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SUMMER 2008

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

JUNE

- All Nominees for State Officers, Group II
- 2 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting,
Howard County Extension Office
- 14 Flag Day

JULY

- 4 Happy Birthday America
- 7 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting,
Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 16 FCL Leadership Day
- 18-21 NAFCE Annual Conference,
Burlington, Vermont

AUGUST

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING** deadline
for items to Editor
- 4 10:00 AM Executive, Education & Finance
Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel
Extension Office
- 15 **Early Bird Deadline MDAFCE
Conference**

SEPTEMBER

- All Character Counts Essay and Artwork
Contest starts
Collect 2009 Dues-Membership Drive
National Literacy Month
- 1 **All County Associations' List of Officers
and Committees for 2009 should be sent
to State President**
- 8 10:00 AM Executive & Education
Committee Meeting,
Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 15 Deadline for MDAFCE Conference
- 25-27 ACWW Area Meeting hosted by CWC,
Hot Springs, Arkansas

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MDAFCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Don't forget to register for the Maryland FCE Annual Conference by August 15th to get the early bird discount. The meeting will be held at Sandy Cove, North East MD on Oct 13th, 14th and 15th. Contact Judy Pugh at 410-398-4536 and see page 7 for registration information.

Character Counts Essay WINNER!

Nicole Hallikas from Anne Arundel County placed first in Maryland in the National FCE Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest. Nicole received a \$100.00 savings bond from MDAFCE.

MDAFCE Web Site is www.mdafce.org

Continue to update your web page. Send newsletters, calendars and information to Marie Moeller. E-mail mariemoeller@yahoo.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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE WITH FCE – 2008

Our Maryland State Board Members were very pleased with the turnout at our recent regional meetings. We hope you had a pleasant day visiting with old friends, learning about the cyberhighway, volunteering and mentoring, and many other topics. It is our hope that you will take home the information you received and share it with your clubs, counties, and other organizations.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the State Board for planning these programs, the presenters for sharing their knowledge, Prince George's and Cecil Counties for hosting these meetings, and all of you who continue to support our organization.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Maryland Annual Conference in Sandy Cove, October 13, 14, 15, 2008. Your registration fee will include a 2-night stay! It is a beautiful and relaxing location and the fall colors should be just about at their peak. We will be celebrating FCE's 70th Birthday. We will have a memorabilia table so be thinking about what interesting items from your clubs and counties you might want to display. Our fundraiser this year will be a used jewelry sale. There will be no raffles. We are asking you to go through your jewelry boxes; pull out the items that are still good that you no longer use and donate them to our sale. They can be given to any member of the board prior to the conference. There are more details about the conference on page 7 in this newsletter.

Your National and State Boards continue to work hard to plan programs that we hope are of use to you.

If you have any suggestions for programs or need any help, please call on us. We are here to serve you.

Relax, enjoy your summer and appreciate the beauties of nature.

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PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

Help on MD Foreclosures

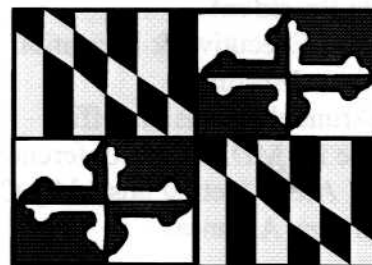
Passage of an ambitious package of mortgage lending changes was among the highlights for Gov. O'Malley in the recently concluded legislative session. Bills signed by O'Malley make mortgage schemes subject to criminal prosecution, extend the foreclosure timetable from 15 to 150 days, and prohibit prepayment penalties and transactions in which home-owners are tricked into signing over their houses to third parties. \$400,000 is budgeted for a public ad campaign to tell MD homeowners at risk of foreclosure about the resources available to help them.

Communities Come Together for Change

In the months leading up to the election this fall, AARP is hosting events in communities throughout the state to listen to Marylanders and talk with local leaders about the Divided We Fail initiative.

In churches and libraries, bowling alleys and high schools across the state, Marylanders are speaking out and taking action, coming together as communities looking for solutions to the health care and financial security crises facing our country. Waiting is no longer an option. "From the Eastern Shore to Western Maryland, from Southern Maryland to the Pennsylvania line, people are concerned about these issues and they want answers from our elected leaders at the local, state and federal levels," said AARP Maryland State Director Joe DeMattos. Stay tuned and visit www.aarp.org/md for more about community conversations near you.

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NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM

The Exciting Adventures of Frances Cynthia Edwards

THE RESULTS!

Thanks to the efforts of the "Not Quite Ready for Prime Time Players" and the FCE members attending the Spring Regional Meetings. Maryland results were tallied in response to several issues:

Reasons to be a Volunteer in FCE

- to reach goals
- to learn and to stimulate the mind
- for career development
- to mentor
- for giving back
- to make friends
- to save money for an organization
- to grow
- to feel important
- to help others
- to fulfill a need
- to share talents
- to benefit the community
- for personal satisfaction/enjoyment
- to develop skills
- to develop creativity

What Would You Like to Learn About?

- FCE history
- proper dress and manners
- water and energy conservation
- money management
- genealogy
- recycling
- making meals ahead
- quality family time and meals together
- CPR and d-fib
- parenting and grandparenting
- operating electronic equipment
- medication disposal
- gardening
- furniture refinishing
- new energy sources
- TV conversion
- homemaking skills

- cell phone usage
- quilting, sewing, crocheting, tatting
- crafts
- computer skills
- increasing membership and attendance
- time management
- food preservation
- digital photography
- elder law
- communication skills with children
- reading financial reports
- health issues

What Could You do to Improve Families and Communities?

- join FCE!
- volunteer at schools
- teach classes
- serve Meals on Wheels
- lead youth groups
- adopt a highway
- take people to the polls
- be a good neighbor
- help neighbors
- practice kindness and respect
- volunteer at pregnancy centers
- practice civility
- promote clean and neat homes and communities
- tutor kids and adults
- recycle
- SMILE!
- save the Chesapeake bay

Thank you for your input. Maryland FCE will be busy for a long time!

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THANK YOU COUNTY PRESIDENTS

Thank you county and club presidents for your informative and interesting annual reports. They were read and reread and summarized for our state report to National FCE. PLEASE make copies of the report form for your club presidents so we can all be on the same page.

Judy Pugh
Vice President for Program

ACWW NEWS

Let's All Land in Hot Water

CONFERENCE THEME: WOMEN WORLDWIDE THE VOICE OF TODAY

Margaret Cadzow, chairman, tells of the first steps that have been taken towards the next ACWW's next World Conference:

Welcome to this introduction to our next Triennial Conference venue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, the only national park located within a US city is named after its 47 outlets from which thermal waters flow at 147 °F. Bathhouse row, a main thoroughfare, is evidence of Hot Springs' status as a spa. American Indian tribes referred to this area as the Valley of the Vapors and used it as a place of peace where they discussed their differences. Hopefully, a good omen for our conference.

Tourists have been visiting since 1807 and today the city offers 210 acres of natural beauty and 4.5 miles of shoreline on Lake Hamilton.

Other need to know facts: Hot Springs has the largest botanical woodland in the United States and is noted as the boyhood home of former President Bill Clinton. Alan Ladd, another resident, became a film star in Hollywood's golden era and the city had the world's only public diamond bearing sire. Twenty-four thousand diamonds have been found since 1972.

Bulletin Board

National FCE Award

Rita E. Bastek - Maryland's
Nominee for Extraordinary
Women of FCE

An FCE member for over 50 years, Rita has many accomplishments. We recognize you for serving at many positions at both county and state levels and for your work as a political and community activist. Your selfless contributions have inspired us as MDAFCE members to follow your leadership. Congratulations Rita, we are proud of your many achievements!



CWC/USA Hosts ACWW Triennial

The Country Women's Council (CWC) is privileged to be hosting the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Triennial Conference in Hot Springs, AR in 2010. Hosting an international conference is exciting, a lot of work, and **EXPENSIVE**.

At the September 2007 CWC Meeting in Illinois the cost of the conference and how to raise funds were addressed. Past records showed that donations from the various societies of CWC rendered the most revenue. The national societies are American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee, National Master Farm Homemaker's Guild, National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc, Women's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc. and affiliates of Family and Community Education. This gives a total of 42 individual components of these organizations – Maryland Family and Community Education is one. It was suggested that each member of each society give \$1.00 toward meeting the impending expenses.

Meeting in May 2008, Maryland FCE Board members agreed to add \$1.00 to the state membership fee this year. Thus, the 2009 FCE membership forms will list \$4.00 for state dues. The state will keep \$3.00 (as it has been doing for many years) and donate \$1.00.

Individuals are encouraged to consider giving personal donations also. They may be made payable to CWC Triennial Fund and sent to Judy Bender, N 1440 Spring Lake Drive, Dalton, WI 53926.

National FCE in Burlington, Vermont

If you haven't registered for the NAFCE Conference at The Inn at Essex on July 18 – 20, it is not too late. **Until June 15th, you can still get the early bird conference fee.** That's right, you will not have to pay the late registration fee. If you're not sure where to vacation this year; think about Vermont. You'll have fun, see some very interesting things and maybe even learn a thing or two. Complete registration material is located in your Spring **FCE TODAY** or on the web (www.nafce.org).

