We Need You!

Just in case you haven’t heard, Wisconsin will be hosting the AAFCS annual conference in June, 2008 in Milwaukee. This will be an opportunity to show off our state and the wonderful things that are happening here. Also, it will kick off the big centennial celebration of AAFCS that will culminate with the 2009 annual conference.

Planning is already under way. As the local arrangements chair, I, along with Christine Kniep, president elect of WAFCS, and Karen Casey, student representative, have been participating in monthly conference calls with the national local arrangements committee. Within a short time, we will be putting together volunteer committees for Wisconsin. That is where we need you!! To make the Milwaukee conference a real success we need the help and expertise of YOU! For your information, the various committees include:

• Volunteer Committee
• Corporate Support Committee
• Public Relations Committee
• Information Committee
• Program Arrangements and Hospitality Committee
• Ecumenical Service Committee

In addition, Wisconsin plans to have pre-conference tours which means an —

• Educational Excursions Committee

We need many volunteers from across the state. We need everyone from students to retirees. Besides, it will be a lot of fun!! Please call or email me with your interest in helping. Janet Powell 608-271-0776, janetmpowell@sbcglobal.net.

Karen Joos
honored for
“Continued Excellence”

At the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference in Denver Colorado, Karen Joos was honored with the 2006 Continued Excellence Award. Karen is the Monroe County Family Living Agent and Department Head and is committed to promoting family strengths and building family, school, and community connections through teaching, facilitation, and leadership. A recent project has been facilitating Family Impact Seminars to explore local issues and the policy effects on families. We congratulate Karen on the career milestone achievement. Karen has been a board member and served a President of WAFCS.

Be an Early Bird

February 2nd comes quickly
Register by February 2nd
to take advantage of the
special room rate.

See you at the Annual Conference in March.
Hello WAFCS members and Friends,

It is once again time to start planning for the holidays. I was shopping over the weekend and could not believe all of the Christmas items set out for sale already. It always amazes me how the marketing and sales industry is continually pushing the season. We see winter jackets on the racks in July and swim suits in January. What is going on! I guess it is a good thing for when we really need these items they will be on sale. I bought our Thanksgiving turkey this past weekend with the thought in mind that I was ahead of the game, but much to my surprise I had to think about the Christmas ham at the same time.

Holiday time is to be spent sharing time with family and friends, reflecting on the past year and looking ahead to the year ahead. We (society) need to slow down and prioritize what is important and what is not. Family is the main focus of the season but somehow we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season. We forget that if the peanut brittle and spritz cookies are not made, people will not miss them. It is time to change our focus. Look at the things that are important. In our family, we have a new baby to focus on this holiday season and we are all excited to buy baby gifts. We have a grandmother that has been very sick and I can guarantee you that time will be spent with the family. Why does it take such extreme happenings to make us all wake up? We change our focus? Are we at our wake up call yet? Are people prioritizing WAFCS right out of their life? Do they know what they will miss once they do that? How can we help? A lot of questions to ponder but as you sit by the fireplace this holiday season sipping you hot cider/chocolate think about what you would like to see with WAFCS. Now is the time to make that change? AAFCS is allowing us to make this step forward. Think about what you would like to give back to WAFCS. As you make holiday gift selections, think about paying for somebody’s membership to the association. Give their life a silver lining to their holiday instead of the Target Corporation, Herb Kohl, or the Sam Walton family. I can almost guarantee you that you will have a greater impact like to give back to WAFCS. As you

As I leave you, please have a joyous holiday season. Don’t forget to make the right choices and really think about what you would like to see for WAFCS in 2007. Help us make a great New Years Resolution that can transform the association forever. Also, remember to make plans to attend the 2007 Annual meeting and conference. I hope to see you all there. Happy Holidays!
News From Your WAFCS Foundation

New Foundation Webpage
Check out the new WAFCS website at www.wafcs.org! The Foundation is very pleased to announce the addition of a Foundation “page” on the updated website.

AAFCS Gold Legacy Society
We want to make sure that our members are aware of a new membership category, the Gold Legacy Society for AAFCS 50+ year members. And you might be closer to being a 50-year member than you realize. Until very recently, membership in a university AAFCS-affiliated student organization was not counted in terms of total AAFCS member years. But, a decision was made to allow members to call AAFCS and request that their university AAFCS student membership years be added to their total member years. This is on the honor system as there are no computerized records that go back that far. Call AAFCS at 800-424-8080 and ask to speak with Linda Wilson. You may be up to four years closer to becoming eligible for Gold Legacy Society membership! If you are a 50-year member, you can start deferring your annual membership dues (effectively becoming a lifetime member) by taking two steps: 1) Making a one-time charitable contribution of a minimum of $1000 to AAFCS and 2) Providing AAFCS with a copy of your will or other planned giving document naming AAFCS as beneficiary of a minimum of $5000. Then, each year when you receive your dues renewal notice, instead of writing a check, you can just send a current copy of your will or other planned gift document, verifying that AAFCS is still in your estate plan for a minimum of $5000 and your membership will be renewed. It’s a wonderful way of helping AAFCS ensure its future, while recognizing your many years of membership. Fifty-year members are eligible for additional benefits and recognition by joining the Gold Legacy Society.

Marian Latzko Memorials
Contributions were made to the Foundation in memory of Marian Latzko, a longtime friend of the Foundation. (See related article in this issue.) Donors were received from Karen Goebel, Karen Dickrell, Vera Riley, Priscilla Bondhus, Mary Kennedy, and Ruth Gibowski.

Green Bay Association of FCS Donation
The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of $458 from the Green Bay Association of Family and Consumer Science following its dissolution. The Green Bay Area Home Economics Association was started in 1957. The organization offered networking and professional development opportunities for home economists in the Green Bay area. In the 1990s, the name was changed to the Green Bay Association of Family and Consumer Science. The group met on a regular basis for a number of years, but disbanded in the late 1990s. Funds from the treasurer were recently donated to the WAFCS Foundation. We appreciate the former group’s commitment to and confidence in the WAFCS Foundation.

Notecards for Sale
The Foundation has beautiful quilt notecards for sale! Contact Vera Riley for cards at 8260 Stagecoach Road, Cross Plains, WI 53528 or verariley@aol.com or 608-798-2182. The price is $10 per package of 10 notecards.
Silent Auction Items Needed

As the seasons change, it is time to think of picking up items that would be appropriate for the WAFCS. Silent Auction. Suggestions might be for certificates of weekend or mini-vacations at resorts or hotels, golf packages, tickets to sport events, theatres or concerts, pamper packages, dinner parties, etc. Also, homemade and handmade items, especially consumables are popular Silent Auction items. Afterall we like to view each others handiwork, crafts and unique ideas, so consider spending some long winter evenings on these projects needed by this coming March. Perhaps when you are buying sales items you might pick up two then donate one of the items to the Silent Auction! In addition, you might consider soliciting a big ticket item from a local corporation, or contact Charmaine at prhahn@msn.com or 920-754-4734 and she will contact likely corporate donors, if you would give her the contact names.

Remember the Silent Auction proceeds support our WAFCS Foundation, that awards travel ships and scholarships to Family and Consumer Sciences students. Let us all work to boost our profits for our foundation’s offerings!

2007 Nomination for Friend of WAFCS Award due January 1

If you know of a corporation, government, or private citizen who deserves to be recognized for their contribution nominate that person or entity. Any WAFCS member may nominate by simply requesting a nomination form; then completing the form; and getting it submitted, no later than January 1, 2007, to the Vice President of External Relations, Charmaine Rimple, 7828 Deer Haven Lane, Reedsville, WI 54230. Phone (920) 754-4734. Email prhahn@msn.com.

Special Note

The WAFCS tax exempt number has been provided for you on the registration form. Use it when you check in to the hotel.

“Intention without action is only a dream. In the end it isn’t what we want to do or plan to do but what we actually do that makes a difference.”
— Mark Sanborn

Council Members

Mark your calendar for the council meeting on January, 27th to be held at

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WAFCS Region 2 Fall Meeting

The Region 2 meeting was held on September 28 at the UW-Stevens Point CPS Building. The program was presented by Pat Rychter, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension, Portage County. Her topic was “Building a Stronger Family by Tracing and Sharing Your Family History.” She presented many interesting ideas for resources that would be helpful in tracing family ancestry.

Submitted by Carol Subera,
Region 2 President

Region 3 President’s Report

The 2006 Region 3 Fall Meeting was held Tuesday, October 17 at FVTC in Appleton. Meeting information was sent to about 180 email addresses and mailed out to 20 individuals. Over 30 people were in attendance, about two-thirds of them “potential members.” AAFCS membership brochures have been made available to them. Participants also received a “WAFCS and You! – A Perfect COMBO!” treat. A big thank-you to Gina Van Berkel for the creative idea. Cynthia Whitely has also been instrumental in planning and organizing this year’s meeting.

Editor’s note: Word has it that this meeting was truly a success.

Kendra K. Naef, CFCS

President’s Report Region 5

The annual Region 5 meeting was another success this year! With about 35 people in attendance we enjoyed a wonderful evening of food and networking. Glee Brechler demonstrated 2 tasty dishes at Orange Tree Imports on Monroe Street in Madison, followed by a little time for browsing and shopping. We then walked down the street for networking time and dinner at The Dardanelle’s. The restaurant’s owner, Barbara Wright, said a few words about what it is like to be a woman entrepreneur. Jeanne Schwass-Long gave us some interesting information on the history of Monroe Street and the surrounding area. Followed by our keynote speaker, Greg Lawless, who spoke to us about the world of entrepreneurship as it relates to agriculture.

Betty Lamp Wallhanging/Banner Project

WAFCS is sponsoring a wallhanging/banner project in preparation for the AAFCS meeting in Milwaukee June, 2008. Please use your artistic/craft talents to make a banner. All banners will be displayed at the 2007 WAFCS meeting in Madison and again 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) Wallhanging/banner should be ready for hanging.
5) Project should not be framed, to keep the hanging light weight.
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 Madison for the WAFCS 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 – HYPERLINK “mailto:Henr421@bellsouth.net” Henr421@bellsouth.net. Phone 502-863-3830

If you have questions about the project contact Judy Rommel, CFCS, Art and Design Chair at rommelj@uwstout.edu. Phone 715-425-2726.
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REGION 6

Members from WAFCS Region 6 and the Walworth County Home Economist group enjoyed a great tour and afternoon at the Ten Chimneys Historical Landmark. It was a step into the glamorous and private lives of Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt. If you haven’t been there, it’s worth the trip even more than once. We were catered with a tasty lunch from Brewer’s Two Café. With time to shop in the unique gift store, view the photos in the gallery and interact in the “hands on” museum, members caught glimpses of the elite and famous Broadway couple who hosted such notables as Katherine Hepburn, Helen Hayes, Lawrence Olivier and Noel Coward. Thanks to all who attended and those who help make this a success!

Submitted by Mary Kennedy

A good time was had by all!

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Marian B. Latzko, Microlife Founder

Marian B. Latzko died at home in Appleton, Wis. on September 3, 2006. Marian was a writer and educator, active in her professional associations, church, and community. She held a B.S. in home economics education and an M.S. in continuing and vocational education from UW-Madison. Her varied career included a stint as food editor for a weekly newspaper insert, a UW-Green Bay children’s theater organizer, and a Title I teacher in Marinette. From 1971-89, she was a teacher and administrator in the Waukesha Public Schools. She taught family and consumer classes in grades 7-12 and became department chairperson.

In 1989, Marian retired and moved to Appleton, where she and her husband, Bob, founded Microlife, publisher of the book, I Can Do It! A Micropedia of Living on Your Own and various companion publications. Marian was, and Bob is, passionate about the need for schools and institutions dealing with young adults to stress everyday living skills, especially personal finance. Schools, universities, families, social workers, and those working with young persons of all economic means across the nation use their publications.

Marian was an active member of WAFCS and past president of Wisconsin Home Economists in Elementary and Secondary Education, from which she received the Distinguished Home Economist Award in 1987 and Honorary Home Economics Educator Award in 1989. Her company, Microlife, received a National Independent Living Association Award in 2003.

Marian and her husband, Bob, were strong supporters of WAFCS. They spent many hours at the sales table at recent AAFCS national conferences—advertising their Microlife publications and helping the WAFCS Foundation sell jewelry and quilt raffle tickets and note-cards. They always donated a percentage of their publication sales to the WAFCS Foundation. Marian and Bob were wonderful ambassadors for the Family and Consumer Sciences profession wherever they appeared.

Marian was also an active member in the Professional Development Network, Wisconsin Vocational Association, Wisconsin Association of Vocational and Adult Educators, Wisconsin Education Association, Consumer Congress of Milwaukee, Home Economics Professional Improvement Council, Waukesha Technical College People to People, YWCA Teen Peer Educators, Unwanted Pregnancy Organization, and Waukesha International Management Council. She was a Girl Scout leader and worked with American Field Service students and parents for eight years.

Marian is survived by her husband Bob and six children. Contributions in Marian’s memory have been made to the WAFCS Foundation by Karen Goebel, Vera Riley, Priscilla Bondhus, Mary Kennedy Karen Dickrell and Ruth Gibowski. If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation in memory of Marian, see the Foundation page in this issue.
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Menomonie, Kimberly
and Stoughton, WI

March 1-3, 2007
WAFCS State Conference
Madison, WI

June 21 to 24, 2007
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