the utilization of all the resources of modern science to improve home life.”

Ellen Swallow Richards (1904) Instructor in Sanitary Chemistry at MIT and Founder of the Home Economics Movement. “Home-making today should have a background of scientific training because in this way can real efficiency be achieved. The average girl wants to be able to keep her house with the least possible strain, and in order to do this she must have good training. This can best be achieved by taking a good course in home economics.” Eleanor Roosevelt (1933) First Lady and Social Reformer

I think these quotes have stood the test of time and are great reminders of what our profession is really about.

I look forward to working with you this next year and thank you for the opportunity to serve WAFC in this role. Till later, take care!
Use Your IRA Distribution to Make a Tax-Free Gift

Here’s some exciting news that can help you plan a tax-effective strategy for your IRA distributions in 2007 while you support the WAFCS Foundation, but time is of the essence! For the tax year of 2007, taxpayers over the age of 70-1/2 years may donate up to $100,000 from an IRA to a charity or non-profit organization without having the distribution count as taxable income on their federal income tax return. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 provided a one-step option to make a charitable contribution directly from your IRA to a non-profit organization in 2006 or 2007 with no tax consequences. The WAFCS Foundation can accept such gifts. Your IRA charitable distribution will satisfy all or part of your required minimum IRA distribution for 2007.

Wisconsin does not follow this federal tax provision. Therefore, on your Wisconsin tax return, you must report the withdrawal from your IRA as income and the charitable contribution as an itemized deduction. If the charitable contribution exceeds 30% of your modified adjusted gross income, the excess cannot be deducted in the year of the contribution but can be carried over to the next five tax years. The carry over can be deducted in those years subject to the 30% of modified adjusted gross income limit.

Some Restrictions Apply

- You must be 70-1/2 years of age.
- Tax benefits apply for gifts up to $100,000 per person in 2006 and 2007.
- You can make these IRA charitable distributions in 2006 and 2007 only.
- You must instruct your IRA account administrator to make the distribution directly to the charity or non-profit.
- Only outright charitable gifts can be made (not life-income gifts such as charitable gift annuities).
- Your gift must be made to a public charity such as the WAFCS Foundation (not to donor-advised funds or private foundations).

How to Make the Tax-Free Gift

To obtain the tax advantages, the charitable distribution must be made directly from the IRA account itself. Contact your IRA administrator to find out if they have a form you must use and:

- Instruct the administrator to send the distribution check to the following address: Karen Goebel, WAFCS Foundation Chair, 1821 Camelot Drive, Madison, WI 53705 or to Susan Turgeson, WAFCS Treasurer, 816 Ingalls Road, Menomonie, WI 54751.
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- Inform WAFCS that you are making an IRA charitable distribution by contacting Karen Goebel or Susan Turgeson.

Recent Donations

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Our Founder

In 1909, Ellen H. Richards founded the American Home Economics Association. Ms. Richards was the first female graduate and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an activist for consumer education, nutrition, child protection, industrial safety, public health, career education, women’s rights, purity of air, food, and water, and the application of scientific and management principles to the family. Her professional experience and foresight led to the formalization of the family and consumer sciences profession.

Our Symbol

In 1926, the American Home Economics Association adopted the Betty Lamp as a symbol for the association. The lamp derived its name from the German words “besser” or “bete,” meaning “to make better.” The Betty Lamp produced comparatively good light for its time and was used widely by early American colonists. Mildred Chamberlain of Chicago submitted the design stating, “The lamp in colonial days provided light for all household industries.” Similarly, the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) provides enlightenment through leadership in thought and action for family and consumer sciences professionals.

Our Focus

Today, AAFCS strives to improve the quality and standards of individual and family life by providing educational programs, influencing public policy and through communication. More than 10,000+ members work to empower individuals, strengthen families and enable communities. Our members focus on an integrative approach to the reciprocal relationships among individuals, families and communities, as well as the environments in which they function. The association supports the profession as it provides leadership in:

- improving individual, family and community well being;
- impacting the development, delivery and evaluation of consumer goods and services;
- influencing the creation of public policy; and
- shaping social change.

AAFCS is the only national organization representing family and consumer sciences professionals across practice areas and content specializations. Our members provide guidance and practical knowledge about the things of everyday life, including human growth and development, personal behavior, housing and environment, food and nutrition, apparel and textiles, and resource management, so that students and consumers can make sound decisions and enjoy a healthy, productive and more fulfilling life.

AAFCS 99th Annual Conference & Expo
June 19 - 22, 2008
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, WI
**WAFCS Prepares to Host the 2008 AAFCS Conference to be held in Milwaukee in June**

The Local Arrangements Tour Committee for the AAFCS Annual Meeting in 2008 has finalized seven wonderful options for the attendees at the conference. Mark your calendars for Wednesday June 18th. Briefly, the options include tours to:

- Kohler/Waelderhaus
- Ten Chimneys/Delafield
- Kikkoman/Lake Geneva Cruise Farm/NASCO
- Foods Industry/Miller Brewery/Park
- Nancy’s Notions/Olympus/Canvasbacks
- Boerner Gardens/Taste of Home
- Evening Ethnic Dining options

We are looking for volunteers to help. You must be a paid registrant for the conference and pay for the tour.

Many thanks to Mary Kaye Merwin and Ginny Hall for their countless hours spent at the Wisconsin booth promoting next year’s AAFCS Educational tours.

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**Role of School Gardens in African Education**

_Growing Gardens, Harvesting an Education: the Role of School Gardens in African Education_, was presented by Dr. Mary Crave*. Mary has traveled many times to the Congo and Rwanda with a USDA program that uses school gardens to increase student attendance, feed children, provide a laboratory for teaching life skills, and to train teachers. The school garden program has received an international award from the USDA. The President’s Initiative provides scholarships for new uniforms and shoes so children can attend school, textbooks, teacher training, and a school feeding program. All are important, yet I came away from Mary’s presentation knowing that the value of the school garden is the ‘hands on’ experience. The program helps teachers and community learn about soil conditions, soil preparation and nutrition; uses the garden to teach measurement and spelling; motivates children to come to school. Twenty-seven schools have implemented the garden project. It is easy to see why the gardens are successful and how they become a focal point of the community.

Mary shared beautiful pictures of the people, the region and the children. Her pictures depicted a school culture where 80-160 children are ‘crammed’ into a classroom area, teachers receive $40/month and an old tire on a ring serves as the school bell. On the positive side, the smiling faces of children in new uniforms, wearing brightly colored clogs are a treasure by itself.

Research from the National School Breakfast Program supports the importance of school meals to attendance at school and to learning. Children learn better when they are not hungry. The ‘Growing Gardens’ program is making this a reality for children in Africa.

Mary, I am proud of your efforts and marvel at the talent you bring to the international community.

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* Mary is an administrator and teacher with UW-Extension and a consultant for USDA’s Foreign Agriculture Service.
My Perspective of a Family Impact Seminar

On January 24, 2007 I had the opportunity to attend a Family Impact Seminar, “Affordable Strategies to Cover the Uninsured: Policy Approaches from Other States”. The following program was presented:

- **What Can We Learn About Federal ERISA Law from Maryland’s Court Decision**, presented by Patricia A. Butler, a leading expert in the country on ERISA.
- **Promising Elements of the Massachusetts Approach: A Health Insurance Pool, Individual Mandates, and Federal Tax Subsidies**, presented by Rick Curtis, President of the Institute for Health Policy Solutions. He has been consulted by policy makers in every state and was director of Health Policy Studies at the National Governors Association.
- **How New York and Arizona Used Reinsurance to help Businesses Control the Cost of Health Insurance**, presented by Randall Bovbjerg, Principal Research Associate in the Health Policy Center at the Urban Institute.

Following the presentations attendees could participate in discussion sessions with the presenters.

While Wisconsin’s uninsured rate of 4% to 5% has not changed over the last decade, health care was one of Wisconsin residents’ top concerns. Several changes are occurring with insurance coverage. These include the following:

- Employer coverage fell from 79% to 71% for Wisconsin Residents under 65.
- Medicaid coverage rose from 8% to 13%.

These factual presentations were refreshing and showed the complexity of the issue of health care. A key feature of the Family Impact Seminars format is that all sides have equal time to present their research and that debate and discussion is held until after all of the presentations.

Based on the presentations at the seminar, I feel Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold and Representative Tammy Baldwin have the right idea, let the states innovate. Both Feingold and Baldwin have worked at the federal level to save “Wisconsin Senior Care” a Wisconsin innovation. Recently Feingold relaunched his State-Based Health Care Reform Act proposal, this time with Lindsey Graham, R-SC. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are working to modify innovative health care plans that meet their own needs. I encourage you to write to either of our elected officials to endorse or oppose their stances.

Family Impact Seminars are coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and other family-serving organizations in the state to provide an unbiased viewpoint of public policies that affect families. As a professional organization that advocates for families, WAFCS is invited to send a representative. Seminars are always held in Madison so that state legislators can attend. It would be impossible to wrap one’s arms around the positive, thought provoking input that the Family Impact Seminars bring as they share the seminars with decision makers and leaders at the local, state and national level. Congratulations to Karen Bogenschneider, and her staff on a job well done. Karen serves as Director of the Wisconsin Impact Seminars and is a Family Policy specialist, University of Wisconsin - Extension.

To obtain a copy of Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars proceedings, **Evidence-Based Health Policy Project: Affordable Strategies to Cover the Uninsured: Policy Approaches from Other States**, contact the Cooperative Extension Publications office at (toll-free) 877-947-7827 or http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Family-Impact-Seminars-C223.aspx

Submitted by Priscilla S. Bondhus
Sarah Collentine serves as National Officer

Hi WAFCS! My name is Sarah Collentine and I am excited to serve as the National Student Unit (SU) Vice Chair of Outreach and Service for the 2007-2008 term. My main responsibility will be the coordination of the national service project to be presented at next summer’s national AAFCS conference which will be held in Milwaukee WI from June 18–22. Some of my other responsibilities will be teleconferencing monthly with the entire national officer team and publishing articles for the AAFCS SU newsletter. As a national officer I hope to motivate student chapters to become more involved at both a state and national level in AAFCS. I will also be encouraging many students to attend the national AAFCS conference in Milwaukee next summer. All you Wisconsin SU members better be there to show your Wisconsin pride! The national conferences are a great way to meet other SU members, network with professionals, learn valuable skills and get ideas for reaching a diverse population of students, and have fun!

This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to attend my first AAFCS national conference, its 98th, held in Reno, Nevada. I had a great time meeting other students and hanging out at the nightly SU events. I also enjoyed the variety of sessions and keynote speakers presenting at the conference. It was also an opportunity for students to share their interests and passions with the professional members. As the winner of the undergraduate student research competition—(which all undergraduate students who have completed written research are eligible for) I had the honor of presenting my research titled, The cycle must be broken: an examination of pesticide dependence and its effects on children at the coordinating council of honor societies luncheon. I shared staggering statistics like, “In 2003, the U.S. used more than one billion pounds of conventional pesticides (Agate et al., 2000, Kiel et al., 2004). I went on to explain that children are exposed to these agricultural pesticides in a variety of ways. Routes of exposures include: hand-mouth behaviors, breast milk, tap water, soil, fruits and vegetables. Physiological factors also play into exposure—the most prominent being that children, while smaller, have higher metabolism, heart and respiratory rates, which increase chances for high levels of exposure. My presentation went on to share some of the physical and cognitive deficits that are caused by high pesticide exposure. Some of the most common are: cancer, birth defects, low birth weight, neurobehavioral effects including cognitive functioning, gross and fine motor coordination and poor short-term memory. Other effects include endocrine disorders, higher rates of asthma and chronic Illness. I finished up my presentation by sharing the outreach and initiatives that have already been implemented to help lower the rate of children’s exposure to pesticides. My goal was to educate people on this serious issue and hopefully motivate some to get involved in the fight to decrease the number of children who are still exposed to high levels of pesticides.

I am a recent graduate of UW Madison, and in May received my B.S. degree in Human Development and Family Studies with an emphasis on child development. This summer I was selected to be an intern in the Child Life department at UW Children’s Hospital—soon to be American Family Children’s Hospital. I have spent the last 16 weeks learning how to help children and family cope with the stress of hospitalization and how the hospital environment can be normalized so children are able to cope more effectively. In September I will start my 11 month service with Americorps— a national service corps where I will be serving the South side of Milwaukee at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center. I will also be serving as the assistant advisor for UW Madison’s Nu chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron where our goals are to have higher member involvement and a more cohesive professional project. We are also in the process of writing new bylaws for our chapter and completely revamping our eligibility and initiation process. I am very excited for the year ahead and all the changes that are taking place! AAFCS and WAFCS are both growing and changing and now is an exciting time to be a part of both organizations!

If you would like to contact me with questions or comments please email sccollentine@gmail.com.

L. to R., Brittany Biffert, Amy Turner, and Sarah Collentine
Another Perspective on the Reno Conference.

The AAFCS National Conference, held in Reno, NV from June 20-25, was educational and filled with memorable experiences. The educational sessions were filled with information that all professionals could use. I liked the keynote speakers, especially Mary Kay Mueller. Her energy and outlook on life amazed me and made me look at my own life from a different perspective. Her gratitude attitude definitely showed in her address, and the stories of how she’s helped others through the years astonished me.

While there were many events for all professionals, the ones I found most enjoyable were those geared towards the students, around 95 in all. They came from Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, West Virginia, Ohio, and many other states. The first student activity was a social night with numerous board games, and I took part in an entertaining game of Apples to Apples and met students from other parts of the United States I probably wouldn’t have thought to talk to otherwise. After most of the students left, I ate with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Student Unit and got to know them on a more personal level. On Friday night the Student Unit put on a roundtable session titled: Stack the Deck in Your Favor: Tips for Student Unit Members and Chapters. All of the roundtables provided me with information that I will use to increase the numbers in my school chapter. After the roundtable session a group of us (perhaps 13 in all) headed to downtown Reno to get to know each other better. I met a lot of new people. At the Student Unit business meeting on Saturday new officers were inducted including Wisconsin’s very own, Sarah Collentine.

I learned a lot about different cultures around the world. This was my second AAFCS National Conference and much of what I learned could be used in a class I took later on multiculturalism.

If you have ever thought about attending a national conference, but haven’t because of travel…next year would be the perfect time because it’s in Wisconsin. They will be kicking off the 100 year celebration in Milwaukee June 19-22. The theme is: Evolving Technology: Impact on Individuals, Families and Communities. From what I’ve heard, it’s going to be outstanding and everyone should be there to participate!
Region 5
Southcentral Wisconsin Fall Meeting

Cows, Cheese and Family Farm Policy on the menu for October 18.

Join your colleagues from south-central Wisconsin for a consumer’s view of America’s Dairyland with a tour of the Crave Brothers Dairy and Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese on Thursday, October 18, 5:30 PM. The farm and cheese plant are in rural Waterloo, just 40 minutes east of Madison.

Crave Brothers Dairy and Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese have received numerous national and international awards for their family farm management, energy-saving and earth-friendly technologies, and tasty artisan cheeses. The businesses are owned and managed by four brothers and their families (and are brothers to WAFCS member, Mary Crave). Craves milk more than 600 cows three times a day, turning the milk into cheese that is sold throughout the US. At this showcase farm, site of 2009 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, you’ll learn how cows and calves are nurtured with good nutrition for quality milk and top reproductive health, how animal waste is turned into electricity, and some of the environmental and consumer issues farmers must respond to. After a tour of the farm and cheese factory we’ll have demonstrations on how to use cheese in meals and have dinner in the cheese plant tasting kitchen. You can also buy some cheese to take home. For more information see: www.cravecheese.com.

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2007
Location: Waterloo, WI (Meet at the Park & Ride at Hwy 12/18 and Stoughton Rd. in Madison by 4:45 to carpool.) See the back of this flyer for directions.
Time: Tour: 5:30  You can arrive any time after 5:00.
  Dinner: 7:00
  Meeting: 7:30
Cost: Students $18. Non-Students $23. Includes tour and dinner of hot and cold salads, bread, dessert and beverages. Many dishes will include Crave Farmstead Cheese.
  Dress for the weather. There is some walking from building to building and standing on flat ground. Disposable boots will be provided. Maximum 40 people.

Registration: Deadline October 5.
Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
Phone: ___________________ email:

_____ non-students @ $23 = ____________
_____ students @ $18 = ____________
TOTAL ______________
Make checks out to WAFCS
Send registration to: Dottie Winger, 8405 Oakmont Dr., Madison, WI 53717.

From Milwaukee, take I-94 west to the Lake Mills/Hwy 89 exit. Follow 89 north into Waterloo. Turn north (right) onto Hwy I/Portland Rd. From Portland Rd./Hwy I: Follow I for about 2 miles to Torpy Rd. Turn right onto Torpy. (If you get to Hwy T, you’ve just missed Torpy.) Crave Bros. Cheese is ½ mi. ahead on the right. Phone: 920-478-4887

Top Ten Reasons for Attending the 2008 Annual AAFCS Conference

1. Engage in personal and professional development opportunities with professionals from across the country.
2. Build a network with FCS professionals to enhance your FCS work.
3. Share strategies for enhancing the image of FCS and to enhance communication of the value of FCS both internally and externally.
4. Explore new tools and technologies that can be used to enhance the outcomes of FCS work.
5. Experience innovative methods of strengthening communities through FCS programs.
6. Recognize FCS members for excellence in FCS work.
7. Revitalize your commitment of FCS and the people you serve.
8. Participate in programs of interest for retirees/life members of FCS.
9. Reconnect with long time FCS colleagues and make new friends.
10. Enhance your leadership skills through committee involvement.

It’s That Time Again!

Are you sensing an inner voice nudging you to get more involved in WAFCS?...that inner voice that says “hum, that’s a great organization; I’d like to do more to help the association and my profession in general”.

If so, we’d love you to consider holding an office in WAFCS. Elections will be held in early 2008 but now is the time to indicate your interest. Positions up for election include Treasurer, Vice President of Internal Relations and Vice President of Public Policy which are two year terms. President Elect is also needed which means the person serves year one as President Elect, year two as the President and year three as Board Counselor.

Please let me know of your interest in serving or if you know of any association member you might recommend, I am happy to share with you more information about the positions, etc.

Cynthia Chase Whitely
VP of Internal Relations
(920) 731 8035 (home)
crocus@athenet.net

“The department of home economics was organized to train a woman in efficiency and to develop her outlook to life. Such a department is a necessity as a means of developing a society. It stands for the evolution of women’s work and place.”

Liberty Hyde Bailey (1911)
Dean, New York State College of Agriculture
Professor Karen Goebel accepts a Distinguished Alumni Award from Dennis Savaiano, Dean of the College of Consumer and Family Sciences at Purdue University.

Kendra Naef making a presentation of her own to Nancy W (L) and Karen Goebel.

Sarah Collentine and Theresa, past Vice-chairs of Service and Outreach.

Kendra and family.

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Lady in Wheelchair is Thelma Branham from Valdosta, Ga.
A Past President and the Executive Director

Preparing the “shears” for Reno at NASCO—From L. to R.: Mary Crave, Arlene Welcher, Barbara George, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Priscilla Bondhus, and Janet Powell.

Future AAFCS Leaders?

A different perspective: Christine Kniep inviting attendees to the 2008 AAFCS Conference. When you say Wisconsin, you’ve said it all!

Reno Conference Attendees

A Poseuse?
The WAFCS Teacher of the Year award recognizes an excellent teacher whose educational programs, methods, techniques and activities give visibility to Family and Consumer Education, grades K-12.

Requirements:
• Be employed as a full-time Family and consumer Education teacher, grades K-12
• Be a current member of AAFCS and has maintained membership for at least the past three consecutive years
• Not a current member of the AAFCS Board of Directors, Awards and Recognition Committee or staff
• Submit, using WAFCS criteria, a written report of a current teaching unit or module.

Nominee: ________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________

Please attach a statement (75 words or less) telling how the Nominee has demonstrated outstanding teaching that gives visibility to Family and Consumer Education.

Nominator: (remains confidential) ____________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________

Mail postmarked or email on or before September 30 to:
Donna Sanderson Dinco
3171 Hwy K
Hartford, WI 53027

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New Achiever
This award was developed to recognize emerging professionals who have exhibited the potential for making significant contributions in the field of family and consumer sciences.

Requirements:
1) active WAFCS membership
2) active in profession for 8 years or less

Name of Nominee:
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________

In 75 words or less, tell how the nominee has demonstrated the potential for making significant contributions to the field of family and consumer sciences. (attach statement)

Nominator: ________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________

Copy or cut and mail before Nov. 1, 2005 to:
Dottie Winger
8405 Oakmont Dr.
Madison, WI 53717

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Leaders Award
This award was developed to honor recipients for the impact their work has had on the quality of life of others and for their contributions to the development of the profession.

Requirements:
1) active WAFCS membership
2) over 35 years of age

Name of Nominee:
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________

In 75 words or less, tell how the nominee has demonstrated significant contributions to the field and the results of the nominee’s impact on the quality of life of others. (attach statement)

Nominator: ________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________

Copy or cut and mail before Nov. 1, 2005 to:
Carolyn Barnhart, CFCS
E5895 571st Ave.
Menomonie, WI 54751
Announcing!

A New Column
starting in the next issue
of the WAFCS Newsletter

To fill it we need your help! Every WAFCS member would like to see news and information about departed members and recent graduates. So don’t keep us in the dark. Send us anything you think is pertinent or interesting about you or someone you know.

Email to pbondhus@bcharter.net
Or snail mail addressed to
Priscilla Bondhus, WAFCS Executive Director,
1300 North High Point Rd.
Middleton, WI 53562
Public Policy that Matters for FCS Education

This presentation was made by Dr. Wendy Way, Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, UW-Madison and with her permission I share the excellent presentation.

It takes input into public policy for our FCE programs to be funded. FCE programs currently operate as allowable under the Carl D. Perkins CTE ACT, Re-authorized in August 2006. Reauthorization focused on accountability for outcomes, academic as well as vocational achievement, industry standards and career pathways. The national Association of State Directors of CTE identified 16 Career Clusters. Family and Consumer Education relates to several of them, especially Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, and Human Services. See www.career-clusters.org for more information.

To retain CTE funding, will require aligning programs with career pathways based on the industry standards. Quantitative evidence of program outcomes (such as academic and technical test score gains, graduation rates, college attendance, earnings) and not just anecdotal descriptions are needed.

It is also important to utilize other public policies to build support for FCE programming. Some of the current initiatives include:

• **Financial Literacy** - The National Council on Economic Education reports that 38 states now have personal finance standards or guidelines, 21 states (not Wisconsin) require them to be implemented. 8 states require a course be offered, 7 states require a course for graduation. Information state by state can be found in: Economic and Personal Finance Education 2004, www.ncee.net


• **Sexual and Reproductive Health Education** – Sexuality education laws vary greatly among states. The federal government has spent $1billion promoting abstinence-only approaches since 1982 (WI got $4million in 2005). Many states have guidelines for what must be included in sexuality education and who, if it is taught (e.g. an abstinence-only approach, medically accurate information and parent permission). Many states require specific instruction on prevention of HIV/AIDS. See www.siecus.org, www.guttmacher.org. Some current Wisconsin laws include:

115.35 Health problems Education shall be designed to educate youth on such topics as sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, human growth and development, mental health, alcohol and tobacco.

118019 Human Growth and Development Instruction – to encourage all school boards to make available HGD. May include instruction in responsible decision making, interpersonal relationships, family life and parenting, human sexuality, reproduction etc. If human sexuality is included, instruction in marriage and parental responsibility must also be provided in the same course/same year.

• **Healthy Marriage Initiative** – Included as part of the 2005 reauthorization of TANF legislation (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – welfare Reform) Feb, 2006. This initiative authorizes money to help couples gain greater access to services...necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage, up to $50million may be used to encourage responsible fatherhood. And 8 activities including high school education on the value of marriage. More information is available at www.acf.hhs.gov/healthymarriage.

• **Pregnant and Parenting Student Policies** – state policies vary widely. See: www.nasbe.org/healthyschools/states/pregnant

• **Policies on Shaken Baby Syndrome** – the Skipper Initiative (Shaking Kills: Instead Parents Please Educate and Remember) is promoting education programs and policies to prevent SBS. Efforts have resulted in legislation in 7 states requiring education for high school and middle school students on shaken baby syndrome (Wisconsin is one of them.) The U. S. Senate adopted a resolution designating the third week in April as the National SBS Awareness Week. See www.skippervigil.com. Wisconsin Act 165 – Prevent Violence Against Children Act enacted March21, 2006 took effect on April 1, 2007. It requires all child care providers in centers for children under age 5 to receive training. Trainers must attend a train-the-trainer sessions, to register, see: http://www.wctf.state.wi.us/home. The implications are that existing policies can be used to advocate for expanded role of FCS Education. Policies used to advocate for similar mandates/guidelines in other states/localities. Thanks Wendy for your hard work!

During the WAFCS Conference Round Tables there were two displays advocating for improvements to local public policy. Our Executive director, Priscilla Bondhus had a table “Preserving our Water Resource” sharing projects the board had supported for the improvements at Lake Redstone. The Shoreline Restoration Project along with several watershed management projects were results of the water protection board efforts. Vera Riley also had community involvement working with her local township board, MATC district board and the NW Dane Senior Services.

We are living in exciting times. We all need to get involved to tell our story. Our families depend on it.

Submitted by Jan Felthous
Mark Your Calendar!!
AAFCS 99th Annual Conference & Expo
June 19-22, 2008
Milwaukee, WI

Theme:
Evolving Technology:
Impact on Individuals, Families and Communities

As a member of the Annual Conference planning committee, I can guarantee you it will be an event to remember—great speakers and some interesting and fun history of our organization as we kick off the Centennial Celebration!

Janet Powell, LAC

Betty Lamp Wall-hanging/Banner Project

WAFCS is sponsoring a wall hanging/banner project in preparation for the AAFCS meeting in Milwaukee June, 2008. Please use your artistic/craft talents. The banners will be displayed at the annual AAFCS meeting in 2008. The following guidelines have been established:

1) The project must clearly include an image of the Betty Lamp.
2) Any medium can be used, i.e. appliqué, pieced quilting, cross stitch, fiber paints.
3) Size can range from 12X12 to 36X36 inches and can be square or rectangular.
4) Wall hanging/banner should be ready for hanging.
5) Project should not be framed, to keep the hanging lightweight.
6) Name and address of creator should be attached to the back.
7) All projects will be displayed as part of the Art and Design showcase in Milwaukee for the National AAFCS meeting.
8) Entries can be returned to the creator or donated to the WAFCS Foundation for the 2009 Silent Auction.

Betty Lamp images are available at the AAFCS website. If you need a pattern one is available for a nominal fee from the Kentucky affiliate at:

The Betty Lamp Shoppe
PO Box 1462
Georgetown, KY 40324

Sarah T. Henry, CFCS
Henr421@bellsouth.net
502-863-3830

If you have questions about the project contact, Beverly Braun, Art and Design Chair at phone: 920-499-4961 or address mail to: Beverly Braun, 1811 9th St. #23, Green Bay, WI 54303

Thank You Fiskars

Fiskars gifted each attendee at the Annual AAFCS Conference in Reno with a “great leading-edge-of-technology shears.” The shears were tied with a bow and an invitation to attend the 99th Annual AAFCS Conference and expo in Milwaukee, June 19-22, 2008. Individuals have asked how can we thank Fiskars. The following contact information is included that you may do so:

Fiskars
2537 Daniels Street
Madison, WI 53704

Quote to Remember

“The material benefits [of home economics] have been many and practical especially the lifting of the monotonous tasks of every day into a science with a sure foundation... The contact with the clean, quick thinking minds embodied in the charming, lovable women who have come to us from the state college has been a privilege... The call to leadership in my own community has given me a certain self-confidence... I have lost all fear of my own voice speaking in public.”

Mrs. Carl E. Hood (1923)
Homemaker, Ballston Lake, NY
**Dates to Remember**

October 6, 2007  
**Council Meeting**  
Bondhus Lakehouse, La Valle, WI

October 15, 2007  
**Newsletter Deadline**

November, 2007  
**Award Nominations Due**

January 15, 2008  
**Newsletter Deadline**

January 26, 2008  
**Council Meeting**

March 18, 2008  
**Council Meeting**

April 1, 2008  
**Newsletter Deadline**

June 18, 22, 2008  
**AAFCS 99th Annual Conference**  
Hilton Milwaukee City Center  
Milwaukee, WI

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