Dear *FCE* Friends,

The definition of *success is the accomplishment of an aim; a favorable or desired outcome.* I would say that describes our last TAFCE Conference! Thanks to all of you who helped make this event a success!

Patty Mayhall was very successful as our conference coordinator. Thanks to her for the many, many hours she devoted to our conference, from visiting the site and working with hotel staff, to creating and sending out registration packets; from leading planning meetings, to smoothing out all the big and little wrinkles that occurred along the way.

Montgomery County FCE members and FCS Agent Martha Pile went out of their way to help with many, many aspects of the conference, from hosting events at Smith Trahern Mansion, to planning, organizing and implementing the Learning Journeys; from securing judges and speakers, to organizing and running the Gift Shop; from serving as Parliamentarian to decorating for the banquet. Thanks to Montgomery County FCE for helping with the success of the conference.

Still, it takes a region to host this event, and our regional members pitched in to do their part in making it successful. Thanks to all of you who helped in any way, from donating items to the gift shop, to providing goodies for and helping in the hospitality room; from attending planning meetings to serving as hostess; from teaching classes to working wherever needed. Thanks to all of our Western Region members for helping make the 2015 TAFCE Conference a great success! Great job!!

It was wonderful to *FCE you* volunteering on the Cumberland!

Sincere thanks,

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Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR President

"Success occurs when opportunity meets preparation." —Zig Ziglar

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**LEADERSHIP-IN-ACTION**

—January 12, 2016 (snow date Jan. 19th), Madison County Extension, Jackson

—Registration forms can be found on the regional website. These are due to WR Treasurer Jann Vanderlinden by Jan. 5th. Please note that her correct address is 155 Frazier Cemetery Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.

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**CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners at TAFCE Conference:**

**CREATIVE WRITING**

Essays 1st *Janie Jones*, Dickson

2nd *Patricia Long*, Lawrence
Short Stories 3rd Debbie Schmidt, Houston
News/Feature Article 2nd Laura Rummans, Lawrence
Miscellaneous 2nd Sandra Bass, McNairy

CULTURAL ARTS
Basketry 2nd Gretchen Turner, Humphreys
Ceramics 1st Sandra Newman, Gibson
2nd Nita Simpson, Obion
Chairs & Stools 1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2nd Nadine Killion, Obion
Cross-Stitch Counted 1st Bettina Nuckolls, Montgomery
Decorative Painting 1st Pat Calhoun, Weakley
Dolls 2nd Jane Stansbury, Lawrence
Embroidery Hand 1st Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Fine Art Paint Oil 1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
Fine Art Paint Drawings/Charcoal 1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
Hand Stitching 1st Norma Kimbro, Dickson
Holiday Decoration 1st Judi Fischer, Chester
2nd Virginia McCulum, Houston
Knitting Hand 2nd Nadine Killion, Obion
Pottery 2nd Gretchen Turner, Humphreys
Quilts Baby/Lap 2nd Francis Allen, Obion
Quilts MPHQ 1st Jeanette Proctor, Obion
Quilts HPMQ 2nd Anita Fish, Chester
Quilts MPMQ 2nd Helen Moore, Houston
Quilts Cathedral Window/Appliqué 1st Nadine Killion, Obion
2nd Mary Louise Davis, Obion
Quilts Other Wall Hanging 2nd Brenda Winstead, Weakley
Quilts All Other 1st Diane Uher, McNairy
Rug Making 2nd Natalie Carter, Houston
Stained Glass 1st June Ross, Humphreys
Tatting 1st Juanita Mitchell, Dickson
2nd Jane Fisher, Obion
Weaving Loom 2nd Anna Johnson, Lauderdale
Weaving Hand 1st Nita Simpson, Obion
2nd Linda Christensen, Houston
Viewer’s Choice Bettina Nuckolls, Montgomery

Suit/Better Dress 2nd Nancy Tankersley, Obion
3rd Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Jacket/Coat 1st Charlotte Pierce, Obion
2nd Anna Johnston, Lauderdale
Casual/Active 1st Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Children’s Casual/Active 2nd Jo Anne Gill, Weakley
Wardrobe Accessory 3rd Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Best Purchase/Casual 1st Judi Fischer, Chester
3rd Mary Elizabeth Bell, Weakley
Best Purchase/Better Dress 2nd Alice Fennel, Obion

HEART OF FCE
Barbara Isbell, McNairy

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See your goal
Understand the obstacles
Create a positive mental picture
Clear your mind of self-doubt
Embrace the challenge
Stay on track
Show the world you can do it

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COUNTY NEWS
Dickson County
Dickson County FCE members met for their Fall Luncheon at Colton’s Restaurant on October 22nd. Guest speaker was State Senator Kerry Roberts. Members decorated pumpkins with proceeds from $1.00 votes going to Women Are Safe. A total of over $800 was raised including votes, checks and items donated.
**Humphreys County**
Humphreys County FCE members and guests donated and bid on items which raised over $1,800 for the scholarship fund during the auction at Fall FCE Day, with much thanks to Auctioneer Robbie Sims.

**Lawrence County**
Thirty-six members were in attendance at the October 8, 2015, Lawrence County Council Breakfast Meeting. President Barbara Crews led the meeting, expressing thanks to everyone for their support over the last two years which she enjoyed as president, and thanked Margie Hudson and staff for their support. Caroline Venable installed the new officers for 2016-2017. These officers have new ideas to bring new interests to build the clubs.

2016 Lawrence County Council officer, L to R: Joyce Todd, President; Patricia Long, Secretary; Pat Heard, Treasurer; Laura Rummans, Reporter; Lila Gobbell, Historian; Barbara Crews, Vice-President for Programs (not pictured Mary Meier, Vice-President)

**McNairy County**

**Shelby County**
Seventeen FCE members and guests enjoyed a delightful lunch and tour of the L’Ecole cooking school on October 6, 2015. The tour was led by Candice Baxter, Event Coordinator/Adjunct Instructor of L’Ecole. Chef Bill Mullins, CEC, CCD, Chef Instructor, talked about the menus and answered questions from the group. Those attending were: Cathy Luckett, Bartlett FCE & Shelby County FCE President; Glynda Whitlow, Brunswick FCE President; Jane Hodge, Marion Sandifer, Glenda Linton, Merle Todd, Sherry Ford, Pat Foust, members of Cookie Kutters FCE;
Cathy Freres, June Kendal of Shelby Center; Sandra Mayfield, President of Apron Strings; Cathy Gremillion, Bartlett FCE & Shelby County FCE Treasurer; Karen Lynch, Bartlett FCE; Shirley Swaim, former member of Brunswick FCE; guests Beth Truebger, Diane Hobauge; and FCS Agent Cathy Faust.

The school is located at 1245 N. Germantown Pkwy, Cordova, TN. Anyone interested in booking a tour and lunch at L’Ecole may call Candice Baxter at 901-759-5080.

Pictured are Cathy Freres, Marion Sandifer, Cathy Gremillion, Merle Todd and Sandra Mayfield.

Weakley County

Pictured L to R: Weakley County FCE members (aka “Santa’s Happy Helpers”) Mary Elizabeth Bell, Fonda Holst, Agent Beverly Shelby, Jerry Seamans, Lee Culham, Linda Capra, Maurine Hickman and Particia Grimm, spread Christmas cheer with the residents of Van Ayer Manor in Martin, through caroling and a gift of a beaded cross Christmas ornament constructed for each resident. This is an annual council project.

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“The real secret of success is enthusiasm.”
—Walter Chrysler