Our Mission
The mission of WAFCS is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

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Happy Birthday WAFCS E-Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of the WAFCS E-Newsletter. This project will be a “work in progress,” as we strive to meet member needs and communicate key information in a timely manner. As a bonus feature, every e-newsletter arrives in your inbox in FULL DIGITAL COLOR! The goal at this time is to publish the WAFCS E-Newsletter three times per year on the following schedule:

April E-Newsletter
(Deadline March 1)

August E-Newsletter
(Deadline July 1)

December E-Newsletter
(Deadline November 1)

This schedule will allow for increased contact with WAFCS members between the formal publishing of our traditional printed newsletter, which adheres to the following schedule:

Winter Newsletter
Published February 1
(Deadline January 1)

Summer Newsletter
Published June 1
(Deadline May 1)

Fall Newsletter
Published October 1
(Deadline September 1)

As always, we respect those who are unable to connect with us via e-mail. We will contact them to determine their delivery preferences for the e-newsletter.

In keeping with the 2013 WAFCS Annual Conference theme, “Embracing and Managing Change Through Family and Consumer Sciences,” we embrace new technologies to improve member services while celebrating the proven value of personal connection and face-to-face interaction.

Your comments, questions, concerns, and article submissions are always welcome. Contact Executive Director Tiffani Roltgen, CFCS, at 608-513-9433 or askwafcs@gmail.com. Please note any articles submitted past deadline will be considered for the following printed or e-newsletter.

One-Stop Shopping on WAFCS Website

Connect with WAFCS via your web-enabled phone or visit us at www.wafcs.org for convenient, one-stop resource shopping. The newly updated “Resources” page contains a variety of useful websites including links to curriculum, lesson plans, national standards, job searches, and the latest technology resources.

We’ve also added a “Related Organizations” page with links to the many groups working to advance family and consumer sciences across a wide variety of content areas.

Professionals of all ages, but especially new professionals, may enjoy the helpful advice on the “New Professionals” page.

If you have additional resources you’d like listed on the website or other suggestions, please contact Executive Director Tiffani Roltgen, CFCS, at 608-513-9433 or askwafcs@gmail.com.
New Executive Director Shares Goals

It is an honor to serve as the new WAFCS Executive Director, effective July 1, 2012. I look forward to working together to improve our organization and promote family and consumer sciences.

I would like to highlight several goals I shared during the interview process:

- Edit and publish six timely, professional newsletters (three e-newsletters and three traditional newsletters),
- Celebrate new members through recognition in the newsletter and handwritten welcome notes,
- Personalize the WAFCS experience by meeting every WAFCS member via phone, e-mail, or face-to-face communication,
- Organize and digitally store association documents using Dropbox,
- Facilitate establishment of detailed timelines and event playbooks for WAFCS leaders and members, and
- Connect with other professional organizations and the Department of Public Instruction to promote WAFCS.

I will continue to revisit and add to these goals throughout the year, as I meet with members and leaders of our organization. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve you!

Celebrating the Lives of Our Members

- Congratulations to Kim Hart-Shatswell and her husband Bill on the birth of their daughter, Meta Rose Shatswell, on October 2, 2011. Meta is reported to be a “happy little girl who makes everyone around her smile.”
- Congratulations to Tiffani Roltgen, CFCS, and her husband Mike on the birth of their second daughter, Stella Alice Roltgen. Stella was born April 6, 2012, just a week after Mom attended the WAFCS Annual Conference. Stella is also welcomed by her big sister Adelline Grace, age 2.
- Congratulations to WAFCS member Carolyn Barnhart, CFCS, and her husband Larry celebrating 40 years of marriage on August 6, 2012.

WAFCS Professional Recognition

- Congratulations to Judy Knudsen, CFCS, who was awarded the AAFCS National Leader Award at the 2012 AAFCS Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN.
- Congratulations to Susan Turgeson, CFCS, newly hired tenure track faculty member in family and consumer sciences teacher education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
- Congratulations to Cindy Quilling on her retirement from Menomonie Middle School and Mary Koch on her retirement from Kewaskum High School.
- Congratulations to Kim Hart-Shatswell who recently earned her Master of Education degree from National Louis University in Curriculum and Instruction.
- Congratulations to the 2012 WAFCS Leader Award winner Janet Powell, CFCS, and the 2012 WAFCS New Achiever Award winner Tiffani Roltgen, CFCS. Both were featured in the July issue of BRAVA Magazine.
Welcome!

We warmly welcome our new WAFCS members:
- Mary Brutscher
- Laura Coler
- Kathryn Feverhelm
- Judith Hase
- Susan Haviland
- Colleen LaBlanc
- Jessica Monfils
- Amanda Montague
- Yi Ren
- Brenda Savic
- Cindy Welsch

If you haven’t heard of Meal Train (www.mealtrain.com), you are in for a real treat, or more specifically, a spaghetti and meatball dinner and a fresh garden salad with homemade dressing delivered to your door by a caring friend, colleague, neighbor, or family member.

Meal Train’s mission is to simplify and promote interpersonal relationships between friends, families, and neighbors through meals.

Meal Train is a free solution that simplifies the organization of giving and receiving meals. By allowing the giving party to take into account the recipient’s preferred meal times, food preferences, and available days, the site helps ensure that the recipients get the meals they enjoy on the days that are most helpful.

Meal Trains can be created to welcome a new neighbor, celebrate baby’s arrival, alleviate stress following injuries and surgeries, offer condolences, or support families facing military deployments.

Moving? Changing jobs? New e-mail? Update Your AAFCS Member Profile!

The annual publishing of the WAFCS Member Directory is just around the corner. To ensure your contact information is listed accurately, please take a few minutes to update your AAFCS Member Profile at www.aafcs.org. If you originally joined AAFCS using your place of employment’s contact information, you may want to update it to reflect your current employer address or consider using your home information to guarantee year-round communication from AAFCS and WAFCS.

For a complete list of step-by-step instructions about how to access the AAFCS Web Portal and update your AAFCS Member Profile, visit http://www.wafcs.org/contact.html. Advertising is currently being solicited for the directory. If you or your business would like to reserve a space, please contact Executive Director Tiffani Roltgen, CFCS, at 608-513-9433 or askwafcs@gmail.com. A variety of ad sizes and price levels are available.
Wisconsin was well represented at the AAFCS Annual Conference June 24-27, 2012, in Indianapolis, IN, with 23 attendees, including five students. With so many Wisconsin members active on the national level, assembling everyone for a group photo is always a challenge! Here, a portion of the group posed after the first general session. (Missing: Carol Anderson, CFCS; Carolyn Barnhart, CFCS; Bev Braun, CFCS; Sue Buck, CFCS; Barb George; Karen Goebel, CFCS; Judy Knudsen, CFCS; and Amy Vida) Watch for conference reflections and information in the WAFCS Fall Newsletter.

Strong Wisconsin Delegation Attends AAFCS Annual Conference

Calendar of Events

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The theme for the WAFCS Fall Newsletter is

Defending, Strengthening, and Promoting Family and Consumer Sciences.

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