



# National FCE Board Alumni Flash April - May 2023

## A Note from Denise .....

**Greetings from California! This is my first year as chair of the Alumni Board group and since it has been a number of years since I've attended a conference or served on the NAFCE Board, I think I should give you a brief introduction of myself and explain why I live in California but belong to Hawaii FCE. My husband and I retired in 1991 and moved from CA to Hawaii, where I joined FCE. I fell in love with our great organization and eventually became state president and then served on the NAFCE Board from 2007 to 2010. In 2011 we left Hawaii to return to CA for various reasons, but I have remained a member of Hawaii FCE. My total years in FCE is now 32. I've been editor of the Alumni Board newsletter – on and off – since 2015. Mostly off – due to some of life's interruptions and the Covid pandemic but now that things seem to be back on track, I hope to serve our alumni group in whatever way I can. And continue to keep all of you informed via the newsletter!**



**So, with my little intro out of the way, I'd like to invite all to attend our upcoming conference in Erlanger, KY on August 3 – 6<sup>th</sup>. There is lots of information on our NAFCE website, including registration forms. And please remember to encourage FCE members from your states who will be first timers in attendance at the conference to apply for our First Timers Scholarship. We will be fund raising at conference as well as awarding scholarships. Please see more about this in the articles following.**

<b><u>NAFCE Alumni</u></b>
<b><u>Officers</u></b>
<i>Chair</i> <b>Denise Smith</b>
<i>Vice Chair</i> <b>Martha Crawford</b>
<i>Secretary</i> <b>Margaret Polen</b>
<i>Treasurer</i> <b>Susie Martell</b>

**In closing, I'd like to welcome and thank the other Alumni members who are serving with me ..... Martha Crawford – Vice Chair, Margaret Polen – Secretary, and Susie Martell – Treasurer. Hope to see a lot of you soon!**

*Denise Smith*  
NAFCE Alumni Chairman

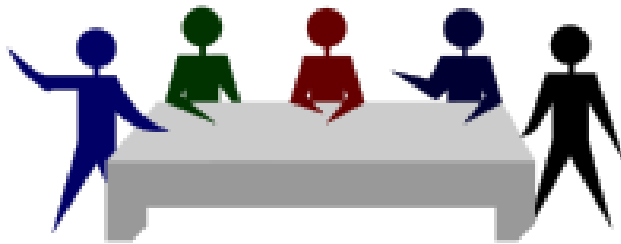
# Reminder!

**Alumni dues of \$25 for 2023-2024 are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already paid, please submit, using the membership form attached to this issue.**

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

**Mail to: Susie Martell**

**2175 E. Jonquil St. Oro Valley, AZ 85755**



## Save the Date and Plan to Attend!

**2023 National Conference**

**Erlanger, Kentucky**

**August 3 – 6**

**Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport**

**1717 Airport Exchange Blvd**

**Hebron, KY 41018**

**Conference Itinerary, Hotel Information, plus Registration Forms are found on [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) website under “Quick Links”**



## NAFCE Alumni Fund Raiser for 2023

We will continue to feature a silent auction of Small Quilted Items for our annual fund raiser at the Erlanger, KY conference in 2023. Items such as table runners, pot holders, placemats, walletpurses, tote bags, and/or mini quilts are all welcome. The items must be small enough to fit in a suitcase. Moneys collected will go towards the NAFCE Board Alumni Scholarship Fund to assist First Timers to attend conference. Please consider contributing one or more quilted items for the auction! They may be purchased or handcrafted items.

If you are not attending conference, please mail your items to **Martha Crawford, 1317 CR 288, Ballinger, TX 76821**. Martha has graciously agreed to act as our FCE Amazon delivery! The quilted items should be ready for mailing to her by **July 22, 2023**.



**From the Editor**



I would like try to develop our NAFCE Board Alumni Flash into a more informative newsletter. But in order to do that, I need to hear from all of you .... to share what is happening in your FCE organizations and in your lives. 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 October 10, 2023**. We hope to hear from lots of you!

*Hugs, Denise Smith*

# National FCE Website

Written April 2023 by Scott Teeples  
Oregon FCE President – Past National FCE Board Member

If you have never been on, or it's been a while since you were on, the National FCE website, [www.nafce](http://www.nafce), it's way past time.

The website contains all kinds of important information about FCE. It has lots of various web pages with a lot of various forms and instructions dealing with FCE and ACWW at all levels.

This website is a tool that can be used by all FCE Members and "Friends of FCE." When was the last time that you needed that "certain form" or that "certain information" and your leaders did not have it. Did you check on the website for it?

The National FCE website contains the following 23 pages: **1. Home** – Basic information and a message from the National FCE president. **2. Quick Links** – Several various tabs that you can click on to find most of the most commonly searched for items. **3. Who We Are** – A brief description of what FCE is all about. **4. Partners and Projects, What We Do** – A list of the other organizations that we work with and a brief description of what FCE does. **5. Benefits of Joining FCE** – A list of benefits and reasons for joining FCE. **6. Catalog** – A listing of most of the items that can be ordered from National FCE Headquarters. **7. Forms, Programs, and Recognition** – A place to find almost every form that you might need. It also includes information on various programs and methods of recognition of members. **8. Bylaws** – Here you can read, download, or print the Bylaws of National FCE. **9. fceToday and FLASH Newsletters** – A list of all current National FCE Newsletters. **10. Contact Info National, Alumni, and State** – Here you will find all the contact information for National, State and Alumni officers. **11. Website Links** – Tabs for links to other websites relating to FCE. **12. Contact Us** – A form where members and nonmembers can contact National FCE. **13. Conference Award Winners** – Find and view Conference Award winners from the present and past. **14. History of National FCE** – This is a place to find the basic history of National FCE. It includes all of the past National Conferences and past National Presidents. **15. National Conference Info and Pictures** – Find information about the current National Conference and Conferences from the past. Also view and download pictures from past National Conferences. **16. Alumni Officers, Forms, Newsletters** – Here you will find all of the contact information for Alumni officers, various Alumni forms (including the Alumni Conference Scholarship Application) and the Alumni Newsletters. **17. Associated Country Women of the World** – Here you will find all kinds of information about ACWW. **18. Legacy Fund Donations and Forms** – This page describes what the Legacy Fund is and the Forms used to donate to it. **19. Incorporation, Copyrights, Trademarks** – This page explains all of the various Incorporation, Copyright and Trademarks and how they are used and enforced. **20. State FCE Newsletters** – Contains several of the various State FCE Newsletters that have been submitted. **21. State Projects** – Contains various information and pictures from States that

submitted them. **22. State Lesson Sharing** – Contains lessons that have been shared from various States. **23. Members Page** – Contains all Hearth Fire lessons, all FCE lessons, Character Counts Pillar Books and other miscellaneous FCE forms. All are in a form that can be read, printed, or downloaded. A PASSWORD is required for this page. As of this time, the page is not accessible.

If you see any needed changes, have questions, or comments, please contact Scott Teeples, webmaster for the website. [sfteeples@charter.net](mailto:sfteeples@charter.net), 541-891-6456.



## WHY WE FCE!



Our neighbors to the north and sister groups in ACWW ~ the WI ~ Women's Institutes, have been running a program called **Why I WI**. It is just a fun thing to do with each group. I've been following it on their Facebook site. Our conference chair Bonnie Teeples (AND US Area ACWW President) came up with WHY WE FCE I would like to ask each group of FCE to have your members write on a white board or white piece of paper why they belong or joined FCE. Take a picture of each individual member or the group and post it on our National FCE page or the National FCE group. National FCE would like to share the pictures at conference in August. It will be a fun to see why each member joined FCE and why they stay a member. We may also use the pictures to promote FCE Week in October. WHY WE FCE ~ share your group's WHY

*By NAFCE President Judy Fullmer*



# National FCE Fundraisers and Financial Helps

Written April 2023 by Scott Teeples  
Oregon FCE President – Past National FCE Board Member

With the decrease in membership across the nation, National FCE is in need of your help through donations and fundraising activities. National FCE dues are no longer sufficient to pay all the financial responsibilities of the organization.

The biggest expense of National FCE is the Liability insurance, which is used at all levels of FCE, has increased every year and is a major part of the expenses each year. That along with other continuing rising costs, National needs additional help from their members. Currently, National FCE is not looking at raising dues.

What is National FCE doing to reduce expenses? The National FCE organization is doing all that they can do to reduce expenses. Some of these methods are:

- A website that has been set up and maintained by a volunteer Webmaster. This is saving over \$2,000 a year.
- All Board Members are paying the full National FCE Conference registration fee.
- All Board Members are paying their travel expenses.
- National FCE Headquarters hours and labor have been dropped substantially to save cost.
- Rather than holding a Fall Board Meeting in Kentucky, they are conducting business through emails, phone calls and monthly meetings via Zoom. This is saving National FCE thousands of dollars each year.
- Other things to reduce National FCE expenses are being done such as reducing printing etc.

Every FCE member, or “Friend of FCE” can help in many ways. One of the best ways is for each member to find, invite, and recruit new members. FCE members, and “Friends of FCE” can help through various donations and fundraisers. All financial donations to FCE are tax deductible because National FCE is a 501(c) 3 organization. Forms and additional information can be found on the National FCE website [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org).

Below are 6 methods that FCE Members, or “Friends of FCE” can use to make donations or give financial help.

## 1. Direct Donations

FCE members, and “Friends of FCE” can make donations directly to National FCE. Checks can be sent to National FCE Headquarters or to the current National FCE Treasurer.



## **2. Legacy Fund Donations**

Financial donations can be made to the Legacy Fund. The money is invested in an Investment Fund. The Investment money cannot be used for FCE expenses. Only the Dividends of the Invested money can be used to help with FCE expenses.

## **3. Keeper's Corner Fundraising Booths**

These booths are located in Klamath Falls, Oregon at Keeper's Corner LLC – Antique, Craft, and Collectible Mall. Check out their Facebook page. Booths are 100% donated and there is no consignment fees charged. 100% of the money raised is sent to National FCE. Donations of items are provided by FCE members, "Friends of FCE", vendors within the store, and other various donors. Check the FCE website for information on how to send your donated items. The booths are currently raising about \$250.00/month.

## **4. Dimes for Donation**

National FCE needs your help through your donations. One way is collecting "A Dime at a Time". Please collect your extra dimes from your change, meetings, and all the activities you may attend. Collect the dimes in an empty water bottle, turn them in to your bank, and send the donation money to National FCE Headquarters.

## **5. Donation to National FCE Alumni Scholarship Fund**

Each year, the National FCE Alumni offers up to 3 Conference Scholarships which pay for the cost of the National FCE Conference registration. Money for this scholarship is donated by National FCE Officer Alumni and other various donations. Donations are always welcome.

## **6. Honor Fund Donations**

National FCE is accepting gifts in "Honor" or "In Memory" of members, relatives, or friends. Gifts will be used toward leadership education. All gifts will be acknowledged by National FCE. A list of honorees and donors will be listed on the website, or FLASH; however, the amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

Please consider helping in whatever method works best for you. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar helps.

# DONATION



# Oregon FCE Zoom Lessons

Written April 2023 by Scott Teeples  
Oregon FCE President – Past National FCE Board Member

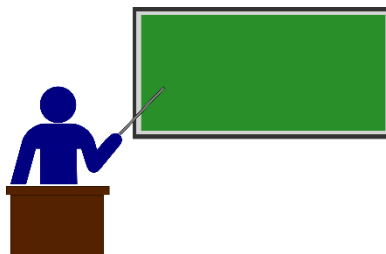
Due to the COVID-19 epidemic and Oregon FCE Groups from across the state of Oregon, not being able to meet in person, Scott Teeples suggested, and it was decided, by the Oregon FCE Board that we would start holding a monthly Oregon FCE Zoom lesson starting in January 2021. Scott Teeples would host the lessons, via Zoom, and various people would present the lessons.

Scott set forth the task of inviting Oregon FCE members and some others from other states that he knew from serving on the National FCE Board. It did not take a long time and other FCE members from across the USA wanted to attend and present the lessons. Soon, Scott was emailing out over 500 invitations.

Meetings are held every month and are still continuing onward this year. April 5, 2023, was the 28<sup>th</sup> monthly lesson. They are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM Pacific Time (Oregon Time). FCE members, and “Friends of FCE” have participated from all across the USA. There have been “Guest Presenters” from Oregon, Virginia, West Virginia, Hawaii, Kansas, Florida, Maryland, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Mississippi. Most Presenters have been FCE members, but some have “Friends of FCE.”

All of the Zoom Lessons have been recorded and are available on the Oregon website <https://www.oregon-fce.org/oregon-fce-zoom-lessons-on-youtube>.

Presenters are always needed. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to teach one of these lessons, please let Scott know if you'd be interested in being a presenter. Presenters can pretty much choose what they want to teach and use whatever method they want to use on Zoom. You don't need to be an expert presenter... we're all amateurs trying to do the best we can. Also, if you or someone you know would like to be on “Scott's Email Invitation Lists” for the Zoom lessons, please send him your email to [sfteeples@charter.net](mailto:sfteeples@charter.net). You can also call, or text Scott at 541-891-6456. All FCE members, and “Friends of FCE” are invited to attend or be a presenter.







National Association For  
Family & Community Education

**NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM-20\_\_**

(TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

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

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

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

Street

City

State

Zip Code

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

Years Served (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

National FCE Alumni dues (due September 1<sup>st</sup>) \$25 per year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*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".*

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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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ALUMNI MEMBER SIGNATURE