



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences Educators

2014 North Central District Annual Report

The NCDEAFCS Fall meeting was held on October 18, 2013 at 10:00 am in Chatham County and President Phyllis Smith served as hostess for the group as well as provided a gracious welcome to all. Jennifer Brown gave the Thought for the Day.

The business session was opened by Phyllis Smith. The Treasurer's Report, Minutes and Correspondence by the district secretary, followed by the Program of Work reports were given. Treasurer Deborah Taylor told the group that districts are expected to help pay \$300.00 for the state meeting and \$500.00 for support of the budget.

Members provided information on what programs they are providing to various groups within their respective counties dealing with all areas of FCS and discussion was held on team-teaching with others.

Phyllis Smith recognized and thanked the 2013 Officers and presented them with a gift for their leadership and support.

Jami Lawhon installed the 2014 Officers with a sweet treat for volunteering to serve.

They are:

Deborah Womack, President, Forsyth County

Judy West, President-Elect, Wilkes County

Sonya Patterson, Secretary, Caswell County

Deborah Taylor, Treasurer, Orange County

Geissler Baker, VP of Awards & Recognition, Guilford County

Nekeidra Morrison, VP of Public Affairs, Durham County

Deborah McGiffin, VP of Member Resources, Durham County

Jennifer Grable, VP of Professional Development, Person County

Jennifer Brown, Historian, Forsyth County

Phyllis Smith, Advisor, Chatham County

Deborah Womack gave a report on Galaxy Conference held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania as well as made the announcement that she would be representing the district at Federation meeting on December 13, 2013.

Debbie Cox provided the educational program that focused on the Strength Finders book. She did a great job in presenting information that would help us build on our strengths instead of our weaknesses in fulfilling our professional and personal lives as we interact with people.

The NCDEAFCS Spring meeting was held in Forsyth County at the Ag. Building on April 25, 2014 and was hosted by Deborah Womack and Jennifer Brown. The meeting was called to order by President Deborah Womack and the Thought for the Day was "The 7 Cardinal Rules in Life" presented by Historian

Jennifer Brown. She gave all members a copy. Forsyth County Extension Director, Mark Tucker brought greetings and welcome everyone to Forsyth County. Within his remarks, he spoke about the many accomplishments that FCS and ECA have experienced during the last 100 years of Extension.

Minutes of the 2013 Fall were approved. Shelia Dalcoe (Guilford County) retired in March 2014 and Sonya Patterson read a thank you card from Shelia because she received a monetary gift.

The financial report was tabled until we meet in the Fall due to Treasurer Deborah Taylor was sick and could not attend the meeting.

The Program of Work reports were given by the respective committee member in charge of that area. Highlights of the POW (Program of Work) included the Living Well Campaign, encouraging people to apply for awards, continue seeking out professional development opportunities, keeping abreast of our by-laws and checking out the history (which is kept in a binder with pictures). We had much discussion about filling the slate of officers for 2015. Phyllis Smith had a difficult time trying to complete the slate. Marilyn Wells did accept the position of serving as VP for Members Resources in 2015.

Deborah Womack attended both Federation meeting that was held in Union County on December 13, 2013 and the Mid-Year State Board meeting in Raleigh on January 13, 2014 and reported to the group.

Debbie Cox volunteered to host the Fall meeting in Stokes County. A doodle poll will be sent out to select the best date in the near future.

It was announced that Marilyn Wells is expecting her first grandchild in August. Lunch was catered by D&F Catering Inc. and we followed the rules of healthy eating.

The educational program was about Old Salem. Deborah Womack played a trivia game (Wheel of Old Salem) with the group and gave out prizes for correct answers. Cheryl Harry, Director of African American Programming at Old Salem was the speaker. The program was entitled "Past and Present" and the Heritage Center. It was very enlightening and informative. Brochures of different programs and future events taking place at Old Salem were provided. Ms. Harry received a gift from NCDEAFCS.

Important Dates:

NCEAFCS Professional Development and In-Service Training Conference: August 5-7, 2014 — Blowing Rock, NC

NEAFCS National Meeting: September 16-20, 2014 — Lexington, KY

**Submitted by,
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President**