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### Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



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## KEAFCS Awards Applications Due January 17th

This year the KEAFCS Webpage, <a href="http://">http://</a> www.ksre.ksu.edu/ agent association/ DesktopDefault.aspx? tabid=117, has been updated to include all award information. The Scholarships, Friend of FCS, First Timer, DSA, Continued Excellence, Program and Communication Awards must be postmarked by January 17, 2012. Details for each of these awards and the process for applying is on the website. The lists of

members eligible for DSA, Continued Excellence and New Professional are also available on the website. We encourage you to consider applying or nominating a peer for an award this year. If you need help as you go through this process, please let us know. We are willing to review and make suggestions on any applications. Contact Christine

McPheter, VP of Member Resources, cmcphete@ksu.edu, for

the Scholarships, Friend of FCS, and First Timer Awards. Contact Robin Eubank, VP of Awards, reubank@ksu.edu, for all other awards.



# Make Plans to Attend United Conference

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Please mark your calendars for learning and enjoyment with other professionals at United Associations Conference, March 7– 9, 2012. This is when KEAFCS has planned to hold it's spring Association Meeting (3/8, 8:30-10:00 a.m.). Prior to United

Conference, Family and Consumer Sciences
Extension Agents will come together to tour and learn about various FCS related venues such as the Riordan Clinic which is a not-for-profit progressive, nutrition-based health facility.
The schedule also includes stops at Odd

Balls Yarn Shop, The Spice Merchant and Co., and Old Town. We will finish up with a comedy show at Looney Bin. The day will start at 11:30 am. There will be a small fee but price is reduced for KEAFCS members! Registration will be included with Untied Conference forms.

### Notes from NEAFCS

### - submitted by Linda Beech, KEAFCS President



- Consider volunteering for a national committee. The NEAFCS website includes a list and description of committees (under "About NEAFCS") for your consideration. This is a great way to build your professionalism and stretch your circle of colleagues and friends.
- Submit a proposal for a concurrent session or Showcase of Excellence poster session for the 2012 NEAFCS conference in Columbus, Ohio, September 24-28. Proposals are due January 31 and are accepted in a wide range of topics. The "Call for Presentation Proposals" is currently on the NEAFCS home page, or also find the proposal steps and forms under Professional Development in the member-only section of the website.
- Looking for a great way to market Extension
   FCS? Look for the
   advocacy powerpoint
   slides on the NEAFCS
   website (under Public

- Affairs, Advocacy; sign in as a member to access the slides.) The text of the 13 different slides can be edited and university logos inserted to make great opening or closing slides in local programs. Check them out today and begin to tell your story in an even bigger way!
- The discount price of \$16 per book has been continued on the Living Well reference books. These books have favorite regional recipes, healthful tasty treats, and a full reference section, all submitted by NEAFCS members like you. Sold in cases of 10 books for \$160- share a case with a colleague or use a full case yourself! See the NEAFCS website for downloadable order forms (click on Living Well on the NEAFCS homepage, then choose "Affiliate Sales Order Form" in the right-hand box.)

According to the national website, "National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) educates and recognizes Extension professionals who improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities." It's wonderful to be a member of a nationwide network committed to improving quality of life in every county of this great country of ours. Keep up the great work!

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## Help Needed at United Conference

KEAFCS is responsible for the refreshment breaks and arrangements for lunches both days of United Associations Conference. The KEAFCS Board is hoping several members will be available to assist with getting refreshments set out, refilling drink containers, starting coffee, and possibly helping purchase supplies/food or pick

up items that we will be needing such as cups, napkins, plates, etc. once it is decided what we are having. There are funds from UAC to cover expenses or reimburse your purchases. If members could let Ethel Schneweis know

If members could let Ethel Schneweis know when they would be able to help, she will work out a schedule and make sure we have all refreshment breaks/meals covered and hopefully no one would have to miss much of the conference sessions. Contact Ethel via E-mail or office phone, eschnew@ksu.edu or 620-227-4542. Please indicate which day and your preference of meal or morning or afternoon break.



# WANTED: Your Impacts & Success Stories

NEAFCS is working with members to compile impact from state affiliates. They would appreciate your assistance with letting others know the important work of our profession. Our national association is gathering nationwide data that will assist in promoting Family and Consumer Sciences programs. Please contact Tara Solomon, VP for

Public Relations and

Marketing, if you have

impact statements to share. NEAFCS is focusing the 2011 impacts in 6 areas:

- Childhood Obesity
- Financial Management
- Food Safety
- Food, Nutrition and Health
- Healthy Homes and the Environment
- Protecting Our Resources-Family Life Please send any impacts you would like to share, no later than January 6th, to tsolomon@ksu.edu.

#### Dates to Remember:

- January 17, KEAFCS Award Applications Due
- February 6-9, FCS and FNP Update, Manhattan.
- March 7-9, United
   Associations Conference,
   Wichita (Association
   Meeting: Thursday, 8:30
   a.m.)
- March 18-May 12, Walk Kansas 2012
- April 10 & 11, Spring Action Conference, Salina
- April 12, Kansas Nutrition Council Conference, Topeka
- September 24-28, NEAFCS, Columbus OH