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## The President's Message

Kansas was well represented during the 97<sup>th</sup> AAFCS Annual Conference at Charlotte, North Carolina, June 22-25, 2006. As professionals from Extension, public schools and universities, retirees, and students from Pittsburgh and K-State, some who are beginning their careers this fall, we share a special bond. We celebrated with Jeanice Cress, honored as a 50-year member, and also attended a reception hosted by Carolyn Jackson, Transitional Executive Director of AAFCS, who always credits her Kansas roots as she very ably takes on new challenges.

State and national conferences give us the opportunity to connect with national and state leaders, and exchange ideas and information. I always look forward to reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, and usually having some "small world" experience! This opportunity to engage with our colleagues not only updates our subject matter, but especially enhances our relationships among professionals who share a common purpose! We experience the benefits, personally and professionally. This year's theme was *LifeSkills: Solutions for Thriving in Threatening Times*. The keynotes included information about financial issues and identity theft. There was considerable discussion around the recommendations for "*Transforming AAFCS: New Era for Action*."

Serving as one of your delegates was definitely an interesting experience. With significant changes proposed and the expectation that feelings were strong about the issues, Anna Mae and I are happy to report that we believe change was accomplished while maintaining a strong sense of unity. After all of the discussion and wordsmithing, each major vote ended with a very small number of votes in opposition. Take a look at [http://www.aafcs.org/newsletters/facs/The\\_FACS\\_June-July\\_2006.pdf](http://www.aafcs.org/newsletters/facs/The_FACS_June-July_2006.pdf) to review the changes that were approved (Governance, Membership, and Structure) and those still pending (Mission). The proposed revised mission statement will be posted on the Website for a period of time for public comment and then presented for a second vote.

On another "professional development" note, please save the date for the next **United Associations Conference, March 1-2, 2007** in Wichita at the Sedgwick County Extension office. The Conference planning committee, chaired by Beverly Kindler and Carolyn Rychener is already at work. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please let them know.

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Marie Blythe,  
KAFCS President

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## **President's Message-continued**

Our KAFCS July board meeting continued discussion around Ann's goals to retain and recruit members. We learned at Charlotte, that AAFCS membership has been decreasing 8% per year. Kansas has not been an exception to this situation. What we do to recruit and then retain new members is vital to our future. Just as research about the multigenerational workplace tells us we must rethink the way we do business at our workplace, we must also address these considerations in our professional associations if we are to attract (and retain) new graduates/members.

If you have ideas you believe should be part of our associations' work, please share them with any of the officers. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2007.

Marie Blythe, Ph.D.  
KAFCS President

## **Transforming AAFCS: New Era of Action Senator Report**

**By Anna Mae Brown**

Serving as one of your Kansas affiliate Senators this year during the 2006 AAFCS Annual Conference in Charlotte was truly an educational experience. During this era of change within the organization, I gained insight into the structure of our organization and an understanding of where our organization needs to be in order to keep the profession of Family & Consumer Sciences in line for the future.

I encourage all members to visit the AAFCS website at <http://www.aafcs.org>. Full details of Senate actions on the proposed Recommendations for Action, as well as information on postponing the dues increases and the modified non-discrimination resolution, are posted on the website in the "What's New" section.

The Transformation of AAFCS voted on at AAFCS included four areas of recommendations for action: a new mission statement, governance, membership and structure. The proposed revised mission statement will be posted on the website for a period of time for public comment and then presented for a second vote.

## **Let's Increase Kansas Membership!**

In 2006, AAFCS conducted a "Member-Get-A-Member" campaign and a +5% contest for affiliates. Kansas was not listed among the qualifying states!

We need more members! A membership tip from AAFCS is to make phone calls to potential members. Have you called a fellow Family & Consumer Sciences colleague to invite them to join?

*Congratulations!*

*Jeanice Cress*

*50 Year AAFCS member*



### KAFCS Extension Award



**Anna Mae Brown awarding Janet Stephens**

Janet Stephens of Severy, Kansas received the 2005-2006 KAFCS Extension award.

Jan is a Kansas State University Multi-county Extension Specialist in Foods and Nutrition, Health & Safety. She currently serves the counties of Greenwood, Wilson, and Chautauqua. As these counties do not have a county Extension FCS agent, she provides nutrition programming to the communities in these three rural counties.

Through her Extension programs she helps families improve their health and well-being by increasing knowledge of nutrition used in affordable and easy to prepare meal choices. Her goal is to show people that "healthy food can taste good".

She provides programming through news columns in six newspapers, quarterly newsletters, displays and classes. Some of her many topics, to name a few, include: Healthy Cooking A-Z, One-Dish Meals, Color Me Healthy with Fruits and Vegetables, and Nutrition for Older Adults.

This year a successful new collaboration was established with Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide their clients with a two-hour workshop on Cookin' with Diabetes.

Previous to this position as a multi-county Extension Specialist, Jan served as the Greenwood County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences.

## KAFCS Leaders Award



Anna Mae awarding Sharon Frankenberg

Sharon Frankenberg received the 2005-2006 KAFCS Leaders award.

Sharon Frankenberg is a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America adviser at Fredonia High School, a position she has held for 24 years. She serves a role model for her students through her service to the community and through her active participation and leadership in her professional organizations.

She has held leadership roles in both the KAFCS board and foundation and been a leader in KATFCS serving on both the board and foundation of this organization as well. Sharon is also a member of the National Coalition of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the American and Kansas Association of Career and Technical Education.

Sharon is particularly proud of the leadership her FCCLA members have had the opportunity to develop through their involvement in this student organization. Her FCCLA members have been successful as STAR Event participants, district and state officers. Forty-one members have served as district officers in the last 21 years, 8 members have served as state officers with two of them serving as state president and one officer ran for a national office.

Sharon is a certified teacher of family and consumer sciences who has earned the highly qualified designation for her teaching assignment from the Kansas State Department of Education.

## Distinguished Service Award

Beverly Dunning is this year's recipient of the KAFCS Distinguished Service award. Having served in many leadership roles in the Family & Consumer Sciences profession throughout her career she is very deserving of this award.

Beverly has served as a state officer for KAFCS and helped in establishing the beginning of the United Association Annual meeting which continues to meet annual in the Sedgwick County Extension conference center. She is also a member of the National and Kansas Extension Associations of Family & Consumer Sciences, Epsilon Sigma Phi and Kansas State University Alumni Lifetime member. She has served in leadership roles in these organizations as well.



Bev Dunning receiving her award from Anna Mae

She has been employed for 42 years as an Extension agent in Sedgwick County. During the early years of her career, she provided Extension programming in the areas of Clothing & Textiles and Family Life and developed a program to train volunteers to help seniors with insurance issues. It has always been her desire to strengthen families and youth, helping them solve issues through unbiased, research based teaching.

During the last ten years, Beverly has served as the County Extension Director for Sedgwick County Extension. She manages an Extension team of 42 individuals, consisting of professional agents, program assistants, support staff and maintenance staff as well as managing the operational and facility budget.

In addition to working with personnel and budgets, Beverly's emphasis is marketing Extension's total program to decision makers at the state and county levels.

It is because of Beverly's dedication and contributions to the Family & Consumer Sciences profession that KAFCS has chosen to honor her with this Distinguished Service award.

## Professional Leadership Award



**Dr. Carol Kellett receiving her award**

This year the Kansas Association of Family & Consumer Sciences chose to honor Dr. Carol Kellett with a Professional Leadership Award for her outstanding contributions to the Family & Consumer Sciences profession during her term as Dean of the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University.

Carol's distinguished career includes service as Dean of the Kansas State University College of Human Ecology, professor at California State University, Founder and Director of the Urban Families Initiative, and an American Council on Education Fellow.

Throughout her career, she has looked for ways to improve society through the betterment of families. She is a Kansas State University graduate who has received numerous awards for outstanding teaching and is noted as an author of numerous grants and professional journal articles.

As Dean of the College of Human Ecology, Carol provided leadership for a strategic plan, recruitment of new administrators and faculty, and outreach to extension, alumni and friends. Through her leadership, the College of Human Ecology has pledged to offer the best educational opportunities for students, conduct research that improves the quality of life, and provide relevant programs and services for the families of Kansas.

Carol serves a role model for other professionals working in the field of Family & Consumer Sciences. Her dedication and leadership skills are valued contributions to the Family & Consumer Science profession and an example for other professionals to follow.

It is because of this dedication and commitment to the mission and values of the KAFCS organization that Carol was chosen to receive this award for her contributions to the Family & Consumer Sciences profession.

## Outstanding High School Student

(no picture available)

Heath Aaron Stapleford, a 2006 Fredonia High School Senior, was the recipient of the KAFCS Outstanding High School Scholarship Award. Heath is the son of Harold and Ronda Stapelford of Fall River, Kansas. He is a seven year member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Over the past years he has been very involved in the organization while holding several offices at the local and district levels.

Heath's community service activities included a "Paint the Parks" project, the "Don't Laugh at Me" program with third graders and working with an after school program at a local church.

After graduation, he will be seeking an associate's degree in Restaurant Management from Butler Community College. His career goal is to first become a chef in a gourmet restaurant in Chicago, than to become a general manager. Once this is accomplished, he hopes to one day open his own restaurant.

# AAFCS 2006 Annual Conference



Mariellen Appleby – Jeanice Cress – Anna Mae Brown  
AAFCS Conference attendees

AAFCS tour of America Efrid  
Thread Company, North Carolina



AAFCS Tour of Daniel  
Stowe Botanical Gardens,  
Belmont, North Carolina

\*\*\*\*\* **KAFCS Bulletin Board** \*\*\*\*\*

**Now is your chance to recognize a fellow colleague.  
PLEASE Submit Applications for KAFCS Awards!**

Anna Mae Brown  
KAFCS Vice-President of Operations

I want to encourage all KAFCS members to think of someone to nominate for 2007 State Awards. Many of our members have accomplished great achievements in our field of work with families in our communities. These accomplishments often go unrecognized. Since award nominations are no longer submitted by Districts, it is vital that awards be submitted by individual members or submitted on behalf of another KAFCS member. Award applications are available on the KAFCS website. Click on "**About Us**"; then on "**Awards**". You will find the General Application Form to be used for all awards. By selecting the award you are interested in, you will learn about the award eligibility, selection criteria, and the nomination format for that award.

**KAFCS Awards include:**

- Distinguished Service
- Extension Award
- Teacher of the Year
- Leaders Award
- Martha Streeter New Achiever
- Outstanding High School Student (Scholarship)

Award applications are due by **January 15th**. Awards will be presented at United Conference in Wichita on March 1 - 2, 2007. If you have questions about the KAFCS awards contact DeAnn Hauser, at 620-473-3829 (dmhauser@hotmail.com) or Anna Mae Brown, at 620-724-8233 (ambrown@oznet.ksu.edu).

Submit all applications to: DeAnn Hauser, KAFCS Executive Director, 352 2000 Street, Humboldt, KS 66748

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**America's Cultural Kaleidoscope: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AAFCS 98<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference & Expo June 21 – 24, 2007**  
**Reno, Nevada**

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**Reminder:** If you have any personal or work related changes to your email address, home or work addresses/phone numbers; please submit to DeAnn Hauser at: [dmhauser@hotmail.com](mailto:dmhauser@hotmail.com) or call 1-620-473-3829

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**Coming Together for Kansas Families**  
**March 1 & 2, 2007**  
**Wichita, KS**

**The planning committee is hard at work to find speakers and workshops that will motivate FCS professionals. The registration materials should be online January 2.**

**Co-chairs: Bev Kindler & Carolyn Rychener**

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