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Greetings from the National FCE Board.

Your board has been working on FCL lessons, the Hearth Fire Series, the Board Manual and financial items. One of my priorities as National FCE President is to find ways to sustain FCE through fundraising, grants, and donations. Our dues are important but they will not keep us afloat financially. Financial matters are a concern for the future of FCE and the board is working to sustain FCE through fundraising that allows all members to participate.

Current National FCE Fund Raisers: Honor Fund, Legacy Fund, Keeper's Corner Fundraising Booth and Dimes for National. You can find out more details about these fund raisers on the National FCE Website ~ www.nafce.org under quick links > FCE Donations and Fundraisers. Hawaii FCE recently made a donation to National FCE and we are thankful for their generosity. During August, September and October National FCE received over \$100 each month from the Keeper's Corner Fundraising Booth.

Future National FCE Fund Raiser: Be looking for Kristin Walker's book to be listed ~ "Living Life Awake". Beginning [January 2023](#) all proceeds from her book will support the National Association for Family and Community Education. Kristin Walker serves on the National FCE Board and is from West Virginia.

If you have any ideas for a fundraiser please let me know. We thank each member that contributed or helped in any way to build up our finances. We have much to be thankful for this [Thanksgiving](#) season.

Included in this Flash is a message from Bonnie Teeples, ACWW Area President of USA.

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This year has been a good to attend member society annual meetings!

In July 2022 I was able to attend the annual conference for the National Association for Family and Community Education. They had asked that I speak on the new strategic plan and give information on some of the projects that have been successful.

In September I attended two society conferences. The National Master Farm Homemakers Guild held in Bowling Green KY, and the Country Women's Council meeting held in Little Rock Arkansas. World President Magdie de Kock and I were able to present information about the 2022-2026 Strategic plan and the changes that have been made by the ACWW Board. I was grateful to be able to answer many questions from attendees about the relationship between ACWW and CWC and the member societies. Members have told me that the presentation cleared up many of their misconceptions and some preconceived ideas. For some it answered WHY their group belongs to ACWW.

A few days after returning home from the CWC conference, I was able to share a presentation at the conference for the Oregon Assoc. for Family and Community Education. Again, the question-and-answer period after the presentation was invaluable to many of the members, and for me to be able to see where more education on ACWW is needed and what topics are beneficial.

Yesterday, I returned home from the South West Family and Community Education conference in Yuma AZ. The ACWW presentation at their conference was well received and gave me the opportunity to answer questions about the relationships between ACWW, CWC and the member societies. I was also able talk about the ACWW coordinator program and how it will benefit all ACWW member societies. The SW FCE society hosts a bazaar after their conference, and this year in conjunction with the bazaar, hosted a rabies vaccination clinic. They worked with an animal shelter and various veterinarians in the area. The society gave a \$2,500 donation to the shelter to pay for the first 136 dogs to get the rabies vaccination, then the vaccination was given to the rest of the dogs at a reduced price. The veterinarians also micro chipped any dog for free. Members of the SW FCE society have also given educational programs in their communities on rabies, drawing attention to the 2019 ACWW resolution on rabies eradication.

Attending these conferences gave me the opportunity to meet with the members and talk with them about ACWW, what ACWW means to them and how they feel they can use the information from ACWW to help their communities be better equipped to handle the challenges they face. I would love to attend your societies conferences; all I need is the invitation! I enjoy meeting the society members and learning what their groups do for the communities they serve.

I have been asked what the dress will be for the ACWW Triennial. We will stay with the white jacket/overshirt. Dark blue or red pants or skirts, red, blue, or white tops with a red/white/blue scarf. I see no need to change from what we have always done!

Thank you for all you do for your families, your groups, your communities, and for ACWW.

Bonnie Teeples—ACWW USA Area President
