

TAFCE Central Region Newsletter

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President's Tidbits

The pieces of Annual Meeting came together to form the big picture of **fce** with lots of pleasant memories. From your Board completing their jobs to the local clubs/counties decorating tables, the busy day capped off the year with Cultural Arts, Fashion Revue, and Creative Writing entries. My sincere thanks for all the positive comments offered and suggestions to improve! It truly was 'a perfect fit'.

Thank you for the input shared regarding the by-laws. After the revisions are made, a copy will be sent to each County Council President. My hope is that it encourages you to review your local by-laws and make changes as needed to bring them in line.

I look forward to seeing you at the Central Region Breakfast in Memphis, Wednesday, November 14th at 8:30 a.m. Each county needs to bring an item or basket valued at least \$50 to raise money for the Mildred F. Clarke Scholarship.

Emily Gordon,
TAFCE Central Region President



IMPORTANT DATES!

Oct. 1 Central Region and NAFCE dues to Peggy Richmond, treasurer

Oct. 1 County Council Officers due to Penny Christoph, secretary

Oct. 1 State Credential Form/State Conference Registration due to Tammy Halliburton, state treas.

Oct. 7-13 National fce Week

Nov. 11-14 TAFCE Conference, Hilton, Memphis, TN



Jan. 18, 2019 Central Region fce Information Day, Lane Agri-Park, Murfreesboro

Jan. 25, 2019 SNOW DATE Central Region Information Day, Lane Agri-Park, Murfreesboro.

Feb. 15, 2019 Retreat Instructor forms due to Karen Hughes

May 29-31, 2019 Central Region Leadership Retreat

July 29-31, 2019 NAFCE Conference, St. Louis, MO

Nov. 17-20, 2019 TAFCE Conference, Franklin/Cool Springs Marriott



Genevieve Kilga presented the TAFCE Central Region Best of the Best Award to Donna Elliott, from Marshall County at the TAFCE Central Region Annual Meeting, September 13!

Central Region 2018 Annual Meeting

The business meeting was adeptly led by President Emily Gordon, with approximately 234 members and agents, 4 guests and 10 judges in attendance. The budget for 2019 was presented by treasurer Peggy Richmond and approved. New officers were elected: VP for Programs Greta Kirby, Treasurer Peggy Richmond, and President-Elect Mary Alice Weber. By-law revisions were adopted after discussion.

Genevieve Kilga, VP for Public Policy, announced 6 FCL participants in April and 4 participants in August. 2018 graduates are Winnie Decker Williamson County, Robin George Wilson County, Pat Hitchcox and Patty Priest Franklin County, and Peggy Richmond Grundy County. Genevieve also reported CVU's were turned in by 21 counties with a total of 118,000 hours, Franklin County submitted the most volunteer hours.



Lucy Deal, VP for Public Policy, announced two winners of the Kate Bagnall Scholarship: Anna Ruth Burns of Smith County and Emily Huffer from Franklin County. (Emily is in photo at left.) Lucy also reported 49 entries in creative writing and announced first and second place winners. First place winners were: poetry, Cindy Baker, Maury County essays, Rebecca Decker, Putnam County short story, Evelyn Hilton, Williamson County children's story, Evelyn Hilton, Williamson County news article/feature article, Sylvia Gray, Maury County miscellaneous, Karen Worley, Maury County



Williamson County won second place in marketing/membership brochure at NAFCE Conference in July.

Brenda Oeser, Fashion Revue Chairperson, reported 29 **fce** members entered Fashion Revue, representing 11 counties for a total of 55 garments. Special congratulations to Evelyn Hilton from Williamson County with 4 first place winnings and Belinda Lance from Lincoln County with 2 first and 1 second!



Mary Mueller from DeKalb County received the Viewer's Choice award in Cultural Arts for her beautiful machine embroidered quilt. Eileen Horton, Cultural Arts Chairperson, reported a total of 776 total cultural arts entries — 21 counties with 268 **fce** members. All but one category was represented.

The speaker was Patsy Watkins, FCS Agent from Williamson County, sharing the Red Flags of Human Trafficking and what you can do! Please save the National Human Trafficking Hotline Number 1.888.373.7888 in your phone.



Wilson County won first place with the table decoration contest. Dorothy Dunn accepted the traveling trophy from Emily Gordon. Maury County won second place and Smith County won third place. These county winners won the privilege of being first in line to eat lunch!



It was a special day, showcasing the talents of many **fce** members in the Central Region! What an inspiration for members to find your "perfect fit in **fce**"!



Talented and enthusiastic teachers of marketable skills and educational classes are desired to teach at 2019 Leadership Retreat. Please contact Karen Hughes to volunteer! You do not want to miss, so save the date of May 29-31, 2019 for Leadership Retreat!



**OFFICER
SPOTLIGHT:
Pam Sites
President Advisor**

Pam Sites has been married to her husband for 47 years, calling 13 different residences their home during their marriage. They have two daughters.

Pam graduated from Western Virginia University with a degree in Home Economics. She retired from banking where she was a teller and worked her way up to an assistant branch manager. She also worked for H&R Block and HA Beasley providing tax preparation services. Pam enjoys learning new things and is a member of two book clubs.

Pam joined **fce** in 2004 after moving from South Carolina in 2003. She is one of the first Master Food Volunteers in Tennessee and teaches canning classes. She has served as local club treasurer and president, county council treasurer and president, and Central Region treasurer and president. Currently Pam is serving as the Central Region President Advisor and as the TAFCE VP for Programs. As President Advisor, her responsibility is not only to serve as an advisor to Emily Gordon but to also provide her with moral support. Thank you Pam, for your dedication and service on the TAFCE Central Region Executive Board!

County Recognition: Wilson County

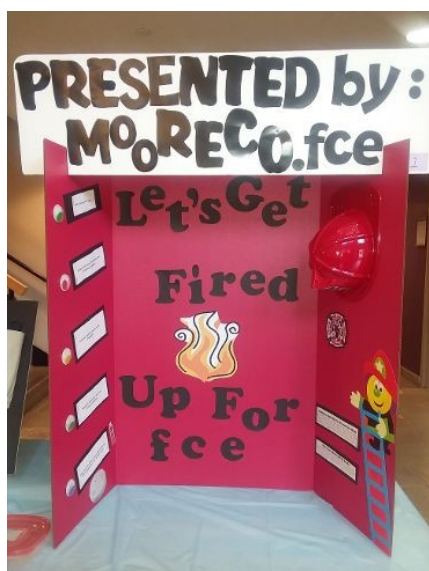


Photo: Robin George, Penny West, and Shelly Barnes, FCS Agent

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. The statistics are staggering: one in four pregnancies will end in miscarriage, and one in 60 pregnancies will end in stillbirth. Wilson County fce sponsors Angel Gown Sewing Parties to give volunteers a chance to turn wedding dresses into elegant gowns for babies that have passed too soon. At their most recent two day sewing party, 37 volunteers sewed 35 angel gowns and 15 angel sleeping bags! These gowns and sleeping bags bring comfort to families during a very traumatic time.

Sewing Angel Gowns is a new community service project for Wilson County fce. They accept donated wedding dresses (donations not needed at this time) and turn them into angel gowns and angel sleeping bags. They have currently supplied Tennova Healthcare, and will begin to distribute to Smith County Hospital. Wilson County is willing to share copies of the pattern, so you can do this too.

Website for TAFCE:
www.tafce.org



The conference theme was chosen at the TAFCE Executive Board meeting in August and **"Let's Get Fired Up for fce"**, submitted by Moore County is the theme for the 2019 Conference to be held in Franklin/Cool Springs Marriott!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteers are the *backbone* of the conference and **fce**. Peggy Richmond has volunteered as the Chairperson for the Hospitality Room. Call 1-609-413-7071 to assist her in the Hospitality Room. Chairpersons are needed for the other areas — Hostess, Gift Shop, Walk-In Classes, Craft Classes, Educational Sessions, and Goody Bags — as well as volunteers to assist in all these areas.

Central Region has been known to host the BEST conference, and we know you will want to be a part of history in the making. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!! Please call Charlene Budd, 2019 Conference Coordinator to volunteer. 931-527-3333 cf_budd_68@bellsouth.net



Family and Community Education (fce) is an organization of volunteers who work together to build strong families and communities. Educational materials are created and utilized to strengthen knowledge and skills. Resources are provided to develop leadership skills, enabling people to make a difference. Ultimately, fce strives to make our communities a better place in which to live.



MEMBERSHIP ROUNDTABLE



The following are terrific tips to remember when trying to recruit new **fce** members. Be prepared with your “elevator speech” to explain to people just what is this **fce** organization. (See the statement to the left for an example.) Offer to pick up and take a possible new recruit to a meeting. Give 5 brochures to each **fce** member to carry in their purse to distribute when they meet a potential **fce** member. Create and wear clothing, tote bags, and bottles printed with “**fce**”. Start and mentor new clubs in communities where there is no club. Initiate a Facebook page for your fce club or county to share information about what your club(s) are doing! When you do have a visitor, secure contact information so you can keep in touch.

Please visit our TAFCE Central Region Facebook page often and post what is happening in your local club and county! Add your **fce** friends to the group—we are presently 222 members strong!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1571819276204980/>

Also, please work diligently to share this newsletter with all **fce** members in your county.

Thank you, Emily Gordon, for this opportunity to serve as the Membership/Communication chairperson for the past year. You have a great vision for this job. This appointment has stimulated my creativity and brought me great joy !
Mary Alice Weber

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