

The Messenger

NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN REGION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Greetings from your President

by Cindy Mishtal, TAFCE Eastern Region President

TAFCE Eastern Region Report

Thank you, Eastern Region, for a wonderful year. Our Fall Conference in McMinn County was a success with over 100 in attendance. There were many Cultural Art and Fashion Revue awards handed out to our talented members. The Best of Show was awarded to Betty Beene from Bledsoe County with her "How Great Thou Art" Cross stitch.

I want to say "Thank you" for an Awesome TAFCE State Conference! I never expected the praise that we received on Wednesday morning during our breakfast time. Our Conference Chair, Leslie Sharpe and her team worked diligently, preparing and it showed with the success of the conference. Thank you to all those who attended the conference and helped us make it such an amazing and successful one.

On November 28th, we enjoyed Leadership Day in Sevier County. Our Sevier County ladies gave us a beautiful place and delicious food. Thank you to all of you who helped. Agents Kelli Roberson and Meagen Brown lead us with some FCE educational talks and activities. We made a Poncho of Positivity as one of our ice breakers and it brought much joy to all involved. With the talks and education received that day, were able to fill two positions on our Eastern Region Board.



What's New

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

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COUNTY NEWS

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Greetings from your President cont.

With the new year upon us, we look forward to planning a Spring Conference on Monday, April 29th, Leadership Day sometime in July, Fall Conference in Clinton on Monday, September 16th, TAFCE State Conference Hosted by the Western Region at Parris Landing on Sunday, November 17th through Wednesday November 20th. Of course, we hope to have many more events throughout the year.

2024 Eastern Region Board Members are as follows:

President: Cindy Mishtal

President Elect: Vacant

Secretary: Darla Baird (New)

Treasurer: Marti Agler

VP of Programs: Vacant

VP of Public Policy: Ella Parker

Newsletter: Pat King

Cultural Arts Chair: Tammy Halliburton

Fashion Revue Chair: Sharon Clapp

Education Chair: Jean Cross

Action Chair: Barbara Mills (New)

2026 Conference Chair: Vacant

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for a wonderful and successful year. I never dreamed leading such a group would be so rewarding. My heart has been happy. I cannot wait to see what we can do in 2024!



News from the VP of Public Policy

Hello everyone! Hope you have shoveled out from the Snow and Ice and have syphoned off all the plentiful water accumulation from your area.

The Spring is coming and bringing the beautiful spring flowers and weather we are looking for. It also brings the Spring Session of FCL. (April 16-17) This is a wonderful chance to learn about how to improve your abilities with FCE, besides, you get to enjoy the fellowship with other members both in and out of the classroom setting. You will meet FCE members from Across the state, not just our region, and increase your knowledge of FCE and your Community.

You do have to register using the form in your Yearbook, and enclose a check, but the check will be returned to you after you complete the session. The National FCE pays for your room if you complete the Course. This should be sent to your County VP of Public Policy in time for her to send the names to me by March 11th. When you attend both April and August classes and send in your summaries, you will receive a new Name Badge acknowledging your accomplishment. Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Notes from the Bean Counter

By Marti Agler

This has been a very busy fall for Eastern Region, hosting the TAFCE State Conference, reporting 2024 dues, and holding our Regional Leadership Day. I do hope each of you took the time to enjoy and learn from these activities.

As promised at our Regional Breakfast Meeting at the State Conference, here are the Eastern Region Financial Results from the Conference:

Collected for Tours	\$3,090
Cost of Tours	(2,157)
Use of Western Region Bus (168)	
Net Income from Tours	\$ 765
Materials for Breakfast Meeting	(210)
Proceeds from Flutter Bye Gift Shop	3,433
Basket Auction Income	755

Total Income from State Conference \$4,743

Woo-hoo! What a shot in the arm for our finances! To all who helped in any way, thank you. It is truly amazing what can be done with you members' help and support. Unbelievably, we do not yet have a bill from the Meadowview Resort. There could be a slight change in the cost of the Chef's Class Tour but not expected.

And, then, as if we weren't busy enough, we gathered in Sevierville for our Leadership Day. Our Agent/Advisors did a great job putting together some right now, take some of this to your clubs and councils training for us, the food was local and good, the room was more than adequate for our needs, and it was a pleasure to see all there. If you missed this, mark your 2024 calendars for our Spring Thing in April, Leadership Day in July, Fall Conference in September, and State Conference in November. Each time we gather we learn from each other.

Notes from the Bean Counter cont.

The State Project for 2024 is Membership Recruiting and Retaining. This is a critical topic for our region as well as the state. Please make it the theme for your clubs and councils. If you have attended any of the region meetings, you have seen the statistics. We need to bend our wills to reverse this downward trend in members and clubs.

As always, if I, or any member of the Regional Board, can assist you in any way, please ask with the expectation of receiving a positive response. We serve at your pleasure.



News from the Cultural Arts Chair

By Tammy Halliburton

There have been two changes to CULTURAL ARTS this year. The category for Jewelry has been broken down.

Category #24 is Jewelry: Beaded

Category #25 is Jewelry: Non-Beaded

Category #27 is Mosaic Art ****NEW****

The new forms are on the TAFCE website.

Stay Warm and I hope to see you soon.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

Meigs County

CHEERS TO A NEW YEAR!

WOW! What a crazy start to 2024! January sure had a lot of surprises for us. I hope you stayed safe and warm during the ice and snow storm. Wasn't that something to behold! Because of this I believe many of you are probably just getting together again. I had very few responses to the shout out Cindy gave for me to request news. I hope you're going to have lots to send in the spring !

Please send me information about your clubs to pat.king.fce@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of your winter! Be watching for news about SPRING FLING!!

Pat King
Communications chair



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Sullivan County

It was the honor of Sevier County FCE to host the 2023 TAFCE Eastern Region Leadership Day. Just in case you were unable to attend, here is some of what you missed!



BREAKFAST!



29 DOOR PRIZES!

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

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be found on the TAFCE Website.