

Dear FCS Professionals,

As you may know, AAFCS is celebrating its Centennial this June at the Annual Conference & Expo in Knoxville, Tennessee! In addition to special Centennial events, this is a great FCS professional development opportunity on the theme of sustainability. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime conference, and I would love to see you there. If you have not already registered, I would like to personally invite you to attend, “*Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future*” June 25-28, 2009.

You will find many topics of interest at our conference. We will have more than 20 educational sessions; outstanding keynote speakers, including Doris Christopher, CFCS, The Pampered Chef® founder and chairman; a super seminar on the sustainability of the FCS profession; and the Expo, with exhibit booths, learning labs, research poster sessions, and showcases.

The Annual Conference is an ideal time to network with colleagues and experience a new city and its surrounding areas. Last year, we hosted more than 800 attendees and expect a higher attendance this year for the Centennial conference. The Tennessee Affiliate and International Federation for Home Economics has planned for attendees interesting and fun educational excursions (separate cost for these) on June 24, ranging from visiting historical sites in Knoxville to culinary teaching facilities in East Tennessee. A reunion to connect with former students, colleagues and alumni is planned for Saturday, June 27th, 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Our Early Bird registration rate ends at midnight on April 1st, and we are extending the discounted member registration rate to nonmembers in honor of the Centennial. If you need help convincing your supervisor you should attend, AAFCS is providing a top ten list of reasons to attend at www.aafcs.org/meetings/09/topten.html. Please call the AAFCS headquarters staff at 1-800-424-8080 or visit www.aafcs.org/meetings/09/index.html if you would like more conference information.

I hope you will join us in Knoxville to celebrate this milestone in AAFCS and FCS history!

Warm regards,

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