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A Message from the President

Carol L. Anderson

“Meet me in St Louis” is a familiar line and indeed we hope to see many of you in this historical city at AAFCS Annual Conference. Lewis and Clark began their lengthy journey from this point and of course Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer floated along the “mighty Mississippi” in this area.

It will be an honor to have two distinguished IFHE guests join us. Past-President Geraldene Hodelin is a keynote speaker and current IFHE President Carol Warren plans to attend.

Sharon McManus and the Development Committee have planned an outstanding cultural evening. We will have opportunity to explore the St. Louis Bosnian community and share in a Bosnian buffet, traditional music of old Bosnia, and learn about the Bosnia Memory Project. It will be an evening of learning and networking with friends and colleagues. Additionally, it is an important activity in the fund raising efforts for international projects.

Debbie Nelson and Sharleen Kato collaborated with the AAFCS Policy Committee in their leadership role for the International Year of the Family 20th Anniversary Celebration. During December 2013, members of the AAFCS Senate convened electronically to pass a resolution supporting celebration of this worldwide anniversary.

Now, we each can think about an activity in our local community to celebrate this anniversary. Kudos to Debbie and Sharleen!

During the AAFCS Pacesetter Event, Sharon McManus will be receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award. We celebrate with Sharon as she has been a force in raising funds for the IFHE-US Development Fund. Her creativity, commitment, and ability to work with a committee have resulted in developing a funding base for projects that change the lives of families in developing countries. IFHE-US is proud to say: Thank you - this is well-deserved recognition.

The IFHE Council meeting in Canada is just a few months away (July 20-25). I am still taking names and e-mail addresses of individuals who might serve as delegates. Since the number of delegates depends on membership numbers, we will not know how many delegates until early April.

Looking forward to “meeting you in St. Louis!”

DEADLINE FOR THE FALL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

Please submit articles on time to the incoming Director of Communications, Mrs. Cheryl Empey, (empeyc@byui.edu) as late entries affect our ability to get materials organized and printed. Be sure you indicate IFHE Newsletter FALL 2014 in your subject heading.

IFHE-US Celebrates IYF Anniversary

Debbie Nelson, CFCS

Co-chair, International Year of the Family 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee, IFHE-US

IFHE-US CELEBRATES IYF ANNIVERSARY!

During 2014, the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF) will be celebrated worldwide! The International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE) theme for the celebration is “Empowering Individuals, Families and Communities through Home Economics.” IFHE has identified three focuses that AAFCS members can emphasize in a variety of settings and activities. Those are 1) confronting family poverty and social exclusion, 2) ensuring work-family balance, and 3) advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity within families and communities.

IFHE-US is actively involved in the celebration through many avenues. Articles in the AAFCS Fast FACS newsletters have encouraged affiliates and other groups to participate in the celebration by sharing ideas for involvement. A sample resolution was provided to the Affiliate President’s Unit at their Leadership Conference in the fall. In December 2013, the AAFCS Senate convened electronically to pass a resolution supporting the celebration of the anniversary. The resolution emphasizes that families are the basic unit of societies around the world, assuming diverse forms and functions from one country to another. The full text of the resolution can be found at http://www.aafcs.org/res/policy/IYF_Resolution.pdf . There are workshops on the AAFCS Annual Conference schedule highlighting global issues. IYF Celebration Committee Co-Chair Sharleen Kato is the featured speaker at the Community of Global Perspectives luncheon, sharing how students at Seattle Pacific University are working to promote healthy and sustainable families through service learning projects in the Philippines. More ideas and resources for the IYF celebration are available on the IFHE website at <http://www.ifhe.org/1047.html>.

A unique opportunity exists for IFHE-US members to participate in an IFHE Council meeting right here on our continent. London, Ontario, Canada is the site of the 2014 IFHE Council meeting and symposium, just a day’s drive for many IFHE-US members. The symposium on Sunday, July 20 will feature many presentations related to the IYF celebration. Tours are available on Monday, July 21 and the actual Council meeting is July 22- 24. Take advantage of the nearby location to experience an IFHE event!

Go to <http://www.ifhe.org/1062.html> for more information.

What are YOU doing to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family?



2014 - TWENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Report from the IFHE Annual Leadership

Joanne Pearson, Regional Vice President

The IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting was held this year from February 21-25 in Fulda, Germany. Saturday February 22nd was a Symposium Day with the theme of “Solidarity between young and elderly citizens – Creating and living a joint future – Contribution of older persons”. This was related to one of the three themes of the UN 20th Anniversary celebration of the International Year of the Family - Advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity. One of the three keynote speakers was Dr. Rosemary Blieszner, Associate Director, Center for Gerontology at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. The other speakers were Dr. Harold Kunemund, and Dr. Amitabh Kundu. A Market Place of posters and table displays of projects included 14 presentations from around the world. The afternoon program included five simultaneous workshops related to the day-long theme.

This year Mary Gilliland and I were the only IFHE-US members in attendance at the meeting. Mary serves as chair of the Textiles Programme Committee and I represent the Region of Americas as Vice President on the Executive Committee. I also serve as chair of the Project Assessment Committee. Because the Annual Leadership Meeting is the time when the many Programme and Council Committees meet to conduct their business in a face-to-face setting, I would encourage more of our IFHE-US members to join a committee and attend these late winter/early spring meetings. Next year the Leadership Meeting will be held on the island of Malta from March 19-21 on the University of Malta, Valletta campus.

At the Region of Americas Business Meeting there were seven people in attendance – two from the USA, three from Canada and two from the Caribbean. Shirley Jones and Joanne Mackie reported on plans for the Council Meeting in London, Ontario, Canada this July. They reported that the deadline for registering for the multi-day tours had been moved from February 1 to March 15th, the last day for early registration. They explained a little more about the on-campus lodging, including the fact that all the rooms have one queen-sized bed. Thus, if people select a shared room they are sharing the bed. People have the option to select either share a bed or have a single room and share a

bathroom. For people who are staying in the dorm on campus and driving to London, free parking on campus is provided. If you drive to London and do not stay on campus you will be charged for daily parking on campus.

IFHE Council Meeting 2014, to be held on the Brescia College campus, London, Ontario, Canada from July 20-24, will have as its theme “Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Year of the Family”. The Pre-Council Symposium on July 20th, organized by the Ontario Family Studies-Home Economics Educators’ Association, will include oral and poster presentations. On the evening of July 20th a Welcome Dinner will be held and the following day will be a time for technical tours, programme committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The speaker at the opening session of Council on July 22nd will be Renata Kacz-marska from the UN Focal Point Family. The remainder of that day the delegate assembly will be in session. A textile and craft exhibit by the members of the North Lambton Quilters’ Guild and the London Embroidery Guild will be held on Tuesday evening July 20th from 5:00 – 9:30 pm. Regional meetings, programme committee meetings and council committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, with the final delegate assembly sessions held on Thursday morning. Tours will be held each day for those who are not voting delegates, and tours on Thursday afternoon will be available for those who had been participating in the delegate assembly. Wednesday evening will be the time for the Taste of Ontario barbeque, tour and entertainment.

Registration for Council 2014 is open now until the meeting starts in July. The early registration period, with lower registration costs, ended on March 15th. Registration fees for Council include the opening of Council and keynote speaker, access to council delegate assembly, regional meetings, committee sessions, and morning and afternoon breaks. There is a separate registration fee for the pre-council symposium. There is no separate fee for being a voting delegate in the delegate assembly. For further information and registration for Council 2014 go to the IFHE webpage at www.ifhe.org.

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Sharon McManus, Director, IFHE-US Development Fund

Take advantage of a special offer for the Bosnian Cultural Evening sponsored by the IFHE-US Development Fund on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in St. Louis, MO. Buy a ticket for yourself and buy one student ticket for \$100. A portion will be tax deductible. Consider inviting a student to attend with you or buy a ticket for the student drawing. Any student who has registered to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference can email Sharon McManus at svmcmanus@aol.com by May 15 to enter the drawing for a free ticket to attend the Bosnian Cultural Evening. A minimum of 2 names will be drawn and winners will be notified on May 16, 2014. The AAFCS student unit officers are excited about this and have the information on their Facebook page.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. The form is also available at aafcs.org. Click the AAFCS 105th Annual Conference & Expo link. Then click the Registration/Hotel/Other link. Next click the Educational Excursions link. Under Wednesday, June 25 you will find the registration form. You must use this form and mail to Sharon McManus with your check. You cannot register through AAFCS. You will not want to miss this special evening! Bring your family, colleagues, and friends!

Global Legacy Society

Perhaps now is the time for you to make or review your estate plans. Consider including the IFHE-US Development Fund in your Will or in another way. You can bequeath a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. Your legal counsel can add an amendment to your current Will or Living Trust. A brochure is available at www.fhe-us.org and then click the link to Global Legacy Society. Contact Sharon McManus at svmcmanus@aol.com or (616) 546-3394 for further information. If you join the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society by June 1, 2014, you will receive a free ticket to the Bosnian Cultural Evening.

Mentoring Program Initiated

Mary Warnock, IFHE-US Past President

Think of when you first joined IFHE/IFHE-US. Did you have a mentor or someone who encouraged you to become involved? So many times new members join a professional organization, but become isolated or do not feel a part of the group. Becoming active and making contributions to the organization, in this case IFHE-US, can alleviate these concerns; however, a mentoring program could be the ultimate answer. With this in mind, two activities have been accomplished with another in progress.

Background: Due to the concern for a decrease in IFHE-US membership and lack of recruiting efforts for the Young Professional Network (YPN), an Ad Hoc Mentoring Committee was established in spring, 2013. Committee was composed of Hazel Forsythe, Deborah Tippett, Jacky Warnock (YPN Liaison for US) and Mary Warnock (Leader). The charge was to develop a list of ideas to increase and retain membership which would support the current Program of Work. One of the ideas on the list presented to the IFHE-US Board was to establish a mentoring program. Jacky, because of her commitment to the YPN program and her desire to attract more “young professionals” to IFHE-US, sub-mitted the proposal “Best practices: IFHE-US/YPN Professional Organization Mentoring Program” for presentation at the “Putting Research into Practice” round table discussion session for the 104th AAFCS Annual Conference held in Houston, TX, 2013. This proposal/presentation has become the jump start for development of an IFHE-US mentoring program.

Current Status: As with any new program, goals; objectives; operation guidelines; roles/expectations/benefits (for mentors/mentees); plus evaluation and assessment criteria must be established. These are just a few of the items to be discussed and prepared for presentation to the IFHE-US Board by the newly appointed Ad hoc Committee composed of Deborah Tippett, Jacky Warnock, and Mary Warnock. Work already has begun to determine the goals and objectives of the program. These will set the foundation for the guidelines, expectations/benefits for mentors and mentees and other related information, such as the necessary criteria for matching mentors with mentees.

Future Work:

- Prepare draft of Mentoring Program Guidelines. Target date is June, 2014.
- Share guidelines with IFHE-US Board and members to obtain feedback. Target date is June, 2014, Board and Business meetings at AAFCS Annual Conference, St. Louis.
- To include recommendations into a final document for possible implementation.

Although the major objective of this mentoring program is to increase and retain membership with emphasis being placed on college students and early career professionals, the intent is for ALL NEW IFHE-US members to be assigned a mentor. Part of the role of the mentor will be to share organization (IFHE-US/IFHE) information, motivate the new member (mentee) to be an active participant, and to be a role model for long-term commitment to IFHE-US and IFHE. For a mentoring program to be established, YOU will be the necessary ingredient for its SUCCESS. If you have ideas for the development of this mentoring program, please contact Mary Warnock at mwarnock@uark.edu.

AAFCS Update

Bev Card, CFCS, AAFCS President-elect

In March 2013, the AAFCS Board began exploring the transition of AAFCS into the Academy of Family and Consumer Sciences with partners from the FCS Alliance. Since then:

- June 2013 Board meeting - A Leadership Team was identified to develop the Academy model.
- October 2013 Leadership Workshop - Affiliate leaders explored their role in the Academy model.
- October to present - The Leadership Team continued defining the Academy model.
- November - February 2014 - The Leadership Team held interactive sessions with leadership groups including past presidents, community leaders, committee members and leaders, former board members, past Student Unit leaders, Leadership Academy participants, Council for Certification, Council for Accreditation, Assembly of Higher Education officers, new members and lapsed members.
- June to present - Conducted information sessions with FCS Alliance Boards and members.
- June to present - The Leadership Team reflected on feedback about the Academy model.

Members spoke. The Board listened. As a result, two parallel tracks are now being developed:

- Track 1. Streamline the Association's **structure and** governance functions with changes reflected in revisions to the budget, bylaws, policies, and procedures.
- Track 2. Establish the Academy of Family and Consumer Sciences in concert with Family & Consumer Sciences Alliance organizations and other potential content-related and corporate partners. AAFCS will be a partner in the Academy.

Rationale:

- Streamlining AAFCS will increase effectiveness, create momentum for high-priority initiatives, and move towards greater financial sustainability.
- Involving potential partners in designing the Academy will create a unified voice for the field of family and consumer sciences.

Track 1 Timeline - Streamline AAFCS:

- March 2014 – Board considers possible motions to streamline the structure of AAFCS.
- April 2014 - Share any proposed motions and updated design of the two-track model with membership for information and for feedback.
- May 2014 – Send proposed motions to Senate.
- June 2014 - Senate considers proposed motions. Depending on the results of the Senate decisions, begin implementing any structural changes to AAFCS.

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2014 AAFCS Pre-conference Educational Event
Sponsored by International Federation for Home Economics-US
IFHE-US Development Fund
Wednesday, June 25, 2014
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Grbic Restaurant and Banquet Hall
4071 Keokuk Street St. Louis, MO

Evening Tour – Bosnian Cultural Evening -- \$75.00 per person/ *Student-\$30.00
Special offer: 1 adult + 1 student is \$100.00

Explore the Bosnian culture in the St. Louis community! This evening includes a Bosnian buffet and traditional music of old Bosnia by Albosy. Dr. Ben Moore will share information on the Bosnia Memory Project for a better understanding of St. Louis' Bosnian community and the tragic events that account for its existence. All are welcome to attend and network with colleagues and friends. Don't miss this special event. 2.5 PDUs approved. A portion of \$75 ticket and 1 + 1 tickets are tax deductible. Bus transportation is included from the Hyatt Regency at the Arch. To register for this Bosnian Cultural Evening, complete the form below and make your check payable to: **IFHE-US Development Fund.**

Registration deadline: June 1, 2014 Bus departure: 5:15 PM No refunds

Amount Enclosed: _____ **PDU Certificate** ____ **Yes** ____ **No**

Name: _____

Name of additional participant: _____

**Student College/University:* _____

Please include address, e-mail, and phone in service through June 20, 2014.

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone w/ area code: _____

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Send the completed form and check to the following address:

IFHE-US

PO Box 2403

Holland, MI 49422-2403

If you have questions, please contact Sharon McManus at (616) 546-3394 or svmcmanus@aol.com

AAFCS Update

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Track 2 Timeline – Establish the Academy of Family and Consumer Sciences.

- March-May 2014 - collaborate with potential partner organizations to develop the Academy model.
- May 2014 – Share progress of the Academy development with AAFCS membership.
- June 2014 – meet with potential partners at Annual Meeting concerning next steps in initiating the Academy. Provide updates on the Academy model with the AAFCS membership.

Affiliate Presidents have a PowerPoint presentation that they may use at their affiliate meetings this spring to explain the proposed two tracks. As always, members are encouraged to send their feedback to FCSAcademy@aafcs.org.

Thank you to all AAFCS members for your interest in this process as we work together to strengthen the future for AAFCS and the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Be an Involved IFHE-US Member

New committee members are needed for the IFHE-US Development Fund Committee beginning in July 2014. This is not a time consuming commitment! We have just one committee meeting per year at the AAFCS Annual Conference and the committee members help at the Cultural Evening. Also, you are asked to re-ply to an occasional email during the year. Contact Sharon McManus soon at svmcmamus@aol.com or call (616) 546-3394 to volunteer for a two year term.

IFHE-US Development Fund

Tax deductible contributions to the Development Fund are always welcome. Make checks payable to: IFHE-US Development Fund and mail to: IFHE-US, PO Box 2403, Holland, MI 49422-2403.

For a list of the 2013 contributors, see page 8.

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