Dear FCE Friends,

As we focus this year on leadership, I’d like to share my top qualities of a good leader:
- Integrity—a good leader can be trusted to be of good character (synonyms: honesty, ethics, trustworthiness, sincerity, morality);
- Commitment—a good leader is dedicated to the organization, and can be counted on to fulfill what the job entails (synonyms: faithfulness, loyalty, dedication);
- Ownership—a good leader takes responsibility for events and actions (synonyms: accountability, duty, obligation).

It has been an honor for me to serve as your president these last 6 years. I hope that I have lived up to these qualities in your eyes.

Serving as a leader requires the commitment of your time to understand what the role entails, and to make sure the jobs of that office are fulfilled. I urge you to step out of your comfort zone (as I did), to learn a new role, and to own that role so you fulfill what it requires.

FCL is a great educational tool for leaders. If you have successfully completed FCL, I urge you to put what you have learned into action and step up to be the leader FCE needs. I encourage you to pay back to your region for its confidence in sending you to FCL.

FCE strives to educate leaders for our families and communities. FCE will always need its members to step up to be great leaders so that FCE can continue to be of importance in those families and communities.

BEE the leader FCE needs!

Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR President

“\textit{The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.}” —Dwight D. Eisenhower

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everyone who bid. This year’s money will be going to the Hospitality Room for TAFCE Conference.

A lot of time goes into Mini-Conference, before, during, and after, and we would like to thank everyone who helped make it successful. We would like to say a special thanks to Michele Atkins, Henry County FCS Agent, and Henry County FCE for everything they did, including providing the delicious morning refreshments.

**TAFCE Board Report—Emma Shupe, TAFCE-WR President**

The TAFCE Board met on August 20-21. The board voted to change the reporting areas for **STATE PROJECTS**, effective January, 2019. The new areas are:

- Community Action
- Education & Literacy
- Leadership

Please look for the new forms on the TAFCE website to include in your county yearbooks!

Western Region’s totals (followed by state totals in parenthesis) for **2017 State Projects** are:

- **Literacy** 9,745 (23,891) hours volunteered, reaching 8,378 (9,995) FCE members and 47,134 (311,632) non-FCE people, with reports from 10 (27) counties;
- **Education** 6,002 (52,035) hours volunteered, reaching 2,006 (6,195) FCE members and 152,618 (595,342) non-FCE people, with reports from 10 (27) counties;
- **Community Action** 20,353 (103,663) hours volunteered, reaching 13,659 (20,741) FCE members and 560,804 (5,950,123) non-FCE people, with reports from 11 (29) counties.

Western Region’s totals (followed by state totals in parenthesis) for **2017 CVUs** are:

- **91,500 (361,000) CVU hours reported from 130 (521) FCE members, reaching 893,201 (9,901,163) people.**

**Leadership-In-Action**

We are happy to announce that construction work is finished at the UT Research Center, so we can return for our events. Leadership-In-Action will be held on January 10, 2019, in Jackson (there is no snow date). Look for the registration form soon on our region webpage.

*“Honor your commitments with integrity.”* —Les Brown

**TAFCE-WR BOARD NEWS**

**President-Elect, Barbara Beeman**

As we move forward to a new year in FCE, let’s continue enjoying our bees as we explore what it means to “Bee Amazing, Bee FCE!” We will kick off with Leadership-In-Action on January 10th when we return to Jackson and the UT Research Center. Our speaker Pat Woods’ topic is “Bee Your Best!” It’s the beginning of our new adventure together!

**Vice President for Programs, Cynthia Summers**

Congratulations to the following Creative Writing winners:

- **Poetry** 1 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
  2 Kathy Page, Obion
- **Short Story** 1 Debbie Schmidt, Houston
  2 Debbie Demeris, Lauderdale
- **Essay** 1 Janie Jones, Dickson
  2 June Kay Kemp, Henry
- **Child’s Story** 1 Debbie Schmidt, Houston
  2 Patricia Long, Lawrence
- **Feature/News** 1 Alice Poole, Dickson
  2 Barbara Crews, Lawrence
- **Miscellaneous** 1 Aileen Edwards, Weakley
  2 Debbie Demeris, Lauderdale

**Secretary, Lee Bittinger**

Please send your county council officers list for 2019 to me by November 1st. Please send the list even if your officers did not change from this year. Please include contact info for each officer. This info is for the region.
Treasurer, Sheryl Butcher
Please send your 2019 county member info and $4 dues for each member to me by October 1st. The list should be in alphabetical order and include contact info. Forms for National members must be the original 2019 signed forms, not forms with a copied signature. My address is 623 Stonewall Lane, Clarksville, TN 37040; sheryl.butcher@yahoo.com.

Conference Coordinator, Ann Luther
We’ve had our final planning session for state conference, and all systems are “Go!” Your volunteer committees are “buzzing” to get things done, and to date, there are around 80 volunteers assisting in all area. If you are a First Timer this year, I encourage you to join one of the committees and become a part of the team. Volunteers are still needed for the Bee Hive Gift Shop.

We plan to don our “bee wings and antenna” again in Memphis, so be sure to bring yours. If you did not go to Knoxville last year, you may be able to find a set at Dollar General in the costume section (children’s size) or get a set from someone who is not going to Memphis this year. Beverly Shelby has new words to our song “Let Me Tell You About the Birds and Bees” and added a new song “Bee Our Guest.”

Patty Mayhall, co-chair of our service project, made a “bee hive” for collections. All members coming to Memphis are encouraged to bring a “Jazzy Jar” filled with goodies or to make a donation in the bee hive for Serenity House.

The Goody Bag Committee, and volunteers who would like to help, will meet on October 9th at 10AM at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Center (Blue Creek Ag Building, Fairgrounds), 234 West Blue Creek Road, Waverly.

Join the “Swarm to Memphis” and remember that registration is due October 1.

Education Chairs—Cultural Arts, Mary Koebler, Kathie McClanahan
Congratulations to the following Cultural Arts winners:

- **Basketry**
  1. Twania Stewart, Decatur
  2. Cynthia Summers, Henry
- **Beadwork**
  1. Gail Perkins, Henry
  2. Mary Meier, Lawrence
- **Ceramics**
  1. Lela Elola, Dickson
- **Chairs/Stools**
  1. Martha Pile, Montgomery
- **Crochet**
  1. Candace Woods, Humphreys
  2. Margaret Thurmond, Lauderdale
- **Cross-stitch C**
  1. Bettina Nuckolls, Montgomery
  2. Rebecca Hunt, Dickson
- **Cross-stitch O**
  1. Lupita Bernier, Obion
  2. Carlene Tenpenny, Madison
- **Decor. Paint.**
  1. Phoebe Ray, Obion
  2. Joyce Todd, Lawrence
- **Dolls**
  1. Brenda Gray, Obion
  2. Adean Brooks, Humphreys
- **Embroidery H**
  1. Frances Allen, Obion
  2. Frances Carroll, Henderson
- **Embroidery M**
  1. Ann Luther, Dickson
  2. Vicky Rowland, McNairy
- **FAP Acrylics**
  1. Phoebe Ray, Lawrence
  2. Mary Elizabeth Bell, Weakley
- **FAP Draw/Ch.**
  1. June Ross, Humphreys
  2. Julie White, Lauderdale
- **FAP Pastels**
  1. Teresa French, Obion
  2. Vicki Rose, Gibson
- **FAP Oil**
  1. Jo Ann Bedwell, Obion
  2. Debbie Schmidt, Houston
- **FAP Watercol.**
  1. Wanda Eubank, Dickson
  2. June Ross, Humphreys
- **Handcraft. Toy**
  1. Rebecca Hunt, Dickson
  2. Linda Kent, Chester
Hand-Stitch. 1 Carlene Tenpenny, Madison
2 Frances Allen, Obion
Hol. Decor. C. 1 Vicki King, Madison
2 Judi Fischer, Chester
Hol. Decor. N. 1 Brenda Winstead, Weakley
2 Gail Rosson, Humphreys
Jewelry 1 Janice Vanderlinden, Dickson
2 Nita Simpson, Obion
Knitting Hand 1 Ann Dunavant, Lauderdale
2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Needlepoint 1 Jane Stansbury, Lawrence
2 Sylvia Simmons, Weakley
Paper Crafts 1 Linda Evans, Henry
2 Alice Fennel, Obion
Photo B/W P. 1 Tonya Scott, Madison
2 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
Photo B/W Pl. 1 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
2 Tonya Scott, Madison
Photo B/W O. 1 Martha Jo Gibbs, Lawrence
2 Ann Luther, Dickson
Photo Color P. 1 Susie Rogers, Obion
2 Mary Elizabeth Bell, Weakley
Photo Color Pl. 1 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
2 Lea Elola, Dickson
Photo Color O.1 Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
Pottery 1 Teresa French, Obion
2 Susan Wieber, Lauderdale
Quilt Baby/L. 1 Frances Allen, Obion
2 Mary Louise Davis, Obion
Quilt Embr H. 1 Mary Louise Davis, Obion
Quilt Embr M. 1 Brenda Winstead, Weakley
Quilt HPHQ 1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Quilt MPHQ 2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Quilt MPMQ 1 Brenda Winstead, Weakley
Quilt Prof. Q. 1 Debbie White, Gibson
2 Vicki Long, Madison
Quilt Pillow 1 Frances Allen, Obion
2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Quilt Wall H. 1 Brenda Winstead, Weakley
2 Carolyn Venable, Lawrence
Quilt Other 1 Joann Gill, Weakley
2 Lillie Zimmerman, Lawrence
Repurposing 1 Judi Fischer, Chester
2 Joyce Todd, Lawrence
Rug Making 1 Jane Stansbury, Lawrence
2 Anna Johnson, Lauderdale
Sculpture 1 Vickie Rose, Gibson
2 Paul Hanna, Obion
Tatting 1 Jane Fisher, Obion
Weaving H. 1 Betty Cole, Montgomery
2 Alice Fennel, Obion
Weaving L. 1 Loy Anne Cope, Gibson
2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Woodworking 1 Nita Simpson, Obion

Special Congratulations to Bettina Nuckolls, Montgomery County, whose Counted Cross-stitch won Viewer’s Choice.

Education Chairs—Fashion Revue,
Pamela Albaro, Brenda Gray

Congratulations to the following Fashion Revue winners:
Suit/Dressy Ensemble
1 Betty Quarles, Chester
2 Susie Rodgers, Obion

Jacket/Blazer/Coat
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion

Casual/Active Wear
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion

Child Casual/Better Wear
1 Alice Poole, Dickson
2 Katie Smith, Montgomery

Sewing for Adult
1 Lois Davis, Lauderdale

Recycled Garment
1 Nadine Killion, Obion
2 Katie Smith, Montgomery

Wardrobe Accessory
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
2 Charlotte Pierce, Obion

Decorative Sweat Wear
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
2 Nadine Killion, Obion

Purchased/Best Fashion/Casual
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
2 Ellna Roland, Chester

Purchased/Best Fashion/Better Wear
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
2 Nancy Tankersley, Obion
“Goodness is about character—integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people.”

—Dennis Prager

COUNTY NEWS

Dickson County

Dickson County FCE members met recently to make items for the TAFCE Conference. Around 12 members made 30 Jazzy Jars which will be sold to benefit our service project, 30 jars of body cream for the Bee Hive Gift Shop, and 30 banquet centerpieces. A record number of members from Dickson County plan to attend conference this year.

Pictured left to right, front are: Brenda Elliott, McEwen; Linda Buchanan, Buffalo; June Ross, Buffalo; back Emma Shupe, Friendship; Laura Hooper, Buffalo; Sarah Wade, Buffalo; Rita Buchanan, Buffalo; back Emma Shupe, Friendship; Candace Woods, Buffalo; Crystel Collier, Friendship; Patty Hudson, Friendship.

Like us on Facebook! —Emma S. Shupe

Humphreys County

Humphreys County FCE will have our annual Fall FCE Day on October 16th at the Blue Creek Ag Building in Waverly. The day will begin with a potluck luncheon at 11AM, followed by our auction. Part of the money raised will go to scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the county. This is open to the public.

Several Humphreys County FCE members volunteered at the Humphreys County Fair during the week of September 10-16. They helped in the Exhibit Building, registering and displaying items, and with pick-up. Some helped with Tiny Acres, a fun-filled farm for the young to enjoy.

Pictured left to right, front are: Brenda Elliott, McEwen; Linda Buchanan, Buffalo; June Ross, Buffalo; back Emma Shupe, Friendship; Laura Hooper, Buffalo; Sarah Wade, Buffalo; Rita Buchanan, Buffalo; and FCS Agent Denise Schaffer (not pictured, Candace Woods, Buffalo; Crystel Collier, Friendship; Patty Hudson, Friendship).

Like us on Facebook! —Emma S. Shupe

McNairy County

Sharing Hearts FCE has had a busy spring and summer. We held our annual potluck dinner with our silent auction, and attended the Garden Party and Summer Picnic of fellow FCE clubs. A few of the members went on a Mystery Trip, lunch out, and then to a movie. We have also made drainage bags, seat belt covers, and heart pillows for the Kirkland Cancer Center. Then just to top off the summer, we participated in the local Back to School Fest where we handed out 300 rulers, erasers, index cards, and glue sticks.
Sharing Hearts had a work day to kick off our late summer and early fall projects. We put together 100 homemade bags to send to the Appalachian Mountain Ministry. We filled each of them with flip flops for girls, and t-shirts for boys that were Brand Name Charters. We also put in crayons, socks, mittens, gloves, scarves, erasers, pens, stuffed animals, pencil boxes, and activity books. We made some homemade lotion to sell at our upcoming Craft Mart Sale.

Well, we have a few more months to go before the end of the year, and we have a few more projects to finish, so off to fun we go! —Patricia Davison

Pictured left to right, back: Loretta Plunk, Nancy Gegner, Pat Cates (Treasurer), Patricia Davison (Secretary), and Frances Willis (Vice President); front: Doris Weeks, Barbara Isbell (President), Jean Bridges, Helen Scott, and Marie Reddin.

Shelby County
Shelby County FCE and 4-H have been given several dozen beautiful Christmas items that will be in the FCE Gift Shop this November! There are too many for pictures, but the items are sure to put you in the holiday spirit. Please bring your checkbook and Christmas list!

Shelby County FCE will have a table set up in the Gift Shop for gift-wrapping, done by Shelby County 4-H’ers for a small fee.

—Cathy Faust

Weakley County
Another Call to “Bee Amazing!”
The FCE “busy bees” have yet another opportunity to Bee Amazing at TAFCE Conference in Memphis, November 11-14. We will open the conference Monday night with a “bee-utifully” welcoming rendition of “Bee Our Guest.” Tuesday morning, we will introduce Carol Reese and her “bee-guiling” program (Sex in the Garden) with “The Birds and the Bees.” So, bring your outfit complete with antenna, wings, and kazoo. We will try to meet Sunday night at the conference for a dry run rehearsal (time and location to be determined). I “bee-seech” you to join the fun! —Beverly Shelby

“To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.”

—Douglas Adams

“In building a management team, I look for integrity, loyalty, vision, and a willingness to think outside of the box, and challenge the status quo. I also look for people who have a good sense of humor and who value and empower their team.”

—Shari Redstone

“The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.”

—Bob Marley

FCE is in partnership with the University of Tennessee Extension. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.