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FCE Diamond Jubilee ~ 2011 National Conference

FCE was founded in June of 1936 during the third ACWW Triennial conference held in Washington D. C. In the early 1900's the Department of Agriculture recognized a need for a national program to help both farmers and rural women. FCE was the driving force in providing rural United States women with education in basic life skills. Today, with more readily accessible education, FCE is directing its concerns to families and communities. We invite you to the 2011 annual FCE Conference to celebrate 75 years of "*Connecting Families & Communities through Education, Leadership & Action*".

The Conference will be held at the Ramada Plaza in Northglenn CO, July 14-17, 2011. We are pleased to announce that the cost this year has been lowered to \$125 per day or \$345 for the full conference. If you purchase the Friday one day registration, the Thursday evening opening ceremonies are included. Five (5) meals are included in the registration fee. We have also negotiated a very reasonable hotel rate. The hotel is \$79 / Max Quad (4) occupancy and includes 2 breakfasts. Additional breakfast's can be added for \$5 per person. There will be a lot of great educational material and programs presented at the National Conference. FCL Leadership training sessions will be held Friday and are a part of the conference registration, normally there is a charge of \$99 for the FCL Training. You can earn 61/2 hours toward your certificate. Have you already earned your certificate? Continue your education in Leadership with these workshops. There is always something to learn!

Presidents Day will be held on Thursday, July 14, with practice for the opening ceremony, presidents meeting, lunch and tour. The president's meeting is open to all who are registered. Thursday evening is the opening of conference with presentation of State Presidents and the National Board. The Annual Business meeting will be Friday morning and is open to all, only voting delegates may vote during the business meeting. FCL training is Friday afternoon, alternate sessions will be offered for those not attending FCL training. Saturday will have FCE Educational programs presented by National Board members and alternative sessions. Sunday there will be an Inspiration Breakfast and memorial service. The Awards lunch will be at noon followed by closing ceremonies. After lunch we will have several of our younger FCE members from various states doing presentations as "Future FCE Stars" at no registration cost to them. There will be a session for State officers to ask questions about their responsibilities and National programs. National FCE is again sponsoring a book collection for a local Children's hospital in Denver, bring your books to the registration desk.

There will be something for everyone. There will be at least 2 and in most cases 3 presentations to choose from at any given time during the conference to provide multiple options for members to find something of interest to them. Check the National FCE website, www.nafce.org for the latest information about sessions at Conference. On the National FCE Website home page, under **UP COMING EVENTS** click registration ~ that will take you to the 2011 National FCE Conference information. Fill out the registration form that is in this newsletter and send it in. We look forward to seeing you there.

FCE NEWS from the President

I have made the following appointments: **Bylaws Committee:** Lynn Maples MO Chair, Kathy Frusher KS, Patricia Stutzman MI, Karen Jones VA, and Denise Smith HI. **Nominating Committee:** Betty Schalk MO Chair, Atlantic Region Sheila Jackson WV, Central Region Mary Jane Adams KS, Pacific Region Margaret Mai AZ and Pacific Region Pat Kubo HI. **2011 On Site Conference Committee:** Victoria Schmidt CO Chair, Barbara Brown TN ~ Sales & Silent Auction, Linda Almquist CO ~ Office Manager, Carol Smead CO ~ AV, Charlene Theis CO ~ Sub Committee **2012 Conference Chair** ~ Bonnie Teeples OR **2013 Conference Chair** ~ Joan Geyer ND

Memorial Service ~ There will be a memorial service to honor deceased board members and state presidents at the National FCE Annual Conference. Please turn names in to National FCE Headquarters by April 15. Include name, state, and years served as state president and/or National board position and years served on National Board.

News from ACWW: Dates for the 2013 ACWW Triennial are September 26 to October 2. Theme is "Empowering Women Worldwide, encourage, educate, enrich". Wisconsin FCE was approved for membership as a category 3 society. Congratulations to them! \$554.83 was given to Pennies for Friendship and \$35.44 for Save the Sight project from National FCE.

Moms for Family TV ~ we worked with this group this past Dec/Jan promoting films that could be viewed by families on TV.

Outstanding FCE ~ the form says to apply for the Community Service award from the National Association for Family and Community Education, as clarification the FCE would apply for the Community Service award through their state association, since recognition will be given to 1 entry per state. States would select the FCE for the community service award to send to National FCE.

Membership cards ~ if you were a member prior to 2010 your card was on the Handbook that was sent to each member. Members who joined after 2010 will receive a membership card in the New Member packet that is mailed to new members. If you wish to have a membership card, arrangements are being made to have them available after conference for a fee.

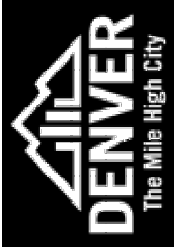
Judy Fullmer

National FCE President

2011 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

FCE Diamond Jubilee

Connecting Families & Communities through Education, Leadership & Action for 75 Years.



**JULY 14-17, 2011
Denver, Colorado**



Please print clearly: Membership # _____ This is my first National FCE Conference _____

Name _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ E-mail _____

In case of emergency contact _____ Phone _____

List any food allergies: _____ Vegan Meals: _____
 (Disclaimer: This information is for meal count only. YOU will be responsible to inform hotel staff of special needs)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:	Member	Non-member	Amount
Registration: By May 15, 2011	\$ 345	\$400	\$
Registration after this date will not have meals guaranteed	\$50 Per Meal		\$
Spouses - Meals Only			\$
Sunday Afternoon Free for People 20 Years Old or Younger			\$

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Circle day attending, Due by June 1, 2011)

Friday, July 15, 2011	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$
Saturday, July 16, 2011	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$
Sunday, July 17, 2011	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$

SPECIAL EVENTS:

FCL Benefit Dinner (dinner and entertainment) (Saturday, July 16, 2011)	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$
National FCE Board Alumni Dinner (Sunday Evening) For National Board Alumni Members & Spouses	\$ 35	N/A	\$
Total Enclosed			\$

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Keynote Speakers
- General Sessions
- Annual Business Meeting
- Workshops & FCL Leadership Training
- Eligibility to Purchase FCE Tours

Events:

Thursday Evening: Opening Ceremony & FCE Night
Presentation of Presidents
Meet the Board Reception

Friday: Business Meeting
Spirit of Colorado Luncheon
FCL Sessions & Workshops
Diamond Dinner

Saturday: Workshop Sessions
FCE Luncheon
FCL Benefit Dinner (Extra Cost)

Sunday: Inspiration & Memorial
Awards Luncheon & Installation Ceremony
Closing Ceremony
Workshop Sessions

MAIL TO:
National FCE Conference
73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106
Florence, KY 41042
Fax: 859-525-6496
E-mail: nafcehq@fuse.net

Check or credit card payment must accompany registration.

Make checks payable to: National FCE

Credit cards accepted: VISA MasterCard (circle one)

Credit card number: _____

Expiration Date: _____
Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Please make a copy of this registration from to save for your records.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED,
BUT MAY BE TRANSFERRED

TOURS FOR 2011 CONFERENCE

TOUR A

Thursday, July 14

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour Cost \$99

Minimum of 15 required

See how 40 million coins a day are made in the U.S. Mint and hear how Molly Brown survived the sinking of the Titanic, while touring her Victorian home. Enjoy a drive through the scenic foothills of the Rocky Mountains on the way to Evergreen for lunch and shopping. Also included is a tour of the world-famous Coors Brewing Company.

TOUR B

Monday, July 18

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour Cost \$99

Minimum of 15 required

Tour B will be traveling south through the heart of Denver to Colorado Springs. Enjoy a tour of the magnificent Chapel at the Air Force Academy. View the great formations as we drive through the Garden of the Gods and experience the activities of the U.S. Olympic Training Center. The spectacular view of the Rocky Mountains will be a bonus.
Lunch Included.

Reservations due by May 15, 2011

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Both Tours \$99.00 each

Thursday, July 14

_____ Tour A \$ _____

Monday, July 18

_____ Tour B \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to and mail to:

D'Lightful Tours
3672 H Road
Dunbar, NE 68346
402-269-2616
308-246-5383
darudolph@juno.com
hesteenson@juno.com

2011 National Conference

Here are some additional programs you will find at the 2011 Conference:

- **Starting a Community Garden** - Linda Langelo, from the Colorado State University Extension Agency and an FCE member will explain what a community garden is, how it can benefit people in your community and how to get the community, families and young people involved in starting a community garden. Linda will share some information from the success that she has experienced in starting community gardens in Colorado.
- The National Conference will include professional speakers such as "Be Nice To Your Feet!" by F. James Gremillion DPM, MS.
- Speaker and Information about ACWW
- Award Book/Display Boards
- Officer training ~ Secretary/Treasurer and President/Vice President ~ Sunday afternoon
- **And Many More!** We also plan to have speakers on topics such as Colorado Wildlife, Autism and Men's Health as well as some fun topics and surprises!

National FCE Board Alumni Fundraisers

The National FCE Board Alumni is sponsoring a contest for breast cancer research at the Conference in Denver. The contest is open to all who attend. Please bring your bra entry on a decorated hanger with a title and it will be returned to you.

The Alumni is also sponsoring a fundraiser: "**APRONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS-TIE ONE ON, IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE**".

Each year the Alumni gives scholarships that will cover the registration costs only and are to help any member attend a National FCE Conference for the first time. The aprons may be vintage, brand new or homemade. Tickets for the aprons will be sold.

If you are entering either or both of the contests, contact the Alumni Chair by May 1, with the number of entries in each contest so we will have enough space. More information will be coming.

Karen Walker, Alumni Chair
626 N. Jefferson
Kahoka, MO 63445
660-727-2425- Phone
kjwalk2@centurytel.net

What is LOVE

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Terri – age 4

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with someone you hate. Nikka – age 6

Your really shouldn't say I love you unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. Jessica – age 8

HONOR FUND DONATIONS

The Honor Fund that was established at the 2010 National FCE Conference has received donations totaling \$1,219.55, these funds will help support leadership development. Thanks to the following for their donations:

In honor of Past National FCE President Bettie Lucas:

Appalachia Community Cancer Research, WV
Lonnie Brandon, IL
Ann Dancy, VA
Vermont FCE
Carolyn Ropp, FL
Carrol Davig, TX
Margaret Mai, AZ
Oarlene Wingate, HI
Yuma County AZ FCE
Sheila Jackson, WV
Helen Stein, TX
Susan Yee, HI

In honor of Jennie Quiroz and her husband:

Yuma County AZ FCE
Hoemakao AZ FCE Club

In honor of Past FCE leaders:

Margaret Mai, AZ

In honor of Edith Bauer:

Vivian Cody, MO

In honor of deceased FCE members:

Susan Yee, HI

In honor of five Missouri State Presidents being at the 2010 National Conference:

Betty Reynolds, OK
Ruth Deckard, MO
Karen Walker, MO
Lynn Maples, MO
Betty Schalk, MO

Thanks to all for their generous gifts. If you wish to donate to honor a friend or family member send your donations to National FCE Headquarters, 73 Cavalier Blvd, Ste 106, Florence, KY 41042.

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.
- Albert Einstein

HOTEL REGISTRATION

All conference attendees must make their own room reservations. Contact the Ramada Plaza Denver North Hotel to make your reservation. When making room reservations members need to ask for "National Association for Family and Community Education" ~ yes say the whole name!!. The phone number for reservations is 303-452-4100 and the booking code is nafce. Reservations must be received by June 8, 2010.

Ramada Plaza Denver North

10 East 120th Avenue
Denver (Northglenn), CO 80233 US
I-25 at Exit 223

Reservations: Phone: 303-452-4100 Fax: 303-457-1741

Room Rates: \$79 / Max Quad (4) occupancy. Up to 2 Free hot breakfasts included per double room. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for and additional \$5 per person per day.

Complimentary High Speed Internet Throughout Hotel
Free Hot Deluxe Breakfast Buffet for 2 - Fountain Court Cafe
Damous Grill and Sports Bar
Indoor Heated Pool and Hot Tub
Complimentary Business Center- Available 24 Hours
20,000 sq. ft. of Meeting and Conference Center for up to 1200 people
Fitness Center
ATM on site
Cable TV with in room pay per view movies
Pets allowed-additional non-refundable nightly charge applies
Copy/Fax Service

Hotel Directions:

North

I-25 south to exit 223, go left onto 120 St. Go 2 blocks turn right at the first traffic light, Grant Street. Go to the next right and hotel on left side of road.

South

I-25 north to exit 223, go right on 120 St., Go 2 blocks turn right at the first traffic light, Grant Street. Go to the next right and hotel on left side of road.

East

I-70 West to I-25 north to exit 223, go right on 120 St. Go 2 blocks turn right at the first traffic light, Grant Street. Go to the next right and hotel on left side of road.

West

I-70 East to I-25 north exit 223 to right on 120 St. Go 2 blocks turn right at the first traffic light, Grant Street. Go to the next right and hotel on left side of road.

Airport

Take Pena Blvd, to I-70 west to I-25 North to exit 223, Go 2 blocks turn right at the first traffic light, Grant Street. Go to the next right and hotel on left side of road.

NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

For

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES TO NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE "REGISTRATION ONLY"

Sponsored by the National FCE Board Alumni

1. National FCE dues must be on file at National FCE Headquarters by April 15.
2. National FCE Conference registration form and all applicable fees must be paid by check or listed credit card information. Winners will be notified and their conference registration cost will be refunded. Those applicants who are not winners will have their conference registration form and method of payment sent on to Headquarters by May 15.
3. This scholarship application form must be filled out according to the following instructions:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Years of Membership _____

Membership Number _____

(On label of FCE TODAY)

On ONE separate page, list the following:

- a. Office(s) currently held in FCE (local, county, district, state)
- b. What National FCE program or project did you use last year?
- c. What focus (new issue, new program or new project) is important to you?

Send the following postmarked by April 15, 2011.

- This form and attached one separate page of information
- Completed conference registration form and payment

To:

National FCE Board Alumni Scholarship Chair

Dee Rudolph

3672 H Road

Dunbar, NE 68346

Phone: 402-269-2616

E-Mail: darudolph@juno.com

Turn out the lights, the party's (election's) over!!!

BUT, much like when a party is over, now the real work begins for all of us! Now that we are settling in with a new Congress and in many cases new States Legislature, we need to think of the issues at hand. In a democracy we have the right and the responsibility to work toward change. If the democratic process is to function effectively, citizens must be well informed about issues, and must be willing to express their views and then to participate in the decision making process.

Our elected officials like to hear opinions from the home front, and they want to be kept informed of conditions in the districts they represent. They do not tire of hearing from constituents who have something to contribute to the welfare of the state or nation. Elected officials listen most closely to the people they represent. Keep your communication with your elected officials constant, consistent, and concise. To make the greatest impact, you need to remain in close contact with elected officials. And don't forget to thank them for their willingness to serve in what can be a thankless job.

You can read about current bills on the floor or in committee by going to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. There you will find much of the information you need, as well as links to the House and Senate. This website was set up in the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, who stated many times that the people need to be informed about what their government was doing, and then speak up. "Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." Thomas Jefferson

Change can happen. It takes some effort, but even small changes can make a difference.

Deadlines, Deadlines

Just a reminder that the deadlines for Program Award books, Spirit of FCL, Heart of FCE, Community Service Awards, etc. are to be postmarked by **April 15th** and sent to headquarters. Be sure to see that the packages are postmarked – you may take it in on the 15th, but they may not postmark it right away, causing you to miss the deadline and be disqualified. The Program Awards need 9 copies – all sent to headquarters, and Judy Jones will send to the correct board members. The display board (and a copy of the program book) must be sent to Victoria Schmidt by June 30th (2 weeks prior to the start of conference.)



Special Opportunities for FCL Benefit Attendees Only!



This year we will be featuring an opportunity available only to those who attend the FCL Benefit on Saturday evening of Conference. In honor of FCE's Diamond Jubilee, in addition to a wonderful meal and entertainment attendees of the FCL Benefit will have the opportunity to purchase chances on winning a few select items. One of the featured items will be a necklace and earring set valued at \$248.00. Three lucky attendees will be automatically entered to win, and all attendees will be able to purchase tickets for a chance at winning for \$10 each. There is no limit to the number of chances individuals can buy, but you must purchase your ticket to attend the benefit to qualify. All proceeds from these and other items offered will be to help support FCL training and programs. Since the hotel requires a meal count well in advance of Conference you will need to include the FCL Benefit with your registration. You won't want to miss out this year! The lucky winner of this dazzling set will look absolutely stunning at our closing banquet on Sunday as we celebrate 75 amazing years of FCE!

Charity Project by the Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education

For the past several years, the Conference Host Region has chosen a charity to fund at our annual State Conference in November. This year, 'A Soldiers Child', a non-profit organization supporting our military families, and, begun by a Murfreesboro citizen, was chosen. Our conference was held in Murfreesboro at the Embassy Suites, and Daryl Mackin, the founder of the organization came to our conference on Monday evening to show a short DVD and speak to our attendees. We held a fun fundraiser called "Buck-a-Bottle. The attendees were asked to bring a bottle, contents worth at least \$1.00, wrapped in brown paper bags, newspaper, even fat quarters make good wrapping, and nothing alcoholic or 'gag gifts'. The bottles do not have to contain liquids-jars of buttons, beads, knitted dish rags, etc, make good bottle contents. Some bottles have been known to contain money or gift cards! At a designated time, those who brought bottles were able to pay \$1.00, go through the line and chose a bottle. An anonymous donor matched the amount raised. With the matching donation, we were able to send a check for \$576.20.

You may learn more about 'A Soldiers Child' by going to www.asoldierschild.org.

Charlene Budd

Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education

Public Policy What it is

Several members have asked “Why do we have a Vice President of Public Policy? What is the roll of public policy in FCE?” To answer those questions, we need to know what public policy is. There are ‘public policies’ and ‘public policy actions’.

Public policies are all those laws, regulations, rules of elected and appointed governmental bodies that impact our lives –i.e.: 1) *local* weed authority board determines/rules that land and property owners must control weeds on their property. 2) *state* laws have been set up that regulate highway speed, welfare recipients, state taxes, drinking age. 3) *national* legislation states rules for receiving Social Security, Federal Income tax, regulations concerning drugs and food etc.

FCE members use **public policy actions** to help influence or change public policy. These can be:

- Communicating with lawmakers
- Facilitating/coordinating candidate forums
- Signing/passing petitions in support or opposition to legislation or regulations
- Serving in elected position or appointed board position for a public entity
- Encouraging other groups to support your position (coalition work)
- Campaigning for an issue to be voted on (FCE groups may ***NOT*** campaign for a candidate according to 501 (c) 3 guidelines)
- Communicating your position to all forms of the media – telling about your position on a public policy issue and involving public policy actions. (This is different than providing publicity about your group to the media)

The VP of Public Policy has charge over the FCL program. FCL training is where members learn the skills necessary to effectively use public policy actions, as well as other leadership skills. FCE Programs are implemented in our communities through the use of those skills.

Get involved in the Public Policy process! You’ll be glad you did!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Yuma FCE in Arizona, they used various projects to recruit new memberships for their club. An annual bazaar that sells only hand made items was hosted by the club, their Membership Tea had 20 non FCE members attending, and publicity about CHARACTER COUNTS! these resulted in several new members joining and others expressing interest in FCE. Keep up the good work Yuma FCE.

NATIONAL FCE NOMINATIONS for BOARD POSITIONS

National FCE is again looking for qualified candidates for positions on the NAFCE Board. Positions open for the 2011 election are President Elect, Vice President for Public Policy, Secretary, Central Region Public Policy Coordinator, Pacific Region Public Policy Coordinator, and Pacific Region Program Coordinator ~ to fill a 2 year unexpired term. Nominations for each position shall be mailed to each member of the FCE Nomination Committee and the Secretary with a postmark 60 days before the first day of conference, **Monday May 16**. The Nominating Committee Chairman is Betty Schalk, Central Region Public Policy Coordinator. Members are state presidents from the three (3) regions. Atlantic Region ~ Sheila Jackson, WV, Central Region Mary Jane Adams KS, Pacific Region Margaret Mai, AZ, Pacific Region Patricia Kubo, HI. Nominations forms are available from state presidents, members of the committee and from National FCE Headquarters. The addresses of the nominating committee and secretary will be included when a form is requested.

Qualifications for office are that each candidate shall be a member in good standing and shall have agreed in writing to the nomination. A candidate shall be serving or have previously served as an appointed or elected officer of her/his state affiliate or have served on the National FCE Board within the preceding eight years. A candidate shall have completed any term of office in the state affiliate or FCE by January 1 of the year following election at National FCE Conference. An officer may not resign from a presently held position in order to run for another FCE position. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy shall be eligible to run for an elected position. A candidate for President Elect shall have served on the FCE Board within the preceding eight years. A candidate for Vice President for Public Policy shall have served on the FCE Board within the preceding eight years and be experienced in this organization’s public policy program. A candidate for Secretary shall understand the importance of preserving the official records of FCE, have the ability to write accurate minutes, and provide a safe repository for official records. A candidate for Public Policy Coordinator shall be experienced in this organization’s public policy program. (NAFCE Bylaws, Article V, Section 2).

No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson, essayist, poet (1803-1882)

National FCE History Book Addendum 1990 to 2010

This is a concise book of information about the when, what, who and why of FCE events, projects and programs.
Approximately 100 pages.
Cost will be \$19 and includes postage and handling.

There will be a limited number of National FCE History Book Addendums available at the 2011 National Conference.
State presidents will be given first chance to buy (1 per state); if there are books remaining they may be purchased by members attending.

You may order your book to be delivered after the 2011 conference.

If you preorder and pay for the book for delivery at the 2011 conference, then postage and handling will be waived, otherwise the books will be mailed after the 2011 conference.

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Number of books ordered _____
\$15 each (plus \$4 postage and handling) Total enclosed \$ _____
I will pick up at conference _____
Please mail the book to me _____ (to be mailed after the 2011 conference)

Send this order to:
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Florence, KY 41042

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