

# THE LAMPLIGHT

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings OAFCS Professional Family Members,  
In writing my first article for the Lamplighter, I wish to say what a privilege it is to serve as your president this year. I want to express my hopes and desires that you will see this organization as your family of professional friends.



This organization has been for me, one of the best experiences for professional networking and professional development that I have ever experienced. The members are always friendly, willing to work and help each other. Members always have happy greetings and warm smiles for each other.



I was away from being active in the organization for about 10 years because of a lack in administrators seeing my involvement as a viable use of my time. However, a few years ago, I had an administrator that had a different opinion and I was permitted to attend the annual conference. On my way to the conference, I began questioning myself. Do I really want to be going to this conference, or have I outgrown conferences and this organization. Upon my arrival, I was greeted warmly by everyone I saw and made to feel a part of this wonderful professional family once again. It was as if I had never been away.

Those are the same feelings I want all of our members in Ohio to feel as we work together to make this the best year yet, and also the best affiliate National has ever seen. This is your association. Know that we are here for you. We are here to meet your professional needs and your professional networking needs. As well as friendly sounding boards, shoulders to cry on, people to share and vent your frustrations as well as your joys and accomplishments.

The year 2011 has seen many new changes for our profession. The newest of which is the branding that is now being used to advocate Family and Consumer Sciences. The new branding model can be accessed on AAFCS's website. Cards featuring the new brand as well as the new AAFCS brand will be included in the packets at Annual Conference this year. So plan to attend and receive your own card.

Essence of AAFCS: To be a well-respected association and leader in the FCS field. Essence of FCS: To create healthy and sustainable families. The reverse of the card has the essence of what our organization and profession is all about. Namely:

1. AAFCS is a broad-based membership organization that helps connect FCS professionals across multiple practice settings and content areas to share knowledge, research, and experience.

2. Through leadership support and opportunities to collaborate, AAFCS helps FCS professional create integrated solutions that address today's social and economic issues.
3. The FCS field draws from broad and diverse disciplines to develop and provide the content and programs that help individuals become more effective critical thinkers and problems solvers.
4. The comprehensive foundation of research-based knowledge and essential skills delivered by FCS professionals helps families be better prepared to live, work, and succeed in a complex and diverse world.

This year also saw the passing of two new resolutions by the senate at National in Phoenix. The resolutions were written by two of our very own members, Janet Laster and Sandra Laurenson. The first deals with healthy lifestyles and combating the obesity epidemic, and the second deals with sustaining the FCS profession. Ideas for programming and promotion of these resolutions are forthcoming and ideas are always welcome.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be your president this year. I look forward to working with you and serving your needs.

Donna Anderson  
OAFCS President



## **GOOD NEWS!**

The OAFCS Centennial Scholarship Fund has reached an all time high of \$8,500. with the goal being \$10,000. If you haven't made a contribution, now you have a window of opportunity to help OAFCS meet its goal by December 31, 2011.

You are invited to join one of the following gift levels:

- Up to \$99 will be recognized as Flame Society members,
- \$100- \$499 will be recognized as Century Club members
- \$500 to 999 will become members of the Ohio Ellen H. Richards Club
- Betty Lamp donors contribute \$1,000 or more to the Scholarship fund.



Any size donation is accepted. No donation is too small or too large. Checks should be payable to OAFCS Centennial Scholarship Fund. Please send your donation to:

Sharon Turini, Kent  
5803 Cambridge Circle  
Sandusky, OH 44870-9792

Thank you for your consideration of a donation,  
Jenny Schroeder

Chair, OAFCS Centennial Committee

## **Wanted: Slogan Proposal for the IFHE International Year of the Family in 2014.**

See the [pdf here: http://www.oafcs.org/pdf/slogan.pdf](http://www.oafcs.org/pdf/slogan.pdf) for more details

**AAFCS Professional Assessments Offered at 2011 State Conference**  
**Follow this link for details: <http://www.oafcs.org/meeting.html>**

## OAFCS Membership Recognition at Annual Conference

**51 Years:** Barbara H. Pease, Virginia Gunn, Naomi Stock

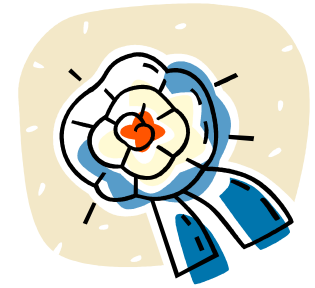
**50 Years:** Marline W. Jones, Carolyn McKinney

**FRIEND OF THE FAMILY AWARD:** Judy Joyce, Director of Greenleaf Family Center

**HOUSING/EQUIPMENT AWARD:** Debra Manteghi

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENT AWARD:** Rachel Matejin

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:** Jill Pettibone, Emily Meents, Catherine Sustersic



### Outstanding Leader Award

*Sharon Turini-Kent* first used her leadership skills at the Norwalk City School as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher for 33 years. Her career guided a very active FFCLA Chapter which was featured in the Teen Times National Magazine. Sharon served as pilot teacher for the GRADS FCS Program for Vehove Joint Vocational School District. The Norwalk community enjoyed her talents when she created a dinner theater program.

Sharon earned her MS Degree from Bowling Green University while she was teaching high school in Northern Ohio then later taught FCS at the main campus at Bowling Green. She has held every office in OAFCS District A before becoming OAFCS President. She has been very active in serving OAFCS through many capacities; Certification Chair, Treasurer, Vice-President Elect, Vice President of Programs and Counselor. Sharon worked with the team planning the Tri-State Conference in 2000 with the Indiana and Michigan Affiliates.

While serving as OAFCS President during our Centennial Year Celebration, she was active in organizing both the OAFCS and AAFCS Annual meetings. From Ohio's Welcome Booth in Knoxville to the AAFCS Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Sharon served as Chair and Vice-Chair for AAFCS Annual Conference Planning Committee in Washington ,D.C.

Sharon has also been active in many community organizations; developed the Norwalk Dinner Theatre Program She volunteered for Firelands Regional Medical Center Auxiliary , Victory Kitchen, AAUW, American Business Womens Association and Serving Our Seniors. It is understandable that she received the "Women of Excellence Award" from the City of Sandusky. ***WE APPLAUD YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!***

### Need Money for School?

Now is the time to start thinking about applying for the OAFCS scholarship!! Applications and information are available on the OAFCS website. The deadline to apply is January 31<sup>st</sup>, so start early to avoid the last minute rush. You will need an application, letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a transcript of your grades, and a copy of your OAFCS membership card. We are currently awarding (3) \$1000 scholarships every spring to undergrad and/or grad students.



### OAFCS Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

The Ohio Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is seeking nominations for outstanding undergraduate research completed during 2010 or 2011. The winners will be recognized at the OAFCS Annual Meeting in

2012 and receive cash awards of \$180. The 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 include: (1) contribution to the field of family and consumer sciences; (2) theoretical soundness of the study; (3) methodological soundness of the study.

Application for the award can be made by either the student or major professor. Interested persons should submit copies of the following via e-mail attachment as Word documents by February 15, 2012:

- Cover sheet: title of undergraduate research; names, addresses and phone numbers of author and major professor; university or college where research was conducted.
- Abstract of research paper
- letter of support from major professor

### **OAFCS Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Awards**

The Ohio Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is seeking nominations for an outstanding thesis and dissertation completed during 2010 or 2011. The winners will be recognized at the OAFCS Annual Meeting, 2012 and receive cash awards of \$180. The thesis or dissertation must (1) have been completed for a graduate degree from an Ohio Family and Consumer Sciences higher education program OR (2) have been completed by a member of OAFCS for a graduate degree in a field related to family and consumer sciences.

The criteria for the awards include: (1) contribution to the field of family and consumer sciences; (2) theoretical soundness of the study; (3) methodological soundness of the study. Application for the award can be made by either the student or major professor. Interested persons should submit copies of the following via e-mail attachment as Word documents by February 15, 2012:

- Cover sheet: title of thesis or dissertation; names, addresses and phone numbers of author and major professor; university or college where thesis or dissertation was written.
- Abstract of thesis or dissertation
- Letter of support from major professor

### **For BOTH AWARDS, SEND TO:**

Priscilla Gitimu  
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After examination of abstracts and letters of support, the OAFCS Research Committee will select theses and dissertations for review. Notice of the award will occur by March 15, 2012. Individuals with questions should contact Priscilla Gitimu, at [pngitmu@ysu.edu](mailto:pngitmu@ysu.edu) or call 330-941-1822

### **Using Twitter to Enhance Fashion Classes**

By Dr. Priscilla Gitimu



Recently there has been much dialogue on how professors can utilize social networking websites to enhance their teaching. The creative ways that social networks are renovating the 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom is impressive. As educators, it is good we do not get left behind. Twitter is a social networking website that is much fun and easy to use. Twitter

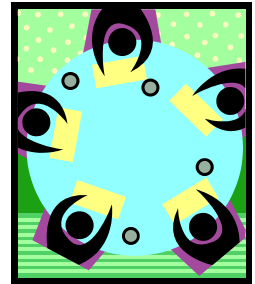
offers numerous exciting opportunities that you can use to engage your students. Here are 10 ways on how you can use Twitter to enhance your fashion classes:

1. Follow Trade publication, and fashion magazines -Your students will be updated on what are the current fashion trends.
2. Follow fashion events – encourage the students to follow current fashion events.
3. Follow fashion trends – there are several fashion police websites that students can follow on twitter.
4. Follow successful personalities in the fashion industry e.g. designers
5. Follow successful business in fashion.
6. Follow mentors like professors, renown authors,- keep up with their research.
7. Follow professional organizations relevant to the fashion field
8. Share interesting websites, both professors and students can post interesting websites that are relevant to their classes.
9. Spread the news-the fashion industry thrives on spreading a word and following trends. If a certain color or silhouette is big on the runways, spread it via twitter.
10. Follow a fashion career and find out what is being said about it.

These ideas can be applied in other fields and not just fashion, however, fashion lends itself to use of social media because it is fast paced, current and it is a social phenomenon. Students will really enjoy using twitter in class or do class assignments on twitter. It is a tool that can really capture their attention and make learning FUN!

### **Affiliate Presidents Unit Fall Leadership Workshop: October 15-17, Indianapolis** by Deborah Sullivan

The fall leadership conference began Saturday evening with dinner and opening session.  
-Peggy Wild, AAFCS Director of Affiliates welcomed us.  
-Susan Shockey, AAFCS President spoke about “Strength Based Leadership.”  
-Kyley Brroks, AAFCS student unit chair shared information regarding “Student Units on the Move.” SU has a website and Facebook page. There are 595 members.



Sunday was packed with meetings.

- Carolyn Jackson reviewed the new FCS branding
- Lorraine Tanguay reviewed the new membership category. There is still some confusion on defining who qualifies.
- Other topics included: Public Policy, Implementing the new Resolutions and Taking it to the Streets initiative (*focus remains on obesity*). (*Indiana State Board of Health has a Healthy Weight Initiative: [www.in.gov/isdn](http://www.in.gov/isdn) and/or [www.inhealthyweight.org](http://www.inhealthyweight.org) 317/233-1325. Minnesota and Illinois are creating videos to promote FCS teachers and programs. It was suggested that photos of Affiliate Teacher of the Year recipients be compiled into a power point and distributed to states to promote cutting edge FCS programs*).
- In the afternoon we heard presentations on: Implementing National Initiatives; Credentialing; and Effective Affiliate Management.
- Monday continued with Resources for Affiliate Management, Effective Leadership/Planning and concluded with a promotion for the 2012 conference which will be held at the same location:.

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