



NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER APRIL/MAY 2019

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A Message from Margaret!

PACK YOUR BAGS! TIME to HEAD to CONFERENCE!

It's that time again. National FCE Conference is just around the corner. The Annual Meeting of the Alumni will be Saturday morning. You will find the Alumni membership form on the National FCE website: nafce.org. Go to the Alumni button and push. Bring your membership form and cash or check to the meeting as well.

In addition, registration for conference, hotel registration, and everything about FCE is on that sight. Scott Teeple and Judy Jones have been keeping the website up-to-date and there are lots of pictures from past conferences. Check it out.

You should have received your **FCE TODAY** by now. It is sent by email, so be sure you check.

At the Alumni Meeting we will be electing a new Chairman. Interested? Have someone nominate you at the business meeting. Or let Susie Martell, Secretary/Treasurer, know. I will have materials to pass along.

There will be workshops, general sessions, meals, and awards.

GET THOSE BAGS PACKED! MEET ME in SAINT LOUIS!!!



Margaret Polen Alumni Chair 2016-2019

Reminder!

Alumni dues of \$25 are due:

For 2019-2020 (use membership form in this issue)

make check payable to: NAFCE Board Alumni

mail to: Susie Martell 2175 E. Jonquil St., Oro Valley, AZ 85755



NAFCE Alumni Fund Raiser for 2019

The Small Quilted Items fund raiser for 2018 was such a great success that we've decided to do it again!! Items such as table runners, pot holders, wallet purses, tote bags, mini quilts - will be displayed for silent auction during the St. Louis, MO conference in 2019 - 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 hand crafted items. If you are not attending conference, please mail your items to Judy Fullmer, 4250 County Rd. C, Dighton, KS 67839. The quilted items should be ready for mailing by **July 1, 2019**.

FROM THE EDITOR



Your articles and photos (yes, we'd love to have photos!) can be sent to my email address: 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, 2019**. We hope to hear from lots of you!

Hugs, Denise Smith



From the ACWW Triennial in Melbourne, Australia ~ April 4 ~ 10, 2019

“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.

←Right: Bonnie Teeples Left: JoEllen Almond - handing over the presidency

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.

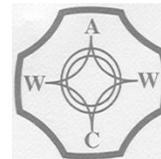
I was impressed with the Resolutions that were passed at this Triennial Conference. They were well thought out and well supported. A few that made an impact on me were: The Registration of Old Landfills, Protection of Shared Marine Environment-Sustainable Coral Reefs and Fish Stocks, Domestic Violence,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

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



The following article is from the **March 2019 Hawaii FCE Homemaker Echo** quarterly newsletter.

Hawaii FCE Women Running for Public Office

Last year during Mid-Term Elections, there were an extraordinary number of women who ran for public office – either for Congressional seats, gubernatorial offices, or mayoral slots. Approximately 277 nation-wide!! That number of women running for office just astounded me and got me to thinking about how progressive Hawaiian women have been in regards to public office and how many have held offices long before it was “fashionable”. Just in modern times the list of women serving is long - Jean Sadako King, Eileen Anderson, Patsy Mink, Linda Lingle, Mazie Hirano, Colleen Hanabusa, and now Tulsi Gabbard, running for President of the United States!



These strong and community minded women all have grass roots beginnings and probably ran for office because they saw a need in their communities that they felt they could help fix. Isn't that the basis of FCE? As members, we learn valuable information and then share it with our families and communities - to help enrich their lives and make the communities a better place. Family Community Leadership (FCL) training teaches us the skills to become pro-active, to see and meet the needs of our communities. So I decided to invite some of our Hawaii FCE members who have run for public office to share their experiences with us and mainly to find out why they chose to run. The following are the responses I got from **Dr. Jacqueline Maly**, long time Windward Oahu member, former HAFCE president and NAFCE board member and from **Elaine “Queenie” Daligdig**, a newer member from Kauai FCE and our current HAFCE Vice President/President –elect.

Denise Smith - Homemaker Echo Newsletter Chair



IN 2010, I ran for Mayor of Honolulu against Mufi Hannemann and others. My only previous "political experiences" were limited to running for President of the Faculty Senates and President of several organizations, including FCE. I assume that my FCL training contributed to my decision as well. My major issue was the proposed rail transit system, strongly supported by Mufi. It was clear to me that it was a very bad idea. Experiences in other cities showed that there would be cost over-runs and delays, the layout of Oahu Island did not support the system, and it would be ugly to block the views of the ocean as it passed through the city. (By the way, all of my predictions have come true.)

I wanted to run under the name "Stop Rail Transit" and soon discovered that unless that was my legal name, I could not do it. So, I legally changed my name and ran as “J. Stop Rail Transit Maly” (which just fit the limit of the number of characters allowed on the ballot).

The process of changing my name was a HOOT, but that is another story.

My campaign was pretty much limited to showing up at Neighborhood Board meetings and other political gatherings. I made some small (1 inch across) buttons proclaiming "Maly for Mayor". I always wore one and

gave them out. If anyone asked, I would say, "It's a SMALL campaign." Mostly I campaigned by gathering many more signatures on my nomination papers than were required which gave me a chance to talk to individual people about my issue.

I got 1500 votes. Of course I lost the election, but if I had not run, Mufi would have been elected on the first ballot. As it turned out, he had to face a runoff election. The results were eventually the same, but I have always felt it a sort of moral victory that he did not have an unopposed mandate.

Jacqueline Maly



IN 2018 I was not in any way influenced or encouraged by FCE or FCL in my decision to run. My decision was on my own. Kauai Island has terrible traffic issues. My granddaughter asked me, "Grammie, when I get my driver's license, will I have to drive in this traffic?" My reply, "Not if I can make any changes to this problem and that is running for office." The week before the deadline date to file for a political office, I decided to run against the incumbent for Hawaii State House Representative for District 15. Kauai highways are a State issue. I felt that it was time for a New Voice for the people to make a choice to remain the same or to elect a new representative in the house legislation. With no endorsements, my campaign was fully financed by myself. Nervous, I accepted an invitation to attend a public forum against the incumbent that was rebroadcast on a local radio station. Questions that I didn't know, I told myself to just answer them truthfully and from my heart. I only did sign waving with my husband along the main areas of my district. Defeated at the elections, I was happy to have votes and more than expected. I was asked if I would run again in two years and I will try it again. Defeat is hard but I keep my head high. A WINNER is also a GREAT loser. I feel I am a winner for at least stepping up to the plate. This experience has broadened my vision on what the political arena is like.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Queenie

Photo Left to Right: Son- Ikaika Pezario, Husband - Ted Daligdig III, Queenie, Daughter- Pua Pezario, & Son – Kainoa Pezario →



Remember those warm toasty blankets they used give you? Now they give you mylar!

Your Newsletter editor had a total knee replacement done Nov. 2, 2018. This photo was taken just prior to going into surgery. Six months later and I'm good to go! Woo Hoo! Hugs & Aloha, Denise Smith



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, nor the place of the organization, were 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 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 your 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 hoped 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 needed 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 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 of 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 lives.
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 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 Person". May we all work at doing our best at making FCE the best it can be for the organization and for each member.

From Hawaii via OregonTim and I love our life in Oregon. It has been a good move and we have been doing a good number of road trips...long and short, north and south! Next week we will take Lexi and Bailey (our Shih-Tzus) and go east for 20 days! They love car rides and are well behaved in the hotel room.

Our "baby" Shelly is 18 and pretty independent. Has her own car, full time job, and handling life with good work ethics and compassion. The three older kids are totally on their own and still in Hawaii. Chris and Hanae have 2 daughters, ages 6 and 11. Cami and Randy have 1 son, age 14. And Christen and Derek's daughters are 15 and 19. Miss all of them!

My mom (96) is currently with my sister in Texas. I will meet them in Las Vegas in May and bring Mom home with me for the summer.

I continue to do the Hawaii FCE Annual Report and this year I serve as Leadership Education Chair on the state Board. I finally recovered from a crushed fingertip bone (freak accident with my office door!) So have just this month started back to playing tennis M-F and will start back to ukulele and hula once my teacher is recovered from knee surgery. I am active at my church as a lector and cup minister. Tim's been busy building a sauna out back. He tilled the garden

beds and we planted the tomatoes, cucumbers, green onions, bell peppers and pineapple tops (2). The potatoes continue to flourish and the strawberries and blueberries are flowering along with the peach tree! The artichoke plants will be ready to set its artichokes soon. Spring is here and the daffodils have been blooming like crazy!!

Oarlene Wingate

National FCE President 1995-1996-1997

Bonnie Teeples (ORFCE) (center) was elected to the position of USA Area President for ACWW. She & husband Scott (left) at the Triennial in Melbourne, Australia. Congratulations, Bonnie!! →



Margaret Polen's granddaughter, Haley, helped with the Zero Hunger Challenge. This is an ACWW Project and National FCE is participating.

← Small water bottles hold dimes—nearly \$100 worth. Contact Margaret or National FCE for more information.

The poster that goes with brochures and water bottles. →





NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM-2019

(TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Years served (optional) _____

NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI DUES (Due September 1st) \$25 per year \$ _____

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".

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donation

\$ _____

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: \$ _____

ALUMNI MEMBER SIGNATURE





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Family & Community Education

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NAFCE 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 NAFCE. A list of honorees and donors will be listed in the "FCE Today" newsletter; however, the amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

\$ _____ **Gift in Honor of:** Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ zip _____

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Send acknowledgement to: _____
Address _____
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Please make check payable to: **NAFCE**
and mail this form with your gift to: National FCE Headquarters
73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106
Florence, KY 41042

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for FAMILY and COMMUNITY EDUCATION
A 501(C) 3 Organization



Together, We will make a difference

Our Values:

We believe that every PERSON can make a difference

WE believe in supporting philanthropic work that will effect positive change in the lives of our members, their families, and their communities

Our Vision:

We desire to secure the National Association for Family and Community Education for generations to come. The goal is to build "The Legacy," a fund that will stabilize National FCE fiscally, and in time, assist participating states through grants awarded by the National organization. Hopefully "The Legacy" will continue to build, as we continue on our pathway of life in FCE.

Estate Planning:

It is the accumulation, management, conservation and transfer of wealth considering legal, tax, and personal objectives. It is about planning for risks; risks of untimely death and its consequences, ill health, artificially sustaining life, immaturity of heirs and application of state intestacy rules. It can be very complex, so much so that it will be our job to direct you to the experts.

What kind of legacy do you want to leave for your loved ones? THINK ABOUT IT.

Only 30% have one. DO YOU???

Seven out of ten adults nationally fail to execute their right to a will. As a result, family members and friends, unnecessarily lose millions perhaps billions of dollars because people don't plan ahead. If you don't have a will, and/or a plan of where you want your asset distributed when you die, then your estate will likely, go through a court-assisted probate and the state where you live may share in your assets.

To get started on a will, first think "who do you want to leave your estate to?"

Think of your family first, a friend perhaps, your church, a school, an organization or whoever you feel deserves a portion of your estate. We hope that when the time comes you will think of "The Legacy" as those who come after you work to carry on what you have helped build.

Thank you for your consideration of "The Legacy"

"The Legacy" Committee

Lynn Maples

Bob Hannon

National FCE Executive Committee

Please feel free to contact us if you need assistance.

National Assoc. for Family and Community Education

Headquarters: 73 Cavalier Blvd. Ste. 106, Florence, Kentucky 41042-5178

Adopted 7/16/2016



HELP US BUILD AN FCE LEGACY

100% of your Legacy donation will be deposited into an account that will help reduce the cost of operating FCE nationally in the years to come.

A few years ago, members sent in dues money to help run the national organization. A total of \$106,848 during the 2012/2013 year.

Dues Income for the 2014/2015 year was budgeted at \$95,000, a drop of \$10,000, in two years. As membership goes down, the dues income goes down, which hurts the organization.

WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

YES, I want to be part of building a LEGACY whereby the interest from the fund will be used to maintain the quality of my organization, locally and nationally. Only a percentage of the interest from the fund will be used to benefit FCE, and will continue to assist the generations that come after me.

CREATE A LEGACY AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE 400 CLUB

- 1. Make a one-time gift to the Legacy fund of \$5000 dollars
- 2. Donate \$1000 per year for 5 years for a total of \$5000 dollars
- 3. Donate \$84 per month for 59 months and one last donation of \$44 dollars for a total of \$5000.
- 4. Donations can be made to The Legacy in any denomination you would like, until you reach the \$5000.

Donor name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NATIONAL FCE with THE LEGACY in the memo line.
MAIL TO - NATIONAL FCE HQ. 73 CAVALIER BLVD. #106 – FLORENCE, KY 41042**

Your information is for donor recognition materials & communication purposes only. We respect your privacy and will not share this information without your approval. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you for your I.R.S. records.

Yes _____ You may use my name in your donor recognition materials

No _____ Please do not include my name

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