

*President's
Tidbits*



Large jigsaw puzzles are challenging, time consuming, relaxing, and rewarding. The same can be said of our local 'grass roots' **fce** clubs. I urge you to be that color coordinated piece that fits right in; that hard to find piece that takes extra time to nurture others; that unique piece that keeps the conversation going; and that 'aha' piece that completes the group project.

Thanks for sharing your ideas on our group Facebook page. It's doing exactly what I had hoped—to be a place where clubs can share great ideas that other counties might copy and benefit from using!

I hope to see each of you at Leadership Retreat May 29-June 1. Come and learn new crafts, hear great speakers, and enjoy clever entertainment. Exciting plans are being made, please don't miss out. I hear that Mildred Clarke and Kate Bagnall have been "invited to attend". I hope that they will introduce themselves and tell us why they have scholarships named in their honor!

Emily Gordon

TAFCE Central Region President

Dates to Remember

May 29: Extra Night Leadership Retreat, TTU, Cookeville

May 30 – June 1: Leadership Retreat, TTU, Cookeville

July 12 - 15: NAFCE Conference, Austin, TX

September 13: Region Annual Meeting, Murfreesboro

November 11 - 14: TAFCE State Conference, Memphis



April 15: Leadership Retreat Class Registration due to Region Educational Chair, Karen Hughes

April 15: Leadership Retreat Registration due to Region Treasurer, Peggy Richmond

April 15: State Scholarship applications due to State Educational Chair, Mary Kay Davis

April 24-25: FCL Training in Lebanon

May 1-31: Imagination Library Month

May 15: State "Day of the Family" Project

June 1: CVU's due to Region VP for Public Policy, Genevieve Kilga

June 1: Best of Best due to Region VP for Public Policy, Genevieve Kilga

June 1: Creative Writing due to Region VP for Programs, Lucy Deal

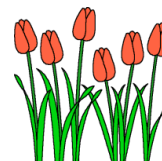
July 1: New 50 Year Member applications due to State Ed. Chair, Crystal Holt

July 1: Regional Officer Nominations due to Region VP for Programs, Lucy Deal

July 11: Kate Bagnall Scholarship application due to Region VP for Programs, Lucy Deal

July 16: FCL Applications due to VP for Public Policy, Genevieve Kilga

Aug. 1: State Officer Nomination due to State VP for Programs, Pam Sites





Officer Spotlight:
 Karen Hughes,
 Educational Chair for
 Leadership Retreat/
 Marketable Skills

Karen was born and raised in Anderson, IN, and most of her extended family still lives in that area. She has 3 children, her daughter Kate lives in TN and attends TTU in Cookeville, and her older boys live near Indianapolis. She's currently single and looking for a good man to share life's adventures.

Karen has a degree in Criminal Justice and has held a variety of jobs. Currently, she is employed full time with Renewal by Andersen as a design consultant and sells replacement windows.

Karen has been involved with Home Extension (what it is called in Indiana) since a teenager as she attended meetings with her mother. She started a couple of clubs, has been part of a young mother's club, and was in charge of membership, a holiday ideas program and a community event. Karen joined **fce** and the Northeast Club in Putnam County, TN, as soon as she moved to Cookeville, and is the VP. She is looking forward to being an active member of **fce** for the rest of her life.

"I am very excited that Emily Gordon chose me for the role of Retreat chairperson. I was awarded the Mildred Clarke scholarship for first timers a few years ago! I've made so many new friends from different counties and clubs at retreat and look forward to attending every year. We are excited to offer a few new things like short day trips this year. I am looking forward to seeing ya'll there!!"

Karen recently shared on Facebook: "A couple of classes are full already! If you haven't sent in your registration yet, you may not get your first choice."

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*If you follow Facebook, please ask to join the TAFCE Central Region **fce** Facebook page:*
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1571819276204980/>



**Searching for TAFCE 2019
 Conference Theme**

Charlene Budd, 2019 Conference Chairperson, has requested **fce** members bring your conference theme board to the Central Region Leadership Retreat May 30 and 31, to be placed in the lobby area. The retreat attendees will vote for their favorite idea. The theme idea should be presented on a standard sized poster board. In addition to the theme idea, include ideas for a logo, pin, attendee gift, banquet gift, and an idea for the invitation, which is presented at the 2018 TAFCE Conference. We are hoping for at least 6 to 10 themes from which to choose! The winner will have their registration paid for the 2019 State Conference.

Brenda Johns from Giles County will be the 2019 Conference Store Chairperson. She will need assistance, so please contact her to volunteer!

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Kate Bagnall Scholarship Doubles

The Central Region Board has voted to offer two (2) \$500 Scholarships in 2018. These scholarships pay for books and/or supplies for a degree program or a vocational certificate. Please see page 49 and 50 in the Central Region Planner for guidelines & application form. Deadline is July 11.

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**Central Region
 Annual Meeting
 Table Decorating Contest**

Start planning for a table decorating contest for the Central Region Annual Meeting using the theme "**fce**—The Perfect Fit" as a fun way to unite county club members and brag about their achievements. The prize will be a traveling trophy for first place and bragging rights! In addition, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be first in the lunch line!

Please Note: Ten (10) new categories have been added to Cultural Arts. Please familiarize yourself with the new categories and use the new listing when filling out your registration form as numbers have changed!

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County Recognition: Lincoln County

The 124 **fce** members of Lincoln County participate in two county-wide fundraisers every year. In February, they hosted the “Sweetheart Cake Bake,” proceeds which support two or three \$500 college scholarships. This year the cake sale earned \$1650.56. Sponsors donate \$25 for a cake, an **fce** member bakes it per their request, and the cake is entered for judging on the Friday before Valentine’s Day. Ribbons are awarded in different divisions and the Best of Show is awarded a premium. The cakes are delivered to the sponsors.

On Friday, March 16, Lincoln County’s third annual “Casseroles and More” sale was held, where over \$1,300 was earned to provide 4-H camp scholarships. Members were asked to donate a casserole, side dish, dessert, etc. in a disposable pan, including an ingredient list and prep instructions. The public is encouraged to purchase the food donations. Square pans sold for \$10, 9”x13” casseroles for \$20, quart jars of soup for \$8, small loaves of bread for \$3 and pies for \$10. Sale time was from 10:00 until 2:00, but they sold out before 1:30, with many repeat customers. For more details, contact UT Ext. agent Ethel Bonner at 931-433-1582.



Making Members Matter



Every member wants to be part of a vibrant, enthusiastic, and growing **fce** club! But what are the vital pieces that make up an energized club? Here are suggested elements of a successful **fce** club:

- An energized **fce** club begins with a plan that includes goals and specific actions, with follow up to foster encouragement and accountability.
- Multiple forms of communication help members stay informed about **fce** programs, projects, and each other.
- Each member is invited to take an active role in club activities and duties. There are many ways to be involved and all are appreciated.
- Relationships are nurtured during social time and group travel to retreat, annual central region meetings, and state conferences.
- Everyone is responsible for growing membership and wants to recruit friends and colleagues to join the camaraderie.
- Club leaders are developed through training, mentoring, and committee work.
- The **fce** club celebrates members by sending cards, recognizing service, and observing membership anniversaries.
- Meetings have a wide variety of high-quality, interesting programs and speakers, including programs that highlight community initiative and those that use members’ talents and expertise.

Who wouldn’t want to belong to this **fce** organization? While there are no “cookie cutter” rules, these are practices that are repeated again and again by successful **fce** clubs.

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“adapted” to the **fce**
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Website for TAFCE: www.tafce.org/