

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER

- All CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>®</sup> Essay & Artwork Contest
- Collect 2015 Dues-Membership Drive
- National Literacy Month
- 1 **All County Associations' List of Officers and Committees for 2015 due to State President**
- 8 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Anne Arundel County Extension Office
- 25 – 27 CWC Meeting Manitowa, Wisconsin

## OCTOBER

- 6 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Anne Arundel County Extension Office
- 12 – 18 National FCE Week
- 13 - 14 MDFCE Annual Conference  
Best Western, Westminster, MD
- 15 Rural Women's Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 19 – 25 CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>®</sup> Week

## NOVEMBER

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING** deadline for items to Editor  
**County Membership Dues to Martha Moser, Membership Chairman**
- 3 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Montgomery County Extension Office.
- 23 – 29 National Family Week

## DECEMBER

- 1 State Dues/Membership Forms to NAFCE
- 1 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 31 **Counties' Annual reports due to Vice President for Program; County Presidents' Reports due to President; Membership Appreciation Award (SR 4a) due to Vice President for Program**

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

See driving directions on page 8.

## CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>®</sup> Contest for 2014-2015

Responsibility, the third pillar of character, is this year's focus. Contact your schools (county presidents have the information) and encourage them to participate in the FCE essay and artwork contest from September 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015. Send winning entries to the state president by March 1, 2015.

## MDFCE Web Site is [www.mdafce.org](http://www.mdafce.org)

Send new officer's list, newsletters, calendars and information to Libby Wade at [dunade@aol.com](mailto:dunade@aol.com).

## Newsletter Deadline: November 1

Send all articles, Bulletin Board items, address changes and trivia for the newsletter to:  
Jean Purich, 15500 Gallaudet Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905-4196 or email at [jcpurich@cs.com](mailto:jcpurich@cs.com).



## FROM THE PRESIDENT The Wizarding World of FCE

It is with a very heavy heart that I report that Thelma Gore died in June. She was the president of Anne Arundel County and on the Education Committee at the state level during the last 20 years. Thelma will be sorely missed and it will be impossible to imagine having meetings and conferences without her presentations and participation.



I would like to congratulate Jean Purich who has been installed as the Atlantic Region Program Coordinator for the National Association for Family and Community Education. It is wonderful that someone from Maryland is serving at the national level.

As you all know, we still need a President Elect to take over the Presidency in January. We also are looking for more members to serve on the Education Committee and the Resource Development Committee.

Finally, don't forget the Annual Conference. It will be in Carroll County at the Best Western in Westminster. The dates are October 13 and 14. Our theme is Teamwork Makes Dreams Work. At our upcoming board meetings, we will be planning the lessons and programs that will be presented. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

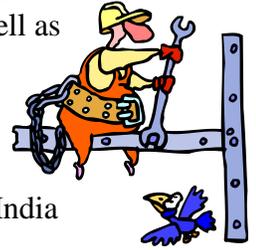
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## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Now it is time to get back to the business of FCE. Please consider attending the annual conference in October. We will present the new Hearth Fire program, *Someone's Asking...How Can we Stretch our Food Budget?* and inform you about two other new ones, *Someone's*

*Asking...What are Your Fingers Saying When You're Typing on Electronic Devices and Someone is Saying...Strut Your Stuff, Developing Great Brochures.* There will also be educational and fun programs, as well as three outside speakers, Chuck Schuster and Terry Serio, both are CES agents, and Janeal Jones as "Rosie the Riveter". Jeanne Purich will share her experience in India at ACWW.



One of the most enjoyable aspects of attending these meetings is the opportunity to socialize and exchange ideas with old friends from other counties.

Evelyn M. Ziegler, VP for Program  
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## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC POLICY

The Food and Drug Administration has let companies certify the safety of the chemicals that are being used in their products. So many additives are being added that the FDA doesn't know about. They have received many complaints about some additives triggering asthmatic attacks, serious vomiting and intestinal disorders and other health problems in some people. It is important for consumers to check all ingredients and report any untoward effects but there are secret ingredients that aren't always listed on the product can or box.

The FDA officials have acknowledged that new steps need to be taken to better account for additives being added to food. The number of additives has spiked from 800 to more than 9,000 in the last 50 years.

With elections coming this fall, it is important for voters to scan the position that the candidates take on issues that are important to you and the country. Too many people don't follow the information put out by the candidates so they are disappointed that they don't support the issues important to us.

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## Membership

### Welcome to Our New Members

Cheryl L. Hiett, Yvonne Jackson, Joan Selinger

#### Congratulations to All Our Recruiters

Judy Armitage, Amber Beall, Barbara Bowen,  
Betty Burriss, Louise Ediger, Ann Fishell,  
Elizabeth Heagy, Frann Peters, Beverly Roof,  
Phoebe Smith.

Thanks to the above recruiters for inviting 12 new members to join MDAFCE this year. Their names have been sent to National FCE to receive a "Star" for each new member they asked to join. The "Stars" should be in your mailboxes soon. There are approximately 4,441 NAFCE members in 20 states. It is a goal of NAFCE for 2015 for everyone to get one new member. Wouldn't that be wonderful for Maryland FCE as well? Come on ladies, you can do it, just one new member for each of you. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, coworkers, church goers and acquaintances to come to a program and join MDAFCE.

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## Bulletin Board

Thelma Gore died in June. She was the president of Anne Arundel County and a member of the Education Committee for MDAFCE.

Speedy recovery to Evelyn Ziegler, Anne Arundel County, after cataract surgery, Michelle Close, Frederick County, after an appendectomy and Marcie Burroughs, Montgomery County who is having back problems.

Condolence to Jean Horner, Montgomery County, on the death of her husband, Don.

## IN AND AROUND MARYLAND

### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

We truly miss our beloved Thelma Gore, who passed away in June. But we will do our best to continue the FCE work which was so dear to Thelma.

Our September meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> will feature Mike Ensor, CES Educator. In October, Kathy Anthony of Chesapeake Decorative Painters will lead us in a painting project.

### CARROLL COUNTY

Carroll County hosted the State Board Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. After the meeting some of us went to Maggie's - a local restaurant for lunch. On June 9<sup>th</sup> - the following Monday - we had our regular June meeting. For information on that meeting see the Summer Newsletter.

We had no meeting in July- but at the June meeting, one of our members, Virginia Maskell brought to the meeting 160 children books that she had been given at a yard sale. FCE gave those books to Dad's Works - an organization in Carroll County that teaches Dads how to help their children. The article about this gift came out in the Carroll County paper on July 25, 2014. The article included 2 pictures; one of Virginia with David Barry, the director of Dad's Works and Waltraut Stages, CC FCE marketing chairwoman, with the books and another picture of a dad in Westminster, Brad Seymour, reading to his two children - Tristan 4 and Keiran, 3. This article will be at the State Conference for you to see. Virginia has been a member of CC FCE for about 60 years.

On August 18, Elizabeth Heagy presented a program on "Is There a Vaccine to Cure Rudeness" Hearth Fire # 54. The August meeting was our picnic so we enjoyed hot dogs and buns, baked beans, salad, ice cream and CC homemade desserts!!

Our August meeting is also where we fill out the forms for our 2015 dues and for the State Annual Conference. Many of us are planning on going and do hope you are planning to join us here in Carroll County on October 13 & 14, 2014!!

Elizabeth Heagy

## **FREDERICK COUNTY**

Frederick County FCE Homemakers Clubs will hold their Fall Annual Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Center on Basford Road. The first part of the meeting will be a Board of Directors meeting, followed by an interesting program – “The Community Foundation – What is it? What does it do?”. Attendees will be able to purchase donated items from the “Friendship Table” before and after the business meeting and program. Proceeds from the table will be used to support our future educational activities. A potluck meal will follow.

Most clubs have signed up to demonstrate various crafts at the Great Frederick Fair the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. The week will be culminated by a children’s book give-away on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. A planning committee is in the process of determining the presentations for the Spring and Fall county meetings and the monthly lessons for next year.

Donna Bowles

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Montgomery County presented four booths at the Montgomery County Fair featuring “FCE Blanket Making”, “How Safe is Your Food”, “Re-think Your Drink”, and “Go Green with What Else You Can Recycle”. We distributed information about FCE, troop support and blanket making for kids.

Two members attended the National FCE Meeting in Tucson Arizona. The meeting kicked off with introduction of the national board and the state presidents. Some of the topics of discussion were how to save on your groceries, parliamentary procedure, how to make a brochure, laughter, and three FCL programs.

## **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**

Thoughts of fall are beginning to enter into my mind - pumpkins, swirling colorful leaves, spice breads, Indian summer, apples, candy corn, and bazaars. Summer is sharing it’s last wonderful gifts with us - garden flowers, abundant produce, last vacation travel, school starting, and family cookouts. This has been an exceptional season -

nice temps, plenty of rain, and plenty of sun to ripen everything. Our state conference will soon be here, and Prince George’s County is coming together for our basket theme and content for the conference fundraiser. A Sampler of Prince George’s History: A Sip of Tea, Tools/Seeds for Your Garden, and Historical Gems to Visit is the theme for our basket. It sounds nebulous, but it will tie together beautifully. These baskets always contain such variety!

It’s been a quiet spring/summer for our group. The cold, long winter cancelled the first meetings of the year, and we have focused on our community projects this year. We’ve had more workshops than ever: making Easter dresses, cutting out Christmas Stockings for the troops, starting to save coupons for the troops overseas, working mainly on Comfort Dolls/Animals and their carrying bags. It takes a group effort to collect material, make simple animal patterns, layout and cut them out, sew them together, stuff them, and finish them off. The details are many in the least complex creation we make! Contact with the local police station was made to volunteer our dolls/animals to the officers who deal with children and families in all kinds of stressful situations. The local police are running it by their superiors. We’ll know soon if they will participate with us.

The Luncheon held for the MDAFCE state board meeting in August was successful. Potluck always brings a wealth of talent and taste to these occasions. Thanks to all our members who participated. I’m glad to be a member of this group-we are a good soup and getting better by the year!

This fall promises to keep us busy and before we know it, the New Year will be knocking on our door. Enjoy this fall, the State Conference, and our fellowship with each other at our monthly meetings. It really is a precious gift we share with each other all year long.

Debbie Rausch.



*For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.*

**Edwin Way Teale**  
Autumn Across America

## Maryland FCE Conference



Do hope all of you are remembering that the Maryland FCE Conference is coming October 13 & 14 in Carroll County. Registration Starts Now!! A form was included with the Summer Newsletter. If you do not have one, check with the president of your county or at the web site ([www.mdafce.org](http://www.mdafce.org)). If you register before September 10<sup>th</sup> the cost is discounted.

AND if you have been saving your \$3 a week for the last 42 weeks you now have \$126 in your piggy bank!! Which gives you almost enough for the \$145 needed for a double room!! (The \$126 does give you enough for 3 in a room!!) So come - stay at the Best Western and enjoy all the meals and entertainment - PLUS you will learn about the information that came to us from the National FCE Meeting.

I do hope I will see you there!!

Elizabeth Heagy

### BYLAW CHANGE

The current bylaw reads:

#### ARTICLE V. Officers

##### Section 1. Officers

B. Officers, with the exception of President Elect, shall serve for a term of two years. Newly elected officers shall take office on January 1, following the conference at which they were elected. **No officer shall serve more than one consecutive term in the same office, with the exception of the Treasurer who may serve consecutive terms.**

The proposed change is in the second sentence would read:

**All officers may serve consecutive terms in the same office.**

Rational

As we have not had any nominees for some offices, it will allow the organization to continue to function with officers that are willing to continue in their offices.

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## Do Not Delay – Pay Today!

In September we return to scheduled activities and it is time for us to pay our FCE dues for 2015. All dues must be paid to club treasurers in September and forwarded to the county treasurers by October.

Every member is required to fill out a 2015 Membership Form. The 2015 membership form is printed in this newsletter. Please tear it out and using black ink type or clearly print the information requested at the top of the page. Do not use abbreviations. Enter your 9 digit zip code and your E-mail address. Your “Current Member I.D. #” is printed on your FCE Membership Card.

Please note that in the dues box there is a new category – Youth. The Youth category is for someone who is 18 or under whose parent is not a member and the young person wants to be a member of FCE.

In the dues box circle your membership status: regular, family, senior, or youth. Fill in the appropriate dues for county and clubs as they vary throughout the state. Total the column.

The last item – the Member Signature at the bottom of the page must be the signature of the individual named at the top of the page.

### New Members

Note the box above the Member Signature line. This should be checked by individuals who have never been affiliated with FCE. At the bottom of the page add “recruited by” and give the name and address of the member who introduced the new member to FCE. The member will receive a gold star pin from National FCE.

**SPECIAL PRIZE** – Each new member and the recruiter’s name will be placed in a drawing for full registration payment for the 2015 Maryland Annual Conference Meeting. The more members you recruit – the more chances you will have to go to the meeting for free!

Thank you for neatly and correctly filling out the 2015 Membership Form. Take the form and your check to your September meeting or mail them to your treasurer now. We need to have all of our Maryland FCE members accounted for by September 30! Please contact me, if you have any questions.

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**National FCE President Bonnie Teeples  
July 18, 2014**

***Annual Conference Tucson, Arizona***

I am a different person than the one that stood before you a year ago. I have had experiences this past year that have shaped me, I hope refined me, and they have certainly made me more aware of the workings of human nature, my own included. I have served with a diverse group on the National Board. There are the detail people, the dreamers, the deep thinkers, the analyzers, some “newbies” and some old hands. But all of them have one **DREAM** as board members and that is to improve the quality of the organization.

The board has worked hard this past couple of years to make and keep earlier deadlines. Decisions are made on the programs that will be presented at conference the following year and by fall board meeting much of the research is done. By the end of fall board meeting it is hoped that the teams have a working outline and the basics of what they will do in the workshop. This has helped to make the work of all committees go much smoother. There were some struggles this year with family health issues and other family issues, but we made it through and are a stronger board for it. We have learned to be patient with those who are different from ourselves!

I had the opportunity to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference in Chennai, India. National FCE’s proposed resolution to ACWW was accepted and re-written by ACWW as a recommendation. It reads “In view of the ever increasing use of electronics that pollute the environment, the members of ACWW are urged to do all they can to ensure e-waste is recycled and disposed of safely and responsibly to prevent further damage to the environment.” I asked Jean Purich, who was serving as the Maryland FCE Delegate, to second for me. The recommendation was passed without debate. Part of the refining I have gone through was a result of the experience I had in India. You cannot visit places like that, meet wonderful people like that, and not be changed. It truly was a life changing experience for me.

FCE history was made when we formally recognized a Youth Membership Category and with the election of the first male to the National

Board. Both bring welcome diversity and a new way of looking at things to the organization and certainly to the board.

Our membership numbers continue to drop and with it the income available for program development, purchase of needed materials, and membership support. Recruiting and retaining new members continues to be of primary concern to the National Board. Judy Jones, administrative assistant at headquarters, continues to offer money saving ideas to the board. We are grateful to her and so appreciate the work she does for us as well as the organization.

I am ecstatic that we have so many candidates running for office this year. It shows that you all have the good of the organization at heart and have ideas you want to implement that you hope will make things continue to grow and improve.

As a board we have begun to look at current programs with an eye to their usefulness to our mission, vision and goals. We know change is hard for any organization, but we also know that to survive we need to move forward and sometimes change is a part of that.

Our theme for conference this year was “**Team Work Makes Dreams Work**”. I hope you have a dream and I hope that what we are doing as a National organization is helping you to make your dream work. **We want you to be a part of making our dream work.**

**Resource Development Committee  
Basket Sale**

The Resource Development Committee is holding a basket sale at the state conference. A Sampler of Prince George’s History, Products of Carroll County, Frederick County Wine, Tea and Coffee and Give Thanks will be available for bids.

Thank you for your support!

Michelle Close, RDC Chairman





2015 Membership Form

\*\*\*Type or Print Clearly in ink\*\*\*

\*\*\*Do Not Abbreviate City, County, Street or State Names\*\*\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Current Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code+4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club County \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership: (Please list) Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent

Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues	Regular	Family	Senior (80+ years)	Youth 18 and under
National	\$ 19.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 16.30	\$ 5.00
State	3.50	7.00	3.50	
Council/County/Parish				
Club				
Total				

Sign and send with total membership dues to Club Treasurer by \_\_\_\_\_

New Member (Never belonged to FCE before)

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Must be original signature, copies will not be accepted

Mission...To strengthen individuals, families, and communities through continuing education, developing leadership, and community action.

## Directions to Annual Conference

### Direction to Annual Conference

#### Best Western Hotel

451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD, 21158

Phone: 410-857-1900

October 13 and 14, 2014

#### From East and South:

Take 32 west to Route 140 east, the BEST WESTERN Westminster Catering and Conference Center will be on your right-hand side.

#### From the North or West:

Take 97 south to Route 140 West and the BEST WESTERN Westminster Catering and Conference Center will be on your left-hand side just past Route 31.



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