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Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



KEAFCS Elections

Please read through this newsletter. It is filled with information regarding the candidates for KEAFCS Board Members.

Elections are taking place by electronic ballot, via

the Survey Monkey System.
The link to the survey is:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/
s/NRG8CJY

Please make your selections by October 14th.

KEAFCS Proposed Bylaws Changes

Members: Please Review Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Bylaws Committee is making some proposed changes to the KEAFCS bylaws, mostly to align the wording with that used by NEAFCS, and to make a few minor changes related to responsibilities of various vice-presidents. The bylaws can be accessed by going to the KEAFCS website. http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/agent_association/p.aspx?tabid=49

KEAFCS Bylaws. Proposed changes are highlighted in yellow.

These changes will be brought voted on at the KEAFCS Business Meeting during Annual Conference.

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President

Cindy Evans, Shawnee County

Cindy Evans has enjoyed her year as President-Elect and looks forward to serving KEAFCS as President in 2014. As part of the President-Elect duties, Cindy served on the Bylaws committee and United Association Conference Committee. She attended JCEP conference last February and Galaxy conference in September, planning the State's Night Out event.

Cindy has a Bachelor's Degree from Fort Hays State University and a Master's Degree from Kansas State University, both in Home Economics Education. She was a high school home economics teacher before joining K-State Research & Extension in Shawnee County in 1990.

Cindy has served in several leadership roles including: state president for the Kansas Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (KATFACS), state president of the Kansas Nutrition Council and local president of the

Topeka Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. Cindy has received the Builder Award from K-State Research & Extension as well as

the Team Award and



the Mentor Award. She was the 2001 national winner of the Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educator award given by the Home Baking Association.

Cindy has served KEAFCS as chairperson for the Scholarship Committee in 2006, Northeast Area Counselor from 2007 - 2009 and as KEAFCS Secretary from 2009 - 2012.

President Elect

Denise Sullivan, Leavenworth County

Denise Sullivan has been the Leavenworth County FCS Agent since 1988. Prior to this position, she was a 4-H Youth Development Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Greenville Texas.

Although she does programming in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, she considers nutrition, wellness and health promotion her specialized area. She serves on the KSRE Healthy

You workplace wellness leadership team.

She has been a member of NEAFCS her entire career and has served as Northeast Area Counselor, Vice President of Member Resources and on a variety of committees during that time.

She is a recipient of the Distinguished Service and the Continued Excellence awards.

"This professional association has a source of enrichment and support throughout my career. I was honored and humbled to be asked to consider this office. I realized that it was time for me to give back to the association and be a leader in providing that support to other professionals."

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Secretary

Susie Latta, Marshall County

Susie Latta, has been an Extension Agent in FCS and 4-H and Youth in Marshall County for 21 years.

Susie received her undergraduate degree in Family and Consumer Science Education from University of Nebraska Lincoln in 1991. And a Masters degree in Family Financial Planning from Kansas State University in 2006.

She has served in various offices and committees in KEAFCS.

Right now she is a busy mom with three children 13, 10, and 7. Her husband owns his own business in Marysville, Latta Plumbing, Inc.

Susie enjoys the variety of education she is able to provide as an extension agent and especially enjoys Medicare Education.



Vice President for Awards & Recognition Nozella Brown, Wyandotte County

Sciences agent in Wyandotte, celebrates her tenth year with Extension and sixth year as a member of KEAFCS. This year, she was cochair of the 2013 National Urban Extension Conference, having also served on the 2011 National Urban Extension Conference steering committee. As a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, she was the 2011 chair of the Recognition Committee, of which she is still an active member. She was on the KSRE Change Agents States Diversity Catalyst Team and presently serves as a trainer for the Navigating Difference workshops.

While she began as a program assistant for the Family Nutrition

Nozella Brown, Family & Consumer Program, currently she coordinates the county Family Nutrition Program (FNP) providing nutrition education and resources to families, youth and seniors who qualify for food assistance. She supervises and trains paraprofessionals, community leaders and volunteers who assist in providing nutrition education to schools, community agencies and faith-based organizations.

> Also, she co-chairs the Latino Health for All Coalition, and collaborates with other coalitions and community agencies to provide nutrition education and resources to underserved audiences.

She is a member of the mayor's Nutrition Action Team that is

currently mobilizing community leaders to address the wellness disparities that contribute to the county's low health ranking. Her professional awards include: 2006 Unclassified Employee of the Year; 2009 County Horizon Award; 2010 Diversity Team Award (Wyandotte), and 2010 Diversity/Multicultural Team Award (Catalyst Team).

As a doctoral candidate in Adult and Continuing Education, at Kansas State, her research interests includes assessing, implementing and evaluating nutrition education programs for under-represented audiences in Extension.

Vice President for Professional Development Cindy Williams, Meadowlark District— Jefferson County

Cindy Williams, Jefferson County, received her B.S. in Family Resource Management from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1981.

Upon graduation she taught at the Verdigre, NE for 3 1/2 years. In 1985, she accepted the position as Jefferson County Extension Agent and has been in this position for 29 years.

During this time she has been involved in 4-H, community development and Family and Consumer Sciences.

In 2006, Jefferson County entered into the Meadowlark District which includes: Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha County. She is responsible for Food and Nutrition/FNP programming for the district.

Cindy has been a member of KEAFCS and

in 2003 she received the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award.

She currently serves on the State Dog Action Team. She serves as a 4-H dog leader and a certified dog judge.

Cindy is married to Bob and they have two children-Derek-21, who attends K-State University and Danae-18, who is a senior at McLouth High School.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Meade

Vice President for Professional Development

Amy Lorenzen, Golden Prairie District-Logan County

Amy Lorenzen is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in human ecology and mass communications. After graduation, she worked for The Longhorn Scene and Aura of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX, as a feature writer and photographer.

She began her career with K-State Research and Extension in 1989, serving Thomas County with responsibilities in FCS and 4-H and youth development. During this time, she was awarded the KEAFCS New Professional of the Year for 1999, won

several national awards for her news article and newsletter articles.

In 1992, she began work for the family purebred cattle business, and served as marketing and advertising director until 2004. In 1996, she was named the Kansas Farm Bureau's Farm Woman of the Year. During this time, she also did free-lance writing for The Western Horseman, The Oakley Graphic, The Longhorn Scene, Aura of Fort Worth, Colby Free Press, and the Thomas County Herald. From 2004 to 2008, Amy was family and

consumer science educator and journalism teacher at USD 275 Triplains Winona, where she taught 7-12 grade family and consumer science, was the Student Council sponsor and taught journalism and yearbook. From 2008 to 2011, Amy worked for the Wallace County Farm Service Agency as Conservation Program Technician.

She began her current position with the Golden Prairie Extension District in May of 2011, based out of the Oakley office.

Dates to Remember:

- October 22,
 KEAFCS Fall
 Business Meeting,
 1:15-4 pm, KSU
 Union
- October 22-24,
 KSRE Annual
 Conference,
 Manhattan
- January 15,
 KEAFCS Awards
 Due
- February 10-15,
 FCS Update, KSU
- March 6-7, United Associations Conference, Wichita
- September 15-18, 2014 NEAFCS, Lexington, KY

NE Area Counselor

Kathy Tharman, Doniphan County

Kathy Tharman, is the County Extension Director and FCS agent in Doniphan County. I have been in Doniphan County Extension for 14 years. I am currently serving as KEAFCS NE Area Counselor and as the KAFCE Liaison.

Kathy is on the Nutrition, Food Safety and Health PFT. She is married to her husband Carl of 27 years and we have 6 wonderful children and 1 great daughter-in-law!

NW Area Counselor

Melinda Daily, Sunflower District— Wallace County

Melinda Daily joined K-State Research and Extension in Wallace County in May 1998 and joined KEAFCS the first year of employment. It has been a great 15 years of service. She was elected President of KEAFCS in 2006 and enjoyed that role for the year. It was a great opportunity to learn more about our association and to become more involved in it. Melinda also served as Vice President of Public Affairs prior to being President. She is currently President of the KEAA board, soon to be Past President. Through that role she learned to be a leader for all of the associations and meeting with Administrators at the State level. Now she would like to have the opportunity to be the NW Area Counselor, that is one position she has not had and believes involvement in your association is vital for growth professionally and personally.

KEAFCS Member Benefit: SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarship opportunities exist for KEAFCS members who are pursuing graduate study or for attending professional trainings or workshops. Applications for both can be found on the KEAFCS website, http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/agent_association/p.aspx?tabid=120. The application deadline for 2014 awards is Jan 15.

Kansas County Extension Home Economics

Scholarships (aka Elinor Anderson Scholarship), \$800

Qualifications

Must have a minimum of 1 year in Extension work

and be a member of KEAFCS.

- Expected to work 1 year after using scholarship.
- Expected to give a brief report to KEAFCS members on how funds were used.
- Funds must be used for credit courses taken at KSU.

Guidelines for Distribution

- \$400 for graduate study.
- \$400 for workshops, short courses, or internet classes for graduate credit. To be divided not more than 4 ways.
- Total amount (\$800) may be awarded to one applicant, but not more than \$600 in one calendar year per person.
- May receive funds more than one year. Applicants

not having received funds will be given preference.

KEAFCS Scholarship, \$150

Qualifications

- Must have a minimum of 2 years in Extension work and be a member of KEAFCS.
- Expected to work 1 year after using scholarship.
- Expected to give a brief report to KEAFCS members on how funds were used.
- Funds may be used for professional workshops, trainings, or college credit.

Guidelines for Distribution

- \$150 may be divided among recipients.
- May receive funds more than one year. Applicants

not having received funds will be given preference.

Please keep these member benefits in mind as you plan

your professional development and graduate classes for the coming year.