

## WHERE CAN WE FIND GOOD LEADERS?

Good leaders are the key to being a good follower. We follow only those whom we believe will lead us in the same directions that we want to go.

We expect county commissioners, factory owners/operators, school board members, Congressmen, a President and others to make decisions we agree with and to take actions that we support. And if they do not, we can easily accuse them of being indifferent, incapable of doing the job, and even stupid. It does not matter that we do not have all the information they had before making those decisions. People often refuse to believe that anyone can think and act differently than they do. Then it is easy to make statements such as, “All politicians are crooks.” All politicians are not crooks anymore than all mothers try to drown their children, all fathers are abusive, or all teenagers use drugs. It is too easy to generalize when we do not like how a segment of society acts.

From the media sources we read and hear that many leaders – from local government and non-government entities, to CEOs, to Federal officers/workers are not performing up to our general expectations. Why is that? These leaders are products of our society. They come from within us, whether we want to believe it or not.

I believe the solution to better leaders is to start locally – in our families, our workplaces, our local elected government officials. We need to be moral and ethical ourselves and do all we can to instill those attributes to others. We, as FCE members and leaders, need to use our leadership skills to better the communities around us. Leaders are not born, they are cultivated. FCE members can influence our world by doing all we can to help those emerging leaders in our groups grow and develop into leadership roles. Whether those roles take members beyond local groups is unknown. But the impact they will have on their chosen locales can be tremendous. You never know all the effects you have on others by your actions.

The Family Community Leadership (FCL) program within FCE is designed to help grassroots leaders learn and grow. FCL is a major component of FCE. The FCL lessons touch in areas of: leadership development; the way groups can work together to be productive; how to analyze issues and come to a resolution; ways to become active and effective citizens; examples for mentoring, managing and motivating volunteers; teaching techniques to use when working with adult and youth groups. The National FCE Board of Directors and FCL Certified Trainers write and present such materials. There are costs involved in this training. A collection is taken up at each Annual Conference to support this, but it is not enough to cover expenses.

*One FCE member this year felt so strongly about the need for grassroots leadership that she donated \$1000 towards FCE leadership development. This money went into the FCL fund. Another FCE project, Tree of Knowledge is focused on getting younger members into leadership programs in their clubs and communities. (Send donations to the National FCE Treasurer) Where can we find good leaders? They are all around us. We just need to give them encouragement and support to develop.*

Carolyn Ropp  
National FCE President



# National FCE Bylaw Changes

Shelia Jackson, NAFCE Bylaws Chairman

There were several bylaw changes that took place at the 2008 National FCE Conference in Burlington, VT. Thanks go to Jean Skibinski, DE; Connie Bazzle, VA; Joyce Weiss, MI; and Susan Yee, HI for serving on the committee. It was a big undertaking and it went very smoothly, with many different and diverse opinions. State affiliates may offer amendments to the Bylaws Committee. (See article XIV, Section 1.)

In the National FCE Bylaws, it states that delegates must consider a fifty cent dues increase every year. A motion was made and passed to increase National dues. But, also, as in our bylaws, dues increase will not take affect for one year.

The Bylaws Committee also proposed a change in Regions, which also passed. Beginning in one year there will only be three regions in National FCE. Along with the redistricting, there will be a name change for some regions. The Regions name change and redistricting will not take affect for one year. Just remember, for this coming year, the Regions divisions and names will remain the same.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve you on the National FCE Board. It has been an extremely rewarding experience.

The new 2009 Regional names and states are:

<b>Atlantic</b>		<b>Central Region</b>	<b>Pacific Region</b>
Alabama	Pennsylvania	Arkansas	Alaska
Connecticut	Rhode Island	Illinois	Arizona
Delaware	South Carolina	Indiana	California
Florida	Tennessee	Iowa	Colorado
Georgia	Vermont	Kansas	Hawaii
Maine	Virginia	Kentucky	Idaho
Maryland	West Virginia	Louisiana	Montana
Massachusetts		Minnesota	Nevada
Michigan		Missouri	New Mexico
Mississippi		Nebraska	Oregon
New Hampshire		North Dakota	Utah
New Jersey		Oklahoma	Washington
New York		South Dakota	Wyoming
North Carolina		Texas	
Ohio		Wisconsin	

## **FCL DAY Fundraiser**

Tickets were offered throughout the National FCE Conference for a paid registration to the 2009 FCL DAY . At the closing banquet, the drawing was won by Kay Baker from Tennessee.

CONGRATULATIONS, Kay

## 2008 SPIRIT OF FCL WINNER



Kay Baker from Tennessee was nominated for the Spirit of FCL Award because she believes in FCL. As a 36-year member of FCE, she has received the leadership training and gained the confidence and skills to organize and lead a colon cancer awareness campaign reaching over 29,000 people in three states.

As a result of her campaign:

47% of the participants plan to discuss colon cancer screening procedures with their physician

56% of the participants have changed their views on the importance of screening for colon cancer

It is expected that not only the number of people being screened for colon cancer will increase but also the prevalence of colorectal cancer will decrease.

Through this campaign, Kay has demonstrated the philosophy of FCL, that is to motivate and empower individuals to take control of their lives and change the world for the better.

Kay has also organized and coordinated a three day FCL training program for her state held twice a year.

Kay will receive her 2009 Conference registration and was presented at National Conference an engraved glass sculpture with the following words:

“YOU CAN ONLY GIVE TO OTHERS WHAT YOU HAVE INSIDE YOURSELF”

CONGRATULATIONS, KAY!

Congratulations! also to the other State nominee:  
Susan Yee, HI

# 2008 Heart of FCE



*Janice Conrad  
Alaska*



*Betty Galea  
Arizona*



*Gail Mattive  
Colorado*



*Elizabeth Segars  
Delaware*



*Mollie Chun  
Hawaii*



*Jackie Ward  
Kansas*



*Sharon Hume  
Maryland*



*Betty Goldammer  
Michigan*

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Available

*Jerry Burge  
Mississippi*



*Darlene McCain  
Missouri*



*Phyllis Ernest  
Nebraska*



*Wiletta Stoltz  
North Dakota*



*Sharon Guthrie  
Oregon*



*Kay Baker  
Tennessee*



*Charlotte Collett  
Vermont*



*Ruth Cox  
Virginia*



*Nancy Morris  
West Virginia*



*Lois Mae Dalke  
Wisconsin*

The "Heart of FCE" award is designed to pay special tribute to the unsung grass-root members who have made a difference in their communities through their FCE work.

# PROGRAM AWARD BOOK WINNERS

## ACTION

### FIRST PLACE ~ MICHIGAN FCE

Michigan FCE members in Houghton County sponsored the FCE Essay and Artwork contest for 2007 in their county schools and had 113 entries. They worked with eight (8) 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms and 370 fourth graders to instill the character value of trustworthiness. Members: contacted school principals and teachers, purchased and distributed contest material and prizes. Newspaper articles reached 415,200. Top winners for each classroom were awarded gift certificates from a local book store; the top three winners received a Buzzee Bee lapel pin and “Buzzee’s Big Day” storybook. All involved received a certificate of participation as well as a pencil stating that “FCE KNOWS CHARACTER COUNTS!” Their county winner went on to become the National FCE Trustworthy Essay and Artwork winner. The goal was to promote the Trustworthy Essay and Artwork contest for 2007.

### SECOND PLACE ~ KANSAS FCE

Kansas FCE promoted the FCE CHARACTER COUNTS! lesson “Respect”. Four hundred “Respect” booklets were purchased and used to train members who then took the lesson to schools and community groups. Projects that were carried out by clubs were: sponsoring the Essay and Artwork contest, winners were chosen at county, area and state level with awards and recognition given, giving a skit or play about respect, donating the FCE Friends and storybooks to school libraries, window displays and fair booths on respect, one county joined the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. Local newspaper articles reached 234,930. This lesson was used by 887 members and reached over 7,500 including children and teachers. The goal was to make the Essay and Artwork contest a year round effort.

We shall never know all the good  
that a simple smile can do.

— Mother Theresa

## THIRD PLACE ~ MISSOURI FCE

Missouri FCE used Hearth Fire #22 “Woman to Woman... Forgetfulness or Alzheimer’s” to reach 200 FCE members, and over 700 at other groups and organizations. Star FCE Club planned and wrote the program on Mental Alertness using purchased mental alertness and thinking cards along with an instructor’s guide and Hearth Fire #22. Ten (10) FCE members were involved in presenting this program. Over 5,000 viewed a display prepared with games, pictures of the brain and mind exercise and received information on mental alertness. 25,000 families were reached through newspaper articles. The goal was to educate adults on how to keep mentally alert as they grow older.

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## Program Award Display Board Winners

### Education

1<sup>st</sup> Place – West Virginia

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kansas

### Leadership

1<sup>st</sup> Place – West Virginia

### Action

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Missouri

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – West Virginia

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kansas

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## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### CENTRAL REGION

Joan Josefiak, Kansas

### EASTERN REGION

Elizabeth Segars, Delaware

### WESTERN REGION

Victoria Schmidt, Colorado

# PROGRAM AWARD BOOK WINNERS

## EDUCATION

### FIRST PLACE ~ MISSOURI FCE

Missouri FCE members in Butler County used Hearth Fire #37, "Someone's in the USA... Court(ing) the Judicial System" and developed a "Show Me Justice" game to teach 410 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in 20 classrooms at nine (9) schools about laws and good citizenship. Thirteen (13) members provided leadership for this program. Before and after surveys were conducted. Each participating student received a Good Citizenship Award and winners of the games were given a Medal of Honor and Hearth Fire #37. The goal was to educate students in good citizenship.

### SECOND PLACE ~ WEST VIRGINIA FCE

West Virginia FCE used Professor Media from the Family Choice-Media campaign to support literacy, media awareness and family time in their community. They organized an Educational Event with entertainment and seven (7) community partners that 150 children and their families attended. Radio stations aired public service announcements about the event. A press release was written to inform the community. They founded a Professor Media Book Club for pre-kindergarten children. Professor Media delivered a book to each of the children in two (2) classrooms each month. The goals were to organize an educational event to increase awareness of the effects of the media and the overuse of electronic products and to provide books to children in pre-kindergarten.

"Good parenting would be impossible if we were disqualified from demanding high standards of behavior because we were foolish as youngsters".

Michael Josephson

### THIRD PLACE ~ KANSAS FCE

Kansas FCE used Hearth Fire #26 "Woman to Woman ... Celebrating You!" to educate 1,206 members and 5,155 friends about the importance of taking care of themselves. 338, 995 were reached through media. Members developed and printed a calendar with monthly health tips, wrote newspaper articles, set up window displays and booths at county fairs and health fairs, presented programs on health topics and participated in the Walk Kansas program. Four (4) other organizations were involved. The goal was to give women knowledge to be in control of their bodies and health.

### New FCE Wall Hanging

If you happen to go to the 2008 National FCE Conference in Vermont you would have seen the new wall hanging that will be on permanent display at Headquarters in Kentucky. This last year five states who didn't have a quilt block in the big FCE quilt were contacted and asked if their state would make a quilt block depicting their state. All five states were enthusiastic about making a quilt block. The five states which had wonderfully talented women who provided the blocks were Alaska, Hawaii, North Dakota, Montana, and Wisconsin. Thanks to these five states and their quilt makers for making this project possible.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

KANSAS: "County and Community Natural Disaster Action"

VIRGINIA: "Tea Bags to Art"

MARYLAND: "Project Linus with FCE"

# PROGRAM AWARD BOOK WINNERS

## LEADERSHIP

### FIRST PLACE ~ WEST VIRGINIA FCE

West Virginia FCE used six (6) Hearth Fires #8 “Woman to Woman Educating for Good Health”, #8-A “Person to Person Does your Engine Purr?”, #13 “Woman to Woman ... Bone Breaking Facts”, #16 “Woman to Woman ... Body Talk”, #23 “Person to Person ... More Than Skin Deep”, #26 “Woman to Woman ... Celebrating You” to provide education, information, screening and preventative care for 300 underinsured, uninsured, and those not eligible for cancer screening services offered by the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. 63 women received free clinical breast exams, 12 free mammograms were completed the day of the fair, 27 free mammograms were scheduled for other times, 108 women (who could not be seen on the day of the fair) registered for free exams to be given at a later date. Members co-sponsored the “May Fair for Women” with four (4) other groups; four (4) additional organizations were involved with the fair. A radio station did a live remote from the event and a TV station covered the event on the local news. Members produced and distributed 3000 flyers in the community, put together an FCE display board, distributed the Hearth Fires and FCE brochures, secured vendors, received 40 door prizes. The goals were to educate the community about health care that is available for uninsured or underinsured women and to repeat the project in 2008.

### SECOND PLACE ~ MISSOURI FCE

Missouri FCE revitalized a program to attract younger members to FCE. They used Hearth Fire #34 “Organization to Organization ... Recruiting and Keeping Members” to insure membership in FCE in the future. A “futures” member is one who is under 18. Nine (9) “futures” members had been installed by December 2007. A \$500 grant was received from the Missouri Foundation for Family and Community Education to design and manufacture a “futures” FCE member pin. The project was introduced at the 2007 Missouri State FCE Conference. The first “futures” FCE member was installed there with a ceremony that included recognition of the member and her family. 100 members attending conference were challenged to recruit a “futures” member. Information in the Hearth Fire is used to teach the importance of volunteering and how to mentor the “futures” members. The goal was to recruit 30 “futures” members.

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS WINNERS

Missouri

Hawaii

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## PROMOTE FCE WEEK

October 12 - 18, 2008 is FCE Week. If you are in need of an official proclamation, contact your State President, she has a hard copy or check the website - [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) under Partners and Projects. You can make this a publicity time for your local FCE group as well as National FCE. If you have questions, contact the Marketing Committee members - Bonnie Teeple, Barbara Brown (see the 2008 Handbook), or new board member Susan Yee, Hawaii 808-455-5251.



### WE REMEMBER

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sharon Bodensteiner, former National FCE Western Region Program Coordinator 2005-2007.

Sympathy is also extended to family and friends of Margie Quarles, former Western Region President for Tennessee.

## **BOOKS A WELCOME DONATION**

The attendees to the 2008 National FCE Conference brought 309 children's books to be donated to an institution that serves children. Karen Walker, Judy Fullmer, Susie Martell and Carolyn Ropp delivered 279 of the books to Baird School at the **Howard**Center in Burlington, VT. The **Howard**Center provides a variety of programs that address prevention, assessment, treatment and educational services to special needs children. The generous donation was received by the Assistant Director of Baird School. "It is wonderful to place good books in the hands of our curious students!" she said thankfully.

The remaining 30 books were sent to the KONA Storybook Center in South Korea. The KONA Storybook Center teaches English and English culture to students there. They also received 20 of the new FCE Friends Storybook, Tubee's Sleep Over.

## **EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF FCE**

The theme of National FCE Conference this year was "FCE Celebrates Women!" and the following ladies were nominated by their states as 'Extraordinary Women of FCE'. These ladies went outside of FCE to help others and have inspired all whom they have met.

Marie Gage, Alaska  
Marian Hannon, Arizona  
Kay Koch, Colorado  
Louise Dunham, Florida  
Jacquie Maly, Hawaii  
Juanita Gillaspie, Kansas  
\*Abigail Adams, Massachusetts  
Rita Bastek, Maryland  
Cindy Brock, Michigan  
Betty Reynolds, Missouri  
Epsy Johnson, Mississippi  
\*Gloria Meeks, Nebraska  
\*Arlene Sagness, North Dakota  
Charlene Levesque, Oregon  
Kay Baker, Tennessee  
Helen Stein, Texas  
\*Allis Beaumont Reid, Vermont  
Janet Kline, Virginia  
\* Deceased

## **Essay and Artwork Contest Respect-2008**

**Hannah Troy  
Kahoka, Missouri  
Black Hawk Elementary  
First Place**

Help is Respect

I drew a picture of my self looking in a mirror, because I must learn to respect myself to accomplish respecting others.

Respect is feeling good about myself and knowing I am unique and valuable. Respect is knowing I am lovable and capable. Respect is listening to my parents and respecting my elders. Respect is knowing others are valuable too. Respect is always treating others as you would wish to be treated.

That's what respect mean's to me.

**Congratulations to the second and  
third place winners.**

**Dane Aragon  
Pueblo, Colorado  
St John Neumann Catholic School  
Second Place**

**Molly McKenzie  
Hancock, Michigan  
Barkell Elementary School  
Third Place**

## **Dollars Collected at Conference**

Coins for Friendship - \$168.33  
Dollars for Leadership - \$201.36  
India House Shingles - \$150.00  
Tree of Knowledge - \$340.00  
Susan Yee Raffle - \$52.00 – quilt donated to FCE  
Silent Auction - \$1154.00

## GOING GREEN

At National Conference we asked members to share with us their tips to “Keep being Earth Friendly”. Here are some of their suggestions:

Window Cleaner- Kay Baker, TN

1 Pint alcohol

2 Tablespoons dishwashing soap

3 Tablespoons ammonia

1 Gallon of water

Recycle Bottles- Geneva Wedel, KS

Rinse the odd curving bottles of mustard, catsup, jelly, sauces etc. to use all of the last remnants of contents.

Often recipes call for extra liquid or can tolerate a little more liquid. Bottles can now be recycled with the extra washing.

### CONFERENCE GENERAL COMMENTS

The conference was well rounded and well executed. It is hard to think of anything special when you are overwhelmed with all that took place at this conference.

MY FAVORITE EVENT AT CONFERENCE:

I love FCL day, I learned so much.

Having speakers cover all parts of education/life ~ Mental, Physical and Spiritual.

WHAT I WILL SHARE FROM THE CONFERENCE WITH OTHER IS:

The importance of remembering, when we as women are always doing for others, the need to recognize ourselves as important, taking care of ourselves and even pampering ourselves.

WHAT CONFERENCE ATTENDEES LEARNED AT WORKSHOPS:

Sample FCE ~ I learned lots! I was not aware of all the Hearth Fire material. There is so much information that our local clubs don't have. A great workshop ~ the best so far! Tons of advertising tips and marketing ideas. ~ I learned how to use 101 Ways to Celebrate the Family as a marketing tool.

Take me to the Movies ~ Makes you want to get involved with what your children watch. Keep talking and listening to your children and grandchildren about what they are seeing and games they are playing.

Breast Cancer Awareness ~ I learned that there are many different kinds of breast cancer and the importance of a yearly mammogram.

Cherish your Womanhood ~ This was a good use of the Hearth Fire lessons, it was good to combine 3 of them for a lesson. The presenters were good.

## HOW TO PAINT WITHOUT THE SMELL

The next time you need to paint, you might shop for paints that are low on odor. Paint odors are caused by volatile organic compounds (VOC's). Some paint manufactures are reformulating their paint to reduce or eliminate VOCs. This is due to new government regulations and consumers desires to be more eco-friendly.

It is more important to have a clean surface with these paints. However, with a clean surface, these paints give very satisfactory results. The paints come in many colors. They do usually cost a few dollars more a gallon.

Some of the brands with low-VOC or zero-VOCs are:

Sherwin Williams

Benjamin Moore Aura

Glidden Evermore

Pittsburg Paints Pure Performance

Yolo Colorhouse Interior

Olympic Premium Interior

Most VOCs are released within 30 days after application, so there is no need to repaint unless you do not like your current color. Three scientific groups give their seals of approval to the paints.

Check with local stores that carry paints or get on-line for more information.

Resource: “Painting Without That *Smell*”, Wall Street Journal, Weekend Addition, June 21-22, 2008

### Volunteers

#### —Author Unknown

Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgment nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven,  
Set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there are no committee chairmen,  
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,  
No library duty or bulletin assembly,  
There will be nothing to print or staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail,  
Telephone lists will be outlawed.  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare treats fit for a king.  
You ask, “Who'll serve these privileged  
And work for all they're worth?”  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,  
And not once volunteered on Earth.

## LOOK WHAT'S NEW

Judy Fullmer  
Vice President for Program

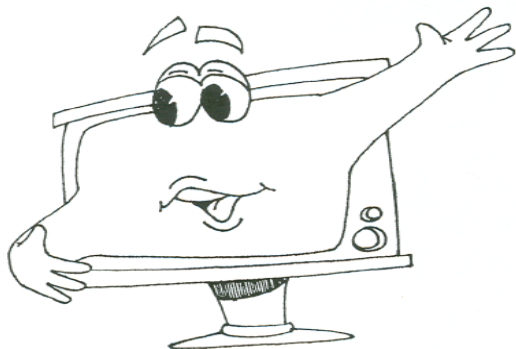
Four (4) new publications were introduced at the 2008 National FCE Conference in Burlington, VT. And they were so popular that we have had to reorder from our printer. They will be available to order by the first of September.

#43 Someone's in the World .... Being Green was added to the Hearth Fire series. This Hearth Fire explores ways to conserve our natural resources by recycling and using what you already have. There are ideas for making small changes for ourselves, our homes, and our communities that will have a big impact on our world.

#44 A Child is Asking .... Take me to the Movies was added to the Hearth Fires that deal with children and the media. Ideas are presented to help you get involved with what your children or grandchildren are watching. You can help them learn lifelong skills to become media savvy and teach them to become a film critic in their own right.

#8 Woman to Woman ... Learning about Mammograms and Pap tests was revised and updated with new information about breast and cervical cancer. This has been a popular Hearth Fire as are all the health related ones.

Tubee's Sleepover joins the rest of our children's storybooks. Tubee finally has his own storybook. This storybook can be used as a skit for a teaching tool. Tubee and the rest of the FCE Friends teach Kaleidoscope about responsible TV Viewing and other life lessons. It's a superoonie or superlicious storybook (you will have to read the storybook to understand this line).



Tubee ©

## Tree of Knowledge Scholarship

Barbara Brown  
Southern Region Public Policy Coordinator

Have you ever stammered when trying to define FCE and its history? Consider a very positive statement, "The roots of FCE are in Tomato Clubs, Home Demonstration Clubs, Extension Homemakers, USDA, Cooperative Extension and 4-H." Now, visualize a tree whose roots are labeled with this heritage. The trunk is FCE (carved, of course, inside a heart), and the branches bear such fruit as Family & Community Leadership, Family Choice-TV, ACWW, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Storybook Characters, Family Choice- Media, Hearth Fire Series, and FCE TODAY.

To add leaves to this Tree of Knowledge National FCE has instituted a new Scholarship offered to send a young person (under age 41) to National FCL Training. Funding for this Scholarship is a simple formula:

Purchase a Green Leaf Sponsorship at \$5 for one leaf of opportunity

Silver Leaf Sponsorship at \$25 for five leaves of opportunity

Gold Leaf Sponsorship at \$50 for ten leaves of opportunity

Each leaf may bear the name of a potential scholarship recipient.

The first drawing will be held April 15, 2009, for the 2009 National FCL Training Day. Subsequent drawings will be held at National FCE Conferences with winners also announced in an FCE TODAY.

Over \$340 has already been given. In order to cultivate leadership, 50% of funds raised will be used for scholarships and 50% will go towards funding FCL Day. Every one can participate in this opportunity. Clubs, counties and states can make their own tree as a visual. Please send all donations to:

National FCE Headquarters  
73 Cavalier Blvd, Suite 106  
Florence, KY 41042-5178

**When you choose your friends, don't be short-changed by choosing personality over character.**

— W. Somerset Maugham, British novelist, playwright (1874-1965)

## 2008 FCL DAY

FCL DAY was held before National FCE Conference at the INN of Essex, Vermont on July 16<sup>th</sup> with 31 registered.

The following National Certified FCL Trainers presented these 1½ hour FCL Credit lessons:

### “MENTORING MAGIC”- **Volunteering and Mentoring**

by Harriet Steenson and Anita Capella

### “THE POWER OF TEACHING”- **Teaching Techniques**

by Kristin Walker and Susan Martell

### “STUMBLING BLOCKS TO STEPPING STONES”- **Group Process**

by Carrol Davig and Connie Larrington

### “LEADING WITH KNOWLEDGE AND INFLUENCE”- **Leadership**

by Margaret Mai and Jennie Villa-Quiroz – co writers.

Due to family health problems, Jennie could not attend.

Susan Martell team taught this workshop with Margaret.

All attendees participated in each presentation during the day. At the end of the day, the attendees were divided into 6 teams. Each team gave a ten-minute presentation on a subject in one of the FCL topics that they had during the day. Each attendee received 2 hours of FCL Credit in Leadership for this planning and presentation.

At the closing ceremony, each attendee received their Certificate of Completion and a FCL magnet plus 1<sup>st</sup> timers to FCL DAY received their FCL pin.

Two of these teams agreed to present to the whole conference their 10-minute presentation from FCL DAY. The general session title was, “A TASTE OF FCL DAY”. “Passing the Baton” was presented by Lynn Maples, Ruth O’Neal, Cathy Oakes, Marion Matsuda and Gay Okoda. Denise Smith, Nancy Richmond, Victoria Schmidt, Liz Rettke and Carolyn Ropp presented “Is the Vision Clear?”.

National FCE would like to thank all that participated in any way to make FCL DAY a success.

Karen Walker, Vice President for Public Policy

*National Association for Family  
& Community Education*

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**73<sup>rd</sup> NAFCE Conference Drawing  
1 Year ACWW Membership Plus  
ACWW History Book**

*National Association for Family  
& Community Education*

**DONATION \$5.00**

**Prize: 1 Year ACWW Membership  
Plus  
ACWW History Book**

**Awarded at: 73<sup>rd</sup> NAFCE Conference  
Portland, Oregon  
July 2009**

## INTERNATIONAL

Would you like to have a 1 year membership to ACWW?

You have an opportunity to do just that plus own an ACWW History Book.

**How?** Donate \$5:00 for a ticket.

**Where?** Tickets are at Headquarters in Florence, KY.

**When?** Tickets are on sale until July 2009.

Awarded at: 73<sup>RD</sup> NAFCE Conference in Portland, Oregon, July 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Fullmer—International Chairman, 2008.

## YOUNG NEBRASKA FCE MEMBER SERVES OUR COUNTRY



If you attended the 2003 National FCE Conference in Albuquerque, you might remember young FCE member Ashley Larrington. She is the granddaughter of Connie Larrington who was 2003 On-Site Committee Co-Chair. Ashley helped in the conference office and ran errands for committee members.

Ashley joined the 734<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion of the Nebraska National Guard after high school. She spent a year in northern Iraq. As a supply specialist she was fortunate enough to not see any combat, although the edges of her base were mortared daily.

Ashley was chosen to speak at the Kearney, Nebraska Memorial Service this past May. At 20 years old, she does not think of herself as a veteran. She thinks those who served in more dangerous areas are the veterans. FCE believes Ashley is a veteran. She served her country and deserves that recognition.

After her duty in the National Guard, Ashley is considering a business degree or going to law school. Grandma Connie and the rest of her family, as well as FCE members are very proud of Ashley Larrington.

Thanks to Connie Larrington and Harriet Steenson for providing this information about Ashley.

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