



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Our professional organization, American Association of Family Consumer Sciences has been shaping the future for individuals, families and communities for 100 years. Here in Kansas we are recognizing and celebrating this in many ways. We hope you will take part in some, or all, of these activities.

AAFCS begins the **yearlong celebration** officially at the conference in Milwaukee, WI, June 2008. The finale celebration will be in Nashville, TN in June 2009.

Affiliate Wall of History – Each state will have a tabletop display of their state’s history at AAFCS conference this summer. We are planning a theme of “Kansas Members Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Shape the Future for Individuals, Families and Communities”.

State Sales – Many state affiliates will be selling commemorative items (mugs, cookbooks, t-shirts, etc) at both Milwaukee and Nashville meetings. Watch for website listings also to buy from. Kansas is not planning any sales at this time.

KAFCS History Update – We have a wonderful history done by Martha Streeter in 1985. Plans are to update and add to it. Please help with this if you have items to include.

2nd Century of Helping – AAFCS project to honor our history of service. The goal for each state is 100 hours of volunteer time between June 2008 and June 2009. Please send a note to the committee of your volunteer hours outside of work time.

United Association Conference, 2009 – Kansas will celebrate the Centennial with a special speaker, Joyce Miles, portraying Ellen Swallow Richards (the founder of Home Economics/ Family and Consumer Sciences) at UAC in Wichita March 5-6.

“In Her Own Words” – a DVD produced by Joyce Miles, the life and legacy of Ellen Swallow Richards. The story is of her timeless efforts to improve our quality of life, especially her work in water quality testing and nutrition. Richards was instrumental in standardizing and founding our profession. (DVD is 13 minutes) We have 5 DVDs left for purchase at \$15 each.

Postage Stamps – an Ellen Richards commemorative stamp and a AAFCS Centennial stamp (real USPS postage \$.42) are available on line, zazzle.com, type AAFCS in the search space.

Rich Conversations – Connect with other FCS professionals (members, non-members, retirees, teachers, extension, and others) in your community or county and view the DVD of Ellen Richards and discuss why you entered the profession; how you have related the profession to other parts of your life (family, personal, volunteer, etc); what FCS experiences have been highlights for you; how do you see FCS impacting individual, family and community issues; what will be FCS biggest challenge in the next 25 years; and other questions.

Our Kansas Association was affiliated in 1923 with 142 members. The greatest number of members was in 1972 with 985 members. This year, 2008, we have 125 members. Kansas has never hosted a national meeting, but Kansas City, Missouri has had four, which Kansas probably helped with.

Jeanice Cress shared notes from the 1957 AHEA (now AAFCS) conference in St. Louis. The sessions talk of the world being in a state of change, with political unrest. Participants were urged to “cultivate a love of persons rather than a love of things” and to “appreciate human values”. Many topics seem similar to those concerns we have today.

Share your ideas and discussions with KAFCS centennial committee members:

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