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Message from OEAFCS President

Improving lives, that is what we do! We extend knowledge and provide solutions. We are better than Google. We are local. We are trustworthy. We are reliable and relevant. We provide a quick, rapid response and we have "street credit".

As we left the OEAFCS conference two years ago, I challenged each of you to "Work Out Loud". Thank you for taking that challenge. I see and hear more about what we are doing across the state. Let's continue to make it a part of all our programming efforts. FCS is making a positive difference in the lives of Oklahomans.

Thank you to those who step up and volunteer each time I have sent out a request for needing volunteers to help with various tasks. Oklahoma is well represented on the committee to select the sessions for the 2018 NEAFCS Annual meeting. We have 14 who volunteered to review award applications on the National level. If you have not volunteered to serve or help on the National level, I encourage you to do so. I have always gained new ideas and learned about Extension programs across the United States. It does not mean you have to travel anywhere. Most of the work is done through emails and online. Visit the NEAFCS website and join a committee. You will also find opportunities to volunteer by reading the eNEAFCS Network.

San Antonio Texas will be the site of the 2018 NEAFCS Annual Session. Information is posted on NEAFCS website and Facebook pages. It will be another great conference to network, gain ideas, and learn about programming in other states. Have you been reading the NEAFCS newsletter and looking for the Texas star?

I am looking forward to the 2018 OEAFCS Annual Meeting. Cheryl Lively and her committee have been diligently preparing for this meeting. I hope you will be able to join us for an opportunity to network with fellow members from across the state.

Sincerely,
Kathy Enyart
OEAFCS State President



Kathy Enyart
OEAFCS President
Ottawa County FCS/CED

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"The Oklahoma & National Extension Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences educate its professionals to empower individuals and families to make informed decisions."

A Message from Dr. Atilés



Dr. Jorge H. Atilés
Associate Dean,
Extension &
Engagement

Dear OEAFCs members:

I bring you news from the federal partner USDA NIFA. This agency under the new administration has fine-tuned its online presence and articulated its goals. Of the six main goals, two are clearly related to the Family and Consumer Sciences. These are: a) Combat childhood obesity by ensuring the availability of affordable, nutritious, and safe food and providing individuals and families science-based nutritional guidance and b) Ensure the development of human capital, communities, and a diverse workforce (<https://nifa.usda.gov/who-we-are>).

There is a lot of discussion nationally about the future of many programs that impact our work and field of study. We are actively participating in those discussions and the work that you do and its impact helps us better advocate for our role in the future. I look forward to the April statewide conference and hope that you have been able to show Dr. Damona Doye how your programs are going during her state tour this year. Thank you for your hard work.

Dr. Jorge H. Atilés
Associate Dean, Extension & Engagement

Public Affairs



Lynda Latta
Vice President of Public Affairs



I am so excited to see the results of Living Well Campaign. A total of seventeen accepted the challenge and three lucky names will be drawn at the OEAFCs Conference as winners of the Fitbit prizes.

As discussed at the January meeting, changes in the district lines by OCES required a Constitution and By-laws change for OEAFCs. Plus it was discussed to change the Director title to District Representative. Therefore I am giving each member a 30 day notice of a proposed change and required vote to a membership at the OEAFCs Conference business meeting to be held in April.

Article V-Officers

Section I- A. The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President for Public Affairs, Vice-President for Professional Development, Vice-President for Member Resources, Vice-President for Awards and Recognition, Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, Treasurer-Elect and **Director District Representative** from each of the OCES districts.

Section 2. Qualifications

B. The elected officer of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **Director District Representative** must be:

C. The president shall be selected from any of the past elected officers of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or **Director District Representative**.

Section 3. Term of Office

C. The **Director District Representative** from the Northeast and Southeast shall be elected on the even years, and the **Southwest and Northwest West District** on the odd years. The **Director District Representative** shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting the year they are elected.

Section 4. Vacancy of Office

B. All other vacancies except **Director District Representative** shall be filled by appointment by the President with executive board approval.

C. A **Director-District Representative** may be appointed by President to serve until the first district meeting of members in that district at which time the vacancy will be filled by election by a quorum of members from that district.

Article VI—Duties of Office

Section 1.

F. Work with Association officers and **district director's representative's** in coordinating their efforts in carrying out the organization's objectives and program.

Section 4. The Duties of the Treasurer shall be:

B. To keep a record of the names of active members and sent current copies to President, Vice-President, Secretary, **District Directors Representatives**, and others on request.

Section 5. Duties of the **Directors District Representative** shall be:

Article VII Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Elected Officers; President, Vice-Presidents; Secretary; Treasurer; **District Directors Representatives**; Immediate Past President; Officers Elect; Historian; Chaplain; and appointed officers.

Article IX—Meetings

Section 3. 9. **District Directors Representative**— starting with the **District Director-Representative** in the district of the President and rotating clockwise.

President Elect

JCEP Conference



The Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference in Orlando, Florida was like a shot in the arm of energy. I have been in Extension work for 29 years, but needed this conference to rejuvenate me and the passion that I have for working with people.

The speaker, Mr. Dave Mitchell, was an outstanding choice. When you work with people, it is important to understand how they react to certain situations and how they see things. You have to have a good team and be able to work with each other, and work through differences. Mr. Mitchell was very good at explaining the power of understanding people and how and why they react the way they do. I was very impressed that he was willing to share his materials with us too. I know he has worked with all types and he explained each type very well and how they react to situations.

While at JCEP, I attended some really good workshops. They dealt with social media and how we can use it to our benefit. The most important part of our job is the personal touch, and I don't want social media to take that away. But I think we can use it to draw people to our services and sites and help us meet needs. Social media is a tool that we have to learn to use, or we are going to be left behind. We have to be ready to tackle the new and accept change as it comes.

Two of my favorite things at JCEP were the NEAFCS association meetings. Sharing our story from our state and hearing others was very beneficially to me. I heard some of the problems and some of the same successes. But what I mostly heard, was a group of educators that love their job and the impact they make. Although some people don't know who we are and we don't make great pay, there wasn't a person in there that didn't love what they do

Like I said earlier, "Attending JCEP was like getting a shot of energy and purpose back in my body. It made me proud to be an Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Professional and to work with each and every one of you as we help the people of the great state of Oklahoma.



Radonna Sawatzky
President Elect

Awards and Recognition



Diana Ramono
VP for Reports
and Awards



I want to thank those who submitted an award application. We had 38 awards applications this year; each one reflected the high quality programming extension offers in Oklahoma. They were all excellent applications – 22 of them were sent to compete for regional and national awards.

The state winners will be announced at the OEAFCs Awards Banquet on Friday April 27th. Please start thinking about submitting an award application for next year and remember to always read the awards manual first.

Past President



News from Past President—Sonya McDaniel

Here are the nominations for OEAFCs Officers.

Secretary Elect – Dana Baldwin
Member Resources – Lynda Latta
Public Affairs – Racheal Lockwood

I will have officer profiles available before the meeting.

Treasurer's Report



Submitted by
Kristy Spalding
FCS/4-H Youth Dev. & CED

Treasurer's Report
Oklahoma has 63 OEAFCs/NEAFCS Members.

51 regular members
11 dual members
1 new member

NE District

Submitted by
Trinity Brown

The Northeast District has had a great year! We had our Fall FCS District Meeting on November 15th at Pawhuska, OK. Our meeting started out at the Osage County Fairgrounds with lots of fun, interactive activities. After getting acquainted, we received some updated news from Brenda Miller, Northeast FCS Specialist and Randy Pirtle Northeast District Director. Lisa Bryant, Extension Business Development Coordinator and Leslie Browand, WBC Coordinator, REI were our guest speakers and gave us lots of good information on Community Development Resources. Lunch was catered by Ah Tha Tse "We Eat". From there, half of us took a tour of downtown Pawhuska with local shopping and visiting the Pioneer Woman Mercantile, while the other half went to visit the Pioneer Woman Lodge and then the groups rotated. We had a great time! I would like to thank my committee members, Donna Robbins, Brenda Medlock, Melody Ennis, April Cole, Virginia Stanley, Tari Lee, Michelle Bonicelli, and Brenda Miller for making the meeting a success.

Melanie Taylor's son, Reed (22), will be graduating next month from NSU with a degree in History and moving to South Dakota end of January to be a park ranger at Mount Rushmore. He has worked the past three summers for the National Park Service and they have offered him a full-time job after graduation. Her daughter, Lizzie (19), and her husband Gary, gave Melanie her first

grandbaby, Adleigh Jo, on September 20th. She weighed 9lbs 4.7 oz. and was 20.2 inches long. Gary deployed when she was 3 weeks old and Lizzie and Addi moved back to Oklahoma to be with us until next summer. Carsen (7) and Maggie (6) are keeping her super busy with baseball, football, basketball, girl scouts, etc... They also bought a food truck and started a food truck/catering business in May, Taylor Made BBQ which is taking up so very much of their time now!

Jessica Riggins passed her thesis defense on November 2nd, which means she will have completed the requirements for her Master's degree in nutrition! She will be completing her RD practice hours starting January 8th.

Dea Rash's daughter, Kendra, is living in New York City near Times Square and she loves it! She has adjusted very well to the big city life. If you are going to NYC and need a tour guide, she's your person! Her other daughter, Madison, graduated from OSU in May, 2017 with a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and she is currently teaching FACS at Norman High School. She is engaged to Hayden Welch and they will be married on June 2, 2018 in Ponca City, OK.

On August 8th, Jan and Mark Maples celebrated 30 years of marriage. Their son, Joshua, will be receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with a major in Plant and Soil Sciences. Josh will begin his Master's Degree in January.

Kathy Enyart received the Distinguished Service Award at NEAFCS and many educators from NE District were a part of the Co-Parenting Team that received 3rd place recognition at NEAFCS. Kathy has also taken on a new title of becoming a Grammy on May 24th when my granddaughter Emory Lyn Young was born.

Cynthia Klumpp, FCS/4-H & ICED in Logan County. Daughter Elizabeth Klumpp is attending school at OSU and majoring in Architectural Engineering. Elizabeth received a significant scholarship based on her academic record and ACT score, we are so proud of her accomplishments.

Trinity Brown and Dea Rash received a CE-FCS Ambassador's grant this year to work with the two counties to teach canning with new canning technology. Trinity has been busy with her kids this year. Taelor, who is a Junior this year, completed in the local Distinguished Young Woman and placed First Runner-up; she also was the State Runner-Up in the 2A Track Shotput event. She is active in Softball and Basketball as well. Maelee who is in 3rd grade has been very busy with her dancing where she does tap, ballet, jazz and acro. This is Maelee's first year in 4-H and she is having the best time! Kensley who is in Kindergarten is always ready to learn. She is doing very well in school and sometimes thinks she is the teacher! She has a hard time understanding why her big sisters get to do things that she cannot yet do!

NW District

Submitted by
Jean Bailey

The Northwest District has eleven members at this time. We welcome one new member to our organization – Lindy Hoel, FCS Extension Educator in Kingfisher County.

Our district annual fall in-service was held in Woodward in conjunction with the "*Cash in on Quilt Trails: . . . An Affordable Path to Stimulating Rural Economies*" conference. The two day event started with a slide show presentation on barn quilts by Suzi Parron. After lunch there were presentations given by: Stacy R. Tomas, assistant professor school of hospitality and tourism management OSU; and Deb Firebaugh, administrative assistant Cowley First-Cowley County Economic Development. Participants then received a map of barn quilts in Woodward, Ellis, and Dewey Counties. Small groups drove around to explore the barn quilts listed on the map. On the second day NW district OEAFC members enjoyed a luncheon meeting with updates from Cindy Conner. Afterwards, Suzi Parron led a workshop and everyone painted a two foot by two foot barn quilt.

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Lesa Rauh reports that since then a Barn Quilt Trail committee has formed in Garfield County and plans are being made for a spring fundraiser and awareness event. I received the Francis Tuttle Visionary Leadership Fellowship from the College of Education. It provides \$5000 toward college tuition.

Susan Holliday is now serving as FCS educator for Woods and Alfalfa counties. Jean Bailey is serving as FCS educator for Harper County.

On a personal side: Dana Baldwin's oldest son, Cody graduated this past August with a degree in Automotive Technology and is employed at Jensen's Inc. in Fairview. Her youngest son, Calen will graduate from Fairview High School this May and plans to attend SWOSU in Weatherford to pursue a degree in music education

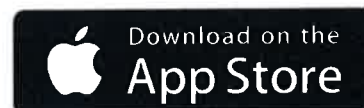
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