

KEAFCS

Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Greetings from the President

Ethel Schneweis, 2018 KEAFCS President

Thank you all for allowing me to be your representative at the PILD in Washington D.C. this year. This was a great opportunity to learn more about extension and network. I applied for the scholarship from National and submitted a few short paragraphs on what I learned at the meeting. This may be included in future NEAFCS newsletters



I hope you are considering attending the NEAFCS Annual conference in San Antonio, Texas in September. Look for additional information within the newsletter. We will all have an opportunity to connect with old and new friends during the Conference. Registration will be available soon on the national website. NEAFCS just last week announced they will have two new scholarships for Annual Session in San Antonio this year! New benefits include first timer annual session registration scholarships, one free annual registration per affiliate (president or a designee), a small stipend for concurrent session and poster session speakers, and a free annual session registration to be awarded to the App winner. More information on the speaker stipends will be provided in the proposal acceptance letters. Additional information on the App winner will be forthcoming. Watch the NEAFCS website - www.neafcs.org for updated information. For those who completed the member survey after last year's meeting, thank you. Your responses helped National to decide to provide these member benefits.

Consider attending one of the Pre-Conference workshops prior to the national meeting. All three are very timely topics and current and past colleagues are listed as presenters. I know I will definitely be attending one of them.

If you are considering attending, be sure to book your hotel soon, even if you are not sure who your roommate might be. This year National is

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SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

due May 15

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offering Roommate matching. If you are interested, check the website. Please let Susan Johnson, President Elect, and/or your area counselor know you are planning to attend, they can also possibly help with roommates. Susan will also be arranging for our States Night Out. I look forward to attending with all that are able to join us in Texas.

Don't forget if this will be your first time attending, we have the First Timer's Scholarship which you can apply for. This is due on May 15. We also have two additional scholarships opportunities and our Friend of FCS award.

One last comment. If you have not had a chance to look at the NEAFCS Impact 2018 reports, <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/impact-statements> take a few minutes to read what other states and our own colleagues are doing across the nation. Kansas's impacts were included in five out of the nine reports! Thank you to Erin Tynon's committee for getting our reports sent in to be included. These impact statements are shared with USDA NIFA Administration and FCS Program Leaders and Joint Council of Extension Professionals leaders and representatives.

Thanks again for allowing me to be your President. It has been fun and definitely a learning experience, and I appreciate the opportunity. I look forward to seeing you at National and during annual Conference in Manhattan. Enjoy your busy, busy summer!!

~Ethel Schneweis, 2018 KEAFCS President



I hope many of you are planning to attend the 2018 NEAFCS Annual Session from September 24-27 at the San Antonio, TX Marriott Rivercenter. Go to <http://www.neafcs.org/2018-annual-session> for hotel and travel information and download the NEW APP available on the website to stay up-to-date on events and the latest news

about the 2018 Annual Session. If you are planning to attend the national session, please send an email to me at susanjohnson@ksu.edu so I can begin making plans for our States Night Out during the conference. Registration will be open by early June!

- Susan Johnson, President Elect

Past President Report and Nominating Committee Chair

Donna Krug
Cottonwood Extension District
Great Bend office

It is that time of year when we are looking for people who are ready to take on a leadership position. The positions that are elected in even numbered years include:

- * President - Elect
- * Vice President for Member Resources
- * Vice President for Public Affairs
- * Treasurer

The area counselors from the SW and SE areas will be selected by the respective area membership.

Our association helps pay some of the expenses for some officers to participate in NEAFCS conference, JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) and PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development). All of these conferences are great professional development experiences. If you want to know more about what the various officers responsibilities are, please review the constitution and bylaws on the KEAFCS website. Feel free to reach out to me or to your area counselor if you are interested in serving as an officer. I encourage you to consider a leadership role in our professional association. I know it has been a wonderful experience for me and I don't want you to miss out!

~Donna Krug, Past President

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Jodi Drake, Pratt County

NW AREA UPDATE - Nora Rhoades

The Northwest Area FCS Agents met in Wakeeney on March 5 for a day focused on program development. We had great discussion about some of the key take-home messages from February Update. Additionally, we explored some opportunities to address community needs with a regional approach.

Our Nex-Tech Extension Ed Talks (30 minute local cable/YouTube episodes) are increasing agent confidence related to digital outreach and education. New in 2018, we have expanded our Extension Ed Talks to include interested agents/specialists of all disciplines within our region. To view the episodes visit: <https://bit.ly/2KGgx8O>.

We gathered in Lucas, KS on May 4 for our Spring Retreat. Thank you to Jamie Rathbun for hosting us in the Midway District. We spent the morning focusing on “Building Your Social Media Narrative” with the Post Rock District’s Social Media Manager, Shannon Rogers. Jamie also led the group in a discussion about strategically planning social media content and outreach. In the afternoon, we had a great time touring the “Grassroots Art Capital of Kansas”.

This month, JoEllyn Argabright, FCS Agent in Rawlins County, will assume special project responsibilities in support of FCS programs in the Northwest. Jo will retain some agent responsibilities in Rawlins County through the end of 2018, and she will fully assume the position of FCS Specialist for the Northwest Region in December. We look forward to working with Jo in this new capacity!

Also in May, we invite you to help us say ‘thank you’ to our wonderful peer, Linda Beech. On May 18th in Hays, Linda will be honored for 39 years of service as an Extension educator in four Kansas counties. We welcome you to join us in celebrating her professional journey and the outstanding impact she has made for communities and families.



NW Agents took a walking tour of Lucas, KS. The community is considered one of the “8 Wonders of Kansas Art” as it is the “Grassroots Art Capital of Kansas”. Some of the team is pictured outside the Garden of Eden.



Shannon Rogers, Post Rock District Social Media Manager, helping NW FCS Agents focus on “Building Your Social Media Narrative”



KEAFCS MEMBER RESOURCES...

A warm welcome to the Spring 2018 FCS new hires, Tara Solomon-Smith in Wildcat District and Mindy Heinson in Kiowa County!

The purpose of KEAFCS is to promote professional growth and development by providing for and recognizing leadership and achievement, awarding financial support for professional study and exchanging effective educational methodologies. KEAFCS as an organization also promotes conducting programs that meet current social needs and concerns affecting families or communities, while seeking support for programs that benefit families/individuals and enhance the profession.

There are a multitude of reasons to join and the benefits are well worth the investment! Join KEAFCS during our meeting at Annual Conference to learn more and please consider becoming a member for the 2019 year! Just a friendly reminder, local Boards can now pay for membership dues!

- JoEllyn Argabright, VP for Member Resources

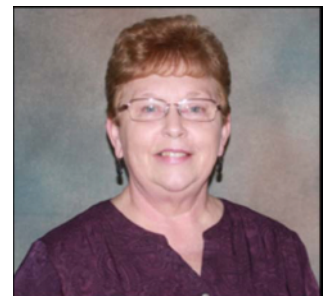
State Awards: First Timers, Friend of FCS & Scholarships - due May 15

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SE AREA UPDATE - Becky Reid

Our SE Area agents are busy and on the go. (In fact, our May 8 Program Day was cancelled due to the lack of availability of agents to attend!)

Diane Burnett,
Marais des Cygnes
Extension District,
was honored with a
retirement reception
in March.



SW AREA UPDATE - Jodi Drake

The Southwest Area FACS Agents will be holding their Spring Enhancement Meeting in Montezuma in May at the Stauth Memorial Museum. Agents will have an opportunity to share program ideas and tour the "To MyPlate and Beyond" exhibit currently at the museum.

We will be welcoming new agents Mindy Heinson in Kiowa County, Jennifer LaSalle in Finney County, and Monica Walker in Grant County.

NE AREA UPDATE - Susan Fangman

The Northeast Area Agents will be holding their Spring Program Enhancement Friday June 1st. Watch your email for more information.

Gina Aurand, FCS Agent in the River Valley District will be leaving her position mid-May. In the fall she will begin employment as a school counselor for the Republic County School District, working in the elementary school as well as the junior and senior high schools.

KEAFCS Awards - due May 15

All applications should be submitted to the Committee Chair by the May 15 deadline. Please send to Erin Petersilie, Walnut Creek District, PO Box 487, Dighton, Ks 67839. (620) 397-2806.

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Friend of FCS Award

The "Friend of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences" Award was authorized by the Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 1994. Its purpose is to honor a person or group who has made significant contributions to Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programs across the state or in any one county.

1. Scholarship/Friend of Extension FCS & First Timers Stipend Committee will select the recipient with the approval of the KEAFCS Board.
2. No current KEAFCS member will be eligible for this award.
3. **ONLY ONE** award may be given by the KEAFCS Board each year, either to an individual, group or organization.
4. This award will be presented at the annual KEAFCS Friendship Night. This award should be a newsworthy event across the state.
5. Our association will provide a free meal (at Friendship Night) to the honoree(s). The chair of the Scholarship/Friend of Extension FCS & First Timers Stipend Committee will make the meal reservation for this award winner.

First Timer's Award

This is awarded to someone who will be attending the national NEAFCS meeting for the first time. The application requests a 100 word explanation of why you would like to attend a national meeting and requires a letter of recommendation from FCS specialist or co-worker.

Scholarships - KEAFCS & Elinor Anderson

The KEAFCS scholarship can be used for a workshop, training or graduate course. The Elinor Anderson scholarship is for graduate courses. Recommendation letters are required from an Executive Board member or FCS PDC committee member and from your Area Extension FCS Specialist. Recommendation letters should be sent directly to the committee chairperson.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the KEAFCS checking account is \$12,869.96. Expenses this spring have included paying membership dues to the Kansas Joint Council of Extension Professionals and for Ethel Schneweis to represent KEAFCS at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in April. We also welcomed back Tara Solomon-Smith as a member of KEAFCS, which brings our current total membership to 66.

- Chelsea Richmond, Treasurer