



President's Tidbits



I am sooooo excited! We have a new Central Region Website! If you have not already visited the website, please do so! There is a lot of information on the website about our upcoming Central Region Leadership Retreat on Tuesday, May 25, and Wednesday, May 26. You are able to see the class schedule, class descriptions, and supply lists on the website. There were so many intriguing classes, it was difficult for me to choose! You are also able to register for the retreat on the website. Please register by May 15! There is also a page for the Central Region Executive Board members, six months at a glance, the 2021 program planner, all the Central Region newsletters and some of the more recent TAFCE newsletters. Check out the website: <https://tafcecr.wixsite.com/2020crfce>. Our intent is to keep the website current. I look forward to seeing you online at retreat!

It is probably difficult for you to conceive, but Emily Gordon and others have already spent many months in planning for the 2022 TAFCE Conference to be held at the Marriott in Cool Springs on November 13-16, 2022. Please consider your talents and where you could best serve as a committee chairperson, or co-chair, for the next Central Region hosted conference. Share your willingness to volunteer and assist, with the Conference Coordinator, Emily Gordon, by a phone call or an email.

My local club has lost two FCE members to death in the last few months. Our hearts are heavy and empty as we grieve this loss. But, the good news is we have had former FCE club members joining. One member, who moved to another county, has decided to return to our club and another former member chose to join our club after her club disbanded a few years ago. I encourage you to reach out to new neighbors, friends, family members, and even former members to invite them to your next Zoom FCE meeting or an outdoor gathering. We are each one responsible to help grow our FCE membership. We are all hungry for social interaction, so now is the time!

May you "Grow with FCE",
Mary Alice Weber
TAFCE Central Region President



IMPORTANT DATES

- **MAY 1-30**
Imagination Library Month
- **MAY 15**
STATE PROJECT "DAY OF THE FAMILY"
- **MAY 15**
LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR RETREAT
- **MAY 25 & 26**
VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT
- **JUNE 1**
CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES
DUE: SARAH ZAPOTOCKY
- **JUNE 1**
CVU DUE: WENDY DRUMM
- **JUNE 15**
BEST OF THE BEST DUE:
WENDY DRUMM
- **JULY 1**
Kate Bagnall Scholarship
App Due:
Sarah Zapotocky

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TAFCE Mission Statement:

To strengthen the home and community by improving the quality of life of individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development, and community service.



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

WWW.TAFCE.ORG

Rutherford County

Rutherford County has 4 very active clubs and we have 64 members. Obviously we have not been meeting due to Covid-19, but hope to be back to our usual meetings soon.

Rutherford County FCE began a book club about 2 years ago and it includes both members of FCE and non-members. This group is called The Bookworms. We meet every other month beginning in January. All read the same book and then we discuss it. We always read the Rutherford County Read to Succeed selection as one of our 6 books, the others are chosen by member recommendations. We have continued that last year with some of our meetings on Zoom.

Our clubs are engaged in a number of community activities some of which include: food for the foodbank, books and stuffed animals for the Health Department, caps and pillows are donated to the Cancer Center, fruit baskets for shut-ins at Thanksgiving, and school supplies are donated to area schools. Several Nursing homes benefit from the skills of our members such as: making bibs for residents, playing piano for residents' enjoyment, and playing games with the residents.

We participate in Regional and State contests, we have a county Flower and Garden Show and we help with the Adventures in Agriculture event put on by the Farm Bureau.

For fundraising, one of our clubs has a dessert booth at the community 4th of July picnic and one club helps with the Blackman Barbeque Supper.

Rutherford County FCE also has its own Facebook page which documents many of our activities and includes pictures of these activities. Check it out!



September 9, 2021



Officer Spotlight

Sarah Zapotocky

I was born in Woodbury, Tennessee in Cannon County. I graduated from Woodbury High School in 1968, and then attended Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. I married Bill Zapotocky in 1971. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2021. Bill and I have two sons and six grandchildren. I worked as an Admission Registrar in the main admitting office at what is now known as Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital. It was a job I loved going to each day.

I am a Musician and have played the piano and organ in my church for about 35 years. I also volunteer at nursing homes to play the piano, flute and harp for the residents and also in other social events in the county. I am hoping to begin violin lessons soon.

For about 12 years, I actively studied and participated in Taekwondo Martial Arts reaching the rank of 3rd degree Black Belt. I also served as a martial arts instructor and official referee. Reading is my passion. I have a collection of books that I started in the 3rd grade and I am still working on my collecting to this day.

I enjoy cycling which on the days I ride I tend to ride 2 to 3 hours or more. Since 2021, I have ridden enough miles to reach more than half way around the world. I keep a journal of my miles each time I ride. In addition to riding, I enjoy knitting, crocheting, weaving and making jewelry.

I have been a member of the Almadale FCE Club and have served as Secretary for many years. I also joined an additional FCE Club, Northridge. I have served on the FCE County Council in Rutherford County where I was VP for Public Policy and then President. In addition, I have served on the FCE State Board as Education Chair to Creative Writing and Scholarships, and Secretary for three years. Presently, I am serving on the FCE Central Region Board as VP for Programs which includes creative writing entries, the Kate Bagnall Scholarship applications, and receiving Central Region officer nomination forms.

Central Region Annual Meeting Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue can be entered if made since last Annual Meeting.

****Introducing Viewers Choice for Fashion Revue.****

IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 1**
New 50 Year Member App Due:
Pamela Sites
- **July 1**
Regional Officer
Nomination Forms Due

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Special Report

Virtual Retreat Update

The 2021 Central Region Leadership Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, and Wednesday, May 26. The "Growing with FCE" activities will be structured similar to the Fall Virtual Retreat, with morning exercise sessions followed by leadership and education lessons, marketable skills, cooking classes, and entertainment.

There will be no fee; however, members will need to register. You can now register on the Central Region webpage tafcecr.wixsite.com/2020crfce.

All members are invited to grow with this exciting FCE gathering. Don't forget to register and prepare to blossom with this 2021 Central Region Leadership Retreat.

Karen Hughes
Retreat Committee Chair

FCL and CVU Update

We are excited that we had a very successful FCL training via Zoom on April 20 - 22. The Central Region had four participants and most of the instructors were also from our region!! We are hoping to have FCL in person again in August, but if it is virtual again we will pass that information along to everyone via agents, Facebook and the newsletter. Either way please do not forget to register. Applications are due July 1 for the August session. We would love to have a great representation of Central Region members in attendance.

Just a reminder that it is not too early to get your CVU's turned in by June 1st and be thinking of someone to nominate for Best of the Best which is due to me by June 15th.

Wendy Drumm
VP for Public Policy
Central Region FCE

"Creative Writing"

Creative Writing is coming up in the very near future. Get out your pencils, pens or your type writer and get busy with your creative writing! I know assuredly, we have many gifted ladies in the FCE program that have a great way with words! Looking forward to receiving your entries. They are due to VP of Programs, Sarah Zapotocky June 1! Thank you and Great Writing!

2022 State Conference Update

Don't forget to put November 13-16, 2022, on your calendar. That's when Central Region will host the TAFCE Conference at the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott. Theme boards from Williamson (Kicking Up Your Heels in FCE), Rutherford (Under the Stars), and Wilson (Saddle Up With FCE) were received before the January 19th Information Day. It was decided that because the state likes to have three options to choose from, we will be sending all three boards forward without our vote to rank them. After the state votes at their August board meeting, the winning theme will be announced by our president at our September Annual Meeting. The winning individual or county will be awarded a \$30 check, the equivalent of the conference registration fee.

After the theme is chosen, we will then get to work! If you would like to help, I need for you to call me with your wish for a committee chair or co-chair as soon as you can. The list of the committees is as follows: Decorations, Registration, Hostesses, Hospitality Room, Welcome Bags, Tours, Education Sessions, Walk-in Craft Classes, Creative Craft Classes, Tours, Board and Executive Alumni Gifts, Instructor/Guest Gifts, Gift Shop, Banquet Favors, and Games. Getting your name in early assures that you will get the committee you want. Also, if you want to be a worker, please call, and I will assign you where needed.

Sincere and many thanks

Emily Gordon, 931-359-7074
2022 TAFCE Conference Chair

