Greetings from your President.....

Summer is here in East Tennessee in our hills, mountains and hollows. As I am hoeing in the garden, I am thinking of craft projects for the summer. I am not usually a “crafty” person, but my county has inspired me to think in this direction. Friends who have this talent will be tapped for ideas. I am not by myself. So ask others what they are doing and get involved in a summer project. Besides gardening and canning, I need to broaden my horizons. So what are you doing this summer? Please send me your ideas.

We are delighted to welcome Patty Mayhall to our State Board as our President-Elect. It was with sadness that we accepted Cindy Summers’ resignation from this office, but we all understand that health must be a first priority. Patty has served on the Board in the past as Western Region President and will do a fine job in this new position. Please remember that you can count on any one of us on the Board, but we all have jobs and other responsibilities which sometimes must be addressed first. Keep in mind that Tuesdays and Fridays are very busy days for Patty.

As we look toward our fall regional conferences and our state conference in November, plan now to save your funds in order to travel and attend these functions. Besides meeting new friends, you will pick up great project ideas for your families and clubs.

Enjoy the warmer weather and I’ll see you soon.

... Mary Lou Burch

Newsletter Deadlines
Please send Newsletter articles via email to the TAFCE VP of Programs by the deadlines listed:

February Issue—February 10th
May Issue—May 10th
September Issue—September 10th

(Email: pnarus@yahoo.com)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember these are “State” deadlines, NOT Region or County

July 1 CVUs to VP for Public Policy
July 1 50-Year Member Appl. due
July 15 State Conf. Reg. available
July 23-27 NAFCE Conference in MO
Aug 1 Best of the Best nom. due
Aug 1 FCL Class List due to VP for PP
Aug 1 FCL Class List & Payment due to State Treasurer
Aug 1 Creative Writing winners due
Aug. 15 Treasurer Nomination Form due to VP for Programs
Aug 24-25 TAFCE Board Meeting
Aug 25-26 FCL Training in Lebanon
Sep 1 Official Notice & Credential form for TAFCE Annual mtg. mailed to voting delegates
Oct 1 Credential forms due to TAFCE Treasurer
Oct 1 TAFCE Annual Conf. Reg. due
Oct 1 Fashion Revue & Cultural Arts Region winners to State
Oct 5-10 National FCE Week
A special “Thank You” to the regional treasurers for sending in the dues monthly. We have had 45 members join TAFCE since the February Newsletter. We now stand at 4,250 members: Eastern Region—1,378; Central Region—1,964; Western Region—908.

Following a State Board discussion, please be aware that the new NAFCE membership forms for 2016 are NOT yet available. Some of the regions printed forms to hand out in January, but those forms are incorrect. Please discard and wait for NAFCE to send the updated form to me and I will get it out ASAP.

Our 2014 TAFCE Annual Conference report showed a total income of $26,158.16 with disbursements totaling $28,684.66, a loss of $2,526.50 on the conference. We still have portfolios for sell which will offset some of the loss.

April 15, 2015 Statement of Accounts:

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STATE TREASURER APPLICATIONS NEEDED

As chair of the State Nominating Committee, I would like to announce that we are now accepting applications for the office of Treasurer for the term 2016-2018. All candidates must be members in “good standing” (dues current) and must have served as a County Council Officer or on a Region or State board (per TAFCE ByLaws).

Please send applications by August 15th to me.

...Phyllis Narus

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS

A BIG “Thank You” is due to 41 counties who submitted their TAFCE State Project forms for work done in 2014 (Jan-Dec). We collectively volunteered 400,833 hours of our time and reached 2,437,153 people. Great Job!

Please remember to submit your County Summary Sheet directly to the VP for Programs by February 15th each year so your county can be included in the totals for our State. The number of people participating, along with the hours volunteered, speaks volumes for fce when applying for grants, partnering with other organizations, etc.

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We had a great April FCL training! There were 11 FCE members enjoying learning together with 2 of those members completing their 30 hour “National Certified Leader” requirements.

I want to thank everyone….teachers and students. Good Job!

...Cathy Oaks

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Certified Volunteer Units (CVUs): Region summary forms are due to me by July 1st. Remember, individuals must submit their totals to their counties in 500-hour increments only and can go back 3 years. You cannot count time you volunteer for family members.

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fice clubs become part of the “Small Steps at Work, Small Steps at Worship” program by incorporating healthy steps in our club meetings. Keep your ears open. We will be hearing more about this program in the future.

Dr. Keel showed the new, interactive tafce.org website. She encouraged all members to send pictures of craft and learning activities to be used on the site.

The Board chose the 2016 Conference theme of “Connect to FCE” submitted by Smith County.

Phyllis Narus was appointed to represent Tennessee at the NAFCE conference July 23-27 in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Cultural Arts Event…. Cultural Arts Event…. Cultural Arts Event…. Cultural Arts Event….

I love spring in Tennessee! It means that each FCE county will be having its Cultural Arts event and I will have the pleasure of viewing all the beautiful, winning entries created by the extremely talented FCE women of Tennessee.

My only regret is that I am unable to attend the events of ALL the FCE counties. That is why each county should send their first and second place winners of each category to the Regional events who in turn will send their first and second place winners to the State competition in November. Region winners are due to me by October 1st.

To all of you that share your creative and artistic accomplishments with people like me, THANK YOU. I can never express the joy you give me when viewing your talent.

WESTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR

50-Year Members—Recognition of “New” 50-Year members is always an exciting event at the Annual Conference. It is an honor to present the pins and meet all of our wonderful, long-time members and share a little of their FCE stories. New 50-year member forms are due to me by July 1st. Please encourage your 50-year members to attend the Annual Conference in November.

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Fashion Revue—The Annual Conference will soon be here and we are eagerly anticipating another successful Fashion Revue. Our three regions will soon be putting finishing touches on their Revues. First and second place winners from each of the 11 categories will be qualified to compete in the State event in Clarksville in November. The lists of first and second place winners from each Region, along with legible description/entry forms, are due to me by October 1st in order for participants to receive information before the State event. All winners are encouraged to attend the TAFCE conference in Clarksville.

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....Gloria Holcomb, Chair

....Emily Gordon

..Sarah Zapotocky
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EASTERN REGION REPORT

I was glad to have the opportunity to represent the Eastern Region FCE on the State Board April 27-28. It was a good opportunity to get to meet the entire board of leaders committed to making our total state FCE program the very best that we can make it.

I got to get a little preview of all that Western Region has in store for us at the State Conference Nov. 8-11, 2015 in Clarksville. I hope many of you can attend. For many of us that will be a new part of the state to visit.

Dr. Laura Stephenson, Assistant Dean UT Extension, met with us and introduced a representative of the Governor’s Office who is spearheading a program to make Tennessee a healthier state. I am sure you will hear more about that later.

I was pleased to share with the State Board the positive reviews of the State Conference in Nov. 2014 that the Eastern Region hosted in Chattanooga. The topics receiving “Very Good” and “Good” Ratings were Registration, Hospitality, Speakers, Cultural Arts, and Banquet. I appreciate Ferne Baxter taking leadership in checking out facilities that can accommodate us for the 2017 State Conference which we will host in our Region.

Our FCE Spring Conference is scheduled for May 19-21 at the Clyde York 4-H Center at Crossville. Thanks to Kay Baker for chairing this event. I’m certain those attending will have a great time.

September 28 will be our Region Fall Conference in Knoxville. We will have our Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue events as well as a delicious lunch and entertainment. As in past years, we plan to have a big crowd for this special event.

I hope all of you are enjoying these beautiful spring days!

...Clare Nell Breeden, President

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

Central Region FCE Retreat is over for 2015 and a good time was enjoyed by all. We had great speakers, craft classes, learning sessions and entertainment.

Looking ahead we need to be completing our Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue projects. Remember there is a category in Fashion Revue for the smart shopper—your “Best Fashion Purchase.”

Family Community Leadership (FCL) Training is scheduled for August 25—26, 2015 in Lebanon. There are scholarships available. Contact Lucy Deal or Betty Jo Haskell for more information.

The Central Region Annual Meeting will be September 10th in Murfreesboro. We will be electing a Vice-President for Public Policy and Secretary for the Region. Make plans to attend this informative meeting and see all the Cultural Arts projects and enjoy the Fashion Revue. There will also be time to shop at the different craft booths.

NATIONAL FCE Week is October 5–10, 2016 so plan an event to promote FCE during this week.

...Betty Jo Haskell, President

WESTERN REGION REPORT

TAFCE Conference: We are excited about hosting the Annual TAFCE Conference Nov. 8-11 at the Riverview Inn in Clarksville. We look forward to having you in our region. Plans are moving along and we hope you will enjoy this excursion on the Cumberland. Our next planning meeting will be September 21st in Montgomery County (place TBA). Items for the “Gift Shop” should be brought to the Mini-Conference.

Annual Region Mini-Conference: The tentative date for our mini-conference is August 4 at the UT Research Center in Jackson. A representative with the Imagination Library will be our guest speaker. We will have our Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue Contests and announce the winners from our Creative Writing Contest. Each county in the region is asked to donate either a gift basket or $50 to the basket auction, with proceeds going to the Hospitality Room for state conference.

...Emma Shupe, President
Dear TAFCE Members,

Well, it’s finally here: the new TAFCE website! The good news is the address has not changed. It’s still tafce.org. What has changed? It is now incorporated into the UT Extension Sharepoint software. This means that once Jacki and I are trained, we can make changes and updates more quickly.

You will also notice photos of TAFCE members busy doing what you do best—serving others in your community and developing healthy habits! These pictures can be changed periodically, so please take photos as you are conducting TAFCE activities and events. Ask your county Extension agent to send them to me. Be advised that all photos should be in “landscape” format (wider than tall).

We will continually work to improve the site. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know. The objective of the website is to be an interactive way to keep all of you informed and active in your FCE work. We also want to make TAFCE attractive to others, in order to recruit new members. I look forward to hearing your reactions to the new site.

NOTE: If you go to the website and still see the old site, please “refresh” the page. Because of a process known as CACHE, computers sometimes remember and store old sites.

With thanks for all you do …..

Martha Keel, Ph.D.
Professor and FCE State Advisor
UT Extension