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## President's Corner

I am sure that all of you have many bucket lists, but have you ever had a bucket list of dreams. Going to Australia for the ACWW 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial was a dream that came true for me. What an impressive site seeing 77 flags from countries around the world being paraded into the conference center and knowing that 9 million women were represented by these flags and the attendees at this conference.

In the next few newsletters there will be more of what took place in Australia, plenary sessions, resolutions passed and speakers. A couple of memorable experiences to share at this time is that Bonnie Teeples, past National President was elected the ACWW USA President. Please check out her article later in this newsletter. The other experience is that your current National President had the Kangaroos eating out of her hand!!!!

This issue is going to be devoted to our upcoming 2019 national conference being held in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Zero Hunger Challenge will be a portion of our community project this year. The funds that you collected in your bottles can be brought to conference or you can just bring silent money in place of the dimes. Half of this amount will go to ACWW and half will go to a hunger relief project to be determined by the board.

The other portion of our community project will be "Books for Newborns". These must be new books and suitable for parents to read to their new babies.

FCE still needs you to run for the national board. It is true that the deadline has passed but if you have thought about it and decided this might be something you would like to do then check out the article in the Spring 2019 fce Today and send in your application or bring it to conference with you. It must be turned in to the conference office before the start of conference, which is Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Check out the articles within this issue to find your registration form that needs to be sent in by June 18<sup>th</sup>, hotel reservation information which must be made by June 14<sup>th</sup>, Scholarship for First Timers to National Conference and some of the events that will be taking place at conference. As you are checking off the items to take to conference with you don't forget to bring a quilted item for the Alumni Fundraiser. The funds they raise are used for the First Time Scholarships.

Meet your FCE friends or make new ones in St. Louis. See you all there July 18 thru July 21 for the 2019 National Conference.

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Ardyce Snyder  
National FCE President

## CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

### Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

- Tour open to everyone – see article in the newsletter
- Presidents meeting
- Opening Session – featuring Bonnie Teeple as our Keynote Speaker
- Reception

### Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

- Annual Business Meeting
- Spirit of State Luncheon (Missouri)
- FCL Afternoon
  1. Are You Driving, Miss Daisy?
  2. Communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  3. Lasagna Gardening
- Awards Banquet and FCL presentations

### Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

- Alumni Breakfast
- General Sessions
  - A. Effective People Skills – Part 1- Margaret Mai
  - B. Human Trafficking – presentation by Sean Levesque, Executive Director of Love2Hope (a non profit organization)
- Essay and Artwork Contest winners and Heart of FCE Luncheon
- Hearth Fire Afternoon
  1. Somebody's Asking – What is ACWW and how does FCE fit in
  2. Someone's in the Kitchen – Using their new Gadget
  3. Effective People Skills – Part 2
- FCL Banquet

Musical entertainment will be presented by Jayke (Lynn Maples Grandson) and Storyteller Dianne Moran from Richwoods, Missouri. Her presentation will be Zerelda James (Frank and Jesse's Mama)

### Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

- Memorial and Inspiration Service
- Sharing Time - new feature added to conference this year – please see article in the newsletter
- Closing Luncheon – finish any business, awards and hold installation of officers
- Say Goodbye to our new and old friends

## HOTEL REGISTRATION

All conference attendees must make their own room reservations. **These reservations must be made by June 14, 2019. After that date, attendees will be able to book rooms at the group room rate, but they will be subject to availability. Our block of rooms not used by June 14<sup>th</sup> will be released.**

There is a link on our website to make your hotel reservations or you can contact them at 1-314-353-5106 and ask for Jamie and give her our group name “**National Association For Family and Community Education**” to get the group room rate of \$110.00 which is good from 7/14/19 to 7/22/19.

There is complimentary airport shuttle. If driving there will be complimentary parking.

### Hotel Shuttle Information

If you are arriving in Terminal 1, proceed to lower level baggage claim area and then to Exit 18.

If you are arriving in Terminal 2, proceed to lower level baggage claim area and then to Exit 15.

Hotel shuttles run every 20 minutes starting at the top of each hour continuously.

There will be 2 (\$10.00) discounted breakfast vouchers included with each room. Also, the rooms should have mini fridges.

With all there is to do in Exploring St. Louis this would be a great time to make the 2019 conference a family vacation. See you all in St Louis, Missouri!

## Shipping

Packages can be received up to 3 business day prior to your event. Please address packages as follows:

Marriott St. Louis Airport  
10700 Pear Tree Lane  
St. Louis, MO 63134

Attention: Name of your group/Arrival Date

# 2019 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE TOUR

Thursday July 18, 2019

We are excited to bring you the “Sights of St. Louis” Tour!!

We leave the hotel at 8:00 am and will return around 2:30pm. This tour is for all conference attendees. What an opportunity to get to know each other better being all together!!

**The total cost for the tour will be \$80.** This includes your bus fare, tour guide, tram ride to the top of the Gateway Arch and some time at the Arch to look around, then on to a private tour of the FOX Theater and lastly time in Forest Park to see the sites. You will have lunch on your own in Forest Park and the opportunity to visit **one** of the following attractions at Forest Park; the St. Louis Zoo; the St. Louis Art Museum or the Missouri History Museum. We will get a sweet treat of “Fred Drews Frozen Custard” for the ride home.

You will each receive an itinerary of the tour with your conference confirmation letter. If your tour registration is received after the cutoff date, a copy of the itinerary can be picked up in the conference office.

## Reservations due by June 15, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Send your reservation and check today!

### MAIL TO:

National FCE Conference  
73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106  
Florence, KY 41042  
Fax: 859-525-6496  
E-mail: nafcehq@fuse.net

# **“NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP” for**

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES TO NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE**

**“REGISTRATION COST ONLY”**

**Sponsored by the National FCE Board Alumni**

1. National FCE dues must be on file at National FCE Headquarters by June 1st.
2. National FCE Conference registration form and all applicable fees must be paid by check or listed credit card information. Winners will be notified before conference and their method of payment will be returned to them. Those applicants who are not winners will have their conference registration form and method of payment sent on to Headquarters by June 30th.
3. This scholarship application form must be filled out according to the following instructions:

Name of person

Address City/State /Zip Code

Email and Phone

Years of membership Membership number (on label of FCETODAY).

**On ONE separate sheet tell us about the following:**

- a. List your FCE involvement and accomplishments in the last 5 years (local, county, district, and state).
- b. What focus or issues of FCE are important to you and WHY? (i.e. Health, Home and Community Environment, International, Leadership, Youth Education, ACWW, FCL, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Community Service, Hearth Fire literatures, Membership, other).
- c. If you are selected, how will you share what you have learned or gained with your club, county, district, and/or state?

**Send the following postmarked by June 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- This Scholarship application form completed in full
- The attached ONE separate page of information, typed or legibly written
- Completed Conference Registration form and method of payment—Not payment itself

Mail to: National FCE Board Alumni Scholarship, Chair  
Judy Fullmer

4250 County Road C.

Dighton, KS 67839

Phone: (620)397-5938

Email: [jfullmer@st-tel.net](mailto:jfullmer@st-tel.net)

**Applications postmarked after June 18<sup>th</sup>, will not be considered.**

## **ACWW USA AREA PRESIDENT**

“You cannot raise your children as your parents raised you, because your parents raised you for a world that no longer exists”. (Quoted by Ruth Shanks, Associated Country Women of the World Immediate Past World President during her 2019 Triennial Report.)

Ruth used this quote to emphasize the importance of responding to the changes occurring in many of our organizations and to remind us that some changes are inevitable for organizational survival.

I have been asked how I feel about change. I do not feel that we should make change just for the sake of changing, but as a business woman, I know that certain changes are inevitable. And I certainly know that the ACWW USA Area needs some changes made. I hope that we can all work together as we navigate changes.

I was asked to share my personal vision for my term with the new board during our first board meeting. I would like to share part of that with all of you.

I realize that it is important to educate members about the Associated Country Women of the World in the areas of Funding for ACWW and the projects, and the work resulting from the Resolutions and Recommendations. That education will be one of my top priorities. I want there to be open two-way communication with the members and the Area President. I also feel that we all need to work on increasing Society and Individual memberships.

I hope I can enlist, and count on, the help of all society members in the ACWW USA Area to accomplish these goals.

I was impressed with the Resolutions that were passed at this Triennial Conference. They were well thought out and well supported. A few that made an impact on me were: The Registration of Old Landfills, Protection of Shared Marine Environment-Sustainable Coral Reefs and Fish Stocks, Domestic Violence, Iron Deficiency and lastly Pollinator Protection. I'm sure there will be a more complete report on the resolutions in the fce TODAY.

As I begin my term as the ACWW USA Area President I want to thank you all for your support and confidence in me. One of the other visions I have for my term is to unify the USA Area. I do feel that the vote of confidence I received by the voting shows me that many others share my vision.

“Everything you do matters. Every move you make, every action you take...Matters. Every single thing you do matters. You have been created as one of a kind. You have been created in order to make a difference. You have within you the power to change the world.” (The Butterfly Effect by Andy Andrews)

We all have that power within us to make a difference in the world. Working together will make it happen.

Bonnie Teeples  
ACWW USA Area President

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## Memorial Service

Sunday morning, July 21<sup>st</sup> along with the inspiration service we will be remembering all FCE members that have passed from our lives this past year, but only members of the national board will be named and a small review of their life.

Please submit these names to headquarters, any of the national board, or bring the information with you to conference.

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**V**aluable is the work you do.

**O**utstanding is how you always come through.

**L**oyal, sincere and full of good cheer,

**U**ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.

**N**otable are the contributions you make.

**T**rustworthy in every project you take.

**E**ager to reach your every goal.

**E**ffective in the way you fulfill your role.

**R**eady with a smile like a shining star,

**S**pecial and wonderful—that’s what you are.

—unknown

## WE HAVE A HEARTH FIRE ABOUT THAT!!

Summer time is here and with summer comes lots of fun things to do outside. Enjoy the great outdoors and remember to take care of yourself and that of your family. We have a variety of Hearth Fire Series that deal with many areas affecting our families.

Hearth Fire Series #23 “Person to Person...More Than Skin Deep” has guidelines to help protect your skin.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate Independence Day explain to your family and friends about the proper handling of ‘OLD GLORY’. Hearth Fire Series #11 “Someone’s In The USA...Showing Respect for the Flag” explains flag etiquette.

Our Hearth Fire Series cover a variety of health issues including osteoporosis, ovarian cancer, Alzheimer’s, diabetes, Autism, arthritis, obesity, maternal health, chronic pain, and men’s health issues.

In our electronic world we have Hearth Fire Series regarding using the media, sexting, cyber bullying, video games, and Hearth Fire #17 teaches us how to use ‘Electronic Manners’.

Remember at conference to visit the sales office and pick up the new Hearth Fire Series. All of our Hearth Fires are only \$3.00 for a packet of ten. You can select which ten you want, mix them up, and share with others.

FCE Board members volunteer their time to research and write these useful booklets a complete list can be found on our website [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org)

You can order at conference or call Judy at National FCE Headquarters for help at 859-525-6401.



2019 National FCE Conference  
**“Sharing Time Activity”**

All FCE members are invited to participate in the new **“Sharing Time Activity”** that is being held this year at the 2019 National FCE Conference. There has been 90 minutes scheduled for this activity. **It will take place on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Time and room TBA.**

Please bring details of some of the great activities that you have done at the Club/Study Group/Unit, County, District, or State Level. This Sharing Activity is designed for various States to share various ideas. Ideas for sharing can come from anyone but needs to be of value for most of those participating in this Sharing Activity.

This year the Sharing Time Activity will be facilitated by Scott Teeples, Oregon FCE President. To help with an estimation of those desiring to share their ideas, please fill out the attached form and mail it to Scott Teeples at 4338 Arthur Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603 or email it to him at [sfteeples@charter.net](mailto:sfteeples@charter.net). Please contact him at 541-891-6456 if you have questions or comments. If you cannot get it emailed or mailed prior to the Conference, you can give it to him at the Conference. If possible, please provide copies of this form so you can share it with those attending. **You are NOT required to submit a form in order to share ideas during the “Sharing Time Activity” but it would be appreciated.**

Some of the suggested, but not limited to, ideas are:

- Great lessons that you may have taught
- Fundraising Activities and Ideas
- Finding, Recruiting and Retaining Members, Methods and Activities
- Community Service Projects
- Scholarships you might offer

Depending on the number of “Shared Ideas”, please plan on approximately 5 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes of questions.

Please consider being part of this activity and share some of those great ideas you may have and use.

Sharing Time Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Activity:

Success of Activity:

Problems of Activity:

Number of FCE members involved:

Number of Non FCE members involved:

Estimated Cost of Activity:

Other Comments:

Please add additional pages, pictures or any additional information as needed.

# I'm the Person

Written by Scott Teeples – Oregon FCE President

Recently I came across this plea from a person that was involved in some type of an organization. The person's name and the name of the organization they belonged to, the place of the organization, was not mentioned nor did it need to be given. I was deeply touched by the words and feeling of this person. After all our efforts to "Find, Recruit, and Retain" new FCE members, how often do we let them fall away by not understanding their feelings and the feeling about us and the organization?

Although this person was probably not in FCE, they very well could have been in FCE or one of many other organizations. We need to all take the opportunity to read this person's plea for help and think about what it really says and what it really means. We may find ourselves as the one giving the plea or one of those that need to look a lot closer at our own FCE members. I quote this person's words.

## ***"I'M THE PERSON***

***I'm the person who asked to join our organization. I'm the person who paid my dues to join. I'm the person who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal. I'm the person who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to. I tried several times to be friends, but they all had their own friends to talk to and sit next to. I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me. I hope very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered. I missed a few meetings after joining, because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not. The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV. The following meeting, I attended, but no one asked me where I was for the last meeting. You may say I'm a good person, a good family person who holds a responsible job, loves my community and my country. You know who else I am? I'M THE PERSON WHO NEVER CAME BACK. It amazes me how the heads of the organization and the members discuss WHY the organization was losing members. It amazes me to think that they spent so much time looking for the NEW members when I was there all the time. All they need to do was to make me feel needed, wanted and WELCOME!***  
**Unknown Member"**

So, what is it that we can do as FCE members to prevent this from happening to any of our members? We need to get to know them. We need to love and care for them. We need to make them feel needed and welcome. We need to find out who they are. We need to learn their strengths, their weaknesses, and their fears. We need to know what we can do to help them become a very important part of FCE.

Every member, without exception, needs three things:

1. Every member, new or old, needs a friend. They need to feel like they have someone to share the joys and the hardships of their lives both in FCE and in their personal life.
2. Every member needs a purpose. Every member needs to feel needed. We need to find the things that these members can do and what they love to do. Everyone has that special thing that they are good at. Involve them in doing great things and make them feel that they have "self-worth" to themselves and to the FCE organization.
3. Every FCE member needs the rich nurturing of the FCE organization. They need the love and the support of all the FCE members. They need to feel important and feel like they have something to offer in return. We need to keep them involved but not overwhelmed in their assignments. We need to be there to help them and to teach them how to do the things they have volunteered to do, or the assignments they have been given. We need to be their friends and mentors. We need to recognize and reward them for their efforts and success. When they start to become lost and start to fall away, we need to "leave the nine and ninety and go and find the one." We need to be there and to help them as they start to struggle and fall away.

I would hope that each of us can read and understand the feelings of this person as they talk about being "I am the One." May we all work at doing our best at making FCE the best it can be for the organization and for each member.



*Reach for the Stars!*

## STAR PIN

I signed up a new member:

Name of New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my FCE Star Pin

Receive a free gold FCE Star pin every time you recruit a new FCE member.

Complete this form and send to National FCE Headquarters, 73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106, Florence, KY 41042-5178.

Once the new member information has been verified a star pin will be mailed to you.

You may also fax this information to headquarters at 859-525-6496 or you can email the info to [nafcehq@fuse.net](mailto:nafcehq@fuse.net).