



# National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Kansas Affiliate

## 2015 Annual Report



### President's REPORT

**President—Denise Sullivan, Leavenworth County**

They say that time flies when you are having fun, and it must be true, because this last year has indeed been full of fun AND learning!

It really doesn't seem like a year since I was handed the gavel to guide KEAFCS. The year started with assigning committees and working with our association officers to involve members in committee work and awards & recognition. As your president, I had the privilege of watching our association leadership bring to fruition a project that had been in discussion for several years. With an appointed committee led by Cindy Williams, our first-ever member benefit event was held at Colbert Hills golf course during February update. The limited-seating event was filled to capacity, where we enjoyed a wine and cheese pairing demonstration that was led by Betsy Barrett, retired Hospitality Management instructor. Our evening brought a special surprise when head coach Bill Snyder popped into our room to say hello and to thank us for the work that we do with youth and families across the state of Kansas. It was a fun and exciting evening that I was glad to be a part of! I look forward to seeing what might occur next!

Over the winter and early spring, I worked with other FCS associations in Kansas to plan and implement the United Associations Conference in Wichita, with particular attention to the exhibits area. Attendance at this professional development conference has 'ebbed and flowed' through the years, and I am excited (I guess that is the word) to be conference chairman for 2016 with hopes of a record breaking attendance! Please feed me your ideas so we can make this an outstanding conference for everyone.

Also in early spring, I also started getting acquainted and involved with NEAFCS leadership via conference calls and webinars to prepare for the Public Issues Leadership Development conference in Washington DC. I have to say that PILD was, without a doubt, the most impactful professional development experience in my career! Not only because it was my first opportunity to visit Washington DC, but the opportunity meet and hear from our federal level Extension partners was invaluable! And to network with our NEAFCS leadership in preparation to meet with our legislators to tell the story of the work that we do with families across Kansas – and the nation - was exciting! It was also great to get to know some of my Kansas colleagues a little better and make some new friends from other states.

As I wrap up my year as president, we will have the opportunity to look at a new member benefit opportunity in a voluntary 'life insurance' program. This summer I learned that the KACAA offers this

support to their members and we will decide as an association if we want to offer a similar opportunity for our members. We will also be examining potential bylaw changes with NEAFCS and how our state bylaws might also need adjustment in the future. I'm looking forward to NEAFCS annual session in West Virginia and the opportunity to meet with friends as we celebrate our achievements as FCS professionals and seek new knowledge and skills to help Kansas families live and thrive.

There's a saying... *'life begins at the end of your comfort zone'*. When I said yes to the call of president-elect, I took a step out of my comfort zone and I am glad I did! When you are asked to do something that takes you out of your comfort zone, take time to think about it...and I challenge you to say YES! It's amazing what is outside of that zone! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president.



### **President-Elect – Kylie Ludwig, Wildcat District**

I attended the JCEP Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. The sessions were wonderful but our keynote speaker was phenomenal. David Horsager wrote the book, 'The Trust Edge.' Everything is tied to trust and your lack of it is your biggest expense. He spoke to us about empowering others in front of everyone else. How if you have more than three priorities you don't have priorities. Know your values and be grateful.

The NEAFCS meeting at JCEP was another big chance to learn about our organization. We have 1720 active members this year and membership is based on 1600. We are doing well this year! They gave great information about the National Meeting coming up as well as ideas on how to boost membership at the state level.

I also served on the United Associations Conference planning committee. The next conference is scheduled for March 3-4, 2016 at the Sedgwick County Extension Center. The committee is working hard to incorporate more variety to the conference and to motivate all educators. Look for a great keynote and line up of sessions this coming year!

Serving in this role has been overwhelming at times but over-all, an opportunity to learn. I have learned so much about our organization and the benefits of being a member. I encourage each of you to step out of the box and volunteer for a leadership position in KEAFCS. You will find that our organization has so much more to offer than you ever realized.

As we look to 2016 I look forward to serving as your affiliate president, getting to know each of you better, and continuing to grow within my professional organization.

**Secretary—Susie Latta, Marshall County**

I have recorded the minutes of the Association and Board for the past 12 minutes. I would encourage you to read the KEAFCS minutes from previous and upcoming meetings so you can be informed about what our Association is doing for you. You can currently find the final and draft minutes at [http://www.k-state.edu/agent\\_association/family-consumer-sciences/minutes/index.html](http://www.k-state.edu/agent_association/family-consumer-sciences/minutes/index.html)

I have enjoyed serving the Association for the past 3 years and have learn a lot about our organization and K-State Research and Extension. I would encourage everyone to take an active role in this organization. As the saying goes "You only get out of something what you put into it."

**Treasurer—Sheryl Carson, Kearny County**

The report of expenses for the year is attached.

**Past President—Cindy Evans, Shawnee County**

I attended the summer administration meeting to hear the administration share the KSRE 2015 vision and discussions related to the Extension budget, filling of KSRE positions, etc. I have served as parliamentarian and participated in all board and association meetings. I have tried to be a resource to the President and President-Elect as needed.

## Operational Committees

**Constitution/Bylaws – Kylie Ludwig, Wildcat District**

As the chair of the by-laws committee, the constitution, by-laws and policies were reviewed. Last year they were updated and verified to align with the NEAFCS constitution and by-laws. National has some proposed by-law changes that will be voted on at NEAFCS. Review of our by-laws will need to be reviewed next year to ensure we continue to follow the national by-laws.

**Nominating Committee—Cindy Evans, Shawnee County**

As chairperson for the nominating committee, I worked with the area counselors to secure candidates for each office. Candidates for 2016:

President (elected in 2014) Kylie Ludwig; President-Elect: Donna Krug; Secretary: Beth Ireland; VP of Awards: Nozella Brown; VP of Professional Development: Teresa Hatfield. Areas elected their counselors. New counselors will be Anna Schremmer in Northwest and Gina Aurand in Northeast.



## KEAFCS Treasurer Fiscal Year Report – October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015

The check book balance is: \$ 9,520.55 (10/08/2015)  
Outstanding Checks: \$ 49.00 –Phillips/Rooks: Friendship Night  
Deposits: \$ 250.00 – KEAFCS Dues

September 2015 Bank Statement Ending Balance is \$ 9,319.55

Fiscal Year Report: October 21, 2014 to August 24, 2015

### Income:

Checking Account Interest	\$ 14.98
Friendship Night	\$ 2,300.00 (self-funding)
Argabright Friendship Meal	\$ 25.00
KEAFCS Membership Dues	\$ 8,518.00
Living Well Cookbooks	\$ 120.00
<u>UAC</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total Income:	\$11,777.98

### Expenses

Awards & Recognition	\$ 182.86
<i>First Timer Stipend/Friend FCS</i>	<i>\$ 59.24</i>
Friendship Night Expenses	\$ 2,153.00
JCEP	\$ 758.86
KEAA Dues	\$ 396.00
Members Only Event (cheese/wine)	\$ 440.85 (self-funding)
Membership Resources	\$ 90.00
Miscellaneous: History – flash drive	\$ 6.52
National Mtg	\$ 2,394.16
NEAFCS Dues	\$ 6,600.00
PILD	\$ 1,005.26
President	\$ 81.05
Retirement	\$ 263.46
<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<u>Treasurer (postage)</u>	<u>\$ 19.60</u>
Total Expenses	\$14,600.86

### Transfer

From KEAFCS Checking \$10,000.00 03/30/2015  
To CD – Savings

### Certificate of Deposit

CD - Savings Account \$10,000.00 **Beginning Balance 03/30/2015**

Overall Total -\$2,822.88 FY 2014-2015

**Treasurer—Sheryl Carson, Kearny County**

October 8, 2015

# Area Counselor Reports

## **Southeast Area—Rhonda Gordon, Lyon County**

Southeast Area FCS Agents were able to attend two Program Enhancement days this year. In December of 14 we were hosted in Greenwood County. Dr. Paula Peters was our guest speaker in the morning, followed by a wonderful lunch and trip to Rhinestones and Rust in the afternoon. The spring we were hosted by Frontier District in Anderson County. Dr. McNutt was one of the speakers along with Dr. Boban Mathew, MD Oncology Specialist at Kansas Cancer Partnership Southeast Regional Coalition. Again, we had a chance to network and share programs. We then got to tour Mineral Point Farmstead. A 3 story sandstone house built in 1857 on the highest hill in Anderson County.

We had the following staff changes in the last year in Southeast Area:

New Agents—Frances Eastwood, Marais des Cygnes District; Christine Holmes, Cherokee County; and Clarissa Sents, Coffey County.

Retirees—Martha Flanagan, Cherokee County

We had another fantastic State Fair Fashion Show: Rhinestones and Rust. Thank you all the agents and volunteers that it took to put on this fabulous show. It has been a pleasure serving as the Southeast Counselor this year. We have had many challenges thrown at many of our agents over the last year. We continue to support and pray for healing and peace for our fellow agents that are or have struggled this last year. Here is to a fantastic 2015-16 year!

## **Northwest Area – Melinda Daily, Sunflower District**

The Northwest Area has had a very eventful year. Our first meeting after Annual conference was in December where we celebrated Tranda Watts retirement, she has given the Extension 42 years of service. She was a great mentor for all of us. We started setting up committees for KEAFCS Friendship night, with Erin Petersilie and Donna Krug as our chairs for the event, which will be held at the Old Train Depot in Manhattan. The theme will be “Land of Kansas”. We also shared program ideas for the coming year. We were honored to have Beverly Kindler, a retired agent from Norton County, attend our meeting. Also attending was our new NW FNP Assistant, Janae Svoboda.

Unfortunately the next sad news was we lost two FCS agents, Kathy Lupfer Nielsen retired and enjoying life to the fullest and Jen Schoenfeld has moved on to work at Colby Community College. They will both be missed greatly.

In March, FCS agents met in Hays and worked on K-Pics and then had a program given by Debra Bolton on diversity.

In April, we met with Paul Peters and Chris Onstad. In the morning, Chris Onstad, Area Director discussed personal performance reviews - What he expects and how to enhance the process. Following lunch Paula Peters, Assistant Director of FCS discussed enhancing FCS programming.

In May, we had our NW FCS retreat in Norton with Julianne as our hostess. We enjoyed coffee hour

with a past FCS agent, Beverly Kindler. The rest of the day we visited several businesses in Norton, a visit from the Mayor, and visited Keith Sebelius Lake, with info given to us from Luke VanSike, a park ranger, about the lake's history.

We are happy to introduce our newest FCS Agent, Ashley Goudey from the Post Rock District. Other good news is we have three agents expecting new little ones.

To end our year, we had another disappointment but also happiness for this person. Libby Curry has decided to retire at the end of December. She has been a great leader for the NW FCS agents as well as other agents in our state and area. She has been employed with K-State for 40 years. We will miss her great abilities to keep us on our toes, keep us up to date on issues and getting us together several times during the year for programs from other specialist and more. We cannot say enough about how much we have appreciated her guidance through the years.

### **Southwest Area—Jodi Drake, Pratt County**

Southwest Area Agents met in Dodge City in December for our Winter Program Enhancement meeting. Debra Bolton was on hand to share updates from the State and agents had an opportunity to share program ideas. The Spring Program Enhancement meeting was held in Montezuma in May at the Stauth Memorial Museum. Agents were treated to a tour of National Geographic's 50 most famous photographs and then later toured the Motezuma Flour Mill.

The Southwest Area is excited to welcome new agents Christy Reel in Harper County, Anne Combs in Finney County, Victoria Brass in Comanche County, and Aimee Baker in Wichita County.

### **Northeast Area—Kathy Tharman, Doniphan County**

NE Area FCS agents met on December 10, 2014 for our winter Program Enhancement. We had a delightful day starting with Dr. Nozella Brown and her guest Dr. Royce Ann Collins presenting a program on fine tuning our skills as we engage our audiences. During the day we also had the chance to do some program sharing, it was very interesting to hear and see what other agents were doing in their counties.

We had a wonderful lunch provided by Sharoyln followed by a "original" Christmas KSU football poem that Sharoyln read for our gift exchange. Great fun! Kathy provided cookies for the refreshment table and Karen Blakeslee and Sharoyln provided fruit, cheese and crackers.

\*Our NE Area Counselor responsibility was the KEAFCS newsletter. We sent three out; winter, summer and fall. All the officers and many members, sent in wonderful commentaries, book reviews and informative reports! Thank you to all who helped make these newsletters possible and fun to read!

Check-out the updated KEAFCS website at [http://www.k-state.edu/agent\\_association/](http://www.k-state.edu/agent_association/). The site contains up to date information about all association activities.



# Vice Presidents & Program Committees

## **Vice President Member Resources—Robin Eubank, Barber County**

The committees that operated under the Vice President of Member Resources put forth much effort to provide benefits to members and to honor retiring members. Please review the reports from Cindy Williams, Member Benefit Task Force Chair; Kathy Bloom, Member Resources Chair; and Nancy Nelson, Retirement Chair. These committees provided a great service to KEAFCS.

## **Member Benefit Task Force—Cindy Williams, Meadowlark District**

What does KEAFCS, Colbert Hills and Coach Bill Snyder have in common? Well, they were all a part of the very first “Member Only” event that was held during February Update, 2015. With this being the “first time” a survey was taken of members to get ideas for this event. The purpose was to encourage networking among members, see benefit to being a member of our organization and of course, fellowship and fun!!

Our committee reviewed the member surveys and decided to organize a “wine and cheese” pairing event that was held at the Founder’s Room at Colbert Hills. Our featured speaker was Betsy Barrett who enlightened and entertained us on wine and cheese pairings and other interesting facts concerning wine pairings. Members then had the opportunity to sample five different wines and cheeses, along with some other foods that complimented these pairings.

We also had a “surprise” visitor that stopped in to say a few words, that being no other than Coach Bill Snyder! It truly was a fantastic evening for all twenty-five members that were able to join us.

This would not have been possible without the support of the following: KEAFCS for the financial support of \$500.00, Inge Seiler, Director of Business Development for Colbert Hills, Coach Bill Snyder for taking time to be a part of our special event and others who helped in large and small ways. I would also like to give an extra special thanks to the committee members for their help and “vision” and this includes: Cindy Evans, Diane Burnett, Mary Sullivan, Erin Petersilie, Debra Wood, Sharolyn Flaming Jackson and Denise Sullivan. Thanks for the “memorable and fun event!”

## **Member Resources—Kathy Bloom, Seward County**

The committee selected gifts for new agents that joined the association prior or during Annual Conference. These will be distributed during Friendship Night. Thanks to committee members for assisting. Committee members included: Cindy Williams, Lehis de Fornoza, Bernadette Trieb, and Joy Purkeypile.

## **Retirement Committee—Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark District**

KEAFCS honors three members who have retired.

- Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen: Lincoln Courthouse Landscape Project
- Tranda Watts: Wheatland Elementary School Library
- Martha Flanagan: *So Easy to Preserve* for Columbus City & Johnson Public Libraries

## Vice President of Awards and Recognition – Nozella Brown, Wyandotte County

Congratulations! This was the first year that the national application process was totally online and we can boast that 14 members won 16 awards this year. There were seven national awards and seven regional awards. The awards are listed by category below.

Award Name	Name	District	County Award	Central Regional Award	National Award	
<b>Professional Development Awards – Nancy Schuster, Chair</b>						
Distinguished Service	Diann Gerstner	Thomas County	X		X	
Distinguished Service	Christine McPheter	Meade County	X		X	
Continued Excellence	Mary Sullivan	Grant County	X		X	
First Timers Award	Erin Petersilie	Walnut Creek	X			
Scholarship Recipient	Christine McPheter	Meade County	x			
<b>Communications/Public Affairs Awards, Deanna Turner, Chair</b>						
Written Press Releases	Denise Sullivan	Leavenworth	1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd		
Written Press Releases	Linda Beech	Ellis County	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1st	2nd	
Written Press Releases	Patricia Gerhardt	River Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
Educational Publications	Donna Krug	Barton County	1 <sup>st</sup>	1st	1st	
Educational Technology	Barbara Ames	Wildcat	1 <sup>st</sup>	1st	3rd	
Television/Video	Linda Beech	Ellis County	1 <sup>st</sup>	3rd		
<b>Program Awards – Rebecca McFarland, Chair</b>						
Community Partnership	Donna Krug	Barton	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Mary M. Wells Memorial Diversity	Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena	Sedgwick	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Clean & Healthy Families & Communities	Mary Sullivan	Grant	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Program Excellence through Research	Nozella Brown	Wyandotte	1 <sup>st</sup>	1st	2nd	
Social Networking	Rebecca Reid	Cowley County	1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd		

A special thanks to the Awards Committee Chair persons: Nancy Schuster, Anderson County, Professional Development Committee, Deana Turner, River Valley District, Communications & Public Relations Awards Committee, Rebecca McFarland, Frontier District, Program Awards Committee



## **Awards Committee—Ethel Schneweis, Ford County**

Friend of KEAFCS is Mary Bernhardt of Salina. Mary is a 17 years 4-H Clothing Leader in her county and now district. She is a 10 years 4-H Master Volunteer— with her project focus mainly clothing construction. I have been the clothing superintendent at the Saline County Fair the last 15 years, organized numerous sewing related service projects through the years, as well as many sewing related workshops for our District, Area, and State. She has served 10 years on her county 4-H PDC committee and 9 years on their Extension Board. Mary has served 4 years on the State Extension Advisory Committee—served as secretary 1 year. She has been a member for 5 years KA4-HV (Kansas Association 4-H Volunteers) board—served as secretary 2 years and president elect, president, past president and is a current lifetime member. Recognized as State, and North Central Region Lifetime Volunteer. Mary has volunteered for 4 years with the 4-H State Sewing Camp—2 years at Rock Springs, then K-State Salina Campus. She coordinate monthly conference calls with planning team, work with state liaison and the venue.

Erin Petersilie, Walnut Creek District, receives the First Timer's Award to attend National Meeting. Christine McPheter, Meade County receives the KEAFCS Scholarship and plans to use it to attend the 2015 National meeting.

## **Vice President of Public Affairs – Julianne Shoup, Twin Creeks District**

Numerous Kansas family and consumer science educational programs lead by KEAFCS members were highlighted in 2015 NEAFCS Impact Statement reports. Kansas joined other NEAFCS affiliates to compile national impact statements. Kansas was represented in 6 of the 8 impact statements:

- Community Health & Wellness
- Financial Management
- Food & Nutrition
- Food Safety
- Improving Children's Lives
- Protecting our Resources—Family Life

Impact statements can be viewed here: <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/impact-statements>

## **New Member Resources—Gina Aurand, River Valley District**

This year Denise ate lunch with all new agents as they went through New Agent Training. Here she was able to talk with them about our organization and the benefits of being a member.

We also encouraged all mentors to talk with their agent about the benefits of joining a professional organization.

This year we have gained four new members and had a former member return.



## **Vice President of Professional Development – Amy Lorenzen, Golden Prairie District**

The 2015 United Association Conference was held in Wichita Thursday and Friday March 5-6 at the Sedgwick County Extension Center. This year's theme was Beyond Sustainability—Improving Individuals, Families and Communities. KEAFCS was in charge of exhibits on Thursday. One hundred thirty-four attended the conference including 19 KEAFCS members. KEAFCS receives a portion per paid registrant for a total of \$800.

The Conference evaluation was mainly positive with excellent ratings for the new vendors and the excellent resources available. A big kudo to our KEAFCS representatives who serve on the committee, as this was their responsibility. Much credit should be given to Denise Sullivan, who took the lead on this responsibility. It was noted however, that many would like to see the vendors there for more than the one day. In 2016, our association will be co-chairing the conference with ESP, and the dates will be March 3-4 with the theme of Innovate, Integrate and Motivate. Currently, the committee members from KEAFCS are: Denise Sullivan, Kylie Ludwig and Amy Lorenzen.

## **Historian—Cindy Evans, Shawnee County**

This year my goal was to organize the KEAFCS minutes from the last ten years (starting with 2006) and create a PDF file of each year to be placed on the KEAFCS web site. That task was completed for years 2006 - 2014, and 2015 is currently on the website. The historic files have been emailed to Becky Reid, webmaster, Denise Sullivan, President; Kylie Ludwig, President Elect; and Susie Latta, Secretary.

A notebook has been added to the KEAFCS archives in Hale library that has a printed copy of the minutes from each year, as well as a listing of the officers and committee members. A flashdrive has been placed in the notebook with the historic minutes that can be updated each year.

I recommend that the Bylaws committee assign the KEAFCS Secretary the task of adding an electronic copy of the minutes from the current year to the historical file placed on the website and in our archives.

