

The Messenger

NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN REGION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Greetings from your President

by Cindy Mishtal, TAFCE Eastern Region President

Summer has surely arrived with a bang. This past week was a HOT one and the 4th of July is supposed to be even hotter. I hope that you are all staying safe in this heat enjoying the air-conditioning inside. As you stay out of the heat, please try to find some time to work on crafts that we can sell at the State Conference in the Flutter-Buy Craft Market. Please remember to price your items.

We should be receiving the registration for our State Conference soon. Our conference chair, Leslie, has been working very hard on this. We have heard that the Western Region already has a bus coming. The bus will be picking up some in the Central and Eastern Region too. As soon as we know the schedule, we will make sure y'all do too in case you want to hitch a ride. In order for us to have a successful conference we will need all hands-on deck. The more hands we have the less work for all those involved.

There will be a meeting for the Conference Committee Chairs in Sevier County on Friday, July 14th at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the UT Extension Office in Sevier County at 752 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville, TN 37862.

To my knowledge, there are 4 ladies from the Eastern Region who will be attending the National Conference in Erlanger Kentucky from August 3 - 6th. I am one of them, and I am hoping to learn much more about all of the programs that we have in FCE.



What's New

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Greetings from your President cont.

We also have two ladies from Eastern Region attending their 2nd FCL Training class in late August. Ella Parker, Tammy Halliburton and I will be lead teachers and or assistant teachers during the FCL training. I am so proud of all the ladies that are doing their best to improve their knowledge of our organization. We will recognize the two ladies during the graduation at State Conference.

We are still looking for a place in Anderson County to hold our Fall Conference, which we have scheduled for Monday, September 18th.

Hope to see you all soon.



News from the VP of Public Policy

by Ella Parker



The Spring FCL Class was held in Lebanon, TN, this past April. This picture is of the entire class. Two members attended from the Eastern Region, they are Pat King (third from left on front row) and Robin McGowan (far right on back row). Fifteen(15) hours of the required thirty(30) hours were presented at this class. The remaining fifteen(15) hours will be presented in August. Much Information was presented.

We are looking forward to the August session, I will be co-teaching 2 classes again.

Notes from the Bean Counter

by Marti Agler, TAFCE Eastern Region Treasurer

Welcome to summer, patios, picnics, pools! Not to forget the mosquitoes! We hope yours is going well and lots of fun.

For those who had registered for Spring Camp, you should have received your refund. If you have not, please advise and we will look for corrections. We are so sorry that event did not occur. The Regional Board is preparing a survey to determine your desires for a spring event, please respond with your thoughts. We can plan better with your input.

In an attempt to maintain the funds required to continue to support all the contests, scholarships, and other donations, the Regional Board has approved a \$1.00 increase in dues for 2024. The Remittance Form and Instructions will be going to the Council Treasurers near the first of August to allow ample time to meet the October 1 deadline for annual dues remittance. You will remit \$3.00 for TAFCE and \$3.00 for Eastern Region, total \$6.00 per member should accompany your 2024 remittance. Please cooperate with the October 1 deadline, your membership dues pay for much of the giveaway to members, some counties have still not remitted their 2023 renewal, not fair to the other Councils who cooperate for the greater good. NEW THIS YEAR: When you send your roster of members, you will need to indicate your County Council officers. This will save you having to send them separately to the Region; we will pass the information on to them! We will forward the 2024 NAFCE Membership Form as soon as it is received.

Notes from the Bean Counter

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Fall Conference is just around the corner and hope all of you plan to attend. We are trying a changed format to allow more hands-on activities and ideas to take back to your clubs and councils. The members in Anderson County are hard at work to make this a rewarding, happy event. Can't wait to see all the well-made creative things you all bring! You will be receiving more details as things are finalized.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to a member, clubs, or council, do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in the Planner. Happy Summer, see all of you at Fall Conference!

Marti Agler, Treasurer
TAFCE Eastern Region



NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

JOHNSON COUNTY

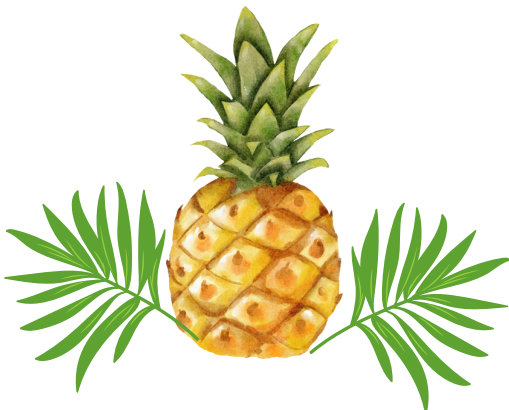
We have submitted three, (3) of our members who should be awarded their 50 year certificates and pins. One of them has been in the club for 65 years. Our club, Laurel, FCE in Laurel Bloomery, TN, has been active since 1945-46 when Mrs. Alta Thomas organized about 5 clubs in this area. Thelma Lipford, who will be having her 87th birthday this month, has been in the club for 65 years. What a legacy for our FCE club to have a person who has been involved so long, still with us. She is still active in the Senior Center in Mountain City also. What a gal!

Pat Heinemann

MEIGS COUNTY

The Decatur Club has been busy this summer! We have made about 30 fidget quilts for our local nursing home. They were very colorful and had lots of gadgets for busy hands. Both the Decatur and Ten Mile clubs have been busy making gifts for the State Conference gift shop. Some of our members had a lot of fun at the Southeast yearly Shop Hop. We visited 5 quilt stores in one day, had a marvelous lunch, and bought lots of pretty fabrics. Perhaps you'll find them in the gift shop as fun gifts. We are gearing up for the fair in Meigs County next month. We try to support our fair by participating in cultural arts and canning events. We also have two FCE booths that both clubs compete in. We present information that encourages our community to grow and prosper.

Pat King





DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 24 - FCE Day at Appalachian Fair-Gray,TN
Aug 30-31 - FCL training- Lebanon,TN, Comfort Suites
Sept 1 - ER officers nomination forms to region VP of Programs
Sept 1 - Fashion Review winners to Sharon Clapp
Sept 1 - Cultural Arts winners sent to Tammy Haliburton
Sept 18 - FCE Fall Conference



TAFCE Mission Statement:
To strengthen the home and community by improving the quality of life of individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development, and community service.

All dates, forms, contacts and information can be found on the TAFCE Website.