



# TAFCE Central Region Newsletter

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## LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD



### Learning is Important!

"A baby has brains, but it doesn't know much. Experience is the only thing that brings knowledge, and the longer you are on earth the more experience you are sure to get."

--L. Frank Baum from the The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Information Day, January 20, 2023, was just what I needed to get inspired for Leadership Retreat and all our state and region projects, to be the best we can be in FCE!

We had an awesome day visiting with old and new friends; 115 members and 19 agents were in attendance. Thank you to Franklin County for hosting our break with delicious versions of dewdrops, mist-cakes and cloud-buns. Coffee never tasted so good!

I was honored to introduce the new Board of Directors and our fabulous agent advisors and our fun theme for 2023, "There's no Place like Home in FCE".

We experienced some great learning opportunities about our various roles in FCE leadership, as well as the interesting leader lessons that were presented by extension.

So here's the challenge, please take all that information that was presented and share with your local club members and get everyone on board for an exciting journey down the yellow brick road. That road that leads us to everything happening within the Central Region FCE in 2023!!

Peggy Richmond, President Central Region 



Have Heart Volunteer



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb15  
Leadership Retreat instructor form DUE
- Feb 22  
Central Region Board Meeting Murfreesboro
- March 1  
State Project Report from county DUE
- March 2  
Celebrate National Read Across America Day
- APRIL 15  
LEADERSHIP RETREAT REGISTRATION DUE
- APRIL 15  
Project Brochure Due to NAFCE
- April 18-19  
FCL Training Lebanon TN
- May 1-31  
Imagination Library Month
- May 15  
State project 'Day of the Family'
- May 23-25  
Leadership Retreat at UT Southern, Pulaski

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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.



 **KNOWLEDGE**  **Heart**  **COURAGE**

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## MEMBER APPRECIATION

### TAFCE Conference 2022

What wonderful memories we made as we Saddled Up with FCE at the Franklin Marriott. 229 registered to attend from across the state. 111 evaluations were turned in, 47 stated that reuniting with friends was their main and most rewarding reason to come to conference! Other areas that ranked high were great theme, prom meal, fashion revue, hospitality room, great teachers for creative craft, walk-in and education sessions, region breakfast, Cowboy Dan, and last but not least, excellent conference leadership and workers!

*Emily Gordon*  
2022 Conference Chair

# 2023 FCE LEADERSHIP RETREAT May 23-25



## BUILDING LEADERSHIP CHARACTER TRAITS AND BUILDING MEMBERSHIP

Hi, I'm Carolyn Binkley from Wilson County and chairman for the 2023 Leadership Retreat this year. We are looking for instructors to teach craft classes and educational sessions. **GET INVOLVED!** Instructor forms are on the website or at your local club. Be sure to get them to me by February 15. We are looking forward to the wonderful education opportunities and exciting fun we are going to have meeting new/first time attendees while catching up with old friends. If you want to come early, come Monday May 22nd! If you have questions, feel free to call, text or email me.

[2023FCEretreat@gmail.com](mailto:2023FCEretreat@gmail.com)

Start making plans now. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

*Carolyn Binkley, Chairperson of Leadership Retreat*



\*WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION\*

## MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Let's put our thinking caps on, get wizardly and begin to find new ways to invite friends and ignite members to participate in our club and community events. What are YOU going to create and showcase this year at Cultural Arts and Fashion Review? Where will we SNAP you?



## CHARACTER TRAIT- LOYALTY

A loyal person is supportive of an organization and its mission. When Americans recite the Pledge of Allegiance, it is a show of loyalty to the United States of America. Loyalty for the FCE organization is demonstrated by the level of participation in FCE programs and the positive attitude of FCE members. Someone who is loyal can be trusted with sensitive information and is more likely to stay on a long-term basis.

How can we build loyalty within our FCE clubs/organization?

- Collaborate with other FCE members and FCS agents.
- Invest just as much time and resources (maybe even more) in retaining members as in adding new FCE members.
- Know what our FCE members value.
- Provide consistently good FCE programs and activities.
- Put information about FCE programs and activities on the website for easy access.
- Seek out FCE member complaints and stay responsive.
- Serve in leadership roles with competence and warmth.
- Regain lost FCE members.

*Mary Alice Weber, President Advisor*



Creativity is intelligence  
having fun.



ALBERT EINSTEIN

Did you get snapped at our  
last event? Check out the  
photos below and also our  
social media to see if you  
were snapped!



## LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



### WE NEED A THEME

Central Region is hosting the 2025 State Conference.  
Let's make it a conference to remember!



We would like to invite YOU to be a part of the state conference for 2025!

Do you have an idea for a theme? Get started by submitting your ideas and inspirations to Regina today.

The following committees need a chairperson/co-chair. Please take time to look over and talk with your county/club about taking on a leadership role. Looking forward to talking and working with YOU soon!

- Attendee Gift Bags
- Executive Alumni Gifts
- Conference Pins
- Creative Craft Class
- Decorations
- Education Sessions
- Entertainment
- Fashion Revue/Cultural Arts
- Banquet Favors
- Games/Bingo
- Gift Shop
- Hospitality
- Hostesses
- Instructors' Gift
- Invitation Committee
- Registration
- Service Project
- Tours
- Walk-in Craft Classes

Regina McCathern

Conference Chair 2025

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## CULTURAL ARTS

I would like to encourage **everyone** to participate in cultural arts at your county level where 1st and 2nd place, in each category, will advance to regional competition; which will be at our Annual Regional Meeting, on September 14, 2023, at UT Space Institute, Arnold Air Force Base, Tullahoma, TN. **GET INVOLVED!**

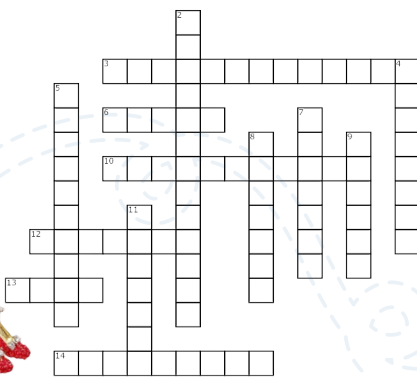
Cultural Arts revisions for 2023 include: Removal of the following categories: Knitting: Machine; Quilt: Embroidered Machine; Quilt: Hand-pieced amp; Machine quilted Addition of the following categories: Diamond Painting/Art; Floral Design Please review the complete list of categories on pages 44 and 45 of the 2023 Central Region Planner. Looking forward to seeing what you create!

Myra Fisher, Cultural Arts Education Chair



## LOYALTY

1. 10 letters



### Across

1. when you are brave you show .....  
3. Previous American presidents wife  
6. complete trust  
10. USA's first black president

12. Abraham

13. To tie a .....  
14. another word for honesty

### Down

2. Indian idol  
4. A willingness to take bold risks  
5. More closer than a friend  
7. perhaps i'd get a medal for showing b.....  
8. The quality of being honest  
9. You live with them  
11. Loyalty and .....



## Central Region Board 2023–2024



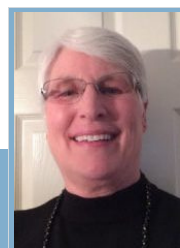
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**Wendy Drumm**  
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Smith County



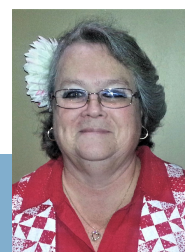
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Program Leader



**Brenda Hannah**  
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THANK  
YOU



This newsletter is for  
YOU! Please submit  
information for  
county recognition,  
ideas for spotlight,  
pictures, etc.  
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with "fce newsletter"  
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