

TAFCE Central Region Newsletter

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President's

Tidbits



Welcome to the first issue of the TAFCE Central Region newsletter. We've heard your desire for improved communication. Our hope is that this newsletter will address that concern.

A little of my story... I'm a retired, 30-year educator. Together my husband and I have five children, eight grandchildren, and two great grands. After caring for ailing parents, I needed a reason to be. The door that the Lord opened was to the Senior Center, the day that **fce** was holding their Cultural Arts Day. The lady at the head table invited me to their meeting the next week. I went and I was "hooked". I love that the CVU's give value to my volunteer hours. I enjoy the craft classes and the friendly competition that Cultural Arts affords. And, I am grateful for the circle of friends that makes me laugh, that offers their support when I need them, and that loves me just the way I am! It's easy to see that I feel "**fce** is the perfect fit" in my life.

I look forward to serving as your president-- please invite me to any of your local meetings or county events. I want to know how **fce** is the perfect fit in your home and community, in all 31 Central Region counties.

Sincerely,
Emily Gordon
TAFCE Central Region President



January 12, 2018: Central Region Information Day, 10-12 a.m., registration 9:30 a.m. at Lane Agri Park, Murfreesboro. Snow date **Jan. 19**.

January 30, 2018: State Project Report Forms due to TAFCE VP for Programs.

February 1: Heart of fce nominee due to President Emily Gordon.

February 15: Leadership Retreat Instructor forms due to Retreat Educational Chair Karen Hughes.

March 2: Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Day; Character Counts due directly to TAFCE President, Patty Mayhall.

March 3: FCL applications due to VP for Public Policy, Genevieve Kilga.

April 15: Leadership retreat class registration due to Retreat Educational Chair Karen Hughes; leadership retreat registration due to Treasurer, Peggy Richmond.



*Officer Spotlight: Lucy Deal
Vice President for Programs*



Lucy and her husband Charles live near Manchester and plant a half acre garden. She sells extra fruit and vegetables at two weekly Farmer's Markets. They have one daughter who is a pharmacist. Lucy is retired from a 36 year teaching career, primarily as an elementary school librarian. She is completing 15 years in **fce**, belongs to two quilt guilds, and is an avid exhibitor at the Coffee County Fair.

As the Central Region Vice President for Public Policy, Lucy collects the Creative Writing entries, coordinates judging, and mails winners to the state VP. She also receives nominations for officers for the Central Region and scholarship applications for the Kate Bagnall Scholarship.

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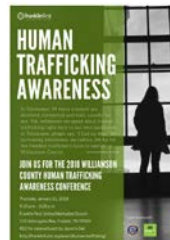
*Searching for TAFCE 2019
Conference Theme*

Conference Chairperson, Charlene Budd, is requesting you bring your "conference board" to the Central Region Retreat in May 2018 to be placed in the dorm lobby area. In addition to the theme idea, include ideas for logo, pin, attendee gift, banquet gift, and an idea for the invitation, to be presented at the 2018 TAFCE Conference. The retreat attendees will vote. The winner will have their registration paid for the 2019 State Conference.



*Special Project Leader Swap,
Central Region TAFCE
Information Day*

Attention Central Region Counties! If you have a "Special Projects" Leader (or crafty person) in your county, encourage them to attend the Central Region TAFCE Information Day. The "Special Projects" leaders will be meeting in the foyer and will have an idea swap. Each leader should bring 31 copies of instructions/pattern for one craft/project they have completed. This could be a holiday craft, a sewing project, a project they learned at another **fce** event, etc. Bring a completed sample along for "show and tell." This will be a great way to energize our special projects leaders for the New Year!



*County Recognition:
Williamson County
Human Trafficking
Awareness Day*

The Williamson County Association for **fce**, in conjunction with UT Extension, has partnered with the United Methodist Women of Franklin First United Methodist Church to coordinate the 2018 Williamson County Human Trafficking Awareness Conference. This event will be on Thursday January 11, 2018, at Franklin First UMC, 120 Aldersgate Way, off Mack Hatcher Parkway. The conference will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Rick Stout, special agent with TBI. Tim Estes, founder and CEO of Digital Reasoning in Cool Springs, will describe how their software program "Spotlight" tracks sexual predators. We will also hear a survivor story, followed by a panel discussion led by Jill Rutter, Director of Community Outreach of End Slavery TN. Register for the Human Trafficking Awareness Conference by January 8, 2018 at: <http://franklinfumc.org/event/human-trafficking/>. Conference cost of \$10 includes a boxed lunch. Seating is limited.

Website for TAFCE: www.tafce.org



*Retain
New
Members*

There are 3 very important things that each and every new member needs. Those include: Every new member will need a friend. Make sure that not only are you their friend in **fce**, but also make sure that they have the opportunity to become friends with other **fce** members. Every new member needs an assignment. Make the new member feel like they are valued. Give them assignments, or encourage them to volunteer for various assignments as they feel comfortable to handle. But don't push them into being in a leadership role too early. Compliment their efforts. Every new member needs love and nurturing from all of the **fce** members and the **fce** organization. Be sure that they stay in the arms of the members. Keep them close and watch over them continually.



Communication is so simple, but we all know how complicated it actually can be. We are hoping this newsletter, printed four times per year, simply improves communication throughout the Central Region and therefore enhances the **fce** organization! This newsletter will be emailed to county presidents and the county extension agents. Please accept the responsibility to make certain that the newsletter is emailed to all **fce** members in your county, and help members without email to receive this information in some format. Hopefully, that will not be too complicated.

This newsletter is for you, so please submit information for county recognition, ideas for change, questions about **fce**, etc. before April 1. Please send info to weber70@comcast.net with "**fce** newsletter" in the subject area.

We are now on Facebook as a closed group. Search for us as "TAFCE Central Region fce" or type in <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1571819276204980/about/>. You can request to be a member, and once a member can add members. This is an opportunity for us to network: to collaborate on projects, communicate events, share ideas, and coordinate with volunteers all in one place!