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## **From the Past President**

Sharon Turini-Kent

Summer is fast approaching. For many of you this may mean a transition from working the past nine months to relaxing, or from college life to the workforce. Whatever life-phase you are in, enjoy every moment, as the months tend to fly by too quickly.

June will be a busy month for those involved with the 100<sup>th</sup> AAFCS Annual Meeting and Expo in Knoxville, TN, June 25-28. Ohio will host a "Welcome to Cleveland 2010" booth. Volunteers are needed to help 1-2 hours at the booth. We would appreciate any time you could give us.

Although most of the Centennial Celebrations will end with AAFCS in June, Ohio plans to have an "OAFCS DAY" at the Ohio State Fair on Saturday, August 8, honoring our 100<sup>th</sup> celebration. Check our Website for more information. Plan to come out and see us and spend the day at the State Fair.

As my term of president of OAFCS comes to an end, I thank the board and members for all their support and dedication to our Family and Consumer Sciences profession. As we look towards "A New Century for FCS", I urge each of you to seek "New Challenges and New Solutions" in 2010.

See you in Cleveland, June 24-27, 2010 at the 101<sup>st</sup> AAFCS Annual Meeting!

## **Action needed now. .**

Many thanks to Janet Laster, Sandra Laurenson, and Gloria Harms for their participation on this committee. If more information is needed, contact Janet or Sandra.

Call or e-mail members of the HB1 Conference Committee. Ask them to reinstate 3313.60(A)(9) regarding Life and Career-Ready Skills with the addition of Family and Consumer Sciences as the provider for grades 7-12. Also ask your state senator and representative to convey their support for this action to the Committee members. (See contact information below.)

Urge members of your FCS Advisory Committee, administrators, and other FCS constituents in your community to do the same.

**Suggested E-mail Subject Line: HB1: Life & Career-Ready Skills**



## BACKGROUND

The Ohio House passed HB1 incorporating most of Governor Strickland's evidence-based education reform plan. This plan included a provision for Life and Career-Ready Skills education in grades 7 & 8. No subject area was identified to provide this content. We lobbied the Ohio Senate to add Family and Consumer Sciences to the section and to increase the included grade levels to 7-12; however, the Senate removed the governor's education reform plan in its entirety.

HB 1 is now in Conference Committee for the purpose of reconciling the two very different versions of the bill. This is our last chance to be heard!

The language we propose:

(9) FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, IN GRADES SEVEN TO TWELVE, life and career-ready skills including financial literacy, entrepreneurship, career planning and awareness, NUTRITIONAL LITERACY, and any other skills identified by the superintendent of public instruction. The state superintendent shall issue program guidance and guidelines to assist with the implementation of division (A)(9) of this section.

## TALKING POINTS

- This reform element will make a positive difference to Ohioans, now and over time, with little cost to taxpayers because the structure and licensed teachers are already in place.
- Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education, already available in most school districts in Ohio, has life and career-ready skills including financial literacy as an established part of its curriculum. None of the disciplines identified in 3313.60(A) (1) through (7) can make that claim.
- The *Family and Consumer Sciences Content Standards* for Ohio (grades 7-12) includes nine standards that address the content specified in 3313.60(a)(9) plus other critical life skills.
- Recognition of Family and Consumer Sciences in 3313.60(A) is urgently needed to provide the public policy support to assure that Ohio students have reliable access to this important content in the future. Given the requirements of the Ohio Core and the status of school funding, the school day is becoming more and more crowded and administrators are making tough choices. Lacking legislative support, FCS education is at risk; students already have reduced or no access in some districts.
- *No Child Left Behind* requires "highly qualified" teachers in the seven subject areas identified in 3313.60(A). Students in "Life and Career Skills" courses deserve no less. Only licensed or certified Family and Consumer Sciences teachers are the equivalent of "highly qualified" to teach the range of subject matter identified in 3313.60(A)(9).
- No curricular area is more relevant to the lives of students than FCS. FCS helps students set goals, develop plans to achieve those goals, and recognize the importance of a rigorous academic curriculum to achieve those goals. FCS courses integrate and support academics by demonstrating the relevance of the academics to every day life. In addition, FCS integrates building relationships into every course helping students develop the interpersonal skills essential for success in personal, family, school, and career settings.
- Grade levels identified should include grades 7-12 giving school districts greater flexibility in FCS programming than the originally proposed grades 7 and 8. The *Family and Consumer Sciences Content Standards* provide age appropriate curriculum for students in grades 7-12 and opportunities for students to initiate, rethink and revise their plans given increased maturity and new experiences. College is an expensive place to explore careers.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Conference Committee Members**

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### **Your Senator or Representative**

[www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm#reps\\_zip](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm#reps_zip)

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### **QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

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OAFCS members who are planning to attend the AAFCS conference in Knoxville in June need to email Ginny Draa at [vdraa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vdraa@sbcglobal.net) as soon as possible. We will all be a part of the Cleveland 2010 promotion that will be held during on of the general sessions at the Knoxville conference.

## **DISTRICT C MEETING REMINDER July 14th**

Contact: Carol Hadsell, 110190 Sleepy Ridge Dr., Loveland, Ohio 45140

### **Assistance Needed:**

If you have a special art, craft, sewing, cooking, or culturally or socially oriented activity that can include a hands on art or craft activity and a literacy component, I would like to invite you to participate in the Project RISE Summer Arts and Literacy Program. Sessions are 1 ½ to 2 hours once a week in the month of July.

Here are the sites and tentative days and times (a few sites may be added):

- ACCESS – Thursdays 10am-12noon
- BWS-Step 2 – Mondays 6pm-8pm
- Catholic Worker – Wednesdays 1pm-3pm
- Safe Landing Boys – Thursdays 10am-12 noon
- Safe Landing Girls – Thursdays 1pm-4pm

This has generally been a volunteer opportunity with the reward of sharing your talent with students and parents who are at shelters. PRICELESS!

Please let me know asap if you will be able to fill any of the spots. If you have ideas I would be very interested in hearing from you. Also—please share with your artistically good friends and colleagues.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Debra Manteghi, District Homeless Education Liaison and Program Manager

## **Member Recognition**

Ellen E. DeLong received the OAFCS outstanding thesis award at the April annual meeting for her work Advertising Domesticity: A Content Analysis of Traditional Messages in Seventeen Magazine: 1946-1948. Ellen received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Akron in August 2008. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University's Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising in 2005.

Ellen has worked in the retail fashion and interior design industry and as clothing curator for the Summit County Historical Society. She has been an instructor at KSU and a teaching assistant there and at UA. Ellen hopes to acquire a full time position in fashion/clothing/textiles/interiors.

## **Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education**

### **OATFACS Summer Conference:**

- July 28-30, 2009 at Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus
- Registration is online at [www.oatfacs.org](http://www.oatfacs.org)
- Keynote speakers include State Superintendent Deborah Delisle, Wavelength and Sam Glen
- The Awards reception will take place at the State House on Wednesday evening and legislators will be in attendance
- Special breakout sessions include poverty simulation, Hope 4 the Wounded Student, Joe Hendershot; How to Avoid Falling in Love With a Jerk, John Van Epp; Working Together: Your Millennial Students and Other Generations, Ann Jordan and Professional Development Web Training, Ohio Department of Education.

### **Spring Elluminate sessions: with OSU Extension**

- Food Safety- Healthy and Safe Foods Susan Shockey and Gina Nicholson
  - April 8 Directions for Archived Elluminate Sessions Password = fcs
- Relationships During Tough Economic Times Susan Shockey and Kara Newby
  - March 24 Directions for Archived Elluminate Sessions Password = fcs
- Obesity and Dining with Diabetes Susan Shockey and Nancy Schaefer
  - May 7 Directions for Archived Elluminate Sessions Password = fcs

- If you should have trouble with the links
  - go the Ohio Department of Education home page
  - click on Career-Tech
  - click on Family and Consumer Sciences
  - click on Ohio Family and Consumer Sciences Calendar of Events
  - Follow directions for the archived sessions

## **International News**

Judy Husk, International Chair  
(jhuskcfc@gmail.com)

### **OAFCS International Raffle**

Lots of activity took place at the International Raffle table during the OAFCS Annual Meeting in Westlake. Laughter and gasps of surprise could be heard as the prize winners were announced on Saturday. Together we raised \$326 for women's projects in third world countries. Sharon McManus, CFCS, Director of the IFHE-US Development Fund was on hand to receive our donation. Thanks to all who contributed prizes and to those who purchased raffle tickets. Lucky prize winners this year were: Annette Hardy, Vandita Prasad, Sharon Turini-Kent, Sky Cone, Pam Schulze, Janice Elias, Deb Wooldridge, Julie Whitemore, Dawn Wiatrowski and Shannon Stevens. Congratulations to all!

### **International Events at AAFCS Meeting in Knoxville**

Have you registered for the AAFCS Annual Meeting in Knoxville? Don't miss the Museum of Appalachia Tour sponsored by the International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE) on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. This Smithsonian Affiliate was opened in the late 1960's by John Rice Irwin whose grandparents were descendants of early East Tennessee pioneers. Of particular interest is the Appalachian Hall of Fame. After the tour a traditional Appalachian supper will be served followed by traditional southern folklore as told by native Tennessean storyteller Elizabeth Rose. This exciting evening is a great time for networking with friends and an opportunity to support the IFHE-US Development Fund! The registration form for this event is available at [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) For additional information, contact Sharon McManus, CFCS, Director, IFHE-US Development Fund at [svmcmanus@aol.com](mailto:svmcmanus@aol.com) or (616) 546-3394.

## **Family Economics and Resource Management**

Nancy Hudson

Take advantage of the free Smart Money Choices workshops hosted by the Treasurer of State. For the schedule of dates and locations this summer, click on Smart Money Choices on the right bar at: [www.ohiotreasurer.gov](http://www.ohiotreasurer.gov) These workshops are similar to the former Women and Money workshops hosted by the Treasurer of State office in past years but with a broader target audience.

For personal finance information and resources, visit <http://extension.org> . Click Resource Areas, then Personal Finance under the Family heading. Browse a little for other items of interest.

Get your FREE High School Financial Planning Program (HSFPP) curriculum. The National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) provides teachers with FREE Student Guides and an Instructor Manual. For details, visit: <http://hsfpp.nefe.org> . Or, contact Nancy Hudson at [Hudson.2@osu.edu](mailto:Hudson.2@osu.edu) who will also provide free teacher training sessions.

## Fair Countdown:

Notes: Friday, May 29 Conference Call  
There is \$283 dollars left in the Centennial fund

### Themes: Open Yourself to the Possibilities of Family & Consumer Sciences

Whatever happened to Home Economics? Family & Consumer Sciences – So Much More

Posters: Four for each tent post. Keep cost under \$100 Barb  
Include if possible: OAFCS 100 years serving Individuals, families and communities

Fact Sheet – will be a folded brochure – include link to website Virginia

- build the content to be placed on the website under a link: Ohio State Fair or Centennial Activities 100 Years Serving Individuals, Families and Communities
- List University programs, contact information, programs
- Include available scholarships HS and College
- Talk about content of middle and high school
- Talk about career fields
- Make to use as a recruitment tool – to the majors, especially education and membership. Take this to your superintendent/school counselor
- Stay within \$85.00

FCCLA Banner Mary Jo will check with Paulette  
Business cards/w lifesaver Mary Jo

FCS Banner: 2'X8' \$100 or under Meta  
“Family and Consumer Sciences” Maroon letters on cream background

OATFACS magnets & shopping bags – Mary Jo will make decisions (left-over items)

Extension Additions – Susan Shockey will find display items and information for the inside of the tent – to draw people in.

Questions for Survey:

- Should Ohio’s children know how to:
  - Manage money?
  - Develop career readiness skills?
  - Eliminate domestic violence?
  - Prepare nutritious/healthy meals?
  - Care for children?
- At least two other questions will be developed by the next committee conference call\

Fair work shift sign up – report back to Meta before conference call – to finalize ticket distribution  
[vannostr@ohio.edu](mailto:vannostr@ohio.edu)

AAFCS Membership applications to distribute at the fair to interested persons Jenny

Need to check if the fairgrounds is wireless, if so, a laptop computer could be set up for immediate online membership.

#### University student engagement

Colleen Kline

Please add Colleen to email communications about the State Fair and Board meetings

Email: ck214804@ohio.edu

Other: University teacher educators are encouraged to mail to Meta or bring brochures of Programs

Someone suggested having a display of middle and high school textbooks to showcase the curriculum – please email comments to Meta if you like or dislike this idea.

#### Installation of Officers



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