



President's Tidbits

We saw so many pieces come together in 2018 to form success. We started the year off with lots of County Council Officers and interested members attending Information Day in Murfreesboro. This is where Planners, CVU seals, Membership Cards, and Leader Lessons were received to bring back to all Central Region Counties. Leadership Retreat was a big hit with exciting craft classes and great speakers. Our Annual Meeting in September was full of exciting material including bylaws revisions, officer elections and winners from Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue galore! TAFCE State Conference was so much fun. Please get involved, it makes the big picture so much more understandable and rewarding.

Central Region will be in the spotlight this year as we host the State Conference at the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott. Keep your ears open as to how you can help. Get your club plugged into a committee and get to work.

I'm excited to work with your 2019 Board. Please send suggestions to any member that you feel would make 'fce-The Perfect Fit', we will certainly listen.

Oh, and don't forget to invite me to your county, I want to see fce on the local level!

Emily Gordon
TAFCE Central Region President

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller



IMPORTANT



- **JAN 18TH**
REGIONAL INFORMATION DAY
MURFREESBORO, TN
- **JAN 25TH**
INFO DAY SNOW DATE
- **JAN 30TH**
STATE PROJECT REPORTS DUE
TO STATE VP OF PROGRAMS
- **FEB 1ST**
HEART OF FCE NOMINATIONS
DUE TO REG. PRES. EMILY
GORDON
- **FEB 15TH**
LEADERSHIP RETREAT INSTRUCTOR
FORMS DUE TO REGIONAL
ED. CHAIR
- **Nov 17-20**
TAFCE STATE CONFERENCE
FRANKLIN COOL SRPGS
MARRIOTT

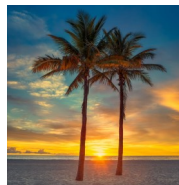
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TAFCE Central Region fce



Last year Wilson County took home the table decorating contest trophy at Regional Meeting in September. Who will take it home this year? Remember team work is what makes your creations memorable.

**This year's THEME will be
fce on Vacation!**



Has your county added new members?
Make a goal this month to invite a new person to your club meetings. Make sure you keep guest engaged so that they will feel like part of the meeting and want to come back to another one.

Save The Date

May 29-31

CR Retreat @ TTU is
right around the corner.

Please Contact Karen Hughes if
you are interested in teaching a
marketable skill or educational/
craft class.

Karen Hughes

317-397-6920

fceretreat@gmail.com

All dates, forms, contacts and information can be found on the TAFCE Website.

WWW.TAFCE.ORG

**TAFCE State Conference
Chair People Contact Info.**
Please contact if you would
like to volunteer.

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County Spot Light

Smith County Extension held their First Annual Riverside Barn Sale in early November. Smith County FCE was instrumental in making this event a success for 4-H, FCS, and FCE programming. FCE members donated their time and decorations to decorate Smith County Ag Center. In addition three FCE members were vendors showcasing their many talents, and of course many other members came to shop, eat, and have fun at the event. All 164 members contributed to this event in some way. The tree shown is one that was decorated for the barn sale.



Valentine's Day is right around the corner and every year Smith County FCE holds their Chocolate Extravaganza. In the past Smith County FCE has donated over \$5,000 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Last year the County Council chose to donate the proceeds to an after school program for 7th-12th graders as well as other non-profits in the county. This year's proceeds will benefit local non-profits.

All nine FCE clubs contribute more than five dozen different kinds of chocolate goodies to this event. Chocolate lovers in the community look forward every year to participating. FCE members work diligently to make sure everything runs smoothly. Individuals are provided a box to fill with a variety of goodies for only \$5.00. The only stipulation is that the box has to close completely. For more information on this event contact Mary Parker Draper at UT Extension, Smith County at 615-735-2900. Chocolate covered strawberries are always a favorite at the Chocolate extravaganza.



Officer Spotlight

Mary Alice Weber: CR President Elect

Mary Alice would like to thank her husband Gail, of 48 years, for supporting her in this new responsibility. They have 2 children, 4 grands, and 2 step-grands. They are blessed with a brand new home in rural Pimm Springs, TN. Raised on a dairy farm in northern Indiana, Mary Alice was an honor club 4-Her. She is a retired physical therapist of 42 years who worked in a variety of settings; pediatrics was her favorite. She graduated from IU/PUI (Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis) with a B.S. in Physical Therapy.



A variety of hobbies interest Mary Alice: huck weaving, sewing, quilting, genealogy, and collecting all things vintage/Santas. She creates fce Facebook posts and writes fce news articles for her local newspaper. She is a member of Franklin First United Methodist Church and participates in Sewing Sisters. She is also a member of Fairview Stitches (an intergenerational group of knitters/crocheters) and Friends of the Fairview Public Library.

Mary Alice is a 10 year fce member and recently served as the TAFCE Central Region Membership/ Communication chairperson. She was a member of the planning committee for the Williamson County Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11, 2018. Other offices held included VP for Public Policy and Secretary at the Central Region level; county council president and secretary; and president, VP for Programs, and Secretary in her local club. She is eager to follow, listen and learn all she can about the presidency from Emily this year.

IMPORTANT



- **MARCH 1**
CHARACTER COUNTS
DUE TO STATE PRESIDENT.
- **MARCH 2** READ
ACROSS AMERICA DR.
SEUSS DAY
- **MARCH 4** FCL
APPLICATIONS DUE TO
REGION VP PUBLIC
POLICY

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