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## A Message from the President

*Mary Andrews*

We had a mini-drought this summer. For two months, not a drop of rain. As I was moving the hoses around each day to water a different section of the garden, I thought about those without hoses... without access to piped water. What if I had to carry buckets of water from the house, or from a well or spring? Which plants would I save, as I surely would not be able to support the entire garden? If the drought got worse, which child would I save? These are heart rendering choices. Yet, families in parts of the developing world are actually facing those choices!

We can try to empathize with our less fortunate sisters and brothers, but our worlds are so different, it is difficult to place ourselves in their shoes. And, as we hear on the news, crises of one form or another are rather common phenomena. If it isn't drought, it is flooding, hurricanes or violence. Unknown numbers of families are dislocated, hungry or in a state of crisis at any one time. With all our knowledge and worldly resources we cannot stop the forces of nature or control the forces of arms. We can only work to help those in the path of destruction...we can only water one plant at a time.

Most of us have developed habits of giving to trusted organizations either within our religious communities or our not-for-profit humanitarian groups that in turn, work with the poor and displaced throughout the world. We should review those choices from time to time to be sure that our support is reaching those in-need most efficiently. We should also develop the habit of learning about the world and becoming more active policy advocates. Governments, businesses, and civic organizations are powerful forces in the world, and they do respond to citizen or consumer demands. As IFHE professionals, we have avenues of action in addressing problems at the international policy level through the United Nations and its associated agencies. IFHE is active at the UN. You can visit there, read about issues and resolutions on the Web, contribute to debates and advocate in behalf of families. But even more importantly, IFHE is a network of actors on almost every continent of the world. As professionals we work to help families develop resilience to face the unknowns of life. We work with individuals to develop skills and strengths to withstand adversity or to cope with emergencies. Celebrate our IFHE organizations' proud 100-year history and the contributions of over 1,300 individual members and 118 member organizations worldwide during 2008. Your membership in IFHE is a critical strategy for proactive education and action in support of families!

**Deadline for the Spring Newsletter: March 15, 2007**

Please submit articles on time, as late entries affect our ability to get materials organized and printed. Send to: Jan Scholl at [jscholl@psu.edu](mailto:jscholl@psu.edu). Be sure you indicate IFHE Newsletter: Spring 2008 in your subject heading. Please indicate any change of address as: IFHE Change of Address, Spring 2008. **Thank you!**

### Centennial Anniversary Project Fund

Our IFHE President, Dr. Lilha Lee, has invited all members and their families and associates to contribute to the Centennial Anniversary Fund as a way to support special projects during this celebratory time. Funds will be used to help defray the costs of the written and digitized history products and special celebrations during the Jubilee Congress. Send your donations to the IFHE head-quarters in Bonn. See the [IFHE.org](http://www.ifhe.org) Web site for specific information.

### Participation Opportunities at the 2008 Jubilee Congress

It is now too late to submit research abstracts or to reserve a space in the e-book project, but other opportunities for IFHE member participation in events during congress are available:

1. The Textile and Design Committee is hosting a Juried exhibit of original textiles. The deadline for submitting photos and statements is December 31, 2007. Send to Maria Anttila at [marja.antilla@helsinki.fi](mailto:marja.antilla@helsinki.fi) or Mary Gilliland at [mltg@aol.com](mailto:mltg@aol.com).
2. Practitioner displays of "best practices" will be showcased during the Congress. Either tabletop displays or posters illustrating the practice of home economics around the world can be exhibited. Submission deadline is January 1, 2008 to Juanita Mendenhall at [juanitam@usit.net](mailto:juanitam@usit.net).
3. The Institutional and Hospitality Management Programme Committee are calling for statements (max. 300 words) of intent to present papers dealing with the theoretical considerations, practice oriented solutions, and actual projects related to improving every day life through institutional and hospitality management. Due date is January 15, 2008 to Dr. Hertje Funke at [funke@fhmuenster.de](mailto:funke@fhmuenster.de). Check the [IFHE.org](http://www.ifhe.org) website for specific details on these opportunities.

### Call for Articles for the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal (FCSRJ)

One or more global centennial issues of the FCSRJ are anticipated to document and reflect on the history of our profession, our professional associations, and their contributions to society and the future. Authors interested in having an article or book review published in these global centennial issues, must submit a 200-word abstract to Editor, Dr. Joan McFadden, by January 15, 2008. Manuscripts can highlight past or present global or international research, or provide a review of research-based books on history or changes in our profession, cultures or future challenges. Guidelines on manuscript for all submissions can be found at <http://www.afcs.org/resources/fcsrj.html>, the



journal's Web site or contact Executive Editor, Dr. Virginia Vincenti at [vincenti@uwyo.edu](mailto:vincenti@uwyo.edu).

### IFHE Shirts are Now Available! Order your own IFHE Shirt!

Wonderful IFHE shirts in different colors: red, yellow, white, and blue can be ordered in different sizes to show your identification with IFHE around the world. Order forms can be downloaded from the [IFHE.org](http://www.ifhe.org) Web site and at <http://ifhe.org/t-shirt.html>.

### Contributors to the IFHE Development Fund Omitted from the Last Newsletter

Through a "glitch" in our PDF file, the following contributors were omitted from the last newsletter:

**Stars:** F. Jean Weaver (Pittsburgh, PA)  
Elizabeth Weiss (Bellingham, WA)  
Lorraine H. Westerberg (Catonsville, MD)

**Supporter:** Jane Wentworth (Rome, GA)

Thank you for your contributions!

### IFHE-US Election Candidates for 2008

*Carolyn Blount*

The following are candidates for the upcoming election. Please submit your ballot by November 30, 2007.

**President: Mary Warnock**

IFHE involvement has been related to research presentations given at World Congresses held in Germany (1992), Thailand (1996), Africa (2000), and Japan (2004). She attended the Region of the Americas workshop held in Puerto Rico. She worked with students concerning international internships and established study abroad links with universities in Scotland and England. Leadership positions include chair-elect and chair of the international division for AAFCS.

**Recorder: Deborah T. Tippett**

Attended congress and council meetings in Kyoto and South Africa; Vice Chair Kappa Omicron Nu; 07-09; Secretary Council Administrators FCS; Secretary/ Treasurer FCSEA 93-97. As a potential board member of IFHE-US, she is interested in finding ways to involve students and young professionals and expanding the number of higher education administrators in IFHE. Deborah is currently professor and head, Human Environmental Sciences, Meredith College, Hillsborough, Raleigh, N.C.

**Liaison to the United Nations: Ruth Norman**

Representative for IFHE at the UN in New York from 1978 to 1999 and from 1999 to 2007, she served as IFHE-US UN Liaison. From 1980 through 2007 submitted reports and articles about work of NGOs and international issues for the IFHE newsletters, attended congress, council, regional and national meetings.

**IFHE-US Development Fund Chair: Sharon McManus**

Sharon attended IFHE Council since 1998 and IFHE Congress in 2000 and 2004. She has been a member of the IFHE-US Board of Directors and Director of IFHE-US Development Fund since 2004. Sharon organized the past three cultural event fund raisers and has served as AAFCS as senator, international chair and president of Ohio AFCS.

**IFHE Development Fund Chair: Mary Andrews**

Mary Andrews, a long time member of the AAFCS International Division and IFHE, has served as chair elect and chair of the AAFCS international division, as Director of programs and professional development on the first board of IFHE-US and currently serves as president of IFHE-US. She has chaired the IFHE program committee "Outreach to Central and Eastern Europe" and presented research papers at Congresses in Minneapolis, Hannover, Bangkok, Accra and Kyoto. May also organized professional study tours associated with those congresses and will do so in Lucerne. She participated in two regional meetings (Puerto Rico and Fort Worth) and serves on the Board of the International Home Economics Services organization that supports home economics programming in developing countries.

#### Official Ballot

Vote for one in each office, and mail or e-mail by November 30, 2007. Mark the ballot with an "X" or indicate a write-in candidate if desired. Please have your return name and address on the envelope (or e-mail), which will be separated from the ballot before counting. E-mail: [cblount@vendor.net](mailto:cblount@vendor.net). Address: Carolyn Blount, 2026 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102.

President: Mary Warnock \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharon McManus \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

Liaison to UN: Ruth Norman \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) Biennial Conference**

*Joanne Pearson, Member Representative  
Region of Americas*

The seventeenth biennial conference of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) was held at the Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace Casino on Cable Beach Nassau, the Bahamas, from July 28 to August 1, 2007.

The theme of the week-long conference was Economics Education: Enhancing and Sustaining the Quality of the Workforce in the Caribbean." Attending the meeting was more than 200 people from 12 countries in the Caribbean region and the USA.

The official opening ceremony was on Sunday afternoon the 29th with multiple congratulatory messages including greetings read by Janice Archibald Maison, VP for the Region of Americas, from IFHE president, Dr. Lilha Lee. The keynote address on Monday morning was presented by Mr. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Secretary General, Caribbean Tourism Association.

This address truly served as the keynote for the entire conference, as many other speakers throughout the week referred to the points that he made relative to training a skilled workforce.

The Caribbean region is currently the most tourist dependent region of the world, with tourism in some parts of the Caribbean amounting to as much as 70% of the GDP of the country. These skills include: computational skills, communication skills, and foreign language skills. It is important that children be able to live in the society in which they find themselves and thus to have life skills.

Programs during the week included plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and panel discussions. A speaker at one of the plenary sessions was Dr. Elizabeth Goldsmith from Florida and one of the speakers at a concurrent session was Dr. Joanne Pearson from Virginia.

Joanne Pearson, member representative from the Region of Americas on the IFHE Executive committee, installed the new officers of CAHE at the closing banquet.

### **Region of Americas Meeting in the Bahamas**

*Joanne Pearson, Member Representative  
Region of Americas*

The Region of Americas Meeting, a one-day event, was held on August 2, 2007 in Nassau, the Bahamas, immediately following the Caribbean Home Economics Meeting.

More than 50 people registered for the meeting from 11 countries in the Caribbean region and the USA. Eight of the 55 attendees were from the USA.

The morning session was a symposium and the afternoon was devoted to a business meeting. The theme for the morning symposium was "Integration and Collaboration Strategies for Effective Networking Across the Americas." Speakers for the program, chaired by Joanne Pearson, were: Janet Gibbs, Wanda Montgomery, Caryl Johnson, Norma Maynard, and Geraldene Hodelin.

Following the morning session, there was time to view posters of collaboration projects submitted by several attendees from the USA and Guyana.

The afternoon session was devoted to the Region of Americas business meeting, chaired by Janice Archibald Maison. A major component of the meeting was a discussion led by Juanita Mendenhall regarding how the regional structure might be implemented, based on the official recommendation for regional structure approved by the IFHE Executive Board in 2004. A coordinating committee to work on the further development of the structure for the Americas Region was formed.

A brief presentation was made by Joanne Pearson that detailed the model of outreach that the Outreach to Central and Eastern Europe Committee of IFHE had developed over the last eight years.

Suggestions of how this might be adapted to outreach activities within the Americas Region were proposed.

Minutes of the Region of the Americas business meeting can now be found on the member's side of the IFHE webpage.

### Visit the United Nations February 25-March 7, 2008

*Ruth Norman*

View first hand our NGOs at work and become involved in an official UN meeting! An exciting time to make this visit is in March when the Commission on the Status of Women meets. An opportunity is being organized for all IFHE-US and AAFCS members by the IFHE-US Liaison committee and the IFHE and AAFCS NGOs.

Commission on the Status of Women, which meets the first two weeks of March, is open to all NGOs. In addition to the official commission meeting, there are the many side events organized and attended by NGOs from all parts of the world (our NGOs are involved in at least one side event organized by committees to which they belong).

The last meeting, organized in 2005, was attended by eight IFHE-US members, all of whom had an interesting experience.

There is no cost to attend either the official meeting or the side events. However, there is a fee to attend the one-day conference organized by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women meeting, which offers a preview of the agenda theme as well as the social events.

It is necessary to register for the meeting through the UN ahead of time. By doing so, each person is given a pass identifying you as an IFHE member in order to enter UN grounds and be allowed to attend the meetings.

Registration need not be done before December and can be done through the internet or through the UN Liaison committee. However, all those interested, should notify Ruth Norman (Liaison Chair) as soon as possible.

Information will be available as to lodging in moderately priced hotels in the vicinity of the UN, places to eat, transportation, and also to nearby museums, theater performances.

Check the IFHE Web site for Activities of NGO committees, UN issues, conferences, meetings and on available resources.

(See article on NGOs on page 8 of this newsletter.)

### School Gardens Established in Moldova

*Joanne Pearson, Project Coordinator*



A 30-month grant from the Monsanto Fund, awarded to IFHE-US and the CEEC Outreach Committee of IFHE to develop school gardens in the Republic of Moldova, is now in its final year. In the spring of 2007, ten residential auxiliary schools received supplies to plant school gardens, including fruit bushes and trees. In April 1, I visited Moldova for 11 days to visit schools to see what progress had been made.

A total of three schools in the north-central and south-eastern part of the country were visited. Students in one school were planting potatoes and grape vines on the day I visited, and had already planted lettuce, spinach, and onions. In another school, the boys in the agriculture class planted the fruit trees that we brought with us immediately upon our arrival.

In nine schools, some of the early-maturing green aromatic herbs and vegetables, including parsley, onion and dill, were harvested in the spring before the end of the school year. They were used for adding vitamins to main courses, salads and soups, and some were dried in order to preserve them for the winter.

Five graduate students from the Technical University of Moldova completed foods and nutrition thesis projects in the spring using data they had collected at the participating schools in the fall. These students were advised by Dr. Eleonora Dupouy, a co-director on the project.

The weather in Moldova was extremely hot and dry during the summer. As a result, the plan was to provide irrigation supplies to five schools this fall, in addition to the one school that had received those supplies in the spring. In October, I will be visiting schools again and look forward to hearing more about the gardens, what crops had been harvested, and which schools planted gardens with fall crops at the beginning of the new school year.

**Summer 2007 Basque Cultural Event**  
*Sharon McManus*

A successful Basque Cultural Event was held June 20, 2007 at the Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall in Reno, NV. Delicious Basque Hors d' oeuvres, which included Basque chorizo, grilled vegetables, marinated olives, goat and machego cheeses were prepared by Chef Van Go. Julie Bledsoe discussed the preparation of these foods.

A Basque book display was provided by the University of Nevada Press. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *Sweet Promised Land* by Robert Laxalt will be required reading for all University of Nevada freshman this year. You may wish to read this fascinating story!

Argitxu Camus Etehecopar spoke on the topic "Basque Immigration to the U.S." She is a research assistant at the Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada-Reno. Nere Erkiaga, a librarian at the Basque Library of the University of Basque Country, performed some Basque dances in native costume.

This ninth educational event raised \$1,776.44 for the IFHE Development Fund and was a wonderful networking opportunity for those present.

**2008 Milwaukee Cultural Event**

Join colleagues Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sprecher Brewing Company for an evening of fellowship, learning, and fund-raising. Annually, the IFHE-US Development Fund hosts a cultural event to support grants in third world countries.

In Milwaukee, this evening will be held in the Munich-inspired indoor beer garden of this "Small Brewery of the Year" micro-brewery that produces 10 European-style beers and eight gourmet sodas.

Learn about the ethnic heritage of Milwaukee as it is much more than German and Polish. Celebrate the cultural differences of this mid-size city, and enjoy ethnic hors d' oeuvres.

Check the spring issue of Connections, [www.ifhe-us.org](http://www.ifhe-us.org), and AAFCS Annual Meeting materials for ticket information. Please remember this date and time as you make your arrival plans for Milwaukee.

See you there!

**Call for Delegates to Council Meetings  
During 2008 Congress**  
*Mary Andrews*

Council will meet on the first and last day of the Jubilee Congress held July 2008 in Lucerne. One voting delegate to Council can be selected per organizational member and IFHE-US can send a number of delegates (based on membership strength), elected to serve four year terms (two Council meetings).

In 2004, we were represented by 26 voting delegates in Cape Town. Assuming we have a similar (or slightly larger) allocation of delegates in 2008, we will send the same persons to serve at their second council meeting. However, we will need a list of alternates in case some assigned delegates cannot attend or a greater number of delegate openings are available to us.

Therefore, please indicate your interest in volunteering to serve as a voting delegate by providing the following information to our President, Mary Andrews, by e-mail ([mandrews@msu.edu](mailto:mandrews@msu.edu)). Include the name of the nominee to serve as voting delegate at council meetings, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, estimated number of years in IFHE.

If a larger number of volunteers respond than are needed, an election will take place. Please send your intent to volunteer to serve by November 30, 2007. Organizational members, please also indicate to Mary Andrews the name of the person assigned to represent your organization.

This year, for the first time, each organizational delegate must provide a letter on organizational letterhead, indicating the name of the delegate representing them. This letter must be handed over during registration for Council, and a copy should be in the hands of the President of IFHE-US, Mary Andrews.

Your cooperation is requested to have all these details arranged in advance of the July meetings. More information will be provided in the future.

Our 2006-2008 delegates who participated in Cape Town and who should plan to participate in Lucerne. They are listed on the next page.

### **Delegates who Participated at Cape Town Should Plan to Represent Us in Lucerne**

Our 2006-2008 delegates who participated in Cape Town and who should plan to participate in Lucerne are: Deborah Tippet, Juanita Mendenhall, Nancy Billings, Ruth Norman, Joanne Pearson, Jenny Schroeder, Alberta Hill, Sharon McManus, Elizabeth Goldsmith, Mary Gilliland, Wanda Montgomery, Helen Brittin, Mary Andrews, Janette Gibbs, Sandy Rnnfl, Tahira Hira, Mary Beaubien, Kinsey Green, Mary Miller, Mary Covington, Talma Benavides, Vera Gardner, Naomi Hunt, Marianne Calhoun-McKeon, Sharon Christie, and Carolyn Blount.

### **Pre-Congress Tour Option Tour of Switzerland July 18-August 1, 2008 with Janett Gibbs**

You are invited to participate in a tour of Switzerland from July 18-31 through August 1, 2008. This includes attending the IFHE Jubilee Congress, July 25-31 in Lucerne, as well as a pre-congress tour of Switzerland.

Experience the beauties of Switzerland as they are meant to be enjoyed! Tour Fribourg, birthplace of IFHE. Take an excursion to Interlaken and Jungfrau. Ride a cog-wheel train to Zermontt, as well as viewing the Matterhorn.

Take the Glacier Express to Andermatt. Enjoy a Lake Steamer cruise to Lucerne. There will be other cities to visit along the way, such as Burn, Thun, and Brunnen.

Transportation will be by private coach, lake steamer, cog-wheel training, and Premier Swiss mount train. Along the way, enjoy the great Alps mountains, beautiful lakes and glaciers. The tour will leave and return to Atlanta, GA. More information is available from:

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### **Pre-Congress Professional Study Tour Option: Wine and Cheese Tour of France**

**July 19-25, 2008  
with Mary Andrews**



A one week tour of Eastern France and Southern Switzerland is planned to highlight the diverse wines and cheese produced in this gastronomic region of the world. The tour will focus on the Franche-Comte and Bourgogne (Burgundy) regions of France famous for their specialty cheeses (Emmental, Bleu de Gex, etc.), fine wines (Chablis, Beaujolais, Burgundy, Chardonnay, etc.) and specialty products, such as the world famous Dijon mustard.

It will also traverse the Gryere Region of Switzerland. The group will assemble at the Zurich International Airport, travel into France and the Jura Valley, south along the Rivers Saone/Rhone and across into Switzerland at Geneva, to end in Lucerne ready for a week of celebrations at the Jubilee Congress.

This itinerary takes us through a historic region known as the "Gaul" or "Rome" of France, where the third crusade was launched. We will travel through picturesque medieval towns, visit exuberant markets, take a relaxing cruise on the river and enjoy the beauty of the country scenery.

To learn about the cuisine of the region, an intimate program is planned with visits to wineries and dairies and discussions with local chefs and farmers at the open markets. Current estimates, place the cost of the tour at approximately \$2,200-\$2,600 per person, based on double occupancy.

The tour will be led by Dr. Mary Andrews and sponsored by Michigan State University Extension. For further information, access: <http://www.msu.edu/~mandrews/france/announcement.htm>.



### **Fourteen Countries and Eleven States Submit IFHE Centennial Quilt Squares**

Twenty-eight squares have been received for the IFHE Centennial Quilt to be raffled off in Switzerland! These include squares from or representing the following countries: Austria, Canada (2), China, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, South Africa (2), Tanzania, and Wales.

Squares have also been received from the following states/organizations within the United States: California, Connecticut, Homemaker of Tomorrow, Florida, Michigan (2), Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin (2).

It would be wonderful to receive squares for each country represented by IFHE and for each of the 50 United States as well. Squares should be torn 11x11 inches (28 x 28 cm) of cotton or cotton/poly and pieced, patched, embroidered, or embellished by the designer. Please include the state or country it represents and the name of the stitcher/designer within the square design. Mail completed squares to: Carolyn Blount, 2026 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102 by March 2008.

### **NGO Representative E-mail Contacts:**

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 Eileen Labiner: [eglabiner@aol.com](mailto:eglabiner@aol.com)

### **Do You Know Our NGOs At the UN?**

Those of you who have attended the national AAFCS conference, IFHE Council or Congress have met and had an opportunity to talk to both Mary Miller (IFHE Rep.) and Mary Covington (IFHE Alternate), both of whom have been at the United Nations in New York for many years. You probably have not met Eileen Labiner (IFHE Alternate). This is an update on the three active and hard working NGOs.

Mary Miller has been involved in the UN since the International Year of the Family. Her major commitment has been with the Family Committee, but she is also active in several other NGO committees. Mary recently moved to Burlingame, CA, but travels monthly to New York maintaining her NGO status and involvement with the UN. Mary Miller and Mary Gilliland, who also lives in California, get together on a regular basis. As chair of the newly organized Community on Global Perspectives for AAFCS, our contact with Mary Gilliland will mean more coordination between IFHE and AAFCS NGOs.

Mary Covington has been a loyal IFHE alternate representative, particularly on the committee on aging. She has applied this work to a grandparents support group, which has traveled to Albany, NY and Washington DC to support bills. Mary organized a photographic display for the UN. The first of its kind for home economics and IFHE!

Eileen Labiner, also an IFHE alternative, has been a vital member of the NGO committee organizing the annual DPI/NGO (Department of Public Information) and Non-Governmental Organizations conference. This Conference, held early each September, draws several thousand NGOs from around the world. The only conference of its kind organized solely for NGOs.

The theme selected and work is started almost as soon as one conference is over. Names of IFHE members have been regularly submitted as speakers Eileen and Juanita Mendenhall was invited to the 2001 conference. Juanita's speech can be found on the IFHE Web site.

Gloria Tanderjian and Nora Gorman are new members representing AAFCS as a national NGO. They will be heard from in the spring newsletter.

### **Plan of Work 2007-2008**

*Mary Andrews*

The IFHE-US officers met in Reno, Nevada on June 20, 2007 to set the agenda for the next program year. Major additions to our ongoing plan of work included the election of officers, fine tuning of the products for our history project, preparation for participation in the Jubilee Congress in July 2008, assistance to network within the Region of the Americas, and special centennial fund raising for the IFHE Development Fund.

### **Plan of Work 2007-2008**

#### **1. Strengthen Communications and Networks**

The major communication tool used by the organization is our twice yearly newsletter. It is sent to all members in hard copy, though a request has been made to send it by e-mail only for those who can accept it in that format. It is available in Microsoft Publisher and Adobe formats. The continual need to update mailing and e-mail addresses is a constant challenge. Our second communication tool is the annual business meeting which has been well attended. It is on the Wednesday prior to the start of the AAFCS annual conference each year and members and guests are welcome to attend. A major new initiative will be launched in 2008 to outreach to colleagues in the Americas. During the regional meeting in Bahamas this summer, the need to reach out to professionals in the region was expressed. We need to build a sense of community within the region and increase membership in IFHE. Finally, the hard work of a number of our members will culminate in the presentation of the IFHE 100 year history report including a report of the IFHE-US history. Understanding, celebrating and promoting public relations related to our history is an important way to strengthen the profession and communicate to those outside the organization.

#### **2. Provide educational services and support for international involvement of members**

The major purpose of our association is to serve member interests in international affairs. Although we have our individual agendas, as an organization, we wish to initiate members into new international endeavors. An open invitation exists for members to

join one of the many IFHE Programme Committees. Each year, they meet during the leadership meetings in Germany in early February and usually plan activities for Council and Congress meetings.

Our IFHE-US goal is to have at least one US member involved per committee, but we are not at that point as yet! Another major form of involvement is participation in the many international sessions and events at the annual AAFCS conferences. IFHE-US officers initiate specific educational sessions to showcase international topics and encourage participation in the annual cultural event sponsored by the IFHE-US Development Fund.

This event is a sought-after opportunity to network with international guests and members with international interests. Likewise, at any one time, there are humanitarian relief activities in progress or solicitations to support our international colleagues at institutions in developing countries. These opportunities are announced in the newsletters.

Members are encouraged to seek out volunteer opportunities with international agencies or local civic and religious groups. Reporting on these activities can inspire others to get involved. Another important venue is our participation at the United Nations. This provides an excellent opportunity to become involved in international policy debate.

Reports from our IFHE and AAFCS representatives at the UN are posted on our website and special participation opportunities are announced in the newsletters.

Finally, the IFHE Council and Congresses are primary formats for participation, networking and education. Upcoming in 2008 is the special Jubilee congress celebration our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a professional association. All members are encouraged to attend, submit papers and exhibitions.

#### **3. Contribute to the IFHE Development Fund**

Our IFHE-US Development Fund Chair and committee members are hard at work in organizing a number of ways to solicit contributions to the fund!

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### Plan of Work 2007-2008—continued

*Mary Andrews*

Fund raising activities include the annual solicitation to members, the annual Cultural Event at AAFCS conference, and more currently, the quilt raffles, the sale of the international note cards and the newly announced “planned giving” strategy. Interest earned from this fund is allocated to development projects.

#### 4. Meeting the professional development needs of members.

Our ongoing Monsanto Fund project, “Improving Nutritional Health with School Gardens in Moldova” is a special opportunity for member involvement. Members are not only managing the project, but serving as resource persons in teaching nutrition and gardening skills to Moldova school personnel. The summer of 2007 was the first gardening season and plans are to support the 2008 gardening season as well.

If you have questions, interests in expanding your participation, or desires to share your international stories, contact one of the Board members. Short newsletter articles are always welcome as a way to share your experiences.

#### IFHE-US Global Society

Planned gifts ensure your assets will work for many years. Consider planning contribution to the IFHE-US Development Fund by listing us in your will or trust. We are a 501c3 (not for profit) organization. All contributions and gifts are deductible for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes. Your support can make a difference many years from now.

Please let us know if you have included the IFHE-US Development Fund in your will or in another way. Consult your attorney. Your gift becomes part of our assets and the interest income is used for grants in third world countries. Consider your name in our Futures Gift category or donate anonymously.

For further information, contact Sharon McManus, Director, IFHE-US Development Fund at: 616-5466-3394 or [svmcmanus@aol.com](mailto:svmcmanus@aol.com). See the attached advertisement for the Development Fund.

### Note Card Fundraiser

*Sharon McManus*

The IFHE-US Development Fund has beautiful note cards with envelopes for sale. Each package of 12 has three each of four photographs taken by our members: a woman selling fish in Bolivia, three women carrying leaves in India, a man cutting coconuts in El Salvador, and a woman weaving in South Africa. This sale benefits home economics projects in third world countries. This is a wonderful \$10 gift for yourself, friends or family!

**Reminder:** If you picked up note cards in Reno for a fall meeting, please make check payable to: IFHE-US Development Fund and mail to: PO Box 2403, Holland, MI 49422-2403.

*A bit of fragrance always clings  
to the hand that gives roses.*

Chinese Proverb

#### AAFCS Community of Global Perspectives: New ID for International Division

*Mary Turner Gilliland*

At the 2007 Annual Meeting in Reno, AAFCS launched new “Communities” to replace the previous Sections and Divisions. These self-funding groups are being designed to fit the changing interests of AAFCS members. A group of six or more may establish a community by: submitting a statement of purpose, identifying a leader, and presenting a plan of action to AAFCS. In August, four groups were ready for members to join, including the Community of Global Perspectives with 41 charter members. Sophy Mott ([smott@aafcs.org](mailto:smott@aafcs.org)) is the staff liaison for the new groups. Further information should appear in the next FACS, the AAFCS website, or: <http://www.aafcs.org/about/communities/index.html>

The AAFCS Community of Global Perspectives is Not affiliated with IFHE-US, though most of us belong to both AAFCS and IFHE. Each has its own dues structure and criteria for membership. Each supports different projects and has difference governance structures. So please join both the new community as well as IFHE-US. Mary Gilliland is on the IFHE-US board to coordinate interaction between the two groups.

# Fund Raiser International Note Cards for Sale

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Please join us in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the worldwide organization, The International Federation for Home Economics (1908-2008).

For this occasion we have created a set of note cards illustrating activities in countries and societies around the world. The images are photographs taken by our members. Each packet of note cards includes three copies of four different images.

The set of 12 cards sells for \$10.00 USD.

To order, send your name, address, and number of packets with checks made out to the "IFHE-US Development Fund". Send to:



IFHE-US Development Fund  
Box 2403  
Holland, MI 49422

- 1 Packet: \$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping
- 2 Packets: \$20.00 plus \$3.00 shipping
- 6-8 Packets: \$10.00 per packet plus \$7.50
- 10 Packets: \$100.00 plus \$9.00 shipping

Number of Packets: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price Packets: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_



**IFHE-US Development Fund**  
**P. O. Box 2403**  
**Holland, MI 49422-2403**

October, 2007

Dear IFHE-US Member,

There is good news that the IFHE-US Development Fund will fund two or more projects totaling \$15,000 at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of IFHE in Lucerne, Switzerland in 2008. The principal is kept intact and projects are funded from the interest income. Thanks for all your contributions which have made this possible!

Please read the article in this newsletter on the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society. Note that this is an option at the bottom of this letter.

Please save the evening of Wednesday, June 18, 2007 beginning at 6 PM for the Milwaukee Cultural Event. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> annual educational fund-raiser. Mark the date on your calendar!

Your commitment to the IFHE goals and your monetary gifts help us achieve our global mission. We thank you for your ongoing support. All contributions are tax deductible.

With much appreciation,

*Sharon V. McManus, Director*

**Committee Members:** Talma Benavides (TX), Nancy C. Billings (AL), Carolyn Blount (WA), Mary Turner Gilliland (CA), Norma Maynard (St. Lucia), Gregg McCullough (OH), Marianne Calhoun McKeon (NY), Marguerite Scruggs (OK), Nancy St. John (VA)

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**The IFHE-US Development Fund, P.O. Box 2403, Holland, MI 49422-2403**

Yes, I want to support the IFHE-US Development Fund. Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$25     \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to join the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society.

**Please make checks payable to the IFHE-US Development Fund.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_