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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Jacksonville Welcomes Wisconsin

Once again, Wisconsin was well represented at the AAFCS annual conference. The big excitement this year was to welcome Carolyn Barnhart as AAFCS President.

Some of the Wisconsin participants included Carolyn Barnhart, AAFCS President; Sue Buck, AAFCS Past President; Carol Anderson, President IFHE US; Mary Kennedy, 2015–16 WAFCS President and author with Goodhart-Wilcox; Jeanne Schwass-Long, WAFCS 2015–16 Past President; Barbara George, NASCO exhibitor and FCS Alliance Committee member; Beverly Braun, AAFCS Community Art and Design Chair; Janet Powell, WAFCS Executive Director and AAFCS Obesity Prevention Committee presenter; Susan Turgeson, WAFCS treasurer and presenter; Julie Martin, presenter; Veronica Campbell, WAFCS Teacher of the Year; Jessica Montfils, summer intern with AAFCS; and four student leaders.
Message from New WAFCS President, Mary Kennedy

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I write this message as the new 2015-16 president of the Wisconsin Affiliate of AAFCS. As many of you know, this is my second term as president. Years ago, I accepted the challenge of presidential leadership. As I reflect back to that time over a decade ago, who would have “imagined” I would be here at the helm again. However, now I have greater insights, better understandings of WAFCS and AAFCS, and certainly better leadership skills than before. So with these thoughts I begin my year of presidential service.

Observations I have made recently include the emergence of an energetic and active group of new professionals in the field. They seem to see the need and benefits of membership in a professional national organization with valuable resources and information on the website. With the Protégé Plus initiative for new professionals, they have mentors willing and ready to help. This brings me to the next observation that there are many currently employed and numerous retirees willing to step in and help where needed, not only with Protégé Plus but also with the tasks of serving WAFCS. The WAFCS board positions and all the committees need dedicated people to work as a team to make things happen.

I congratulate, Carolyn Barnhart in her new role as President of AAFCS. Her presentation at the Leadership Council and also at the Pacesetter Dinner in Jacksonville focused on the concept of “IMAGINE”. Her part in our training encompassed the “Strategic Priorities” of AAFCS which provide a desired destination for AAFCS and the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. (You will be hearing more about these in the future)

The quote Carolyn referred to was a concept that related to the quote “IMAGINE...Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe, and enthusiastically act upon...must inevitably come to pass.” -Paul J. Meyer With that thought in mind, I personally “imagine” a wonderful year as your state WAFCS President and am at your service to help in any way I can to provide for your success as vital, active members.

Congratulations, Carolyn Barnhart
2015-2016 AAFCS President!

Thank you for hosting the Wisconsin Party at AAFCS and honoring Veronica and me. It was the best reception all week. You definitely know how to create great parties.

In Appreciation, Carolyn
Now is the Time to Nominate!

Now is the time to nominate a deserving WAFCS member. **Nominations are due by November 1.**

Categories include:

**WAFCS New Achiever** - send nomination to Dottie Winger - dwinger67@yahoo.com  
**WAFCS Teacher of the Year** - send nomination to Donna Dinco - donnadinco@outlook.com  
**WAFCS Leader** - send nomination to Carolyn Barnhart - barnhartc@uwstout.edu  

More information and forms regarding each of these awards can be found on the WAFCS website - [www.wafcs.org](http://www.wafcs.org) under Forms and Applications.

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**WAFCS Annual Conference - Submit a Proposal**  
**March 31, April 1, 2, 2016 - Radisson Hotel, Madison, WI**

Mark your calendars now!! Do you have an expertise you would like to share along the theme of “Improving the Health and Well-Being of a Changing Society”? Submit your Proposal for a Breakout Session. Application form is available at [www.wafcs.org](http://www.wafcs.org) under 2016 Annual Conference Information. **Forms are to be returned to janetmpowell@sbcglobal.net by October 4.**

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**New Directory Coming Out**

To ensure your contact information is up-to-date, please take a few minutes to access MyAAFCSLogin at: www.aafcs.org.  
Log in with your email address and AAFCS member number  
Then go to:  
• Customer Profile and Preferences.  
• Then Individual Profile.  
• Then Update.  

*Editor’s Note: If you have difficulty updating your information, send your changes to me at executivedirector@wafcs.org.*  
The Directory will be sent out November 1. Thanks. It is much easier to have email addresses, phone numbers, addresses and work situations updated before the directory is published rather than after.

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**We express our sincere sympathy to Karen Goebel on the death of her 105 year old mother on July 24, 2015.** Here is a portion of the obituary.

Gertrude was born on March 13, 1910 in Huntington, the daughter of Fred W. and Lucy (Poehler) Peting. She graduated from Huntington High School, attended Ball State Teacher's College for three years, taught school in Andrews for many years, and then finished her Bachelor's degree from Ball State University and her Master's degree from Huntington College. She taught third grade for 36 years in Andrews and Fort Wayne, often hatching chicks and bringing pocket pets into the classroom for science learning. She married Louis P. Goebel on June 12, 1937 in Huntington, and he preceded her in death on October 1, 1983. Gertrude was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Huntington and the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.
Many Thanks.

The following individuals contributed to the AAFCS Silent Auction in Jacksonville. We chose to give “gift cards” and had 3 separate offerings in the cutest bags ever for the “Sun and Sandals” theme. Carol Anderson, Carolyn Barnhart, Sue Buck, Karen Goebel, Julie Martin, Janet Powell, Marilyn Swiontek, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Susan Turgeson, Alissa Uttech, NASCO. Thank you all for your generosity.

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