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KAFCE STATE PRESIDENT - NANCY KERNICK'S REPORT – “NETWORKING WITH NANCY”

As everyone welcomed the year of 2023 with an opportunity for new ideas and challenges to make all members of KAFCE stronger and ready to bring positive and enduring benefits to our community. I continue to thank you for your perseverance, providing KAFCE updates, and previewing upcoming discussions on the strategic goals. We still find opportunities to improve our KAFCE by continue both remote and in-person procedures and to implement other programs to help ensure our neighbors have safe access to fair and impartial information. It is great to have an in-person meeting and see everyone's smile once again.



I am extremely proud to be a member of KAFCE, and by doing so, we have made progress toward the KAFCE “Mission Statement” which is “To strengthen individuals and families through: (1) Continuing Education; (2) Leadership Development; and (3) Community Service.

As I write this, we have found that remote meetings offer benefits beyond safety to others. Proceedings can improve because a remote meeting supplies ease of access and lower costs for the parties through time and cost savings. We are working diligently to adopt a mindset of continuously looking for ways to improve access for all through the use of technology. We have proven that change could bring positive and enduring benefits and our responses have been to harness bold ideas, implement thoughtful solutions, and adopt a spirit of perseverance that moved our KAFCE forward.

I also want to applaud your efforts in assisting the officers in safely resuming meetings which have presented challenges from the onset of the pandemic.

*I thank KAFCE and each member for your prayerful support of me as your President.
nancyavon78@gmail.com*

*****OFFICIAL CALL * OFFICIAL CALL*****

For the Annual
Kansas FCE Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
At 1:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center
Hays, Kansas

*This meeting is for the purpose of electing
Officers, receiving reports, and transacting
business as may properly come before it.*

*Since the KAFCE NEWS goes to every Member,
all Kansas FCE members as well as County Council Presidents,
should consider themselves duly notified.*

*****OFFICIAL CALL * OFFICIAL CALL*****

Vice President Faye Spencer Report (785) 201-2143; spencerf.kafce@gmail.com

The 2022 State Award Winners will be invited to attend the State Conference.

Susan Gartrell, NW Area, will serve a three-year term on State EPC starting January, 2024, replacing Tina Bailey.

Attended the SC Area Spring Recognition Day. The program celebrated 100 years of Viola FCE. Viola FCE Unit President Diana Vancuren had displayed and talked of the unit's charter, projects and programs.

During June 2 Board of Directors' Meeting, there was discussion about improvements to the Accomplishment Report, Community Service Project Report and the process of judging same reports by the EPC. An improvement will be to limit of 1-2 newspaper clippings and 2-3 photographs that are added onto each report. More details will be presented at the State EPC Leadership Training, September 20 at 9:00 am via Zoom.

**Treasurer's, Registrar's/Historian's, Membership Chair's Report - DeLores Walden:H785-379-0666
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"Laughter is brightest where food is best"

Treasurer's Report

KAFCE Scholarships are still being given. We have \$\$2,871.10 available for KAFCE Scholarships.

Available for Joann Newby Adult Education Grant is \$1,082.50 (Received \$535 in memorial of FCE member of Saline County/SC Area). These forms are available on our website KAFCE.org. Please, let students and other member or adults know that scholarships/grants are available.

Since the first of the 2023 year, our biggest income sources have been NAFCE membership of \$451.50, and Joann Newby Adult Education Grant \$535.00; while the biggest expense has been the publication of the KAFCE News of \$1,931.95. Checking account - Beginning balance on January 1st: \$33,639.06; Ending Balance as of May 11th: \$30,863.07. Savings account balance as of March 31st is \$86,218.68. Any questions please call DeLores Walden (785-379-0666) or email (wintersdj1@cox.net). Please include your name, county and area when emailing.

Registrar's/Historian's

Congratulations to Doniphan County/NE Area, New FCE unit called Doniphan Daisies FCE
Sorry to see that Thomas County/NW Area has disbanded, actually disbanded in 2021 but had money left and the donated it to the NW Area KAFCE State Conference

Membership

Total Membership 521 with Regular 356; Senior 137; Families 14
Deaths 6 (they are still counted in Total Membership)

CHARACTER COUNTS!

CARING Essay and Artwork Contest winners 2023 -

First Place - Caroline Case, South East Elementary, SE Area, Crawford County
Honorable Mention – Norah Politte, Prairie Center Elementary, Johnson County
Honorable Mention – Luis Agundis, Montezuma Elementary, Gray County

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS:**NORTHWEST – Edith McClain- (785) 697-2754 emcclain@ruraltel.net**

NW Area FCE held the Spring Celebration in Russell on April 12, 2023 at the Craft Shop. Area Director, Edith McClain (yet) opened the business meeting with the flag salute. Nadine Holmes of Smith County was appointed Secretary for the meeting. There were only 18 in attendance but all had a great time. The Russell ladies arranged for the day with wonderful refreshments during Registration. Janet Funk's daughter owns the Craft Shop and shared all the neat classes that are held there. No Area Director or Nominating committee members were elected at the meeting but later Gertrude Deges agreed to be Nominating Chair and Louise Greenberg as Alternate. Thanks gals. The search for Area Director continues. Information was shared about the upcoming State FCE Conference being hosted by NW in Hays. All were encouraged to attend. 2022 Awards were presented. We "Thank" Faye Spencer for allowing us to use the State Vice President large display board for the Russell Book Store window for the entire month of April. The Movers & Shakers, Smith Co. also had it on display in The Smith Center Old Dutch Mill during the Big Kansas Road Trip, May 4-5. Lots of comments. Guest speaker was Roxie Yonker who shared interesting stories and trivia from her books. 1st book "*100 Things to See in Kansas Before I Die*" and 2nd book "*Kansas - A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure.*" She writes about interesting facts about Kansas. Roxie signed her books for those purchasing them. She then went across the street to the Book Store for a book signing there. Lunch was served by Chet's Place. The Russell FCE Council gave out several door prizes. Denise Marcum of Smith County donated and sold raffle tickets for a sack, The proceeds went towards the 2023 State Conference expenses. Thanks Denise. It was won by Rita Habbart. The NW Fall meeting will be Tues. Oct. 17th at Stockton, Rooks County, in Harding Hall at the Fair Grounds, with Registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SOUTHWEST – Karen Larmer: C-(785) 443-0559 kslarmer@yahoo.com

Southwest area members met in Rush Center on Thursday, April 20, 2023 for our spring meeting. Holly Dickman, Ellis County water conservation specialist, gave a program on creating a "water-smart" landscape. She gave members many good ideas on conserving water in our lawn scape which were good to know in an area of frequent drought. A potato bar lunch was served by Rush County members who also provided the morning coffee and refreshments. Devotions were given by Judy Fullmer of Lane County. Business of the day mostly consisted of giving out awards and asking for volunteers for various positions. Connie Chavez from Hodgeman County was elected as Incoming Area Director (24-26). Ann Adams of Rush County was designated as the newest Area EPC member (23-26). Dorene Reimer, Wichita County, and Karen Wiltse, Rush County, were appointed as Nominating Committee Co-chairs for this year. Pauline Fecht, Hamilton County, was recognized for 72 years of FCE membership. She is one of two people in the state who are the longest members of FCE in Kansas. Her award was delivered to her by Dorene Reimer since Pauline was not able to be with us that day. Fall workshop will be on October 19 in Leoti, Wichita County.

SOUTHCENTRAL Linda Hess (620) 947-1627 lindalhess@hotmail.com

South Central Area members met in Moundridge April 24 Spring Meeting and Recognition Day. Thirty-two ladies were present to help Viola unit of Sedgwick County celebrate its 100th anniversary. Jessica Kootz, KSU liaison from Ellsworth County, was able to join us for the day.

Thank you to Bonnie Kaufman for finishing Nyla Stucky's term on Area EPC. Mary Hammond of Saline County has agreed to serve on SC EPC until 2026.

SC Area lost two members, Nyla Stucky of Moundridge in December, and Karen Allison of Salina in April. SC Area Fall meeting will be held in Moundridge Monday, October 16, 2023

SOUTHEAST – Cindy Kiser: (620) 423-1766 tkiser2@cox.net

Southeast Area's Spring Recognition meeting was held April 18, 2023 at the Methodist Church in Humboldt. Master Food Volunteer, Susan Stich, led us through the different wheat flour available for us to use in our baking. We were able to sample products using different flours. The new KSU liaison, Christina Holmes was introduced as well as the 4 agents in attendance. The Southeast EPC members are Mary Dunn, Donna Strickland, and Linda Dunekack for this next year. Southwind FCE will have a Fall Follies meeting in Bronson on October 10, hosted by Bourbon County. The Area Fall Workshop will be held November 2 in Parsons.

NORTHEAST—Carol Lintner (913) 370-3997 lintners@reagan.com

NE Area Spring Meeting was held April 6, via ZOOM with Faye Spencer, KAFCE Vice President hosting. Thirteen Area members' joined the ZOOM meeting. Faye presented her 2023 Lesson "What's on Your Device?" that was previously recorded by Scott Teeple, Oregon FCE State President. I attended the State Board ZOOM Meeting, June 2, 2023.

We are pleased to announce GREAT news for the NE Area. First, the four Independent FCE Members' of Doniphan County have applied to be reinstated as a Unit again. They are officially the *Doniphan Daisies FCE* Unit. Officers are: Amy Masters, President; Jeannie Berry, VP; Kathy Tharman as Secretary and Opal Jamvold as Treasurer. The County FCE Council or Unit Officers form was E-mailed to State President, Nancy Kernick. Second, the NE Area gained 10 new members for 2023!

2023 Special Years for FCE Units are: Kaw Better Home Unit-Pottawatomie County 85 years; Broderick Unit-Pottawatomie County 80 years; and Terry Unit-Atchison County 80 years have been celebrated!

Incoming NE Area EPC Committee effective June 1 to May 31 include: Chair, Anne Reves, Pottawatomie County (24) Tina Bailey, Jackson County (25) and Margaret Barnes, Douglas County (26)

Sadly, the NE has lost 3 members in 2023, all with outstanding accomplishments not only in FCE but in their communities: Mary K Dorrell, Jockoukans, Johnson CO Jan 28; Leona Steuart, Terry, Atchison CO, Feb 22; and Dorothy Kroh, Independent, Johnson CO, Mar 18.

The NE Area Postcard 99N has been filed for 2022. A NE Area Director for a two year term, effective, Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2025 is being sought.

Standing Committee Reports

State Educational Program Committee-Tina Bailey

Accomplishment reports: We have 56 Units in Kansas, only 47 submitted accomplishment reports. There were 22 that marked, please judge and the other 25 marked do not judge, but completed the tabulated data.

We had 1 Independent member that was judged.

There are 21 County Councils in the state and only 4 county council reports were received.

Community Service: We had 15 community service reports and 1 county council report.

State Totals of Tabulated Data that was then reported to NAFCE:

Number of FCE Presenters 488
Number of Volunteer hours 3,548
Number of FCE members reached 2,958
Number of others reached 67,246
Media/Booth/Display 150,196

Amount of money spent or donated \$6,303.00

Marketing – Dorene Reimer - I haven't purchased any new merchandise for State Marketing this year. I plan to purchase some items if it seems there will be interest in buying them. The markets from most outlets used for our marketing items was much lessened as a result of COVID, but there seems to be more activity from marketing companies since the first of 2023. I will have a marketing booth at KAFCE Conference in October and at NAFCE Conference in August if we can go.

State Nomination Committee-Sharon Giacometti, Chair

I have contacted and talked to many members and everyone has declined to be State Vice-President and President-Elect.

So, I have enjoyed talking and trying to convince them to be on the board but unfortunately no one would take on either office.

I look forward to seeing each one of them at State conference in Hays this fall.

Other Appointed Positions Reports

Parliamentarian - - Judy Fullmer – Assisted the Board of Directors with a proposed By-Laws amendment to Article VI – Nominations and Elections, Section 1, A. Refer to attachments.

State Editor of KAFCE News-Marcy Price –

Will be working on the Summer, July issue of the KAFCE news. Will include the State Conference insert.

Winter issue to printer after State Conference.

Membership List/Records- DeLores Walden – Report is in the Treasurer's section

William Allen White-Children's Book Award - Anita Felzke, Harmony Unit in Johnson County (NE area):

Only three months to go to have at least one half of the WAW books read. I'll make it, but I have had a slow down this Spring (travel, daughter moving, just busy things).

As usual there are some really good books for our 3rd – 8th graders in Kansas. I have enjoyed the ones that I have read so far. Completion of the books (making it to at least one half) is by mid-August. We meet the last Saturday in August in Emporia.

Johnson County has turned in a name(s) to Nancy Kernick for my replacement for the next FCE representative for a three-year term on the William Allen White committee. Maybe your county has a name of a possible candidate for this committee? If so, please get the name submitted to Nancy – soon!

Thank you for allowing me to represent FCE on this wonderful WAW committee. It has been fun to read the most up-to-date books with topics of interest to our elementary and middle school students.

Did you know?



The Central office of the Associated Country Women of the World is moving to

The Foundry, London, SE11 5RR, United Kingdom

+44 (0)20 7799 3875 office @ www.acww.org.uk

ACWW has also updated their website. Be sure to visit acww.org.uk and see videos of the 30th Annual Triennial Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

You can also read about the projects that are happening.

BY-LAWS

By-Laws and Handbook changes to Article VI-Nominations and Elections; Section 1A (page 10).

Proposed Amendments to Kansas Association for Family & Community Education Bylaws:

Handbook Currently Reads: -

Each area should elect one member and one alternate to serve on the State Nominating Committee every year at the spring Area Council meeting for one term beginning June 1. The President Shall appoint a former Board Member as chairman of the committee. Members of the committee may succeed themselves once.

Amend Article VI-Nomination and Elections; Section 1 A- Nomination by substituting the following paragraph:

Each Area shall elect one member and one alternate to serve on the State Nominating Committee every year at the FALL Area Council meeting for one term beginning January 1. The president shall appoint a former Board member as the chairman of the Committee for one term beginning January 1. Members of the committee may succeed themselves once.

If adopted, the Article will read:

Each Area shall elect one member and one alternate to serve on the State Nominating Committee every year at the fall Area Council meetings for one term to beginning January 1. The President shall appoint a former Board member as chairperson of the Committee for one term beginning January 1. Members of the committee may succeed themselves once.

Rationale: Clarifies the terms of the State Nominating Committee and the Chair.

Amendment was proposed by the Kansas FCE Board of Directors.

This new bylaw change will be voted on at the 2023 KAFCE Conference in Hays, Kansas.

Be sure to attend the business meeting to vote on this change,

NAFCE

NAFCE has updated their website.

Be sure to visit www.nafce.org and click on the links to learn more about “Why WE FCE”
Also check out the “Quick Links” There are many links that will tell you about the many fundraisers
National is promoting.

2022 Program Year State Winners**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT: by FCE Unit in Education Category:**

First Place: Canton Dizzy Dames FCE, McPherson County, SC Area, Lesson: "Make a Med DASH to a Healthy Heart" Description: Presented lesson to unit and two local groups. A news article was put in two newspapers. A display was made and shown in two locations.

First Place: Sliferette FCE, Crawford County, SE Area. Lesson: "Make a Med DASH to a Healthy Heart" Description: Members created a display poster and handouts that they took to several libraries, TOPPS, several FCE meetings (Aging with Attitude, SE Area Recognition, and State FCE Conference).

Second Place: Starlite FCE, Bourbon County, SE Area. Lesson: "Last Wishes Funeral Planning" Description: All members received material on "Last Wishes" and Hearth Fire Series # 59 booklet. They distributed "Memorial Planning Guide" to 300 at county fair booth.

Second Place Rock 'N Roll FCE, Neosho County, SE Area. Lesson: "Gaslighting" Description: The lesson, written by a unit member, was also given to our unit, SE Area meeting and several other organizations. A three part series of news articles on Gaslighting was written and published in 4 newspapers over 3 weeks. A poster and handouts were made and displayed for 12 weeks in several libraries, business, county fair, KAFCE Conference and bank.

Third Place: Farmerettes FCE, Atchison County, NE Area. Lesson: "Destination Oregon" Description: A FCE member chose to portray a historical figure whose family decides to move west, to travel on the Oregon Trail. The presentation provided information of how and what to pack for such an adventure, historical maps and books were passed around to members.

Honorable Mention: Kettle Queens FCE, McPherson County, SC Area. Lesson: "Gaslighting" Description: A large informational display and handouts were made and shown in four locations. The lesson was given to the unit. A newspaper article was written.

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT: by Independent Member in Education Category

First Place: DeLores Walden, NE Area, Lesson: "*Last Wishes: Funeral Planning*" Description: To inform the community of what they need to know before death, of the DNR directives, advance funeral planning and other information. This was achieved by presenting the lesson to two groups, individuals and booth displays at KAFCE State Conference and NE Area Meeting.

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT: by County Council in Education Category:

First Place: Atchison County Council, NE Area. Lesson: "Last Wishes: Funeral Planning" Description: Two funeral home directors, an attorney and director of hospice were asked to be guest speakers at two events, one event at the Atchison City Library, and the other at the funeral home's location. Attendees were glad to hear myths squelched! Many said they were inspired to get their planning done for the benefit of their children's relief. The KAFCE handout and other materials were given to guest.

Second Place: Allen County Council, SE Area. Lesson: *“More Plants on the Plate”*

Description: Provided information at food pantries on how to use various seasonings in food preparation, had a fair booth and newspaper articles. Presented lesson to Southwind Fall Follies and served plant based foods for the evening meal.

Third Place: Crawford County Council, SE Area. Lesson: *“Lower Your Risk of Breast Cancer”*

Description: Made a poster which was displayed at several locations, wrote newspaper articles, baked pies for Angels Among Us cancer support group’s café at county fair and donated money to the Angels Among Us.

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT: **by FCE Unit** **in Action Category**

First Place: Hobart Homemakers FCE, Rooks County, NW Area, Lesson: *“Make a Med DASH to a Healthy Heart!”* Description: The group sponsored “Heart and Sole” walks during the summer. After participants walked on the local track, they met on the bleachers for discussion of the lesson of heart health and received handouts. A fair booth was planned and executed.

Second Place: Homemakers FCE, Hodgeman County, SW Area. Lesson: *“Lower Your Risk of Breast Cancer”* Description: Painted 8 life size pink women on the Jetmore Senior Center’s display window. The goal was to commemorate National FCE Week and promote October as National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Informative newspaper articles were written.

Third Place: Modern Mrs. FCE, Harvey County, SC Area. Lesson: *“Gas lighting”* Description: The unit served a two meals to 15 women and 10 children at a domestic violence center. These guests may have been victims of gaslighting.

Honorable Mention: Movers and Shakers FCE, Smith County, NW Area. Lesson: *“Gaslighting”*

Description: Members constructed a library display, a fair booth and hosted “Lunch and Learn” programs, distributed handouts and provided 2 speakers. Provided materials and information to the FCCLA high school students for their “Star” project.

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT: **by County Council** **in Action Category**

Second Place: Neosho County Council, SE Area. Lesson: *“Last Wishes: Funeral Planning”*

Description: Lesson given to 2 units and a study club. Four newspapers in three counties each had two newspaper columns written on the importance of advance funeral planning and one article about writing your own obituary.

Second Place: Johnson County Council, NE Area. Lesson: *“Gaslighting”*

Description: A speaker from SafeHome, a nonprofit shelter for domestic violence, sexual and physical abuse in Johnson County, spoke at the Council’s Fall Workshop. Fifty-four FCE members donated, or purchased SafeHome’s requested items such as cleaning products, hygiene needs and bedding supplies. They gathered 371 items! A total \$2,461 was spent or donated SafeHome offers counseling and schooling in addition to housing for victims. .

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT by FCE Unit:

First Place: Terry FCE, Atchison County, NE Area Project: “Fluffy Pillows for Gram-Villas Residents” Description: FCE’s made 18 fluffy tied fleece decorative pillows for residents. Materials were donated by all FCE. Pillows were stuffed, and tied together at unit meetings.

First Place: Starlight FCE, Bourbon County, SE Area Project: “Strengthening Our Community” Description: All members either donated or made goodie bags for emergency responders, veterans, nursing homes, Tri-Valley. They signed 200 cards which were sent to VA hospital on Valentine Day and Christmas. They volunteer at local library and as superintendents at county fair.

First Place: Rock ‘N Roll FCE, Neosho County, SE Area Project: “Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child” Description: The unit collected and purchased items for the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child project which helps children who are victims of disaster. They filled 37 shoe boxes.

Second Place: Harmony FCE, Johnson County, NE Area Project: GROW (Grace Restores Overcoming Women) Description: GROW director gave suggestions for supporting to the two GROW houses in Johnson County. Collected were new and used clothing. Relationships were developed with the women attending 3 game nights. Four FCE are currently mentors to some of the ladies.

Second Place: Spring Hill FCE, Johnson County, NE Area Project: “Spring Hill Life Spring Food Pantry and School Supplies” Description: FCE provided Spring Hill needy students with additional food on non-school days. Working with Life Spring Church Food Pantry, money was collected to purchase items for 27 kids. Another 19 kids received school supplies. A total of \$1275 spent and 73 volunteer hours.

Third Place: Kaw Better Homes FCE, Pottawatomie County, NE Area Project: “Celebration of the St. Marys’ Senior Center and Remodeling of the Center” Description: The unit supported the St. Marys’ Senior Center’s mission to provide nutritional meals for elderly, disabled and impoverished households. The unit helped prep food, delivered 26-36 meals each week, and partnered with the center’s Board of Directors to sponsor a donor recognition event.

Third Place: Spring Creek FCE, Lane County, SW Area Project: “Youth – Educate, Activate, Motivate” Description: Nine members of Spring Creek FCE planned to support local projects for young families and children. \$1000 was raised. Projects supported were: the 4-H, donation for Halloween and Christmas candy, gifts for 1 Bear Tree child, donation of children’s books to the library, and the kids only Christmas Shoppe,

Third Place: Prairie Mates FCE, Russell County, NW Area Project: “Sunflower 4-H Club” Description: The FCE raised \$2,000, and spent 120 volunteer hours to clean and maintain a building in which the Sunflower 4-H club and other organizations could meet. In turn, the 4-H members help the FCE unit during their fundraising hunters’ fall dinner.

Honorable Mention: Bluelight FCE, Gray County, SE Area Project: “Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt” Description: One of the members created a scavenger hunt that would coincide with the Christmas card project. Suggested acts of kindness and Christmas greeting cards were displayed in local businesses for the community to engage in the activities and/or sign the cards.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT by County Council:**First Place: Atchison County Council, NE Area,**

Project: "Family Bonding Thru Yard Games"

Description: Yard games can instill family time togetherness just like board games. Being together, sharing laughter and learning to be good-sports are important tools. The FCE Units of Atchison County planned and executed yard games during two days of the county fair.

100% Reporting by Area

Southeast Area

2022 HEART OF FCE - KANSAS STATE WINNER

State Winner: DIANA VANCUREN – SC AREA, SEDGWICK COUNTY

Diana VanCuren, Viola FCE, 50-year member, has served all officer positions and President since 2006, presents, distributes lessons and officiates at meetings. Diana has spearheaded many FCE projects with fund raising lunch at farm auctions, garage and bake sales, which allowed for purchasing blinds, curtains, new interior doors, kitchen tile, stove, hot water heater, trophy case renovation, furnace and air conditions, new roof and carpet installation for the Viola Township Hall. Also, organized projects that funded the purchase of bullet proof-vest for Sedgwick County Sheriff Department. Volunteers for many community member needs, care-giver for husband, and organist at Presbyterian Church.

RITA HOBART – NW AREA, RUSSELL COUNTY

Rita Hobbart, joined P.Y.W. FCE in 1982, has served as President for 15 years and held every position and currently is County Treasurer and has been in charge or very involved in every FCE activity in the County and her FCE. She is always there to answer questions and give assistance to everyone in the community. Rita is very involved and active in her community as President of County Fair Board, Kansas Fair and Expose Festival, St. Joseph Altar Society, Dorrance Alumni Association, President of Russell VFW Auxiliary, Bunker Hill Lions Club and has served on the Election Board for 40 years.

MARGARET BARNES – NE AREA, DOUGLAS COUNTY

Margaret Barnes, joined Vinland FCE in 2014, as County Treasurer, and the Council donated \$500.00 to Project Guardian to support EMT's, Firemen, and Police Officers that had volunteered to go to Ukraine. The FCE joined Margaret in the *Soldiers Angels Baker* program shipping cookies to active military. Four years ago, Margaret initiated a program, *Sweats for Vets*, and they support Veterans Programs contributing sweats and jackets to Veterans Hospital in Topeka. FCE supported *Valentines for Vets* program with 76 pair of warm socks. An ad in the newspaper gleaned \$600.00 providing warm clothes. FCE hosted a Veteran's Dinner serving 65 veterans with a speaker on needs of returning soldiers from Afghanistan. Margaret is studying to be a Certified Lay Minister and looking forward to seeing where God leads her.

BETTY JOHNSON – SE AREA, BOURBON COUNTY

Betty Johnson, Starlite FCE, member 53 years joined EHU in NE Area and volunteered at County Fair and Topeka State Fair for twenty years. The family moved to SE Area where she joined FCE and her philosophy has always been to "Be an active member or don't join." She went right to work in FCE with many hours of volunteer service, by serving on committees of *Sunshine Calls* for 18 years sending cards and to remind members of upcoming meetings and events where she presented many lessons giving them to other groups. Volunteered at County Fair, assists the Presbyterian Village with quilts and lap robes for over 30 years given to rest home and needy families, also Tri-Valley residents, and Lay Witness Weekends reaching over 25 churches in the area.

SW AREA – DID NOT SUBMIT A NOMINATION

**2023 KAFCE STATE CONFERENCE
FIRST TIME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The KAFCE Board of Directors believes that attending a State Conference helps build support and enthusiasm for our organization and is offering financial support to one (1) full time attendee to the conference. The scholarship will cover only the cost of the Early Bird Registration Fee with all other expenses being the responsibility of the winner.

To apply for this scholarship, you must be a full dues paying member of KAFCE. Complete the questions below and send it along with one (1) letter of recommendation from your FCE or County Council President. Independent members may also apply with one (1) letter of recommendation from another organization in which they are active.

**Must be mailed by September 1, 2023 to:
KAFCE PRESIDENT-Nancy Kernick, 628 S. Santa Fe, Chanute, KS 66720-2449**

Please print clearly

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

FCE Unit Name _____ County _____ Area _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-mail _____

On a separate page please answer the following questions:

- 1) Why do you want/need this scholarship?
- 2) What goal do you have for your FCE Unit?
- 3) How do you plan to share the information from State Conference?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

One winner will be chosen and notified by September 8, 2023, and will be reimbursed at State Conference for the “Early Bird” registration fee only.
 Scholarship is for 2023 State Conference only. Winner is to attend the entire conference and will be presented at the Wednesday Luncheon.
 If the scholarship is awarded and the recipient is unable to attend Conference, the scholarship will be forfeited. This scholarship is not transferable to another FCE Member or to a future KAFCE Conference.
 Membership will be verified.

State President will notify the winner, conference committee chairperson, and State Treasurer. State Board reserves the right to choose no winner if the situation arises.

2023 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE*'Empowering Volunteers-Celebrating our Past'***CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

Keynote Speakers
 General Sessions
 Annual Business Meeting
 Workshops & FCL Leadership Training
 Ability to purchase the tour

Events:

Wednesday Evening: Chocolate Workshop

Thursday: Tour-AM

President/Delegate Meeting open to all
 President/Delegate dinner
 Service Project-Fun--Reception PM

Friday: Business Meeting/Presentation of Presidents
 Luncheon/Awards
 FCL Sessions & Workshops
 Awards Dinner-FCL Presentations

Saturday: Speaker
 Hearth Fire Workshop Sessions
 Luncheon/Awards
 Future of FCE Workshop
 Spirit of FCE Dinner/Awards/Entertainment

Sunday: Inspiration
 Memorial
 Sharing Time
 Closing Luncheon & Installation Ceremony

2023 NATIONAL FCE Conference
 to be held in Erlanger, Kentucky
 August 3-6, 2023

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, an IHG Hotel

go to the NAFCE.org website to get more information about the conference and an official registration form.

The HOLIDAY INN is located at 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd. Erlanger KY.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Member/Nonmember

Registration Due by June 30, 2023	\$300
Registration after this date will not have meals guaranteed.	
National Board	\$300
Conference Committee	\$300
Spouses - Meals Only	\$40/Dinner \$30/Lunch

CONFERENCE TOUR: Tour information will be on a separate form! Watch the website!**ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Circle the day attending) Due by June 30, 2023**

Friday	\$ 150
Saturday	\$ 150
Sunday	\$ 150

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Spirit of FCE Dinner (dinner and entertainment) All Welcome!

National FCE Board Alumni Breakfast \$40 each
 (Friday Morning) For National Board Alumni Members & Spouses

**Registration is non-refundable but can be transferred.
 Remember... Sleeping rooms must be reserved by June 30, 2023**

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Hilton Garden Inn, Hays, KS

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NE – November 2nd Manhattan, Riley County

NW – October 17, Harding Hall, Stockton,
Rooks County

SC – October 16, Moundridge, McPherson
County

SE – November 2 in Parsons, Labette County

SW –October 19, Leoti, Wichita County