

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

JUNE

- All Nominees for State Officers, Group II
- 7 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting, Carroll County Extension Office
- 14 Flag Day

JULY

- 4 Happy Birthday America
- 15 National FCL Leadership Day
- 16-18 NAFCE Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI



AUGUST

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING** deadline for items to Editor
- 2 10:00 AM Executive, Education & Finance Committee Meeting, Prince George's County Extension Office

SEPTEMBER

- All Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest starts
Collect 2011 Dues-Membership Drive
National Literacy Month
- 1 **All County Associations' List of Officers and Committees for 2011 should be sent to State President**
- 13 10:00 AM Executive & Education Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 15 Deadline for Region II Meeting
- 27 Regional II Meeting, Montgomery County Extension Office, Derwood, MD

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Character Counts Contest for 2009

Emily Silverman from Carroll County won First Place for Maryland in the National FCE Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest. She received a \$100 savings bond from MDAFCE. Her Contest papers were sent to National FCE for competing with other State winners. Alex Hook from Anne Arundel County won Second Place. He will receive a \$50 savings bond.

MDAFCE Web Site is www.mdafce.org

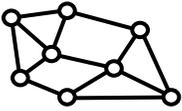
Continue to send information and calendar updates for your web page. Send newsletters, calendars and information to Libby Wade at dunade@aol.com.

Newsletter Deadline: August 1

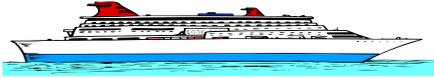
Send all articles, Bulletin Board items, recipes, address changes and trivia for the newsletter to: Jean Purich, 15500 Gallaudet Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905-4196. Please email me at jcpurich@cs.com with your information.

Hint: Easy eyeglass protection. To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Crystal Clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Networking For FCE – 2010



It's hard to believe "Summer" is about here! We all welcome it after the cold snowy winter.

Our Maryland FCE State Board will be visiting several counties in the coming months. All are invited (FCE members, non-members, prospective members). Come and see how the State Board operates. On May 3, we visited Frederick County at their Extension Office. Allegany members attended and then we went out to lunch together. We'll visit Carroll County in June, and Prince George's County in August.

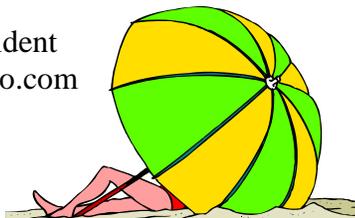
We will not have a State FCE Conference this year. Since we alternate, there will be two Regional Meetings. Region II is September 27 in Montgomery County and Region I in Allegany County is October 13. (See page 4 for details). There will be an auction and a synopsis of the ACWW Triennial Meeting the USA hosted in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Don't forget the National FCE Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan July 15-18. If you have not yet registered, read your "FCE Today". I plan to attend the meeting as your President, to vote on National by-law changes, carry the MD flag as I walk with the other State Presidents to the stage. I hope to see many of you to support me, experience meeting the National FCE Board, attend the business meeting and workshops, confer with other FCE members, go sightseeing and on tours, enjoy the entertainment and take home new FCE programs. Any suggestions or input on how you want to improve FCE, changes, etc., please contact me by email or telephone.

Make your hotel reservations at the Hilton, Grand Rapids Airport Hotel now!

Have a happy, enjoyable summer!!

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PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

With a lot of activity on the last day of the Assembly, the lawmakers passed a bill to require lifetime supervision of sexual predators, update its online sex-offender registry, triple mandatory minimum sentences for rape and assaults of young children and make it harder for repeat offenders to get out of jail.

A first of its kind measure is to require schools and police to share information about students and classroom interventions with those that teachers believe to be heading toward gang involvement. Legislation to make it easier to prosecute gang members and stiffen penalties against them was approved. The current law, Gang Prosecution Act of 2007, resulted in only one guilty plea and no convictions in nearly three years. This bill would add crimes that would make gang members eligible for stronger penalties, including witness intimidation and second-degree assault.

Child support payment guidelines will be changed for the first time in twenty years. It will raise the scale of payments based on combined monthly income between parents from \$10,000 presently to \$15,000.

Maryland utilities will have to increase the amount of solar energy they buy and pay fees for not complying. It is estimated that residential electric bills will go up by 5 cents per month next year. The amount will go up each year, resulting in an increase of 77 cents per month for residents by 2016.

Sixteen-year-olds will be able to register to vote when they get their driver's license. They won't be able to vote until they reach eighteen.

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"Great people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."
Goethe

"Women get the last word in every argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument"
Author Unknown

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM

Our annual program report for 2009 has been completed and forwarded to National. Our thanks to Judy Pugh for all the time and effort spent putting it together. We also want to thank all of our groups who kept records of their FCE programs. Keep up the good work.

Seven of your MAFCE board members will be attending the FCE National Convention in July in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We are looking forward to attending workshops on such subjects as Health, Food, Media, Membership, Literacy, International and Environment. We hope to include some of these topics in our upcoming regional meetings.

We encourage you whenever possible during the summer to keep the name of FCE before the public. Advertising can be very effective during county fairs, local festivals, parades, etc.

Have an enjoyable summer. Appreciate the beauty of nature. We look forward to seeing you in the fall ready for new FCE programs and activities.

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MEMBERSHIP

Thanks again to all the county treasurers who sent their membership information and dues to me as soon as they received them. We added another member in March giving us a total of 209 members. This year we've signed up 10 new members and all those who recruited these new members have received their "Star" from NAFCE. I encourage you to continue inviting people to join FCE throughout the year.

Martha Moser, Membership Chair
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"The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new." Rajneesh

Bulletin Board

It is with great sadness we inform you of the death of our National FCE President Bettie Lucas. The following is a copy of the obituary that appeared in The Parkersburg News and Sentinel.

In Memory of



Mrs. Bettie Lucas
Bettie Lucas, 61, of Washington passed away Apr. 20, 2010 at Marietta Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born Dec. 27, 1948 in Manchester, TN to Lonnie M. Foster Brandon and the late Kenneth O. Brandon. She was an active member of the Marrtown Road Church of Christ. She was a former local, state and national president of the National Association for Family and Community Education (FCE). Bettie worked with several groups in Parkersburg in conjunction with the FCE, such as, the Appalachian Comprehensive Cancer Coalition, founder and director of Wood County Youth as Resources, affiliate of WVFCE, the ACWW (Assoc. of Country Women of the World), secretary of the Board of Directors of the former YWCA, member of CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, GFWC Williamstown Womans Club, the Wood County Family Resource Network, Literacy volunteer, and ARC of Wood County volunteer. Bettie spent many, many hours writing and receiving grants to educate and pay for medical treatments for breast, ovarian and cervical cancers. Bettie also worked with the Athena Health Center to make available many grants to help numerous women receive screenings for all types of cancer and to help raise doctor awareness.

In addition to her mother Lonnie, Bettie is survived by her husband, Scott Lucas, whom she married on Oct. 9, 1982 in Peoria, Ill.: one brother, Ed Brandon; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog "Millie".

Region II Meeting September 27, 2010

Host: Montgomery County FCE
Location: Montgomery County Extension Office
14810 Muncaster Road
Derwood, MD 20855

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Danish, coffee/tea served

Cost - \$20.00

Reservation and payment deadline: **September 15**

Make check payable to:

Montgomery County FCE and send to:

Marilyn Simonds
13708 Lionel Lane
Rockville, MD 20853
301-871-1609



Directions to Montgomery County Extension

From I-270: Exit onto I-370 towards the Shady Grove Metro Station (not Sam Eig Highway). Continue on I-370, exiting onto Shady Grove Road EAST (last exit before the Metro Station). Stay on Shady Grove Road for approximately 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Muncaster Mill Road. Turn left at the first stoplight (about ¼ mile) onto Muncaster Road. Proceed 1.3 miles from the intersection and turn left into the Agriculture History Farm Park

From Route 495 (Capitol Beltway): Take Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97) north for approximately 8 miles. Turn left onto Norbeck Road (Rt. 28). Turn right onto Muncaster Mill Road (Rt. 115) at the first stoplight. Continue on Muncaster Mill Road for about 4.5 miles. Turn right onto Muncaster Road and go 1.3 miles (watch for park entrance sign on your left).

From Route 198: Traveling west on 198 continue across New Hampshire Avenue onto Norbeck Road (Rt. 28), 198 becomes 28 after New Hampshire Ave. Go approx. 6 miles; turn right onto Muncaster Mill Road (Rt. 115). Continue on Muncaster Mill Road for about 4.5 miles. Turn right onto Muncaster Road and go 1.3 miles from the intersection and turn left into the Agriculture History Farm Park.

Region I Meeting October 13, 2010

Host: Allegany County FCE
Location: Cumberland Country Club
10200 Country Club Rd.
Cumberland, MD 21502-8333

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Danish, coffee/tea served

Cost - \$20.00 (sit down lunch)

Chicken salad platter with macaroni and cranberry salad, fruit garnish, rolls, beverage, lemon tart dessert. (tuna available for non-chicken eaters: Call Lessie Spates 301-724-5277)

Reservation and payment deadline: **October 1**

Make check payable to:

Allegany County FCE and send to:
Diane Lynch Tele: 301-729-2693
14 Roselawn Avenue
LaVale, MD 21502

Directions to Cumberland Country Club:

From I-70 take Route 68 West
Exit 44 (Willowbrook Rd./Allegany College)
At end of exit go left to Willowbrook Road.
Continue on Willowbrook for ½ mile.
Make a left on Country Club Road.
Continue on CC Road for 1 mile.
Turn right on Carrol Boggs Road (Cumberland Country Club sign).
Continue up road 4/10 mile, passing golf course.
At the top, follow “Keep Right” sign.
Pro Shop will be on the right with parking on right or left. The “club” is the next building.
If there is no parking left at the pro shop, just continue past the “club” for more parking.

National FCE in Grand Rapids, Michigan

If you haven't registered for the NAFCE Conference at the Hilton in Grand Rapids on July 16–18, it is not too late. If you're not sure where to vacation this year; think about Michigan. You'll have fun, see some very interesting things and maybe even learn a thing or two. Complete registration material is located in your Winter **FCE TODAY** or on the web (www.nafce.org).



IN AND AROUND MARYLAND

ALLEGANY COUNTY

June 14: The speakers will be the Allegany County State's Attorney and the CASE Coordinator who will present a program on CASE which stands for "Communities Against Senior Exploitation."

July 12: Covered dish luncheon & craft program.

August 9: Jane Wagner, former Extension Educator, will demonstrate Dilly Bread. A "Salads Galore" luncheon will be held.

September 13: The annual meeting and luncheon will be held.

October 13: The Regional Meeting will be held in Allegany County. (See information on Page 6 of this newsletter.) For more information contact: Lessie Lee Spates 301-724-5277

CARROLL COUNTY

Carroll County FCE members and guests enjoyed their annual May Day Luncheon on May 6 with 31 in attendance. The program presented by Kathy Batty, Historical Society curator, featured information and photos taken from our quilt documentation project years ago. Several members displayed family quilts and told of their quilting experiences.

Scholarships were granted to 2 Carroll County graduating high school seniors (each \$500).

Thirty seven entries were received from 4th grade students for the Character Counts Arts and Essay contest. The 1st Award entry was forwarded to the State for consideration and it was selected as the State's entry for the National contest.

Kathryn Frock's current address is Sumerville, 45 Washington Rd, Room 114, Westminster, Md. 21157. 410 848-6517. She is keeping active with crocheting and crossword puzzles.

We were sad to learn of the death of Evelyn Nelson. She was 95 years old and remained active in our organization throughout her lifetime. We will miss her at our meetings. Our condolences to her family and FCE friends.

The next CC meeting will be Monday, June 14 at 10 a.m. The program will be "Looking Fit and Fabulous at Any Age".

Welcome to State Board Members for their June meeting on June 7th at the CC Extension Office meeting site.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Frederick County's Spring meeting titled WE STAR IN THE ARTS was a wonderful educational time to really study art work. Along with the special program on art, members brought for display many pieces of art work that they had done. The display was an eye opener of the beautiful pieces of art of all kinds that our members had done. The April lesson in our clubs from the Hearthfire series "Looking Good at any Age" has been well received with our members. Our offerings to Pennies for Friendship are being stressed as well as how our monetary contributions are used.

Members are working on ideas for the booth at the Great Frederick Fair where we can do demonstrations, promote our organization, strive for new members, greet old friends, make new ones, and distribute books to children.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Fifty-one (51) FCE members and guests attended our Spring Luncheon entitled "Swing into Spring". Speaker, Marie Rojas gave an informative talk on "How to Attract Wildlife to Your Yard".

In seven months we have completed over 900 blankets and over 600 hats for our Linus project. These blankets go to sick and traumatized children in local hospitals and shelters. We are always in need of acrylic yarn. If you have any to donate we would be happy to have it.

The article, "**Treat the troops to cookies and brownies, and they'll treat you with stories**" by *John Kelly* appeared in the Washington Post on Wednesday, May 5. Maddi Klein and Eva Black that began our Support the Troops project was interviewed along with Sgt. Shane Welsh, one of the recipients of our cookie boxes. For the full article see http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/04/AR2010050404628.html?nav=rss_metro/columnists or Gazette article http://www.gazette.net/stories/05052010/damanew225143_32554.php

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

May has always been one of my favorite months of the year, and Mother's Day is my favorite holiday. I get presents, and celebrated, and I don't have to get a year older. Yippee! Yessss! Cool! It can be bittersweet for those of us whose mothers aren't here anymore, but hopefully there are tender

memories to warm you. If you're a mom, I hope your children were really good to you this year.

Remember, summer starts unofficially this month with Memorial Day! A long weekend, some fun, and the promise of an exciting summer...what could be better?

4 May 2010 -- We are still working on our on-going "A Case for Smiles" project benefiting Conkerr Cancer. We are always interested in helpers, material or donations for material and want to thank those that already have supported us with this worthwhile project. We have several members of the St. John Seniors in our group and have formally requested their assistance for the above and welcomed anyone who was interested to come join our group. It looks quite promising. Sharon Adamoyurka's Embroidery Club has helped by submitting 18 pillowcases to date with more to come. They also have been invited to join our FCE group.

Marjory George went above and beyond with an outstanding program on Identity Theft. She personally advertised throughout the local community and with a little help from her friends put on a gorgeous brunch. Lina Stallings from Prince George's County Public Affairs, Office of the Sheriff was a great speaker and the knowledge she shared will last a life time. Margie's advertising paid off with a couple of guests from the community that seemed interested in us as well. Bouquets of carnations were provided to all at the end of the meeting in honor of Mother's Day.

Sharon's craft of the month was sidewalk chalk. Trash to Treasure made \$15.00.

1 June 2010 – We will be holding our Spring Tea again this year at The Royal Tea Room and would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us. Please RSVP Deb Rausch at 301 498-8806 or email rauschda@gmail.com by 27 May. The Royal Tea Room is located in the former rectory of Christ Episcopal Church in La Plata, MD. The house, built in 1929, has many charming attributes, which make it perfect for a tea room. Two dining rooms and a large front porch (weather permitting) provide elegance and comfort-wonderful settings for delicious food and personalized service. A visit to the upstairs level for antiques, collectibles and other great gift ideas is a must. Their menu offers a wide variety of luncheon entrees and the tea services have been compared to some of the best European tea rooms. Hope you'll consider joining us.

Sharon Adamoyurka

26th Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World

Hot Springs, Arkansas – April 21-28, 2010

Theme: Women Worldwide – The Voice of Today

(Voting Delegates from Maryland FCE:

Barbara Perry and Jeanne Purich.

Other Maryland attendees: June Branthover, Sue Van Slyke, Ed Purich and Lowell Perry.)

Officially named in 1933, the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) currently has 360 member societies active in over 70 countries and has consultative status at the United Nations. When ACWW meets every three years the meetings follow a very strict procedure to insure equality for all delegates. During the years between meetings various committees meet in the ACWW office in London to carry on the business of the organization. The triennial meetings are held in various countries and this year the USA was the host. The Convention Center was spacious so delegates and attendees could attend all meetings.

April 21 – Arrived at Hot Springs, AR. We presented our credentials and collected our conference voting papers. We set up our Maryland FCE exhibit showing our yarn and embroidery thread project for India. We rehearsed carrying 74 flagpoles for the opening ceremony. (Flags had not arrived due to the eruption of the volcano in Iceland.)

April 22 – The nine geographic areas of ACWW held individual meetings in the morning. At the USA meeting, which is also our Country Women's Council (CWC), we learned that we will need a new newsletter editor and that there were over 100 applications for the Ruth Sayre scholarship this year. The Council Meeting followed with changes to be made in the agenda because delegates could not leave Europe due to volcanic ash. Minutes from the 2007 triennial were accepted and reports were given on work done from 2007-2010. Everyone wants the same respect and values around the world. The treasurer's report revealed that finances are very tight for ACWW. We need to stress sending Pennies for Friendship to London. The flags arrived in time for the Opening Ceremony in the evening and we had an excellent keynote address from the head of the Hot Springs National Park. (The city of Hot Springs is a national park and is the first national park in our country. Our latest monetary quarters are of the national parks and we each received a quarter of Hot Springs issued that day.)

April 23 - First Plenary (meeting) – World President Dato Ursula Goh spoke of her six years of travel for ACWW to remote villages and how they have widened her horizons. She is extremely impressed with the effect of our various ACWW self-help projects and the quality of concerns of women around the world. She also stressed the need for ACWW to find a stable means of income. Second Plenary – The nine Area Presidents elaborated on their written reports with detail and stories of events experienced carrying out resolutions and recommendations from the last triennial. (We have a copy of all of the reports.) Consideration of Resolutions and Recommendations began. Voting for a resolution means that the content of the resolution is to be followed during the next three years in some way. Voting for a recommendation means that it is suggested to follow the content of recommendation during the next three years.

April 24 – Third Plenary – A resolution to give access to credit for women was passed. We had a speaker who encouraged laughter to combat stress. We rotated through three workshops on Leadership, Laughter, and Recycling. The following resolutions were passed: To stop the use of plastic bags and reduce excess packaging; To ensure that women have access to knowledge about financial management; To retain sufficient arable land for food production versus growing crops for bio-fuel production. One evening during the triennial the host country provides a program of local culture. Photos of regions of the USA were projected on screens and the entire room had displays, mainly related to farming and agriculture – you could even milk a life size artificial cow! Did you know that Arkansas is a major producer of rice? Everyone consumed red, white and blue frosted cup cakes and opened their beautiful souvenir gifts of miniature farm scenes from the Iowa Farm Bureau. A country blue grass band played tunes for all who wished to sing and dance...and they did!

April 25 – Fourth Plenary – Introduction of nominees for election and voting. The voting procedure is extremely well organized and time consuming as there are candidates for ACWW as a whole and candidates for the various worldwide area positions. Following the elections reports were presented from the Projects Committee and Promotion and Publications Committee. The Projects Committee met six times during the triennial and approved 42 applications, 22 from member societies. 152 groups

and individuals have taken on projects. Safe water is still a priority everywhere. The Promotion and Publications Committee publishes the ACWW Country Woman magazine quarterly. They have just published a small brochure and bookmark that are wonderful tools for marketing ACWW and can be ordered from London. Fifth Plenary – Report on Agriculture encouraged teaching children to farm and the United Nations Committee report centered on violence against women and treatment of women in wars and conflict. The Penfriends and Links Committee tries to match pen pals with similar interests, ages, etc. (We have complete reports from these committees.) In the evening attendees could make various crafts using beads of all colors, sizes and shapes. Everyone made an ACWW key ring.

April 26 – The morning began with an Interfaith Service followed by a day of tours. On the triennial day of tours buses are filled and given various itineraries for the rest of the day to visit local points of interest. The buses do not visit the same locations so everyone comes back with various tales about where they went, how their bus broke down or the air conditioning didn't work! Of great interest to our bus was being served lunch by Extension Homemakers in a lovely building that they own! We also visited a garden, a mall, a family owned pottery shop and the famous Hot Springs bath houses.

April 27 – Sixth Plenary – Results of the election were presented. An urgency resolution to increase membership dues by 5% for the 2011-2013 triennium was presented and carried. Recommendations to plant trees and to require candidates for office on the ACWW Board to hold individual memberships were carried. The new World President, May Kidd (Scotland) was introduced during the mid-morning Closing Ceremony. Also there was Presentation of Chain of Office and Presentation of Badges to Incoming Board Members followed by the recession of the flags. An afternoon Council Meeting summarized events of the conference. Later, area meetings revealed the Farm Bureau will withdraw from the USA Area CWC. This will be a major loss to the organization. In the evening there was a pre-gala social hour featuring the National Parks Community College Vocal Jazz and Instrumental Group and the Gala Dinner entertainment was by a Hot Springs Flute Ensemble. Dinner tables were hosted by representatives sharing information about their home states. Guests received crystal plates engraved with the conference logo, date and location.

ACWW Trivia –

- Each triennial is represented by a pin. CWC held a contest for the 2010 design. The winning design features the American flag.
- Many countries wear special native costumes or specially designed attire. We wear navy blue slacks or skirts, red blouses, white jackets and red, white and blue stars and stripes scarves EVERYDAY (except on the tour day and to the gala dinner).
- English is accepted as the universal language at the conference.
- Informal and friendly conversation is shared everyday with morning and afternoon tea breaks.
- There was a Country Store which was very attractively organized and featured quality goods. Maryland FCE can be complimented for their contributions.
- Each day there was a lottery for three items to raise money for Pennies for Friendship.

- There was drawing for a quilt.
- 130 9x9” quilt squares were entered in a contest for judging and then auctioned off. Martha Moser, Frederick County FCE, made three squares which netted a total of \$30.
- Many organizations brought interesting exhibits of their projects.
- Photographs from the triennial will be on line at acwwusa2010.shutterfly.com

Conclusion –

As in its lengthy history, ACWW can boast its endeavor to meet the needs of women, families and communities through its on going projects. More people and organizations need to know about ACWW and to help to support its membership wisely and financially. (Sounds like FCE doesn't it?)

The 2013 triennial will be in Chennai, India. Start saving your pennies!

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