



President's Tidbits

Let's see how well we can pull these swirling puzzle pieces together!

At Retreat, there will be a table in the Lobby of New Hall South for County Idea Exchange. Please bring a sample of the idea and a sheet with instructions and a contact person.

I have asked that counties prepare a New Member Folder. A checklist of information of what this should include (each county will be different and unique) is on Facebook. My hope is to share these in the Foyer at Annual Meeting.

If you have not signed up to volunteer at Conference, PLEASE do so. For the Conference to be memorable, we need everyone to be Fired Up for fce!

Our Central Region focus for the year supports the state focus. Please incorporate Opioid Abuse Awareness in your Educational Reports or into your Thought for the Day. Education is the key, let me know how you're supporting the cause.

Thanks so much for your invitations. I am having a ball seeing fce at the ground level! When we all work together, fce is the perfect fit!

Emily Gordon
TAFCE Central Region President



IMPORTANT

- **APRIL 15**
STATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
- **APRIL 15**
LEADERSHIP RETREAT REGISTRATION AND CLASSES DUE
- **APRIL 23-24**
FCL TRAINING CLASS IN LEBANON
- **MAY**
IMAGINATION LIBRARY MONTH
- **MAY 15TH**
DAY OF THE FAMILY
- **MAY 29-31**
LEADERSHIP RETREAT AT TTU

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Central Region Annual Meeting

September 12th, 2019

This year's table decoration

THEME is

fce on Vacation!

Jim Stewart awarded Central Region fce with the Friendship Award for continued support of 4-H. President Emily Gordon and Treasurer Peggy Richmond attended 4-H Congress CR breakfast on March 19th to accept the award on behalf of all Central Region fce members.



Has your county added new members? Make a goal this month to invite a new person to your club meetings. Make sure you keep guest engaged so that they will feel like part of the meeting and want to come back to another one.

Save The Date

May 29-31

CR Retreat @ TTU

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All dates, forms, contacts and information can be found on the TAFCE Website.

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County Spotlight



Moore County

It was not until 1949 that Moore County got an extension agent that formed the clubs in Moore County. Even though Moore County is one of the smallest counties in Tennessee, fce has been leaders in their community. Notably, one member has been the Mayor, one has been our librarian and one member is a volunteer fire fighter.

The Gattis leadership program, which encompasses 13 counties, was begun and ultimately named for a Moore County fce member. Several Moore County fce members have received awards for their commitment to the community. The first ever TAFCE Best of the Best winner was Connie Taylor from Moore County. Also, Nancy Primus was named Volunteer of the Year for her hours spent with the Lynchburg Nursing Center and most recently JoyLea Robertson received the Governor's Volunteer Star Award.

Moore County supports several organizations and fundraisers throughout their county and state. These include: the Santa Stocking Stuffers, Moore Care, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Volunteer Fire Department, Imagination Library, 4-H, the Elementary School, Character Counts, Lynchburg Nursing Center, Moore County Senior Center and the community Resource Center.

In 2010, several members got together and developed the Heart of Gold program. This is a citizenship award that is given to someone who deserves recognition for his or her unselfish contribution to the County. Since the start of the program they have awarded 9 awards and 2 have been fce members.

Several fundraisers are done to raise for the programs supported by fce. These include: Christmas Cookie Sale, a Father's Day Bake Sale, sales from a cookbook and a bi-annual Quilt Show.

Counties that are served by Duck River Electric, remember the Holiday Food Program that was presented every year by Ms. Anne Throneberry. Upon her retirement, Moore County fce has continued that program and present a Holiday Food program every November. Those who attend are given a cookbook and there are also food samples available. The fce organization encourages both creativity and compassion. The strength of the fce program is alive and well in Moore County. This picture shows several fce members that attended a Breast Cancer Awareness program where two survivors shared their incredible journey from diagnosis to survival. After a delicious lunch we broke out the paints and created these fabulous painted bras. (pictured below)



Officer Spotlight

Eileen Horton: Cultural Arts Chair

Eileen was born and raised in Los Angeles County, CA, graduating from Rosemead High School in 1960. She married right out of high school and followed her husband to Mildenhall England where he was stationed in the Air Force. They had 5 wonderful children together.

After her divorce, she worked as a file clerk for Los Angeles County and retired after 25 years as a Personnel Officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.



While working as a file clerk she remarried, raised her five children and his three children. Their 8 children have given her 17 grandchildren and now 22 great grandchildren.

When she moved back to Tennessee in 1973, she joined the Moore County-Lois Hurdlow fce club where her mother and two sisters were already members. She and her one remaining sister are still members.

During her 25 years in fce, she has been very active in leadership rolls. She has been President, Vice President, Secretary at the local level, and County Council President many times! On the Central Region level, she has served as President, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President for Public Policy. She is currently the Education Chairperson for Cultural Arts in CR. She served on the State level as CR President and Conference Chair. Since joining fce 25 years ago, she has attended all but two TAFCE State Conferences!

In her community, she volunteers as the administrator and data manager of the Moore County Imagination Library, as a poll worker during elections, and does income taxes for the VITA program, overseen by the IRS. She helps each month with the Second Harvest Food Bank, cooking and feeding at the Senior Citizen Center, and preparing and giving birthday parties six times a year to the residents of the local Nursing Center. She also enjoys volunteering for the United Methodist Women's organization.

In her spare time she loves to travel, especially within the USA. She has children and/or grandchildren in at least six other states and has a wonderful time visiting all of them. She hopes one day she can travel to Hawaii to visit her grandchild that she hasn't gotten to meet yet!

FCE is lucky to have Eileen Horton!!!

IMPORTANT



- **JUNE 1**
CVU'S,
CREATIVE WRITING &
BEST OF BEST DUE TO
REGION
- **JULY 1**
NEW 50 YEAR MEMBER
APPLICATIONS DUE TO
REGION
- **JULY 11**
KATE BAGNALL
SCHOLARSHIP APP DUE
TO REGION

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2019 Conference Report



We are "Fired Up" for the 38th TAFCE Conference!!!!

There are so many fascinating Educational Sessions from which to choose that it will be difficult making decisions, and Craft Classes will prove to be fun!!!!

Those of you attending Retreat in May will have the opportunity to assist in making favors for the banquet, and gifts bags for the favors being given to the instructors of the Educational Sessions and Craft Classes. YAHOO!!!!

Look for the Hostess Sign-Up-Sheet on the Registration table at Retreat. If you have a particular area in which you would like to assist, you may write that beside your name.

Sharon Jessop, Chair of the Hostess Committee, still needs hostesses. She may be reached at 615-591-1333/jessop2@comcast.net.

The 'Fireside Hospitality Room' will be offering a varied array of delicious snacks in an upbeat and exciting atmosphere.

Speaking of the Hospitality Room, Peggy Richmond, Chair, is appealing to each county to donate 3 dozen cookies, AND a cake or pie or sweet breads each to serve 12, a jar of nuts or packages of mints or candies. She is asking that the cookies be put in plastic bags, 3 to a bag and labeled the type of cookie, i.e. sugar, chocolate chip, peanut butter, molasses, etc. She is also wanting jams and jellies, homemade or purchased. Donations in the amount of \$25 would be greatly appreciated. Each county may submit to her what they will be donating at prichmond09@aol.com.

Wendy Drumm, 'Fireside Gift Shop' Chair, is asking for quality handmade items-no more than 6-12 of any particular item. Please have items priced when brought. Wendy may be contacted at [516-578-6683](tel:516-578-6683)/Wfldust@nctc.com if there are any questions. CENTRAL REGION ALWAYS HAS THE BEST GIFT SHOP!!!!!!!!!!

Frances Baker, Chair of the 'Welcome Bag' (Goody Bags) items, is asking for donations of the small (2x4 inch) packs of facial tissues, note pads (size of regular Post-It-Notes) and emery boards. There will be a workshop on June 28th from 9am-3pm at the Wilson County Fairgrounds to make the covers for the tissues and emery boards. Frances may be contacted at 615-444-4063 to make known what your county will be donating.

Thanking you in advance for all your time and effort in helping to make this the BEST conference EVER!!

Charlene Budd, Conference Chair

If there are any questions, I may be contacted at 931-527-3333/931-638-2014 or cf_budd_68@bellsouth.net/cfbudd@gmail.com

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