



# TAFCE Connection

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### *A Note from your President....*

I want to wish each of you a New Year full of love.

The following are ways that we might expand on the remarkable community work being conducted by FCE clubs across the state. It might also help us to add new members to our organization.

I have talked to several FCE members who in one way or another have been effected by the Opioid Crisis in our state. I asked how can FCE help? Education seems to be the answer and the DEA Take Back Program is one way we can help educate. Please give me your suggestions as this will be our “highlighted program” during 2019.

I was introduced to the 917 Society whose aim is to get a copy of the constitution in the hands of each 8<sup>th</sup> grader in our state. What a great education program and we can help either by delivering copies to local teachers who have requested them (there is no charge for the books) or by donating money to help with the publishing costs. Wilson County FCE, my home program, had the opportunity to hear from the founder and was eager to help. We decided that donating money and contacting elected officials to promote the program was how we could help.

NAFCE’s program this year is “Zero Hunger” and I think that TAFCE can help locally by supporting the Backpack Program (which gets food to children who would otherwise have none when school is not in session).

As we bring FCE into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we might want to look at having some Virtual Clubs. We want our organization to grow and this might be one way. Virtual classes are available to many today. Some may say, “But how would they have a program?” and I suggest they are already doing that with YouTube, Pinterest and online education.

It is my honor to serve as your president but this is your organization and in order to know what you want, I need to hear from you. So please let me know your ideas and suggestions for TAFCE.

*TAFCE President* **Wanda Briddelle**

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Remember these are “State” deadlines,**  
NOT Region or County.

Jan. 3	TAFCE Board Meeting via “Zoom” at 9:00 a.m. Central Time
Feb. 5	Heart of FCE to President
Feb. 15	State Project Reports to President
Feb. 15	Spirit of FCL Nominations to Pres.
Mar. 2	Character Counts winners to Pres.
Mar. 2	Read Across America
Apr. 1	FCL Applications to VP for PP
Apr. 15	State Scholarship applications to Pam Sites
Apr. 15	Project Brochures due to NAFCE
Apr. 23-24	State Board meeting—Lebanon
Apr. 24-25	FCL Class Training—Lebanon
April 27	Drug Take Back (NEW) DEATakeBack.com





### State Conference 2019 Report Charlene Budd

Thank you to the many people who raised those 'helium arms' at the Region breakfast, and agreed to be chair of a committee. After conference is over next year, you will be so thankful and feel so Blessed for having done so. To those reading the newsletter, and have not yet volunteered to help, the Committee Chairs would be more than happy for you to call or email with your offer to help. Being a hostess, volunteering to help in the Gift shop or Hospitality Room are where the majority of volunteers are needed. If you feel so inclined, you may want to teach a craft class, a walk-in (mini creative session), or a Learning/Educational session. The Committee Chairs are:

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**WE'RE GETTING FIRED UP FOR FCE!!!!!! ARE YOU?????**

**Charlene Budd, 2019 Conference Chair**

### VP for Public Policy: Diane Uher

FCE made Tennessee a home for me. When I moved to Tennessee ten years ago from Las Vegas, I did not know anyone, I did not have my career and I did not have racquetball.

Through FCE I discovered the rewards of community involvement. My community involvement includes: teaching free arthritis exercise classes at the Selmer Community Center; being Vice President of the Community Advisory Board; serving as coordinator of the League of Extraordinary Teens (LOET); and overseeing the production of the McNairy County Imagination Library calendar. All of these activities and others emerged from my FCE involvement.

My FCE involvement led to the development of new friendships with people who I greatly respect. I consider myself blessed.

When I was asked to run for TAFCE Vice President for Public Policy, I said yes for two reasons. First, I strongly believe women need to develop leadership skills and become active members in their communities. Second, volunteerism strengthens the community by seeing and meeting the needs of the community members. Leadership and volunteerism strengthen our communities, state and nation by uniting us with common goals.



### VP for Program: Pam Sites

I have been married to my husband Dale for 47 years. We have two beautiful daughters, two wonderful grandsons and we have lived in 13 different residences.

I graduated from WVU (West Virginia University) with a degree in Home Economics. I worked in banking where I was a teller. I worked my way up to position of senior customer service which was also known as assistant branch manager. After moving to Tennessee in 2003, I worked for H&R Block and HA Beasley providing tax preparation services to clients. I am now officially retired.

I have several hobbies that I love. I have always loved to learn new things and reading. Since I have been in Tennessee I have joined two book clubs which have kept me busy reading books I would not otherwise read.

In 2004 I joined the Northridge FCE club inutherford county. I have served in various positions of leadership at Club, County, Region, and TAFCE State levels. I am one of the Tennessee State Master Food Volunteers where I teach food preparation and canning classes



**EASTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:**  
Kay Baker



My husband, Ralph and I just celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September. We have two daughters and sons-in-law: Melissa and Jay Studebaker of Summerfield, NC and Vanessa and Allen Cheek of Johnson City, TN. We have

been blessed with three grandchildren: Isaac Studebaker of Greenville, SC, Claire Studebaker of Columbia, SC and John Morgan Cheek of Johnson City, TN.

I have been in FCE for over 47 years. In 1972 my friend, Pearl Pope, and I decided our local community would benefit by having a Home Demonstration Club. Pearl and I organized and became charter members of Indian Springs Home Demonstration Club. Though Pearl passed away 28 years ago, the club, now called Indian Springs FCE Club is still in full swing.

I have been active not only on the local level but on all levels of FCE over the past 47 years. Listed are some of the positions in which I have worked and served in FCE and my community.

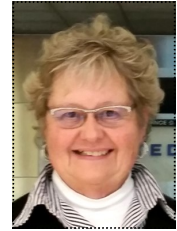
Sullivan County FCE Board, 6 years  
District V and Eastern Region FCE Board, 4 years  
Tennessee State FCE Board, 9 years  
FCE Nation Board as Atlantic Region Public Policy Coordinator, 3 years  
FCL National Certified Leader, 2000  
FCL National Certified Trainer, 2002  
Received Eastern Region FCE for Excellence Award, 2008  
Received TAFCE Executive Alumni Award  
National FCE Alumni  
Named Tennessee FCE Best of Best, 2003  
Received Heart of FCE Award  
Attended Eastern Region FCE Camp many years  
Attended Tennessee State FCE Conference, 35 years  
Attended 13 National FCE Conferences held in North Dakota, New Mexico, Oregon, Missouri (2), Vermont, Nebraska, Michigan, Kentucky, Virginia (2), Tennessee (2)

**Treasurer: Brenda Johns**

**No Information Recieved**

**SECRETARY: Sarah Zepotocky**

Sarah has been a member in FCE for many years but took a break for a little while and went to work. After several years working she came resumed activity in FCE. She has served as an officer in her local Almadale fce club for several years as well as an officer in our County Council and on the FCE State Board. She enjoys the fellowship and making new friends state wide. She learned so much and benefited by being a FCE member. When she is not busy with FCE she enjoy life. She cycles on her bike, she is a musician playing somewhere, teaching Martial Artist or doing crafts. She also enjoys fiber arts, making jewelry, glass mosaics and ect. Life is full of things to learn and enjoy!



**CENTRAL REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:**  
Crystal Holt

I am married to my wonderful husband and best friend Waylon for 16 years. We have two children Cassidy (16) and Sheylene (10) who are very active in many activities. I have been an FCE member for 13 years. I have held offices at my local level along with regional and state levels. I am currently the ITT/ Communications Chair for our TAFCE Board and also Membership/Communications on the Central Region TAFCE Board. I love being a member of FCE and meeting new people all over the state of Tennessee.



I love to travel, cruise and go to Disney with my family. I also enjoy playing softball and volleyball. I am currently a resident of Putnam County with my husband and two children.

I look forward to serving on both Central Region and State Boards this year.

*...Crystal Holt, ITT Communications*

**Newsletter Deadlines**

February Issue—February 5th

May Issue—May 5th

September Issue—September 5th

Send Newsletter articles via email to the  
Educational Chair Crystal Holt





#### WESTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR Ester Button



I'm married to Jim Button. We moved to TN from TX in Sept. 2003. I love crafting of all kinds. I do a little of every thing , like electrical, plumbing, pipe fitting, sheet rock, painting, carpentry, yard work, ect... the list goes on. Just Master of none.

I was introduced to FCE by a church member in 2004, Friendship McKinnon. Since then I've done Cultural Arts, CVU's, and have also served as VP locally. I have also helped with Cultural Arts in the Western Region. I've worked at the County Fair and also helped with Relay for Life in my community.

I was introduced to TAFCE by one of the club members. Debbie Schmidt, who is a FCE member that started the Quilt Trail in Houston County. I have volunteered to help paint, and hang the Quilts for this event. I love helping others.

I've taken pictures at TAFCE Conferences highlighting all the events that conference offers. I have attended, graduated and gone back to teach at FCL in Lebanon. I have helped with TAFCE Cultural Arts at state conference and also taught and helped with several craft classes and other classes at TAFCE Conferences.

#### UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR Dr. Martha Keel



Dr. Keel became a state advisor to the TAFCE Board of Directors in 2000 while she was acting Assistant Dean for UT Extension Family and Consumer Sciences (a temporary, one-year appointment.) She has remained as state advisor since that time. Her career with UT Extension was as Professor of Housing and Environmental Health. Programs include Healthy Homes, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, Home Energy, and Children's Environmental Health. Dr. Keel has also provided leadership to the Line and Design project for 4-H. She is a strong supporter of TAFCE not only as an advisor but has also developed many TAFCE educational lessons throughout her career.

#### EASTERN REGION PRESIDENT'S REPORT Gloria Holcomb



I moved to E TN from San Francisco Bay Area in 2000 when I married my husband who came back to his homeplace to care for his father who was ill. Since then we have moved from the homeplace in Knox County and have build a house on Norris Lake in Union County.

I lived in Northern England (Robin Hood's area) for four years. My mother was a war bride and married my father while he was stationed in England in WWII. I am the oldest of four children I taught elementary school in CA for 27 years in a school district with children who spoke 60 different languages. I loved working with all of the students and learned so much from all of them who shared their cultures with me. I became an administrator for my last four years before moving to Knox County..

I enjoyed a very active outdoor life of summer water skiing, winter snow skiing, dancing, aerobics, houseboating, camping and traveling. When we moved to Union County, I became concerned about my sedentary retirement lifestyle. I had been involved in several charitable and other organizations before moving to TN. I became a member of two local FCE clubs eight years ago and became involved with Imagination Library, our annual Heritage Festival, annual Student Art Exhibit and Contest, our county Arts Council and Art on Main Festival, Union County Historical Society, and our annual Under the Tree toys for children drive every November and December. My life has become so full that I barely have time to relax now.

I enjoy traveling back to CA to see family and friends. I have two children and four grandchildren who fill my life with FaceTime visits when we are not together. I love the beauty of E TN hills and lakes but miss everyone "back home".

*...Gloria Holcomb, President*



### WESTERN REGION PRESIDENT Barbara Beeman

As a 7th generation Tennessean, I was born a volunteer and have been all my life. After graduating college, I lived out of state for 16 years, but when I returned to TN to live in Clarksville, a friend from my Nashville high school and member of the church I was attending opened for me a door to a fellowship of continuing education and service at my first meeting of the Hillwood Home Demonstration Club. I have been a member for 40 years and am standing on the shoulders of some dynamic women. After we became Extension Homemakers, I was pleased with the leadership of our first TEHC President Verna Thompson. As I was growing in the organization, I served as club president and then Montgomery County President and then Treasurer. Our third TEHC President Darlene Branham asked me to serve as State Chairman of the Gift of Life Program and then Public Relations Chair. During that time my county project was recycling, and we had also been involved with then Senator Al Gore's waste management initiative. I asked permission to submit a state report on environment, based on my county report. TN won the first two national awards in Environment! During that time, along with my county agent Martha Pile, I was also trained by the Arthritis Foundation to teach their self help course. I taught that course for several years. A few years later I was elected TEHC Vice President for Public Policy under President Pam Jones. Then we began the transition to FCE. My next mentor was TAFCE President Myra Storey who shared the hotel room of the Montgomery County delegation to NAFCE conference. She encouraged me to run for TAFCE President from then District II. I became President-elect at conference in 2003. During my term as President-elect UT Extension transitioned from four districts to three regions. Because My county was moved to the Western Region, I also joined a Cheatham County FCE Club during my term. In 2007 I was elected to the NAFCE board as Public Policy Coordinator. During that three year term, I authored two FCL programs and two Hearthfires. My FCL experience actually began with the original FCL institutes, and I am a certified trainer. I have helped lead a number of FCL trainings, including one in public housing. In fact, one of my goals as Western Region President is that every FCL graduate will use her skills for serving in leadership positions in club, community, region, and state. Currently I am also Director of Staffing for the Smith Trahern Mansion, Home of FCE, in Clarksville. I have been involved with this project for 35 years.

### CENTRAL REGION PRESIDENT Emily Gordon



I am the Welcome Wagon Greeter for Marshall County, my second home business is doTERRA Essential Oils, I have been our church pianist for 33 years.

A little of my story, I'm a 30 year retired educator. Together my husband and I have five children, eight grandchildren, and two great grands. After caring for ailing parents, I needed a reason to be. The door that the Lord opened was to the Senior Center the day that fce was holding their Cultural Arts Day. The lady at the head table invited me to their meeting the next week. I went and I was hooked. I enjoy the craft classes and the friendly competition that Cultural Arts affords. I love that the CVU's give value to my volunteer hours. And, I am grateful for the circle of friends that makes me laugh, that offers their support when I need them, and that loves me just the way I am!

*—Emily Gordon, President*

### UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR



Lynn Brookins serves as Regional Program Leader for 31 counties in West Tennessee. She provides leadership and programmatic guidance for Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H programming the Western Region. She has twenty five years' of experience working with 4-H youth, volunteers, families, and professionals. She is known for encouraging agents to pursue professional development and innovative programs. She is recognized by her peers as an experienced leader who promotes teamwork among staff.



## UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR

**Dr. Laura Stephenson's career with Cooperative Extension has included County agent, District Director, Assistant Director for FCS Extension Field Programs and currently University of Tennessee Assistant Dean. She currently provides leadership of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programming that include 102 county educators, 59 program assistants, 9 faculty and 25 professional staff. She is a strong advocate for leadership development to build the capacity of local leaders to be active in their communities.**



Best wishes for the New Year!

*Laura Stephenson  
Assistant Dean*

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