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The President's Message

By Anna Mae Brown

What a great time to be a member of such a great professional organization -100 years! We have such a rich history of professionals who have come before us to enrich the lives of individuals, families and communities.

As Family & Consumer Sciences professionals we have the mission to continue the goal of helping shape the future for the next generation. AAFCS provides us the leadership and support to help us as we continue the mission of helping individuals, families, and communities make informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

AAFCS is the only nationally recognized organization that brings all of us as Family & Consumer Sciences professionals, together to address critical topics challenging our communities. We come to this organization from a variety of career paths - teachers at the high school and university level, extension agents, dietitians, family service workers, and a number of related fields. As mem-

bers of AAFCS we unite as one profession - together we make our profession strong.

I encourage you to continue to strive in increasing our membership. Visit with other family & consumer science professionals about your passion for our organization and our mission. Help others to see what a strong voice we can be for families when we work together with our common goals for the individuals and families who we serve within our communities.

I hope to see all of you at this year's United Conference March 5 & 6th in Wichita. This is a great opportunity for Kansas professionals to come together to network with one another and gain new skills and knowledge. If you are not already registered, do so soon by clicking on the United Conference link on the KAFCS website. There are several breakout sessions from which to choose, round table sessions, an early childhood tour and keynote speakers. This year a pre-conference session option has been added, "Choose Respect" brought to Kansas by the Centers for Disease Con-

trol. Opening keynote speaker, Marcia Ritter, will help us look at our mission and our vision for where we are going in our profession and how we can focus on skills for a lifetime.

The Friday luncheon will feature Joyce B. Miles as she takes us "On the trail of Ellen Richards". She will help us explore how our profession is more relevant than ever before and how the sustainability issues we face today were addressed by Ellen Richards over 100 years ago.

Then I highly encourage you travel on to Knoxville, Tennessee June 25-26 for the 100th Annual Conference of AAFCS - "Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future!". You won't want to miss this Centennial Celebration! Activities include educational sessions, powerful keynote speakers and an exciting expo. Special Centennial events include a Saturday evening Celebration with refreshments and a commemorative gift. In honor of the AAFCS Centennial, the member full registration rate is being extended



Anna Mae Brown, KAFCS President

to nonmembers! This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce other professionals, friends and family members to our great organization. Let's make our Kansas affiliate well known with a great turn-out for this once in a lifetime experience!

Good luck to all of you as you continue to enrich the lives of those you reach through our great profession.

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Centennial Campaign 2008-2010

Invest in the future of Family and Consumer Sciences

Have you made your contribution to the AAFCS Centennial Campaign?

The KAFCS Board encourages our affiliate membership to invest in the Future of Family & Consumer Sciences

A contribution box will be available at the KAFCS booth at the United Associations Conference. The KAFCS Board will match all contributions up to \$500 to the Centennial Campaign made during the United Associations Conference!



AAFCS 100th Annual Conference & Expo
CELEBRATING THE PAST, SUSTAINING THE FUTURE
June 25-28, 2009 ~ Knoxville, Tennessee

Join us in Knoxville for the AAFCS and Centennial Celebration!

AAFCS 100th Annual Conference & Expo

Knoxville Convention Center

Hilton Knoxville, Holiday Inn Select

Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

- ◆ Special Centennial events, including a Celebration on Saturday evening with refreshments and a commemorative gift
- ◆ Theme-related educational sessions, beginning Thursday morning
- ◆ Powerful keynote speakers
- ◆ An exciting Expo with new products and services, poster sessions and learning labs

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KAFCS officers to be elected at annual session

KAFCS membership will elect officers at the Annual meeting to be held at UAC. The nominating committee (Jan Stephens, Cynthia Leniton, Sarah Short) has submitted the following names:

For President Elect: Cris Elliott

Cris is currently a Teacher Educator and Acting Chairperson for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Pittsburg State University. She previously taught FACS in Raytown, Missouri. She also sponsors PSU's pre-professional/graduate section of KAFCS. She has been active in several KAFCS committees and board and United Associations Conference. Cris looks forward to serving KAFCS as she feels this and other professional organizations are important for professional growth.

For Treasurer: Karen Pence

Karen is Sr. Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Services/Scholarship in the Dean's Office of Human Ecology at Kansas State University. She specializes in leadership for student academic services and advises students in the Human Ecology and Mass Communications major. She has served on multiple college and university committees and a number of committees and offices of KAFCS. She has held the offices of vice president, treasurer, and district president for KAFCS in the past.

For Vice President of Operations: Denise Sullivan

Denise is County Extension Director and Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in Leavenworth County. She has focused on programs of foods and nutrition including Master Food Volunteers, Walk Kansas, and Family Nutrition Program. She is currently working on a project with K-State Research and Extension to promote Wellness in the Workplace. Denise has been a member of KAFCS for several years and is also active in Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The KAFCS Board wants you!

Stop by the KAFCS booth at United Associations Conference to see what Centennial specials we have for you!

Ask us about KAFCS membership! Do we have a deal for you!

Apply for publication in AAFCS EASE Community Best Practices Guide

The AAFCS Elementary Secondary Adult Education Community is accepting Applications/Entries until June 1, 2009 for publication in the 2009 Centennial (8th) edition of their popular Best Practices Guide (BPG) on CD. Share original, effective teaching tools of all types and be published along with Curriculum Showcase participants and TOY nominees. Follow the link to the ESAE BPG Application under "What's New" on the AAFCS Homepage

Volunteer hours

Looking for ideas for how to participate in this centennial project? The sky's the limit! The three primary criteria that your SCOH volunteer hours must meet are:

- ◆ Hours must include an application of your FCS expertise, and
- ◆ You must identify yourself as an FCS professional while volunteering, and;
- ◆ You must not receive compensation beyond expense reimbursement.

In addition, eligible volunteer hours must provide assistance to persons outside one's immediate family. Here are some ideas that generally would meet these criteria:

- ◆ Providing leadership by serving on the boards of community service organizations such as domestic violence shelters or community food banks;
- ◆ Providing fundraising assistance to the March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, or similar nonprofits;
- ◆ Providing labor such as Meals on Wheels delivery or Red Cross disaster relief;
- ◆ Providing education by leading a 4-H community club or training other volunteers such as Habitat for Humanity workers.

This list is intended to trigger your thinking – you may have lots more ideas! Help demonstrate the tremendous impact that FCS professionals make every day to support individuals, families and communities.

Forms will be provided at UAC to report your community service hours. If you are unable to attend UAC, please send your volunteer hours and type of activity to Jan Stephens at jstephens@ksu.edu.



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