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## IMPORTANT CONFERENCE UPDATE INFO

Coronavirus, COVID-19, Shelter in Place seem to be the norm for everyone's conversation these days as we wait to hear how many test positive and what executive directives our state governments are going to put place that day. The national board and conference committee had an emergency conference call on Thursday, March 19, 2020 to discuss the upcoming due date for several reports and the upcoming conference in Portland, Oregon.

Originally the **due date** for several reports was April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Considering that we want our FCE members safe and to follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing and shelter in place we have moved that deadline to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the present time. This should allow all the states to have time to either email, have conference calls, do zoom, or mail between their members to get all of the reports put together. The reports affected are Heart of FCE, Open Category Brochures, Outstanding Unit, Superior Unit, Essay and Artwork Contest, Spirit of FCL, Community Service, and the FCE Program/Project Report. All of the forms for these programs are on the website [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) along with the information that is required and where they need to be sent.

After much discussion regarding the **conference** and the Pandemic in our country the board, conference committee and the Monarch Hotel have put the conference on hold with a reassessment at the end of April, 2020 to see what the situation is like then to make a decision about conference.

Since we are to social distance and not hold meetings this is a perfect time to visit our website and take advantage of our monthly special. We are again featuring 20% off your entire order that is placed by the end of March.


Do you have young children or grandchildren located in your home during this time or are doing facetime with them. This could be a time to play a few of the indoor games in the "Old Tyme Games" book that we have or teach them to cook or clean. This is a time to set some screen boundaries when using computers, cell phones, and television. When the time is up, here are a few things you can do: Meditate or pray; read a book, play games, learn a new hobby, GO OUTSIDE (Vitamin D, fresh air!); or do that thing you've always wished you had time for. These are trying times in our country, but what a better time to have quality family time and if you live by yourself call and check on your neighbor.

We are all in this together and we will get through it, we just need to be patient and practice all of the safe and healthy CDC guidelines. One of my Facebook friends posted the saying below from Kelly's Treehouse and thought it was fitting for country's situation and what we may have taking for granted.


Please watch the website [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) for updates as they become available.

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**When this is over,  
May we never take for granted  
a handshake with a stranger,  
Full shelves at the store,  
Conversations with neighbors,  
A crowded theater, a Friday  
night out. The taste of communion,  
a routine checkup, A school rush  
each morning, coffee with a friend.  
A stadium roaring, each  
deep breath. A boring Tuesday,  
Life itself. When this ends,  
May we find that we have  
become more like the people we  
wanted to be, we were called to be,  
we hoped to be. And may we stay  
that way - better for each other  
because of the worst.**



**Laura Kelly Fanucci**

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