



# NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

NAFCE Alumni  
Officers

Chair

**Margaret Polen**

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**Barbara  
Beeman**

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**Susie Martell**

### *A Message from Margaret!*

First I want to thank Anita for being Chairman of the Alumni for the past three years. Second to thank the Alumni attending our meeting for electing me to take over as Alumni Chairman.

It was a great Conference in Memphis celebrating 80 years!!! I wonder if the women who started FCE would have imagined still being here after all these years? Can YOU imagine another 80?

National FCE also held elections. Betty Schalk, MO, will be Vice President for Program; Susie Martell, VT/AZ is our Treasurer; Martha Crawford, TX, is Program Coordinator; Phyllis Narus, TN, Public Policy Coordinator; and Sally Bowman, HI, 2-year Public Policy Coordinator. Congrats to all.

The Alumni are here to support the National FCE Board and the work they do. We give scholarships to First Timers to Conference who apply and meet the criteria. It's a good way to get returnees to conference.

We also have a fund raiser to help with leadership training--whether it be materials or a speaker or?? The National Board applies for the funds and a committee determines if the application qualifies. This is Honor Fund money. Donate and honor someone or an event. It doesn't have to be for a death, but could be a celebration or "just because". Another way to support National FCE is to attend conference. In 2017 it will be Omaha, NE. Dates are July 13-16. Opening session will be Thurs. evening. Please plan to attend.

If you have not paid dues, please fill out the attached form and mail it to Susie Martell: 2175 E. Jonquil St., Oro Valley, AZ 85755.

*Margaret Polen Alumni Chair 2016-2019*

## **Reminder!**

**Alumni dues of \$25 are due:** for 2016-2017 (use membership form in this issue)

**Make check payable to:** NAFCE Board Alumni

**Mail to:** Susie Martell 2175 E. Jonquil St., Oro Valley, AZ 85755



From Margaret Polen ~ Arizona FCE had a state meeting at the beginning of October. We set goals and objectives, a budget, and training and meeting dates for 2017. We are not a large group, but are looking to expand our membership. Our goals are built around the National FCE focus of Human Trafficking. This affects all of us.

Living near the border and with all the politics going on, those of us who do live here will tell you that not everyone coming across the border wants to be here in the U.S. They are being trafficked--mostly for the sex trade and partly for the domestic trade (nannies, housekeepers).

Could you imagine being taken against your will and being put in a foreign country and then threatened if you don't keep quiet and do what you are told?! How awful that would be.

Arizona FCE felt that our "job" was to educate our communities. With that in mind we are looking for training, so we know what we are communicating and also someone to partner with--preferably someone in law enforcement.

What is your state doing? We'd love to hear about it.

Hawaii has just held their annual convention Oct. 21- 23, on the island of Kauai. The members installed Martha Yamada as president and Ruth Haituka as vice president, for the term 2017 - 2018. The state programs for 2017 will be a continuation of last year's ..... following Blue Zone practices (including wine after five!), serving our communities, and teaching/helping students to "Dress for Success", based on the Hearst Fire book of the same name. Past president, Pat Kubo, was honored with the NAFCE "Spirit of FCL" award at conference this summer and Hawaii's "Dress a Girl Around the World" project won recognition as a first place Leadership winner for brochure and program award. Outgoing state president, Sally Bowman, was elected to the NAFCE board as a Public Policy Coordinator.



Submitted by Denise Smith

## UPDATES by Margaret Polen

Yes, Susie has moved with her hubby and six cats to Arizona--just on the west side of Tucson. Arizona is looking forward to her joining us, though she'll keep her membership in Vermont.

Karen Walker fell and hit her head. Now she is having therapy to overcome dizziness. She had doubts they could retrain her "old brain", but it is working! Yay.

Carolyn Ropp had another back surgery this summer. It has greatly helped her. Maybe she'll make it to conference in NE.

Martha Crawford spent part of her summer moving her sister and mom to the Dallas area. Not a fun thing in August in Texas.

At the same time, we were moving my daughter to the townhome she bought. Even though she was still recovering from major surgery and chemo, she helped and also stayed at the townhouse while renovations were taking place. She is now considered in remission--great for someone diagnosed with Stage IV ovarian cancer. She has an all-new kitchen, carpeting, drapes, couch and few smaller things. Lots more to do, but for now it is really nice.

Steve and I celebrated 2 years of marriage. We spent 9 days in northern California--Napa and Sonoma Valleys, San Francisco on our anniversary and then 2 days in Lake Tahoe. He is very special--he is an FCE member and attends conference!

Let Denise know your updates: new address, health, what's new in your life. If you know of an Alumni we haven't seen or heard from lately, contact them. Denise can always send a newsletter and form. It would be great to know where everyone is. Those from the beginning, 80 years ago, have passed, but there are still many others out there that are "missing".

### *From Carolyn Ropp*

I am in the hospital after my 12th back Stenosis. Have stenosis at Joint T3/4 put pressure on my spinal cord causing diminished leg loss. Go to rehab in West Liberty, OH Friday or Sat. Will be there week or two. I could really hardly walk. Took rods to T 2 level. Hope the stenosis doesn't go into my neck! Will be doing lots of reading and embroidering this fall and winter. Add that rehab should help improve my Tim Conway shuffle.

9/9/16



## NAFCE Alumni Fund Raiser for 2017

The Small Quilted Items fund raiser for 2016 was such a great success that we've decided to do it again!! Items such as table runners, pot holders, wallet purses, tote bags, mini quilts - will be auctioned off during the conference in Omaha – moneys collected will go towards the NAFCE Board Alumni Scholarship Fund to assist First Timers to attend conference.

If you can contribute one or more quilted items for the auction, they can be mailed to Barbara (Brown) Beeman- 403 Bellamy Lane, Clarksville, TN 37043 by **July 2017**.

Co- chairs: Barbara Beeman and Judy Fullmer

**FROM THE EDITOR**



Your articles and photos (yes, we'd love to have photos!) can be sent to my email address: [cdsmith2139@gmail.com](mailto:cdsmith2139@gmail.com) or to my home address:

**433 Sylvan Ave. spc 39, Mountain View, CA 94041** or  
give me a call at: **650 969-3422** - leave a message if I'm not at home. Next newsletter **deadline is April 10, 2017**. We hope to hear from lots of you!

*Hugs, Denise Smith*



NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM-2016

(TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_
Street City State Zip Code

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years served (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI DUES (Due September 1st) \$25 per year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of person(s) remembered living or deceased or those you want to thank or to someone special. A note will be sent to them saying "donation will go to Scholarships for Conference".

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All money in the Scholarship Fund will go toward the First Timers Annual Conference Scholarships. If you would like your donation to be in remembrance of or for someone special, please fill out their name and address.

MAKE CHECK TO: NAFCE BOARD ALUMNI

MAIL TO: Susan Martell, 2175 E Jonquil St, Oro Valley, AZ 85755

TOTAL OF CHECK: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL OF CASH: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ALUMNI MEMBER SIGNATURE





National Association for Family & Community Education Board Alumni

The National Association for Family & Community Education Board Alumni met July 17, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. Vice Chair Barbara Beeman called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Those present: Janet Kline, Barbara Beeman, Margaret Polen, Bonnie Teeple, Scott Teeple, Karen Walker, Anne Engen, Martha Crawford, Ardyce Snyder, Jeanne Purich, Wanda Briddle, Kristen Walker, Charlene Budd, Connie Larrington, Lynn Maples, Marian Hannon and Judy Fullmer.

Guests: Guy Beeman, Steve Polen, Katelynn Whettstein, Bob Hannon, and \_\_\_\_\_ Budd.

Margaret Polen was appointed Secretary Pro Tem and Martha Crawford was appointed Acting Treasurer for the meeting.

After being called to order, everyone read the National Creed. That was followed by an inspiration by Barbara Beeman. She read Psalm 86, the Prayer of David and then had us sing the Doxology.

**MINUTES**

Marian Hannon moved acceptance of the 2015 minutes as corrected.  
Martha Crawford seconded. Motion carried

Corrections: Second paragraph- *Guy* should be added before Beeman; *Briddle* was misspelled. Second page, last line: Joan *sent*.

**FINANCIAL**

Susie Martell sent the following Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance		\$6,594.28
Total Income		\$1,340.00
Disbursements	80th Anniv. Pin/Conf.	\$ 438.00
	Check fee	\$ 5.00
Balance, July 1, 2016		\$7,491.28

Her report was filed for Audit.

Scott Teeple challenged Alumni Members to hold an auction that would benefit the Alumni.

The Alumni Silent Auction with small quilted items raised \$590.

**HONOR FUND**

There was no report beyond there being \$2,375 in the account. This money is to be used for leadership building only.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

Bonnie Teeples moved to hold another silent auction of small quilted items at the 2017 conference. Anne Engen seconded. Motion Carried.

Barbara Beeman and Judy Fullmer will Co-Chair the Alumni Silent Auction.

## **SCHOLARSHIP for FIRST TIMERS**

Barbara reported that there had been only one applicant. She was from TN and after winning was unable to attend due to a death in the immediate family.

## **NATIONAL FCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Lynn Maples reported that the Silent Auction made \$915; the Legacy Fund was given \$1744; Dollars for Leadership garnered \$170; Coins for Friendship was \$70, and the Sales Room made \$1589.15

A total of 138 bags of supplies were put together and donated. There were 127 bandanas also donated.

The theme for the 2017 Conference is: "Be All You Can Be With FCE". The conference will be in Omaha, NE.

## **NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed that the Newsletter Editor, Denise Smith, should e-mail the newsletter to all Alumni, whether they pay dues or not. This is at no expense to the Alumni. She will include a current membership form.

## **NOMINATIONS & ELECTION**

Martha Crawford nominated Margaret Polen to serve a 3-year term as Alumni Chair. Scott Teeples seconded.

Connie Larrington moved that nominations cease and to elect by acclamation. Martha Crawford seconded. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Judy Fullmer moved to see the remaining 80th Anniv. pins for \$7, with all money going to the Alumni. Bonnie Teeples seconded. Motion carried.

Bonnie Teeples moved to sell the remaining 80th Anniv. glasses at the 2017 conference. They are to be sold "Limit of 2" at \$10 each. Kristin Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Note: one or two will be kept for Historical Files. Past National Presidents donated the glasses for the 2016 conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Margaret Polen, Secretary Pro Tem