Dear FCE Friends,

Our theme for TAFCE Conference is Bee Amazing, Bee FCE. Have you ever really stopped to consider the bee?

Bees are insects in the Apoidea family, and there are about 20,000 different species in the world. Some bees, like honeybees, live in colonies that contain a queen bee, worker bees, and drones. The queen and workers are female, and the drones are male. The job of the drone is to mate with the queen, and the job of the queen is to lay eggs. Worker bees are responsible for cleaning the hive, for collecting pollen and nectar to feed the colony, and for taking care of the offspring. As leaders in our clubs and communities, we are like those worker bees, responsible for the comings and goings of our colonies!

Because bees can see all colors (except red), their sight, along with their sense of smell, helps them locate flowers. Bees and plants have a symbiotic relationship: flowers provide the pollen (for protein for the larvae) and nectar (for energy) that bees need as a food source, then bees cross-pollinate plants as they fly from one to another. As leaders in our clubs and communities, we have a symbiotic relationship: we learn educational programs from UT, then we disseminate that info to the public; we also learn from each other, and share what we learn.

An estimated 1/3 of the human food supply depends on pollination. Bees—along with birds, bats, wind, and other insects—play an important role in pollinating flowering plants. As leaders in our communities, we can spread the word that all of us need to BEE responsible in our gardening practices: limit our use of pesticides and herbicides, and plant pollinator friendly plants.

Bees are an amazing creation, and so are we. Through our leadership in FCE, we grow, learn, educate others, and continue to BEE Amazing!

BEE FCE!

Emma
Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR President

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”
—John F. Kennedy

2018 TAFCE-WR FOCUS

DATES
July 19-22  NAFCE Conference, Austin, TX
July 31    Mini-Conference, Henry County Fairgrounds
Nov. 11-14 2018 TAFCE Conference, Memphis Hilton

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”
—Warren Bennis

REPORTS
TAFCE Board Report—Emma Shupe, TAFCE-WR President
The TAFCE Board met on April 23-24. The next board meeting will be August 20-21. If you have any issues that you would like addressed, please send them in writing to Emma Shupe to present to the board.

Line & Design
TAFCE-WR donates $300 annually to help fund partial scholarships for Line & Design Camp. The following was received from Peyton Evans:
"Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It’s about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team-mates and customers.” —Robin S. Sharma

**TAFCE-WR BOARD NEWS**

**Vice President for Programs, Cynthia Summers**

The number of entries for Creative Writing seemed down this year. Please start working on your entries for next year’s competition. We have amazing members with amazing writing talents—please share these!

**Secretary, Lee Bittinger**

Please accept my sincere apologies for the lateness of the M-C packets. The wrong postage was placed on them before I went on vacation, so they were returned to me.

**Treasurer, Sheryl Butcher**

Please send dues (with member info) to me through the year as soon as any new member joins. The form for any new National member must be the original 2018 signed form, not a form with a copied signature.

**Conference Coordinator, Ann Luther**

Whew! The conference registration packet is finally finished, ready for mailing. Thank you to all committee members who are working in their areas, and to all members who are working on items for our gift shop. Committee co-chairs only will meet in September, location tbd. Let’s continue to Bee Amazing!

**Education Chairs—Cultural Arts, Mary Koebler, Kathie McClanahan**

Please make sure your county has sent the list of 1st and 2nd place winners in to Mary for the regional competition. Tags are going out to the person who sent in the list from each county. These tags should be securely attached to items before they come to Mini-Conference.

**Education Chairs—Fashion Revue, Pamela Albaro, Brenda Gray**

Please check to see that 1st and 2nd place winner data sheets have been sent to Pamela.

“Leadership is unlocking people’s potential to become a better.” —Bill Bradley

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**COUNTY NEWS**

**Humphreys County**

Humphreys County FCE held its Spring FCE Day potluck luncheon on May 10th, with the theme *FCE Gives You Wings*. Flowers and butterflies were used for decorations. Dr. Danny Kimberlin, Paris, TN, gave an educational presentation on Monarch Butterflies. He encouraged us to plant native plants, like milkweed, and to limit our use of herbicides and pesticides.

Pictured above, Dr. Danny Kimberlin is an advocate for Monarch butterflies.

On June 12, members of the Friendship FCE Club went for their annual outing, this year to Clarksville to eat at Silke’s Old World Bakery and to tour the Smith-Trahern Mansion.

Pictured winding down the stairs of Smith-Trahern Mansion are Friendship FCE Club members Linda Miles, Crystel Collier, Kathie McClanahan, Karen Werfel, Emma Shupe, Katie McFarlin, Louise Lipke, Virginia Capps, and Judy Hughes, along with Agent Advisor Denise Schaeffer.

Like us on Facebook! —Emma S. Shupe
Montgomery County

Oh my! Why a tour to Cheekwood and Centennial Park? The following is combined from notes from key leaders and evaluations from the tour day, May 31st.

Smith-Trahern Mansion/FCE Tour Guides have 2020 Vision. As the time draws closer for the 100th Celebration of Votes for Women, our Mansion volunteer staff want to continue to grow our knowledge of people that were involved in these accomplishments. As one of the educational day planners, let me say that this team of volunteers was the most considerate and polite group ever taken anywhere.

There is so much that was learned that it would take a full day to share it all. At Centennial Park, we learned about Ann Robertson, who was the first woman to receive a land grant. We learned about the 100th Year Celebration of Tennessee’s Statehood, and of course, we visited the new monument honoring the five women that were large players in TN Votes for Women. Under the shade of trees, teaching style included mini-lectures offered throughout the morning, and sharing materials about our studies as we travel.

Our brown bag lunch was complimented often as we enjoyed it around the lake. Katie Smith, Martha Pile, and Barbara Beeman delighted in the opportunity to get together on this service project. As we enjoyed the shade and breeze at the lake, it was as if we were actually back in the days of the Expo.

At lunch, Montgomery County FCE Council VP Pam Albaro covered the informal session of the FCE County Council and agenda in quality leadership style. She recognized Ann Wentz and Elenora Mallory as recent graduates of the TAFCE FCL program.

The next stop was Cheekwood, where several parts of the house were closed because they were getting ready for the Swan Ball, but just being there during this exciting time was an education in itself. As tour guides, we often have had to give tours around setting up tables for our special fundraiser, The Cake Bake. Our tour guide was soft spoken and knowledgeable, and covered information about Mable Wood of Clarksville. Barbara Beeman’s sister by marriage is a Cheekwood Garden Tour Guide, and she popped by to visit us for a short while.

The bad storm reports did not develop, and only a small afternoon shower came as we left Cheekwood. This light summer rain gave us a little break of a warmer afternoon as we rode the shuttle back to our cars for another bottle of water.

When I got back home, I was ready to get back on the internet, and using some of the new names and information, searched out more on Mable Wood. I found several articles, and just read an article written several years back by Stacy Leiser, about the home where Mable lived. Our tour guide expressed a great interest in having them come to Clarksville to visit Smith-Trahern Mansion. We shared that it would be such an honor, and we would also like to include some other sights of interest.

For all those in attendance, thank you for your joyfulness. Many hours go into planning such a trip, and the planning team of Barbara Beeman, Martha Pile, and Debby Johnson appreciated your positive feedback. Special thanks go to Katie Smith for the food, and to Linda Ellison for one of our dry-runs for this day that seemed to go seamless.

We are working on what we hope will be a Fall Tour Guide Training that will top this one, so keep up the good support of the Smith-Trahern Mansion, your Family and Community Education Clubs, and partnership with Montgomery County UT Extension. —Debby Johnson

Pictured above, the team included: Barbara Beeman, Katie Smith, Pamela Albaro, Pat Woods, Andrea Zavatchen, Mary Moore, Doris Fairrow, Virginia Osborn, Willie Mae Miller, Nancye Britton, Sharon Crisp, Brenda Harper, Ann Wentz, Elenora Mallory, Martha Wynne, Linda Ellison, Martha Pile, and Debby Johnson.
Shelby County

The photo below shows Shelby County FCE members who held their Spring Fling on May 24th at Amerigo’s Restaurant, Memphis. Each member shared their wedding pictures. It was fun going around the table, sharing pictures and telling how long we’d been married. The group discussed the TAFCE Conference and items for the gift shop. We also discussed the upcoming Mini-Conference and the basket for it.

Pictured above are Pat Foust, Ann Baumgartner, Phyllis Peterson and Sherry Ford, Cookie Kutters FCE; Cathy Gremillion and Cathy Luckett, Bartlett FCE; Sandra Mayfield, Member-at-large; Shirley Swaim, Brunswick FCE; Margie Hyde, Bartlett FCE; and Cathy Faust, Advisor.

Pictured below are (front) Margie Hyde, Bartlett FCE; Sandra Mayfield, Member-at-large; Carolyn Palmer, Shelby Center FCE; Honoree Edith Freeouf; Cathy Faust, FCE Advisor; Anna Hardy, Cathy Freres and June Kendall, Shelby Center FCE; (back) Cathy Gremillion, Bartlett FCE, and Alice Chandler, Brunswick FCE.

The photo below left shows the Shelby County FCE members celebrating the milestone membership of Edith Freeouf, a member of the Shelby Center FCE Club for 60 years. The group gathered at O’Charley’s in Bartlett on June 12th. They presented Edith with a certificate and 60-year pin. Edith shared her favorite memories of the organization, and where she saw FCE headed in the future. Not surprisingly, Edith said that most of all, she enjoyed the many friendships she had made over the years through FCE.

—Cathy Faust

Weakley County

Bee-You-tiful Command Performance

Calling all “busy bees” (If you don’t know who I’m talking about, find yourself in the photo)! You have the outfit complete with antenna, wings and a kazoo. Why not get another opportunity to “Bee Amazing, Bee FCE” at the Western Region Mini Conference at the Henry County Fairgrounds on July 31st? We will close out the day with a command performance of our invitation to the 2018 TAFCE Conference. So, bring your “bee gear” to Paris and let’s keep the “buzz” going to Memphis!

“Leadership is a choice, not a position.” —Stephen Covey

“I know of no single formula for success. But over the years, I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together.” —Queen Elizabeth II

“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.” —Lao Tzu

“Ultimately, leadership is not about glorious crowning acts. It’s about keeping your team focused on a goal and motivated to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences really matter. It is about laying the groundwork for others’ success, and then standing back and letting them shine.” —Chris Hadfield

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