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A Message from the President

Mary Warnock

The fall season has arrived with its beautiful colored leaves; snow and ice in the central plains and mountainous areas; and flooding in the South and East due to heavy rains for days and weeks on end. However, let's think back to those "lazy, hazy days of summer" when we were attending the IFHE-US Board Meeting, the Annual Business Meeting and the Museum of Appalachia Cultural Event. How wonderful it was to share in the great food plus the warmth of fun and fellowship! Tremendous gratitude is extended to Sharon McManus and her committee for planning and ensuring that the cultural event held in Knoxville, TN was an extraordinary success.

You will be pleased to know that the Plan of Work established for 2008-2009 was put into action with many accomplishments achieved during the year. The IFHE-US Board and Business meetings afforded opportunities to share these achievements as related to the Plan of Work. Minutes of these meetings have been posted on the IFHE-US web site, so take time to read and review. As soon as the IFHE-US officer election is completed (VOTE, VOTE!!) the Board members will be contacted to establish a new Plan of Work. Our vision for this plan needs to carry IFHE-US through 2012 when a new IFHE-US President will be named at the IFHE World Congress in Melbourne, Australia. In case you missed the Business Meeting, Carol Warren shared the prospective Congress agenda and sight-seeing plans for Melbourne. Her delightful personality and enthusiasm for hosting the 2012 World Congress was catching. I have my bag packed for Australia. Do you?

At the suggestion of Jenny Schroeder, IFHE-US and AAFCS are partnering to share H1N1 information. If you are a member of AAFCS, you have seen the articles, the bulletins and the fact sheets that have been and are being distributed for community action. This same information has been sent by Marilyn Swierk, AAFCS President, to Geraldene Hodelin, IFHE President, for distribution to all Regions of the world. My charge is to take and distribute H1N1 information at the 2010 IFHE Leadership Meeting in Munich, Germany during February, and to announce the web sites (especially IFHE-US and AAFCS) where H1N1 information can be located. IFHE-US is committed to increasing awareness about this H1N1 pandemic.

The 2010 IFHE Council meeting to be held in Sligo, Ireland has been posted on the IFHE.org web site. You may register, reserve a hotel room and/or submit a research

paper for presentation. Several of you volunteered at the last Business Meeting (Knoxville, TN) to be US delegates to the Council Meeting. I have not forgotten! I have been informed by IFHE (Bonn, Germany) that the number of US delegates that will be allowed is forthcoming. When I have received the stated delegate number, I will inform you by email concerning the choice(s). I am sure there will be a quick turn-around time for commitment to attend the Council Meeting, so check your email or telephone answering machines for future notifications.

Proposals have been submitted to AAFCS requesting that the IFHE-US Board and Business Meetings be held in conjunction with the AAFCS Annual Meeting to be held in Cleveland, OH, during June, 2010. If accepted, these two meetings will become part of the AAFCS program. Do keep in mind that individual members as well as AAFCS communities can submit proposals for Educational Sessions and Events of Interest presentations. Many of you are members of AAFCS, so I encourage you to submit proposals and research abstracts for either oral or poster presentation. Your international endeavors and research would be of interest to the AAFCS membership.

Janice Archibald Maison, Vice President Region of Americas, has been involved in IFHE Executive Members elections for the positions of Vice President (2010-2014) and Executive Member (2010-2012). Ballots have been sent electronically or by regular mail. Do take time to vote in this very important election process. Voting in this election will end October 31, 2009.

Look for information related to the following:

- 2010 Leadership Meeting, Munich, Germany – February
- Irish Cultural Event sponsored by IFHE-US Development Fund, AAFCS Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH – June
- IFHE-US Board and Business Meetings – To be announced
- 2010 IFHE Council Meeting, Sligo, Ireland – July
- IFHE-US election results – To be announced
- IFHE election results – To be announced

Thank you for giving of your time, talents and expertise to support IFHE-US and its many activities. Stay in touch! •

Deadline for the Spring Newsletter: March 19, 2010

Please submit articles on time, to Pamela Kirkley (pamela.kirkley@nicholls.edu), as late entries affect our ability to get materials organized and printed. Be sure you indicate IFHE Newsletter: Spring 2010 in your subject heading. Please indicate any change of address as: IFHE Change of Address. Thanks!

Conference in Latvia

Have you ever wanted to travel to one of the Baltic countries? Such an opportunity will be coming in April 2010 to participate in an International Scientific Conference entitled "Economic Science for Rural Development" to be held in Jelgava, Latvia. A call for papers has been issued for topics of integrated and sustainable development, finances and tax, education and science, resources and sustainable consumption, and home economics.

Conference participants can participate by oral or poster presentation. All papers will be reviewed by two reviewers. All participants have to provide one review from their own country along with the paper. The registration form can be found at <http://www.ef.llu.lv/index?p=2> and must be submitted before November 2, 2009. The full text of the paper and one review must be submitted before December 14, 2009. Further information and the guidelines for papers will be delivered after receiving your completed registration form. •

IFHE Update

Joanne Pearson, IFHE Member Representative Region of Americas

Council Meeting and Research Conference

The 2010 IFHE Council Meeting, to be held in Sligo, Ireland next July, will soon be here. Included with the meeting this time will be a one-day midweek research conference. The theme of the conference is the same as that of the overall Council Meeting, "Vision 2020: Home Economics, Changing Perspectives in a Changing Environment." Information about the Council Meeting, Research Conference, and pre- and post-Council tours can be found on the IFHE webpage, www.ifhe.org.

A call for research papers to be presented at the conference has been announced. This information is also included on the IFHE webpage. Guidelines and Abstract form are included in the announcement. Several important criteria for acceptance of papers are:

1. The first author must be an individual member of IFHE and must register for the Council. A person may submit only one paper as first author.
2. Papers must be previously unpublished.
3. Papers will be selected on the basis of significant merit and relevance to the field of "Home Economics" and should have implications for individuals, families and/or households.
4. Papers must be based on scientific research, aim at development of concepts or theories, and add to the body of knowledge.

Abstracts must be submitted to the IFHE Office (office@ifhe.org) by the deadline of December 1, 2009. Notification of acceptance will be mailed to the first author by February 15th, 2010. •

IFHE Council 2010 to be held in Sligo, Ireland

The International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE) Council 2010 will take place on July 20, 2010 at St. Angela's College in Sligo, Ireland. The theme of this conference will be "Vision 2020: Home Economics, Changing Perspectives in a Changing Environment". The conference will be focused on the three areas of Sustainability, Globalization and Interculturalism. The keynote speakers include:

Dr. Martin Caraher, the Associate Dean/Reader in Food and Health Policy in the Center for Food Policy at City University, London. Dr. Caraher has worked extensively on issues related to food poverty, cooking skills, local sustainable food supplies, the role of markets and co-ops in promoting health, farmers markets, food deserts & food access, retail concentration and globalization.

Dr. Kate Fletcher is the keynote speaker in the area of fashion and sustainability. Dr. Fletcher has been exploring fashion as a positive force for change towards sustainability for the last fifteen years. She has helped develop the concept of 'slow fashion' and has championed innovative approaches to developing sustainable fashion products and services with clients including high street retailers, small design led companies and non profit or-

ganizations. She is the author of the widely acclaimed book, *Sustainable Fashion and Textiles: Design Journeys*.

Dr. Dymna Devine is the keynote speaker in the area of interculturalism and education. Dr. Devine is a senior lecturer in the School of Education, University College Dublin, where she is Director of the Structured PhD program and Chair of post graduate studies. She lectures in the areas of sociology of education, sociology of childhood and qualitative research methods. Chair of the Egalitarian World Initiative (EWI) research cluster on Children's Rights, she was awarded a Marie Curie Fellowship to NOSEB, where she has been appointed as external examiner for research degrees. She has published nationally and internationally in the areas of Childhood Studies and Children's Welfare; Migration, Ethnicity and Schooling; Gender and Education Management and School Effectiveness and Improvement. An invited expert peer reviewer for the European Science Foundation (ESF) for the period 2008-2009, she is currently involved in a number of international research projects in the areas of effective teaching and learning and facilitating migrant parents in schools. •

Irish Cultural Evening in Cleveland

The IFHE-US Development Fund will hold their 12th Annual Cultural Event on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Corner Alley in the heart of Cleveland's entertainment district. You won't want to miss this festive Irish Cultural Evening which includes an Irish buffet, the Murphy Irish Dancers from Cleveland performing traditional dances, and Sister Maureen Burke, SND introducing us to Irish immigrants in Cleveland. Join the fun with just a short walk or taxi ride from the Renaissance Hotel.

All are welcome to attend and network with colleagues and friends. PDU's pending. A portion of the \$55 ticket is tax deductible. Registration available after February 1, 2010 through AAFCS or the spring issue of this newsletter.

For additional information, contact Sharon McManus, CFCS, Director, IFHE-US Development Fund at svmcmanus@aol.com or (616) 46-3394. •

Knoxville Event Report

The 11th annual educational fund-raiser sponsored by the IFHE-US Development Fund at the Museum of Appalachia last June raised \$3, 438. There were 115 people in attendance to enjoy the "living" picture of early Appalachian life and the folklore stories of Elizabeth Rose. International friends attending were: Gertraud Pichler, Austria, past president IFHE; Angali Capila, India; Kaija Turkki, Finland; Sally Taylor, Australia; and Carol Warren, Australia. •

Project of IFHE Home Economics Policies in Education and Training Committee

In the December 2008 issue of the IFHE Newsletter the chairperson of the Education and Training Committee outlined a major project to link Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences educators worldwide. They were collecting a representation of educational documents from every region of the world. These curriculum documents can be found at the following weblink: <http://www.ifhe.org/67.html>. The committee is requesting submissions from IFHE members interested in contributing electronically their professional and educational ideas. At the present time there are no African submissions and only one from the Region of Americas. Knowing that many state Family and Consumer Sciences curriculums are available on the web, please consider participating in this project by submitting the weblink to your state educational materials to the chairperson of the Education and Training Committee, Sandra Fordyce-Voorham at sfordyce@mentoneggs.vic.edu.au. •

Annual Leadership Meeting

The IFHE Leadership Meeting will be held at the Telekom Tagundshotel Ismaning in Munich, Germany from February 5-9, 2010. In recent years IFHE-US members who attend the leadership meetings have been few in numbers and as a result USA involvement in the various committees of the Federation has been somewhat limited. With the new focus of the International Federation under the leadership of Dr. Geraldene Hodelin from Jamaica, let us from the United States support her and the Federation by attending this year, and becoming actively involved in the work of this international organization. In addition to a one-day symposium on empowering home economists/family and consumer scientists in the digital world and meeting times for program and council committees, there will be internet workshops on how to create and use a Blog, sightseeing tours around Munich, an opportunity to attend the opera, and an evening at the Munich Hofbrauhaus. If you are concerned about traveling alone, be assured that there will be at least a few other Americans going including the IFHE-US President, Mary Warnock, and me, Joanne Pearson. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

For the first time people can join the leadership meeting without traveling to Germany. On Saturday, February 6th, the Leadership Meeting will be a one-day symposium "Home Economics beyond 100 years: Empowering for the Digital World." This symposium will be available on the internet as an international web seminar/e-classroom if at least 15 IFHE members around the world wish to take part via internet and submit online registration by December 15th, 2009. There will be no registration fee for joining the symposium via the web. IFHE-US members who are not able to go to Germany for the entire Leadership Meeting are encouraged to sign up for this program. You might plan this as a regional gathering of members, as a district workshop, or include it as a required or optional activity in an undergraduate or graduate course. •

Report from the UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations in New York provides IFHE-US members with a unique opportunity to easily obtain up-to-date information on those issues of concern and under study by the UN and followed by NGO committees. More than ever it is important to be current on issues, particularly those which affect the family.



NEW YORK CITY – WANTED!!! Volunteers for an exciting assignment at the United Nations

IFHE-US has had representatives for the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE), an international non-governmental organization (NGO), at the United Nations in New York for since 1977. Ruth Norman, the first IFHE representative was appointed in 1977 and was joined by Helen Tarail, as alternate. Soon after Mary McDonald and Rosina Cotruzzola were appointed representatives of AHEA (AAFCS), a national NGOs until 1995 when they retired..

In the 1990's Mary Miller, Mary Covington and Eileen Labiner were appointed. When Ruth Norman resigned in 1999, Mary Miller became the representative and Mary Covington and Eileen as alternates. All 3 are still active. Nora Gorman is a recent representative of AAFCS.

More NGOs for IFHE are needed at the UN. There are committees that are not represented and conferences and briefings that go uncovered. If you want to become a part of this dedicated team and live within commuting distance of New York apply to join them. If you are interested in issues but cannot attend meetings, membership in committees is possible, receiving their minutes and UN related documents.

If you travel to New York and would like to attend a Thursday briefing or a committee meeting, both are possible. More than ever before it is urgent that we remain informed and active in international issues.

UN COMMISSION MEETINGS

Two UN commissions of interest to IFHE are the Commission on Social Development (which includes the family and aging) and the Commission on the Status of Women. Each commission meets yearly in New York and is open to all NGOs.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

From March 1 – 12, 2010 government delegates will be attending the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The theme will be a 15 year review of the implementation of the Platform for Action resulting from the Beijing Women's Conference in 1995.

Immediately prior to CSW on February 27 – 28 several thousand women from around the world will

attend an NGO Forum – Beijing + 15. As active participants NGOs are a critical element in the commission meeting and have influenced the shaping of policy framework of women's empowerment and gender equality. They also play an important role in helping keep national leaders accountable.

Hundreds of side events are held parallel to the meeting organized by NGOs. During these events women share experiences, discussing issues and developing new strategies.

NGOs have been seriously discussing a 5th world conference to continue the implementation of those issues in the Beijing Platform for Action that have yet to be met. Currently a petition is being circulated by them to urge the UN to hold this meeting.

INTERNATIONAL YEARS

The implementation of the goals of each international year is followed by the UN reports and the NGO Committee meetings with programs related to that year. IFHE representatives to the NGO Committee on the Family are Eileen Labiner and Nora Gorman

FOLLOWUP BY THE UN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY (held in 1994) July 2009

The highlight of IFHE involvement in the UN was the response of General Assembly to designate 1994 as the International Year of the Family. During that year IFHE organizations, national organizations and individuals around the world presented conferences and a wide variety of activities to highlight and honor the family.

However, any international year also has special meaning for the UN. Each member country is encouraged to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of IYF and integrate a family perspective into national policymaking. A follow-up on the results of these are reported in official documents. The most recent report was submitted in July 2009 and included a summary of the activities implemented by those countries responding. In addition were the findings of an expert

group which held a meeting in Doha on the theme, "Family policy in a changing world: promoting social protection and intergenerational solidarity".

While many issues were addressed, of particular interest to IFHE was the section titled: "Resources, Education and Capacity-building." Included was the following: "In many developing countries...education in family issues and, in particular, family policy is limited...programs such as family studies...are usually non-existent, resulting in a shortage of local family scholars and practitioners...family life education could be introduced at different instructional levels, such as at universities, secondary schools, community centres and hospitals, in order to have qualified personnel to provide...services which would have a focus on the family.

The UN Program on the Family has convened a series of follow up meetings with international NGOs on the contributions of NGOs to the well-being of the family since 1994. The NGO Committee on the Family meets monthly focusing on current family issues.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS

UN International days occur throughout the year. Of particular interest to IFHE members are the International Day of the Family, the International Day of Women and the International Day of Older Persons.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

Submitted by Mary Covington, IFHE representative to the NGO Committee on Ageing

The NGO Committee on Ageing and member states of the UN understand and appreciate the contributions of ageing populations. Their skills, experience and accumulated wisdom have made the world a better place. Failure to recognize their contributions will result in future generations without knowledge of the rich legacy of these pioneers.

The NGO Committee along with several member countries of the UN commemorate the International Day of Older Persons each year on October 8. The theme of the day long meeting was, "Ageing Activism: A Global Tool to Create a Society for All Ages". Emphasized was the interconnection of the world with each country now experiencing a demographic shift in the ageing population. Collaboration is therefore critical in working toward creating a society for all ages.

Addressed in the meeting were strategies to achieve these goals with speakers representing each region of the world. The issues addressed were those of health needs and income security, both aspects of the Millennium Development Goals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALL IFHE NGO ACTIVITIES, UN ISSUES AND RESOURCES CONTACT:

Ruth Norman
IFHE-US UN Liaison
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IFHE-US Development Fund

Sharon McManus, Director

October 2009

Dear IFHE-US Member,

We still need \$6,000 to reach our goal of \$100,000 in total assets before the IFHE Council in Sligo, Ireland in July 2010. This additional money would replace the \$15,200 which we gave in four grants in 2008. Your past contributions---large or small---have been greatly appreciated as we have achieved each of our previous goals. Each dollar you give helps us get closer to our goal. All contributions are tax deductible.

Our 12th annual educational fund-raiser will be on Wednesday evening, June 23, 2010 at the Corner Alley in Cleveland, OH. Mark this date on your calendar to attend this festive Irish Cultural Evening. Registration information will be available after February 1.

Won't you consider becoming a member of the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society by listing the IFHE-US Development Fund in your trust or will? Please consult with your attorney and let us know if you have included us in your will or in another way.

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

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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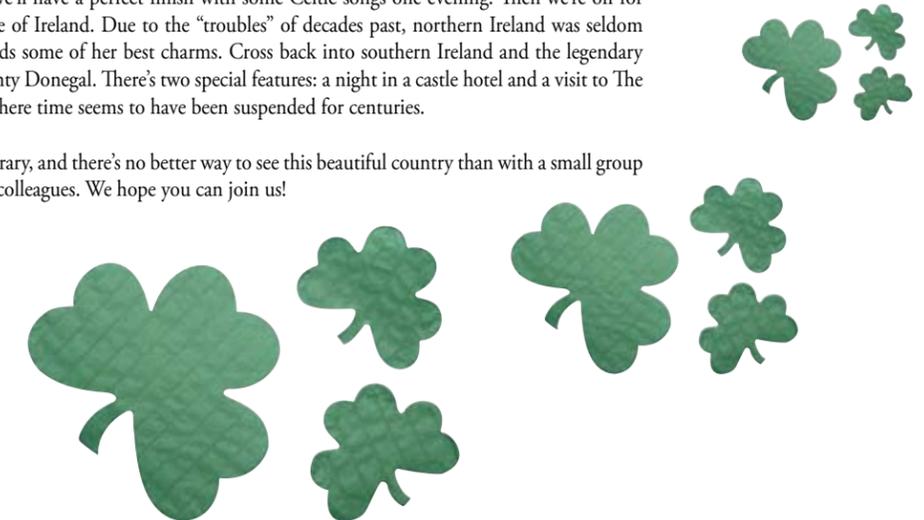
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COME AND JOIN US! COME TO THE **EMERALD ISLE**. THE LAND OF RAINBOWS AND LEPRECHAUNS



We'll spend a couple of days in the big city of Dublin and visit St. Patrick's Cathedral in the city where St. Patrick's Day began. Our Irish guide will take us to visit the Library at Trinity College to see the gospel manuscripts known as Book of Kells, intricately illustrated by monks in the 8th century. And we'll have a perfect finish with some Celtic songs one evening. Then we're off for the north shore of Ireland. Due to the "troubles" of decades past, northern Ireland was seldom visited, yet holds some of her best charms. Cross back into southern Ireland and the legendary beauty of County Donegal. There's two special features: a night in a castle hotel and a visit to The Aran Islands where time seems to have been suspended for centuries.

It's a great itinerary, and there's no better way to see this beautiful country than with a small group of friends and colleagues. We hope you can join us!



IFHE COUNCIL Ireland 2010 with Janett Gibbs

10 July.....	Atlanta / Dublin.....	via nonstop Delta Airlines
11 July.....	DUBLIN	Morning arrival with orientation tour of the city including St. Patrick's Cathedral
12 July	DUBLIN	Private guide for a visit to the library at Trinity College to see the Book of Kells
13 July.....	Dublin/Larne	Visit Belfast for an orientation tour en route to the coast and Carrickfergus Castle
14 July.....	Larne/Donnegal	Visit the rugged Antrim Coast, view Giants' Causeway (fabled as an ancient bridge to the northern shores of Ireland - arrive in County Donegal for the night Overnight in castle/hotel accommodations
15 July.....	Donnegal/Connemara	Drive through the mountains and peat bogs of some of Ireland's most storied terrain Overnight in castle/hotel accommodations
16 July.....	Connemara/Galway.....	Take a ferry to the Aran Islands to sense the spirit of Gaelic Ireland centuries ago
17 July.....	Galway/Sligo	Visit Kylemore Abbey (order of Benedictine nuns)
18-23 July	SLIGO	IFEH Council Activities
24 July.....	Sligo/Dublin	Cross the island of rainbows and leprechauns
25 July.....	Dublin/Atlanta.....	Transfer to airport for Delta's nonstop flight

Estimated Cost: \$3500 sharing a room - Limited Space - To request brochure, return the following to Janett Gibbs, 135 Meadow View Road, Athens, GA 30606

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IFHE to Elect officers Fall 2009 for 2010

Following are bios for the slate of incoming IFHE Officers.

Ballots are due to the Nominations Committee by November 15. Please mark the ballot, copy and return it to:

cblount@vendor.net or mail to Carolyn Blount, 116 Fairview Avenue N, #503, Seattle WA 98109 5353.

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Program of Work:	SHARLEEN KATO , Seattle Pacific University, Seattle WA	<input type="checkbox"/>



Director of Communications:
**Pamela M. Kirkley, Nicholls State University,
Thibodaux, LA**

Pamela M. Kirkley, EdD is a professor of Family and Consumer Sciences at Nicholls State University. Pamela is a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; the Council for Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences; and Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society. She is currently serving as the IFHE US Communications Director. Pamela has extensive experience in writing and administering child and family grant programs. She has 10 years of administrative experience in the role of Nicholls Family and Consumer Sciences Department Head and 20 years of teaching university FCS courses. Her research interests focus upon children and families. Email: pamela.kirkley@nicholls.edu.



Director of Finance/Treasurer:
**Martha Dallmeyer, Bradley University,
Peoria IL**

Martha Dallmeyer, PhD teaches in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. Martha is a member of IFHE; the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; the International Council of Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Educators; and serves as Chair, IFHE Committee in the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Also, she has served as President of the Midwest Hospitality Educators and of the Illinois Hospitality Educators. She has taught courses in food service management and dietetics for twenty eight years, at Bradley University, Western Illinois University and the University of Iowa. Her research interests focus upon snacking behaviors and food safety knowledge and practices. Email: mdallmeyer@bradley.edu



Program of Work:
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Sharleen L. Kato, EdD is a professor and director of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department at Seattle Pacific University. Sharleen is a member of IFHE; the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; the Washington Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education; and the National Council on Family Relations. She has served on committees and in several roles in those professional associations including President of the Washington Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Sharleen has authored many journal articles, manuscripts, book chapters, and textbooks. She has taught courses in FCS for twenty-three years. Her research interests focus upon sustainability issues related to clothing, textiles and interiors. She is passionate about introducing the history and mission of the home economics/family and consumer sciences discipline to the next generation. Email: skato@spu.edu