



# TAFCE Connection

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As I write this Fair time is in full swing all across our state.

Fall is around the corner and the holidays will be fast approaching.

It has been my pleasure this year, as your President, to have been invited and been able to attend meetings in Eastern and Central Regions. I represented each of you as I attended NAFCE Conference in St. Louis.

Central Region is very busy preparing for State Conference in Franklin and I look forward to seeing you there. I know you will enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. You might enjoy a tour, a learning session or a new craft.

Each year we get lots of numbers. We get the numbers of CVU's that you turn in and the number of people reached. We get numbers when state projects reports are submitted but I would like to know what have you been doing? Do you visit schools, nursing homes or VA hospitals? Do you take items to them or possibly read with them or teach them to read?

Do you have fund raisers for local projects? What works in your area (maybe a bake sale, garage sale or silent auction)? Would be interested in knowing any problems you encountered.

Do you have programs on gardening, literacy, drug abuse, health problems or human trafficking? Do you make items for shut-ins or patients (caps for cancer, Linus blankets, quilts for valor)?

I know what those that were nominated for Heart of FCE, Best of the Best and Spirit of FCL have done.

I know about the wonderful articles written by our Character Counts submissions.

I see the work you have done in Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue. I read wonderful words written for Creative Writing.

I know you do so much more and I really would like for you to share with me.

You can send to my email [bnawjb@tds.net](mailto:bnawjb@tds.net) or to my home @ 793 Saundersville Ferry Rd. Mt Juliet, TN 37122.

*Wanda Briddelle*  
TAFCE President

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember these are "State" deadlines,  
NOT Region or County.

Oct 1	Credentials for all voting delegates to State Treasurer
Oct 1	Fashion Revue Winners due to Educational Chair (Kay Baker)
Oct 1	Cultural Arts Winners Due to Educational Chair (Esther Button)
Oct 1	Council Info and Dues are due to Regional
Oct 10	<b>Conference Registration</b> due to Regional Treasurer
Oct 13-19	National FCE Week
Nov 17-20	<b>TAFCE State Conference Cool Springs Marriot</b>
Nov 28	Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 25	Merry Christmas

## Newsletter Deadlines

February Issue—February 5th  
May Issue—May 5th  
September Issue—September 5th

Send Newsletter articles via email to the Educational Chair Crystal Holt



State Conference 2019 Report  
Charlene Budd

**\*Conference Reminder\***

**FLASH! FLASH!** Conference registration has been extended to **October 10th!!!** Please send in your registrations soon. There are still a few seats available for Educational Sessions and Craft Classes- please send in your forms for those soon to guarantee you get your first choice.

Conference is almost here, and, we are still in need of volunteers to be Hostesses. As the saying goes, 'Blondes have more fun' can be translated to 'Conference Hostesses have more fun'-getting to meet new friends, being able to help someone in need, and just being present at Conference can have its rewards.

Please call Sue Lance-615-794-4457 or Sharon Jessop-615-591-1333 to 'earn your rewards' for being a hostess!

While at conference, if you see a need for a Hostess somewhere, be that person who gets 'Fired up for FCE', and volunteer to be that Hostess. You will enjoy it, and make new friends.

Remember to bring items for the Fireside Hospitality Room (Peggy Richmond: Chair 931-467-3639) and Fire House Gift Shop (Janice Lynch 615-683-7889).

If you are planning to make a monetary donation to the hospitality room please arrange for those donations to be sent to Peggy Richmond ASAP so that she can purchase what is needed before conference gets here.

***We are "FIRED UP FOR FCE"***

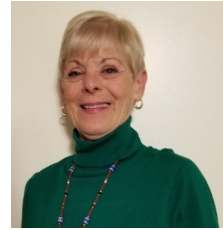
*Charlene Budd*

2019 Conference Chair

VP for Public Policy: Diane Uher

2019 has been a TERRIFIC TAFCE year!!!

First: We have 11 FCL graduates! They are Elizabeth Phillips (Sullivan Co.), Janis Darnaby (Warren Co.), Karen Hughes (Putnam Co.), Regina McCathern (Wilson Co.), Vicki Owens (Rutherford Co.), Becky Phillips (Warren Co.), Ruth Garrett (Montgomery Co.), Virginia Osborne (Montgomery Co.), Brenda Petty (Dickson Co.), Linda Ross (Grundy Co.), and Faye Workman (Obion Co.). I really hope to see all the graduates at the 2019 TAFCE State Conference in Franklin.



Second: While writing the CVU report for UT, my pride for this organization was/is overwhelming! The majority of our members volunteer their time, energy and talents to improve the lives of fellow Tennesseans. THANK YOU!!!!

Third: Each Region submitted a Best of the Best applicant. YOU are already a winner in your region! The State winner will be announced at the State Conference in Franklin.

I have just written three reasons for attending the State Conference in Franklin. In addition, there are all the wonderful classes being offered, the statewide fellowship and new friendships to be formed.

So be FIRED UP FOR FCE!!!!

VP for Program: Pam Sites

I am looking forward to the annual Conference in November. At the conference the 50 year members are honored. If you have not RSVP to my letter, please do so asap so I can prepare to present you with your award. We also announce the winners of the State scholarship. Recipients please RSVP if you have not done so. We also get the numbers from the State Project Reports. This year I am going to be asking some of the delegates to give a short talk on your most rewarding event. Please come prepared to do that. Next year, you will include that information on the form.

***"Let's get fired up for TAFCE"***

Treasurer: Brenda Johns

I am working hard getting the proposed budget and year end financial statements ready for the voting delegates packets and the business meeting at state conference. Looking forward to seeing everyone at State Conference in November.

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**EASTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:**  
**Kay Baker**



Carpooling provides a good avenue to become better acquainted with others. Such was my adventure in attending the August Board meeting in Crossville. I left Kingsport Sunday afternoon and met up with Eastern Region Treasurer, Fran Howard in Morristown.

Fran had graciously invited me to spend the night at her summer home. The following morning Fran and I picked up Gloria Holcomb, Eastern Region President in Knoxville.

Onto Crossville we drove! We enjoyed good conversation and fun sharing as we traveled.

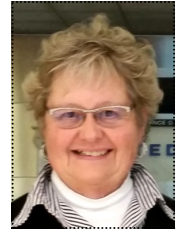
We met with all board members who came from across the state. The meeting was well planned. State conference chairman, Charlene Budd presented choices for the color of bags and umbrellas that will be given to state conference participants in November. The board voted for blue and teal.

I presented some of the changes for this year's State Fashion Revue at conference. Participants do not have to be present at conference for their garments to be judged. If unable to attend participants may send garments to be judged. I, along with each region fashion revue chairman, will collect garments and prepare them for judging. Post judging (at approximately 3:45 -4:15) participants will pick up their garments. This will allow participants to prepare for the Fashion Revue Parade where they will model their garments if desired. The Fashion revue parade will be held during the Opening Ceremony. Fran Howard will assist with the parade and music; Hannah Brynes, this year FCE Scholarship winner. Will play the piano; and Crystal Holt will have a power point presentation in conjunction with the parade.

After a successful board meeting, Fran, Gloria and I carpooled back to the northeastern corner of the state reminiscing along the way.

**SECRETARY: Sarah Zepotocky**

It has been very rewarding experience to have served on the TAFCE State Board for the past five years! When I first joined the board I served as an Education Chair (scholarships and creative writing) and will be ending a three-year term as TAFCE Secretary after conference. I have learned and received a lot of insight as to how TAFCE works. I have gained so many new friends and I know assuredly that there are many, many wonderful FCE ladies all over the state of Tennessee. Thank you for letting me serve you on the TAFCE State Board.



*Sarah Zepotocky*  
TAFCE Secretary

**CENTRAL REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:**  
**Crystal Holt**

Everything in the tech world is running smooth. Conference is right around the corner and we met with the hotel the other day to iron out where all the tech equipment would be set up so that it would be best seen by all members in attendance.

I am so excited for conference it is going to be great this year. Everyone has really put in a lot of work to make it enjoyable for all that is in attendance.

Please remember to share the newsletter with your membership it is a great way to keep up with all that is going on at the state level. Also remember to join our Facebook page Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education (TAFCE)

If you have any tech questions or any other questions please feel free to ask me and I will do my best to help.

**Be on the lookout for new forms coming down from State for next year. Always check forms with TAFCE website to ensure you have the most recent.**



**WESTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR**  
**ESTHER BUTTON**

We are getting closer to our 2019 TAFCE Conference. I'm looking forward to seeing all and those that has made it to the State Level with their Cultural Art projects.

I am thrilled to let everyone know that we have 2 category's in crochet starting in year 2020. Crochet Yarn, and Crochet Thread. There are going to be 53 category's in 2020. So, let's get our thinking caps on and start thinking about what your Art project will be for year 2020, it will be here before you know it.

I am in need of help from our FCE Ladies that would like to help with the Cultural Arts at the 2019 TAFCE Conference.

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2pm-5pm with setup of the Cultural Art Room and then displaying the Cultural Arts.

Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am -2pm with displaying of Cultural Arts that are entered.

Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> 2:45-4:30pm with gathering and handing out pick up of Cultural Arts.

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UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR  
Dr. Martha Keel



To TAFCE members across the state. There have been so many beautiful days in East Tennessee. I hope it has been the same throughout the state. Some rain and cooler temperatures would be nice, but the days are lovely.

Each FCE member across the state has their own reason for participating in and volunteering in their community. Everyone knows volunteering serves their community and the people living there. But, did you know volunteering also is good for the person who is the volunteer?

HelpGuide is a nonprofit mental health and wellness website, whose mission is to provide empowering, evidence-based information that you can use to help yourself and your loved ones. They state that volunteering has surprising benefits. It can help you make friends, learn new skills, advance your career, and even feel happier and healthier. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose.

Do yourself, your family and friends, and your community a favor and encourage them to join a local FCE club. You might even help a new club organize. Reach out to people of different ages and who have different interests. You, them, and your community would benefit.

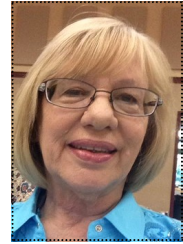
See you at TAFCE Annual Conference in Cool Springs!!

*Martha Keel*

Professor and State TAFCE Advisor  
University of Tennessee Extension

EASTERN REGION PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Gloria Holcomb

Eastern Region held their annual Spring Camp retreat at Clyde York 4 H Center in Crossville. Eighty-nine members, agents, and visitors participated in summer themed workshops and craft classes. Our State President, Wanda Briddelle, was our guest speaker and participated in our workshops and classes. Our members enjoyed getting to know Wanda and listened intently to her advice and information about our nationwide opioid crisis. We began camp with three very relaxing spa activities and enjoyed laughing and socializing while soaking our feet, exfoliating and nourishing our hands and lips...a great way to start our summer activities.



Two high school seniors, Lindsey Headrick from Sevier County and Brianna Saylor from Knox County, received \$1000 college scholarships at camp.

On September 23rd, Eastern Region held its annual Fall Conference at Rothchild Event Center in Knoxville. One hundred thirty-three members enjoyed special speakers and guests, our own State President Wanda Briddelle who charmed and entertained the audience, and Tyler Boyd, member of TN Representative Harry Burns who was responsible for the last vote needed to pass the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. Mr. Boyd gave a fascinating history lesson and cleared up several myths about his famous uncle. A very successful Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue competition was held with many beautiful items on display. The theme of the conference, "POW: The Power of Women" was successfully represented by the 133 powerful, energetic, talented, and dedicated Eastern Region members, agents, and guests in attendance who work diligently every day to support and represent the mission of TAFCE.

Our next major annual event will be Eastern Region's Leadership Day which will be held in Knoxville on December 9th. Ninety participants will participate in training sessions covering the many components of FCE membership and learn to use TAFCE's official forms and learn about the nuts and bolts of FCE membership. Our special guest speaker will be Dr. Lisa Washburn, UT Advisor to TAFCE, who will be teaching "How to Become a Master Volunteer" which is patterned upon the Master Gardener Program. Leadership Day is always and intensive but enjoyable event.

Theme idea and logo for our 2020 Kingsport State Conference hosted by Eastern Region November 8-11, 2020 were chosen and TAFCE State Board chose Jefferson County's theme "Spread Your Wings With FCE". Eastern Region looks forward to hosting the 2020 Annual TAFCE Conference in Kingsport. Many exciting and informative classes and sessions are being planned, along with informative and delicious tours of the Bristol/Kingsport area. We hope to see all of you at the beautiful Meadow View by Marriott Hotel November 8-11, 2020. A gorgeous golf course surrounds the hotel so members are encouraged to bring family members and stay a few extra days enjoying the area at the TAFCE special prices.

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**WESTERN REGION PRESIDENT**  
**Barbara Beeman**

Western Region held its annual Mini Conference on August 6 at the UT Ag Experiment Station in Jackson. We featured FCL with our own Pamela Carroll describing her election and service to the McNairy County Commission. We also celebrated our Fashion Revue and Cultural Arts Contest. We had a basket auction, and the proceeds provide FCL scholarships available to our members. We sent 3 members to state FCL training, and they have now completed their 30 hours of classes. Six members shared their teaching skills at the training.

At our September board meeting, we set regional dates for 2020. Our Leadership in Action will take place January 16, and Mini Conference will be August 4. We will be focusing on West Tennessee suffragists Ida B. Wells and Sue Shelton White.

**Barbara Brown Beeman**  
Western Region President

**UT WESTERN REGION ADVISOR**  
**Dr Lynn Brookins**



Western Region FCS agents are busy with county fairs, judging entries, and educating families & youth on ways to improve their quality of life through nutrition education & food safety, health, & financial management programs.

We are looking forward to expanding our team of FCS agents in the future. We currently have a few FCS agent vacancies in Tipton, Shelby, Haywood, Lawrence, Henderson and Fayette Counties.

Tennille Short, former FCS agent in Haywood County transferred to Madison County September 1. She is looking forward to working with FCE members in the county.

Please know we are working tirelessly to get positions in the region filled. If you should need anything in a county where there is an agent vacancy, please let me know, and I will work to assist you with your needs.

**CENTRAL REGION PRESIDENT**  
**Emily Gordon**

Central Region Cultural Arts, Fashion Revue, and Creative Writing winners were all announced when the Central Region hosted their Annual Meeting September 12th in Murfreesboro. The meeting had a wonderful theme "FCE on Vacation". Tables were decorated with Cannon County taking home the traveling trophy.



In keeping with the theme, Phil Budd, Accredited Worldwide Cruise Counselor, shared why "Cruising is the Vacation of a Life Time". Another highlight of the day was the surprise Central Region Pin reveal and distribution.

Now our minds are shifting as we prepare for the TAFCE State Conference in Franklin at the Cool Springs Marriott November 17-20. The theme describes our enthusiasm as we are all "Fired Up for FCE".

**Emily Gordon**  
Central Region President

**UT EASTERN REGION ADVISOR**  
**Linda K. Bower**



Georgia Morrell from Sullivan County whose cross-stitch picture was voted as Viewer's Choice in the Cultural



Attendees at Eastern Region FCE Fall Conference held on Monday, September 23 at Rothchild's Conference Center in Knoxville. The speaker was Tyler Boyd, a relative of Harry T. Burn from McMinn County who cast the deciding vote for ratification of the amendment giving women the right to vote.



**Patty Mayhall**  
Past President /Creative Writing Chairperson

I have received all the creative writing entries from each region. They are being judged by an independent retired teacher and the books are being made. I would like to note one change this year to the creative writing books. In the past we have only published the winners in the book. I would like to say that this year all the entries will be published whether or not you received a place. First place in each category will receive a book and \$10 and Second place will receive a book.

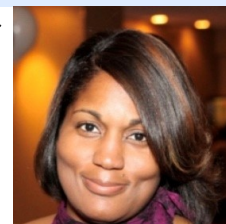
We plan on having maybe 10 additional for sale on Monday night after opening session for those who would like to purchase them.

We have a few of the previous 2017 books left and about 10 of the 2018. If you would like to have one of these talk to your Region President or contact me and we will see about getting them to you.

I hope everyone has a safe summer and I will see you in November at conference.

**Natalie Owens**  
UT Central Region Advisor

I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I received at the State Board meeting also from the TAFCE annual meeting. I enjoyed viewing all of the creative exhibits. We are happy to announce in the Central Region that all FCS agent positions are filled. We have a new agent in Sequatchie County, Kimberly Davis. Kimberly has hit the ground running. The search committee for the regional program leader will have their first meeting on September 27, and will begin work on filling the position. I look forward to seeing everyone at the state meeting.



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