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## A Message from the President

Carol L. Anderson

When I learned about the passing of Margaret Fitch, I was reminded that all of us are called to serve in ways that engage our strengths and at times challenge us to stretch beyond our comfort zone. Throughout her life, Margaret used her many talents and was a servant leader helping others to improve their lives. Throughout the world, Margaret made a difference and had a positive attitude regardless of how difficult a situation was at a given time. The words of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe offer a summary of Margaret: *Knowing is not enough, we must apply; willing is not enough, we must do.*

The IFHE-US Board had a conference call late January and one of the activities we agreed to pursue was to identify additional ways to engage more students. Jackie Warnock, Mary Warnock, Deborah Tippett, and Hazel Forsythe will bring ideas back to the board and membership in June. If you have ideas to share, contact one of the task group members.

The opportunity to attend the *2013 IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting* was a valuable experience. The Symposium focused on *Confronting family poverty and social exclusion – contribution of Home Economics*. Tobais Troger, Institute for Sociology in Vienna kept participants focused on the importance of education in reducing poverty and social exclusion. Sidiga Washi, Department of Nutrition and Health at the United Arab Emirates University highlighted the concept of denial of opportunity and choice. As we know, over 40% of the world population survives on less than \$2.00 per day.

Our Canadian colleagues are busily preparing for the 2014 Council meeting July 19-24, 2014. Papers on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Year of the Family will be a highlight of the meeting. As usual, Joanne Pearson provided excellent leadership in her role as IFHE Vice-President, Region of the Americas.

Members of the Board look forward to seeing you in Houston. The IFHE-US Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The IFHE-US Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

### DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013

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 FALL 2013 in your subject heading.

## In Memory of Margaret Fitch

Former IFHE President Margaret Fitch passed away February 15, 2013 in Oklahoma City at the age of 93. She will be greatly missed and her contributions to the field will not be forgotten. In 1974, she became the president of the American Home Economics Association, and in 1976, Margaret was elected president of the Oklahoma Home Economics Association. In 1979, Margaret was nominated and elected president-elect of the International Federation of Home Economics and served as president from 1980 until 1984 where she became the first United States citizen to hold the position. Margaret Fitch was one of 75 people recognized by the American Association of Home Economics as leaders who had made significant contributions to the Association and to the profession. Her influence spread worldwide. In 1975, she became the Assistant Director for Home Economics, 4-H, and Community Resource Development in Hawaii where she became the acting Associate Director for Hawaii Cooperative Extension a year later. She served as a consultant for the University of Qatar under UNESCO, the University of Hawaii and, in Extension Home Economics programs for the island of Tonga in the Southwest Pacific. Her efforts and accomplishments earned her a place in the Oklahoma State University Hall of Fame where she was initiated in 1991.



Memorials may be made in honor of Margaret to the "Margaret Edsel Fitch Fellowship program fund at Oklahoma State University." Donations should be made payable to Oklahoma State University Foundation, P.O. Box 1749, Stillwater, OK 74076-1749. Please note the fund name in the memo field.

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## Changes to the IFH-US Dues Cycle

The Dues Cycle for IFHE-US has been changed to January 2013—December 2013. Dues must be paid by March 31st of each year.

Individual—\$100

Student - \$30

Organization—\$425

Join IFHE-US and send dues to :  
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**The IFHE-US Registration form can be found at**  
<http://www.ifhe-us.org/brochure.pdf>

**Complete and mail to Marti Dallmeyer**

# Disaster Assistance Partnerships for Home Economics Programs in Developing Countries Report

IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting, Vienna, Austria, February 2013

Chairperson: Juanita Mendenhall

Deputy Chair: Esther Maddux

Recorder/secretary: Carol Anderson

Small meeting attendance: Edith Kjaersgaard, Carol Anderson, Hertje Funke, Juanita Mendenhall, plus all attendees.

The purpose of Disaster Assistance Partnerships meeting in Austria was to further the cooperation and commitment of IFHE members from around the world because the concept of Partnerships is not yet well understood. To accomplish this, permission was granted to explain the concept at the reporting session.

Input from the Education and Training Committee suggested that in order to make Partnerships intent better understood, the name of the group needed to be re-oriented to “Disaster Assistance Partnerships for Home Economics Programs in Developing Countries” and should be referred to as the Disaster Assistance Partnerships or the initials DAP once it is understood.

Disaster Assistance Partnerships (DAP) is not a “relief” organization, it is an assistance project cooperatively designed to help re-establish a program destroyed by natural disaster in a developing country. This will be done by participating members around the world collecting, packaging and sending, good used and/or donated items requested by the home economist(s) needing the assistance to help return their program to a functional state. We will use the UN listing adopted by IFHE to determine who is a developing country and the scope of a natural disaster.

IFHE Regions, countries, states, professional organizations and individuals can all become a member Partner by agreeing to assist where and when they are able after a written request is received from the disaster site professional and accepted as a project by the Project Selection committee of DAP. (Still to be finalized.) There will be an Application form, Partnerships Guidelines and a Protocol of Agreement developed by the Steering Committee, made up of 12 or more members from around the world. We now have nine steering committee members identified and hope to have at least one from each

Region of IFHE soon. They will now develop the organizational structure based upon input that has already been contributed over the last three years. Some decisions that have been made at various meetings by members follow: (16 groups and over 150 Partners now.)

Each country organization and/or IFHE Region will select a DAP Coordinator who is the primary contact person that works directly with the DAP International Coordinator for communication and reporting. All groups should select a contact person to facilitate networking, sending contact information to the International Coordinator. Technology will be used to maintain the network of Partners.

Each country and/or IFHE Region should designate a “safe organization” that will bank funds and maintain financial records for their Partners. They will develop their own plan for collecting items and raising funds for shipping in cooperation with the DAP Steering Committee when a project is designated, reporting decisions and actions to the International Coordinator. They may also invite a disaster site person to apply. Ideally, each IFHE Programme Committee is asked to designate a person to be a link to the DAP since they would be a valuable contributor to the DAP effort from the perspective of their committee.

We will develop a website and raise our visible profile in assorted ways, including links to Partnerships groups websites once guidelines are established. (Roy Ballam, Chair, IFHE Education and Training Committee has volunteered to assist.)

Partners that are closest to the disaster will be asked first to help to expedite the assistance and will call on the larger group of Partners as needed to also assist with the recovery effort.

More information is available on the IFHE website, [ifhe.org](http://ifhe.org), and in the Leadership Meeting booklet. You may also contact Juanita Mendenhall for more information. Please send names of new Partners or Representatives to [juanitam@usit.net](mailto:juanitam@usit.net)

# 100 Years of the International Federation of Home Economics Manuscript and Associated Papers

If you would like to search for references, papers, and sources collected by Nancy B. Leidenfrost in order to write "100 Years of the International Federation of Home Economics Manuscript and Associated Papers" published in 2009, the directions below will guide you.

- Go to the NAL website <http://www.nal.usda.gov>
- Select NAL collections
- In Spotlights, select Special Collections
- Click on "Search the Manuscript Collections"
- Enter IFHE in the search box

The papers are currently archived at the:  
US Department of Agriculture—National Agricultural Library  
Abraham Lincoln Building  
10301 Baltimore Avenue  
Beltsville, MD 20705

Telephone: 301-504-5696

Susan H. Fugate  
Head, Collection Management and Special Collections  
Here is the direct link. You will see the collection description and box list.

<http://specialcollections.nal.usda.gov/guide-collections/100-years-international-federation-home-economics-manuscript-and-associated-papers>

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## Interested in a free ticket to the Hispanic Cultural Evening

This year we are offering a free ticket to the Hispanic Cultural Evening to anyone joining the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society by June 1, 2013. The IFHE-US Development Fund is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization. You can bequeath a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. Another option would be to list the IFHE-US Development Fund as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy. Your support can make a difference for many years.

A brochure is available at [www.ifhe-us.org](http://www.ifhe-us.org) and click on link to Global Legacy Society or contact Sharon McManus for a copy.

Submit information by showing that you have listed the IFHE-US Development Fund in your estate plans. This information is kept confidential in a safe deposit box at Macatawa Bank, Holland, Michigan. We can list you as a member of the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society or you may remain anonymous.

For further information, contact Sharon McManus at (616) 546-3394 or [svmcmanus@aol.com](mailto:svmcmanus@aol.com).

Submit necessary information to:  
Sharon McManus, CFCS, Director  
IFHE-US Development Fund  
PO Box 2403  
Holland, MI 49422-2403

# Update from IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting

Joanne Pearson, VP Region of Americas

The IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting was held this year in Vienna, Austria from February 8-12. The theme of the Symposium on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, was “Confronting family poverty and social exclusion – contribution of Home Economics”. This is one of the three topics in the IFHE Campaign “Empowering Families, Individuals and Communities through Home Economics” related to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the International Year of the Family. Speakers for the symposium were Tobias Troger from the Institute for Sociology in Vienna and Dr. Sidiga Washi from United Arab Emirates University, Department of Nutrition and Health. These presentations were followed in the afternoon by a series of three workshops focusing on (a) developing a framework to prevent or avoid poverty, (b) strategies for how home economics associations can empower families through education, home economics services, publications and advocacy, and (3) developing a work plan for IFHE in the academic area and the arena for everyday living.

As this meeting was the first one to be led by the new IFHE President, Carol Warren, it was her opportunity to present her plans for the next four years for the Federation. These plans came under the headings of Acknowledgement, Accessibility, Accreditation, Accountability and Advancement. In the month leading up to the leadership meeting a survey was sent to all members of IFHE to get member input regarding preferred timing, location and format for annual leadership meetings. To provide information about models of accreditation or certification currently in operation in several parts of the world, Carol Anderson spoke about the systems in the USA, and Audrey Jones-Drayton spoke about the recently developed system in the Caribbean. Donna Pendergast spoke about the work undertaken by the Think Tank

Committee related to the rebranding and future proofing of the profession.

In addition to meetings of the multiple programme and council committees, each of the five vice presidents conducted meetings of his or her regional constituents. From the Region of Americas there were 10 people at the Leadership Meeting, eight of whom attended the early Sunday morning regional meeting. The main focus of the meeting was a detailed discussion of plans for Council 2014 which will be held at Brescia College, London, Ontario, Canada. The new fully air conditioned building that will serve as lodging for Council delegates is scheduled to be completed for September 2013 occupancy. Hotels in the area will also be available. The Hamilton Home Economics Association will hold their Annual Conference for two days before IFHE Council so that interested IFHE members can contribute to that conference as speakers or simply attend the conference. IFHE Council will start with a welcome reception on Monday evening, followed by three days of council deliberations, programme and council committee meetings, “partnerships” meeting, and regional meetings, followed by a day of technical excursions. In addition to the technical tours scheduled on Friday at the end of Council, there will be one-day and multiple-day tours after Council, and other tours that will take place prior to Council. The Nominating Committee for the region has now been formed with Marilyn Weber as the chair. Other members of the committee are Mary Andrews and Janice Maison. The election of the next Vice President for the region will take place late in 2013. This person will assume the position at Council Meeting in Canada in 2014.

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## **Wanted:** More Members on IFHE-US Development Fund Committee

This is an opportunity to become more involved in IFHE-US. This committee meets just one time prior to the AAFCS Annual Meeting. Your input is requested occasionally during the year through e-mail. This committee sponsors the annual cultural evening. Our purpose is to create awareness of the Development Fund and give money to developing countries for home economics projects from the interest income generated by the Fund. If you are interested in meeting with us in Houston on June 25, contact Sharon McManus, Director, IFHE-US Development Fund at [svmcmamus@aol.com](mailto:svmcmamus@aol.com) or (616) 546-3394.

# IFHE-US Development Fund Contributors

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**2013 AAFCS Pre-conference Educational Event**  
**Sponsored by International Federation for Home Economics-US**  
**IFHE-US Development Fund**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2013**  
**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**United Way Community Resource Center**  
**50 Waugh Drive Houston, Texas**

**Evening Tour – Hispanic Cultural Evening -- \$55.00 per person/ \*Student--\$25.00**

**Contact Sharon McManus for free ticket details if joining IFHE-US Global Legacy Society.**

Enjoy a Mexican buffet, music and dancing by MECA students, and a presentation by Dr. Guadalupe Quintanilla, one of the most respected educators in the country and among the outstanding women in Texas. Her latest honor includes being selected as "A Woman of the Century," a permanent exhibit in the National Museum of Women. All are welcome to attend and network with colleagues and friends. Don't miss this special event. PDUs pending. A portion of \$55 ticket is tax deductible. Bus transportation available from Hyatt Regency for additional \$10 per person/\*student \$5. To register for this Hispanic Cultural Evening, complete the form below and make your check payable to: **IFHE-US Development Fund.**

**Registration deadline: June 1, 2013    Bus departure: 5:30 PM    No refunds**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bus Transportation** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Vegetarian Meal:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**PDU Certificate** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of additional participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please include address, e-mail, and phone in service through June 20, 2013.**

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Send the completed form and check to the following address:

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