Meet the Friday Morning Keynote Speaker

**Nancy Franz**, Professor Emeritus, Iowa State University School of Education

Nancy retired after 33 years of service with Cooperative Extension Systems as a county Extension agent, campus specialist, and administrator over the years in Wisconsin, New York, New Hampshire, Virginia, and Iowa. She currently consults on organizational development with nonprofit organizations and higher education. She serves on the Story County Conservation Board and the Northland College Alumni Board. She loves to volunteer, read, travel, be outdoors doing silent sports, and consume dark chocolate.

The theme of Nancy’s presentation is “**Determining and Articulating the Value of FCS**”, a very timely topic in light of today’s educational, political and social climate. Nancy’s energy and enthusiasm was witnessed by those who attended the June AAFCS National Conference in St. Louis where she was keynoter and participant. Be prepared for an informational and entertaining keynote.
Art and Design at Annual Conference

by Terri Williams

How do you express yourself or relax? Do you bake, embroider, redecorate your home, sew, cook, scrapbook, do pancake art? It doesn't matter what you make, we want to see it! Enter your work into the Art and Design Show at the conference this March! Your work will be displayed at the front of the main conference room, and we are taking all kinds of your creativity! The theme this year is “Strut Your Stuff!”

Often in our jobs, we don't always get the chance to show off what we can do, but here is your chance! You could even win a prize or two! If you have a piece you would like to enter, please email Terri Williams at tlwfc@gmail.com, and let her know what you want to bring. Know that you can also bring more than one piece/entry! Just be sure to have a typed description with it and your name so that we can know more about your amazing work!

Pictures from 2019 Art and Design Show

IFHE WORLD CONGRESS 2020 UPDATE

Plans for the 2020 IFHE Congress in Atlanta August 2-8, 2020 continue to unfold. There were over 525 abstracts submitted and reviewers are doing their work to determine which will be presented either orally or in a poster format. At least two of the keynote speakers have accepted. An exciting day will take place titled “Learning Day on the Move.” The Georgia Extension Educators have planned 17 experiences throughout Georgia. Participants will board a bus and learn about programs in different communities including the University of Georgia. Each experience has a focus and a person will need to select 1 of the 17 options that connects with their interests. Additionally, one of the most popular events of a Congress will take place while on this journey. Either lunch or dinner will be in a home and this is an opportunity to spend time in a small group (usually 3-6 from different countries) with a local family that serves as the host/hostess. Go to the IFHE website www.IFHE.org and scroll down, then click on the 2020 Congress and you will learn all about the program.
Delaine Stendahl Received Home Baking Association Educator of the Year

Delaine Stendahl, teacher at Whitehall Memorial Schools in Whitehall, Wisconsin, was honored with the Home Baking Educator of the Year for 2019 in Lake Placid, New York at the HBA Annual Conference. Delaine’s award winning lesson was titled, “Ingredient SuperHeroes to the Rescue” and focused on student creation of ingredients as SuperHeroes and a project in which students worked with 4 year old Kindergarten age elementary students to create gingerbread cookies which were used with a family event at the school. To the knowledge of the Home Baking Association, Delaine is the only educator to have received this honor two times. Here first award was for her lesson, “The Power of Eggs.” Both lessons will be available on the HBA website.

While at the conference, Delaine met with several representatives and CEO’s of various ingredient companies who were impressed with the work of Family and Consumer Sciences educators. With AAFCS being 110 years old, it was a special honor of great emotion to be recognized this year at Lake Placid. Also in attendance were AAFCS Nancy Bock, Senior Director of Communications/Marketing and Abigail Lee, Partnership Manager of Family and Career, and Community Leaders of America. While in attendance at the “President’s Dinner,” on Tuesday evening, Nancy Bock gave a brief presentation regarding our existence and historical significance which was well received and appreciated.

While at Lake Placid, Delaine was able to seek out the location of the historic Lake Placid Home Economics Conferences that were held at the Lake Placid Club beginning in 1899. Since this time, the Club burned to the ground leaving only a set of steps and a short wall along the roadside around Mirror Lake in Lake Placid. Locating the historical location took some investigating and interviewing of some elderly people in town who recalled the location of the old club. On her final day in Lake Placid, in pouring rain, Delaine found the steps. Standing in the location was an extremely emotional experience with it being our anniversary year! The following is a link to an article published in the Lake Placid-North Alba Historical Society website at https://www.lakeplacidhistory.com/home-economics-history/. Here are a couple of pictures of student projects from her lesson as well as a picture of receiving this award.
Outstanding Educator Delaine Stendahl Receives Awards

Delaine Stendahl, 2019 AAFCS WI Affiliate Teacher of the Year, was unable to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference in St. Louis. She received her certificate and gift at a presentation during the Wisconsin Family and Consumer Educators (WFCE) Summer Conference August 7 in Johnson Creek. At the WFCE Conference, Delaine, who teaches in Whitehall, presented a session *On Using Clay to Learn Anatomy* based on a course she developed. Delaine was also recently named recipient of the 2019 Home Baking Association (HBA) Educator Award

FCCLA Advisers Receive National Recognition

This year two Wisconsin FCCLA Advisers were among the 42 recipients of the FCCLA Master Adviser Award. Emily Larson, WAFCS member and teacher at Amery High School, and DeeDee Giovingo, teacher at Badger High School Lake Geneva, were recognized at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA, in July. FCCLA's Master Adviser national award recognizes advisers who have successfully advised an affiliated chapter for a minimum of three years, continuously promote FCCLA and FCS education, operate an integrated chapter with a balanced program of work, facilitate youth-centered activities, and continue to integrate new ideas and FCCLA happenings.

DeeDee also received the FCCLA's Spirit of Advising Award, an honor bestowed to only one adviser from each state. The Spirit of Advising Award recognizes FCCLA advisers who demonstrate excellence in modeling FCCLA character to help students achieve success within their classroom and career.

Congratulations to both!

Pictured is Emily Larson, left, and DeeDee Giovingo, right, receiving the Spirit of Advising Award from FCCLA Executive Director Sandy Spavone, and Award Sponsor Peter Martinovitch, Goodheart-Wilcox Publishers.

Please let us know of other WAFCS members or Wisconsin FCS professionals receiving honors. Let’s celebrate the success of FCS!
Meet the Newest Members of the WAFCS Council

“Hello, my name is Miranda Stroik. I teach Family and Consumer Sciences at Sheboygan North High School in Sheboygan Wisconsin, and I am the New Professionals Chair for WAFCS. I graduated from UWSP with a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education in the spring semester of 2018. I am excited to be joining the team of such a great organization that supports professionals of Family and Consumer Sciences.”

Hello! My name is Bethany Buenning and I teach at DeForest Area High School, in DeForest WI. I am the new Public Policy Chair for WAFCS. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point with a major in Family and Consumer Sciences in 2018. I am very excited to be part of this great organization.

Vera Riley

Vera Maxine (Wierenga) Riley, age 80, of Cross Plains, WI passed away on October 14, 2019. Vera had a passion for learning and teaching. She was a Home Economics teacher at Orchard Ridge Middle School and Memorial High School for almost 20 years. She then continued her academic pursuits, completed her work, and received her Ph.D. from the UW-Madison. After receiving her Ph.D., she began working as an Assistant Principal at East High School in Madison, WI and stayed in this occupation for over a dozen years. She served on numerous community boards and committees including MATC District board, Madison Area Rehabilitation Center (MARC), Heritage Congregational Church, Northwest Dane Senior Services, Cross Plains-Berry Fire District board, Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society (National Board Member), and the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority (5 decades). Vera was the first women elected to the position of Town Board Supervisor in Cross Plains, WI. She always enjoyed helping where there was a need. Vera was a 48 year member of AAFCS/WAFCS. For many years she was on the WAFCS Foundation board. In 2015 Vera received the WAFCS Leader Award.

Vera will be greatly missed as a vibrant and active member or WAFCS. (Thank you to those who have made a donation to the WAFCS Foundation in Vera’s memory)

Suzanne Pliska

Suzanne Pliska, age 70, of Prairie Farm, WI died Monday, October 21st, 2019. Suzanne was a long-time dedicated FCS teacher and FCCLA adviser in the School District of Prairie Farm.
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