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***President's Letter  
by Sharon Turini-Kent***

Fall brings to mind a time for ending the laid back days of summer and anticipating the many changes that will take place over the next ten months. OAFCS, AAFCS and our field of Family and Consumer Sciences have seen many changes over the past 99+ years. From now until we celebrate our Centennial in 2009, if we dare to create a sustainable future, exciting changes will take place within ourselves and as FCS professionals.

Ohio was well represented at AAFCS' Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, June 19-21, 2008, with the theme, "Evolving Technology: Impact on Individuals, Families, and Communities". With the rapid development and prevalence of new technology, speakers and keynoters gave breakthrough research and created strategies to help individuals, families, and communities to reap the benefits of technology while avoiding the potential dangers and risks that do occur.

The 2008 Senate focused on three changes that will occur at the national level.

- **Strategic Plan- 2008-2013** is now in effect. Strategic outcomes and major goals of AAFCS can be read by going to: [www.aafcs.org/about/index.html](http://www.aafcs.org/about/index.html) or \*
- Approval of the **Bylaws and Amendments** – main goal was to streamline the Bylaws. In early Spring, these will be posted on the AAFCS web. Since our Bylaws reflect those of AAFCS, Nancy Sampson and I will work diligently to update OAFCS' Bylaws.

- **Identity Theft Resolution** - Public Policy worked on passing this resolution, “to support local, statewide, and national educational programs and policies as pertaining to Identity Theft”. A complete version of the resolution- [www.aafcs.org/policy/resolutions.html](http://www.aafcs.org/policy/resolutions.html) or \*  
\*Link : [www.oafcs.org](http://www.oafcs.org) click on “About OAFCS”

The OAFCS Plan of Work- 2008-2009- has been completed according to AAFCS’ guidelines and turned in. Link : [www.oafcs.org](http://www.oafcs.org) **Click on About OAFCS**

Our website has a new look! Check us out at [www.oafcs.org](http://www.oafcs.org) . Bookmark the site for updates.

This looks to be an exciting year for OAFCS members starting with the 2009 Annual Meeting in Westlake, Ohio, April 2-4, 2009. The theme is “Family & Consumer Sciences: Reflecting on the Past, While Creating the Future”. You are urged to submit a proposal online and attend our 100<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our Centennial gala celebration will be a highlight of this meeting. OAFCS will be involved in the AAFCS 100<sup>th</sup> Conference in Knoxville, TN, June 2009 at the “Welcome to Cleveland-2010” booth. See more details on this in the newsletter and on our website.

**Ohio Association of Family and Consumer Sciences  
2009 Annual Meeting**

**Call for Concurrent Sessions and Posters  
Submission Due Date: Extended until October 15, 2008**

***Theme: “Family and Consumer Sciences: Reflecting the Past While Creating the Future”***

- Seeking presentations that focus on current research, analyses, and practices that address the issues of our profession. Looking ahead to our next 100 years, we must address sustainability at all levels - for our profession, for families and communities, for our natural resources and energy, for our food sources, and for our arts/crafts, to name a few.
- Presentations desired relate to nutrition, health, or food management; art and design; education; apparel and textiles; housing and the environment; family relations and human development; or resource management.

Abstracts (100 words) for presentations and posters are being requested for topics relating to Family and Consumer Sciences with priority given to those that relate to the meeting theme.

**Proposal Description:**

Proposals should include proposed session title, 100-word abstract, presentation format (1 or 2 hour concurrent session or poster presentation), preferred date (Friday, April 3 or Saturday, April 4, 2009) potential FCS audience who will be most interested in your presentation, your name, title, employer, address, telephone number, email address, and any audio-visual equipment you plan to use for your presentation. For more detail see <http://www.oafcs.org>.

**Presentation Format: Either Concurrent Session or Poster Presentation**

- 1 Concurrent session presentations may be 1-hour or 2-hour sessions and include one or more presenters.
- 2 Poster presentations must fit on a 4’x 8’ display board and must be attended by presenters during afternoon). Presenters must bring their own display boards.

## Rules for Submission:

1. Email (preferred) by: **October 15, 2008** to Teena Jennings, [tj9@uakron.edu](mailto:tj9@uakron.edu).
2. If sending via regular mail, submissions must be postmarked **October 15, 2008**. Mail to Teena Jennings, 226 West Elm St., Granville, OH, 43023.
3. The review committee will review and select abstracts based on the above criteria.
4. The contact author will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **November 30, 2008**.
5. Presenters must register for participation in the meeting.
6. Presenters will be responsible for all personal expenses related to the meeting, including registration fees.
7. Presenters must provide their own AV equipment.
8. Authors are responsible for providing a substitute presenter if the author is unable to present.
9. No materials for sale are allowed at any presentation. (Orders forms for materials to be purchased at a later date may be provided to attendees.)
- 10.

## Welcome Back !

*Eleanor Ames, our former OAFCS webmaster has agreed to take on the task once again. Eleanor was an Ohio FCS Extension Agent for 20 years and worked at OSU for 8 years in Communications & Technology before retiring in 2001. She and her husband opened Bluemont Bed & Breakfast in Luray, VA and ran it until Dec. 2007.*

*She has now retired from their B & B business and has been doing free lance web design for the past few years. She limits the number of clientele because of time restraints, but she has agreed to work with us once again. If you have information you want posted to the OAFCS website, please email her at: [elalames@embarqmail.com](mailto:elalames@embarqmail.com).*

*She would prefer if you just send her MS Word Documents. Please indicate if you wish the information to be presented on line in .html format, or if Adobe .pdf format is acceptable."*

## Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education

- OAFCS District Officers need to contact Mary Jo Kohl at [maryjo.kohl@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:maryjo.kohl@ode.state.oh.us) with the current officers and a slate of officers for 2009-2010.
- OAFCS Teacher of the Year Nominations are due to Mary Jo Kohl by October 10, 2008 at [maryjo.kohl@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:maryjo.kohl@ode.state.oh.us)
- Call for state OAFCS nominations. President-Elect and Treasure positions are open. Please check the web site for job descriptions. Send nominations to Mary Jo Kohl by October 10, 2008 at [maryjo.kohl@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:maryjo.kohl@ode.state.oh.us)

## DISTRICT C NEWS

District C meeting October 7th, 2008 4 to 8 PM at Der Dutchmen Restaurant, 230 N. US Rt. 42 , Wyanesville, OH

Program: 4 PM Miami Valley Saves by Chris Olynski/Carol Miller

5:15 PM: Dinner/business meeting, 6:15 PM Greening Up Our Holmes by Kathy Michelich, 7:15 Ohio Ballot Issues 2008. Contact Barbara Vance: [bhbvance@yahoo.c](mailto:bhbvance@yahoo.c)

## **District D NEWS**

**Fall Meeting** is September 30 at Longaberger Golf Course, Nashport from 5:30 pm -8:30 pm. Featured speaker is from the Attorney General's Office. Registration cost is \$ 25.00 Please contact Jane King or Mary Jo Kohl if you have any questions. Registration and agenda can be found on the website.

**Winter Meeting** is March 6, 2009 at Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark from 10:00 am -3:00 pm. Meeting focus will be on health care reform. Please contact Jane King or Mary Jo Kohl if you have any questions.

## **NEW FCCLA AWARDS AVAILABLE**

OAFCS has two new awards for FCCLA teachers and student members.

The Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education chair would present an award(s) to an FCCLA Advisor/chapter for a star program that they want to implement. This award would be open to High School and Middle School Teachers.

One of the \$800.00 OAFCS Scholarships would be designated for a former Ohio FCCLA affiliate member. The scholarships are all available to former FCCLA members, this way one would be exclusively available to them.

## **Student Group Newsletter Article**

Milwaukee was a wonderful experience for the Student Unit members who attended. Current Chair Marcie Buschko, Vice Chair Colleen Kline, and former Chair Dane Salabak traveled to the 99<sup>th</sup> annual AAFCS conference in Milwaukee to represent the students in Ohio.

We had the opportunity to attend concurrent sessions, socialize with professionals and best of all participate in the kick off of the centennial celebration of AAFCS. We all felt very privileged to be involved during such a monumental time for the organization, and look forward to being part of the future growth and change of AAFCS.

Now that the summer has come to an end, the Student Unit is beginning to plan for the upcoming year. The board members will be meeting on September 20 to discuss upcoming plans for the year to come. Our agenda include planning a service project for this year and submitting a presentation proposal for OAFCS annual meeting. Our advisor, Dr. Schulze, will work with us on conducting an on-line survey of student members to determine (a) what they want and expect from their membership in OAFCS, (b) what activities they would most be interested in participating in, and (c) what would determine whether they will continue their membership after graduation.

It is our hope that this information will help us to better plan our activities, and will enable the organization as a whole to better recruit and retain student members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcie Buschko  
2008 OAFCS President

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## **International News**

By Judy Husk, International Chair  
(jhuskcfcs@gmail.com)

Over 1000 Home Economists from 57 countries attended the centennial anniversary of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) in Lucerne, Switzerland July 26-31, 2008. The theme for this congress was "Home Economics: Reflecting the Past – Creating the Future." A special celebration was held August 1<sup>st</sup> in Fribourg, Switzerland where IFHE was founded in 1908. Those attending the IFHE Congress from Ohio/OAFCS were: Judy Husk, Teena Jennings, Catherine Leslie, Candis Miller, Carol Miller, Sharon McManus, and Jenny Schroeder.

### **Highlights:**

The IFHE Position Statement "Home Economics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was launched. It acknowledges the historical origins and looks ahead to viable and progressive visions of home economics.

Two publications were launched. The written history, *100 Years of the International Federation for Home Economics 1908-2008* and the DVD, *The International Federation for Home Economics 100 years 1908-2008 DVD*. These may be ordered online at IFHE.com. Jenny Schroeder was recognized for her part in compiling the IFHE history and bringing this project to completion.

An E-Book, *Global Sustainable Development: A Challenge for Consumer Citizens* was distributed.

The IFHE Development Fund committee raffled off a king size quilt made up of squares sewn by home economists around the world. Over 100 squares were received so a second centennial quilt was made to hang in the IFHE office in Bonn, Germany. Five quilt squares were made by Ohioans: Marlene Jones, Eunice Murphy, Joyce Smith, Naomi Stock, and JoAn Wilson.

The IFHE Development Fund gave 4 grants totaling \$15,200 from our interest income. Two went to Kenya, one to South Africa, and the 4th to the Virgin Islands. The goal is to replace this amount of money by 2010 Council. OAFCS supports this fund with a raffle at our annual meeting.

Carol Miller, Helen Strow Travelship awardee, presented a Best Practice Poster at the congress. Carol and Chris Olinsky worked together on "Miami Valley Saves: A Campaign to Build Wealth and Decrease Debt." This was a nine county community campaign toward increasing savings while decreasing debt.

### **Upcoming Events:**

June 2009 – IFHE Event at AAFCS in Knoxville, Tennessee  
July 2012 – IFHE Congress in Melbourne, Australia

For more information go to [www.IFHE.org](http://www.IFHE.org)

## IFHE

What an awesome experience! The International Federation of Home Economics, as you may well know, met in Lucerne, Switzerland from July 25 – 31, 2008. I was fortunate to attend with the assistance of the Helen Strow Travelship from OAFCS.

First of all, it was a thrill to be part of gathering where people were proud to say that they were home economists. It is a term (and profession) that is recognized all over the world. It is a profession (and an organization) that is recognized by the United Nations. It is a profession whose international members share the common goal of helping families solve problems.

My expectation was that I would learn about cultural differences of families worldwide. What I really learned was how similar families are the world over. I went to sessions on money management and learned that payday lending is a worldwide problem. I viewed research posters about the problems of aging populations everywhere. I heard sessions and viewed posters about the problem of childhood obesity. During my family visit, I learned that teenage depression and suicide is also a major concern in Switzerland.

Of course my expectations that Switzerland and Lucerne would be picturesque were realized. It is a beautiful country and I had many fun travel experiences, both planned and unplanned. I said that we were in the land of chalets, duvets, and bidets. I just wish that my luggage could tell me about the side trip it took at the end of the journey!

Once again, let me say that it was a truly awesome experience. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the OAFCS Board, International Chair Judy Husk and the International Committee for selecting me to receive the Helen Strow Travelship that made this experience possible.

Carol S. Miller  
2008 Helen Strow Recipient



### **OAFCS ATTENDEES AT THE IFHE CONGRESS**

Back row, left to right; Judy Husk, Jenny Schroeder, Carol Miller, front row, left to right; Sharon McManus, Catherine Leslie, Teena Jennings, Candis Miller

## Colleges, Universities & Research

By Eileen S. Ptacek

OAFCS awards three scholarships annually for FCS related research. One award goes to a doctoral candidate, one to a master's student, and one to an undergraduate. Students or student advisors who think their work merits the award should submit an application to Eileen Ptacek, 26376 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145 or [eptacek@hotmail.com](mailto:eptacek@hotmail.com). Applications are available at [oafcs.org](http://oafcs.org) and are due by February 15, 2009.

To be eligible for the awards the graduate research must have been completed for a degree from an Ohio Family and Consumer Sciences higher education program or have been completed by a member of OAFCS for a graduate degree in a field related to family and consumer sciences. The undergraduate research must have been completed by a student while enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences undergraduate program in Ohio. The criteria for the awards included: (1) contribution to the field of family and consumer sciences; (2) theoretical soundness of the study; (3) methodological soundness of the study.



***"PASSING OF THE GAVEL", Spring Conference 2008***

Stay Tuned!!

OAFCS Annual Meeting  
Holiday Inn in Westlake (near Cleveland)

April 3 & 4, 2008

Theme: FCS: Reflecting the Past While Creating the future.



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-Anne Morrow Lindbergh***

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