



Affiliate Annual Report Form

Please return this form by August 1 of each year to your Region Director.

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Accomplishments: (Please list major accomplishments for the period of January 1-December 31)

The North Carolina Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences members have had a very busy and productive year. We have 99 active members and 145 retirees. This year our focus was on strengthening leadership and working together as a team to create a brighter future for FCS, Cooperative Extension and its employees. Together we created the synergy needed to venture off the beaten path and laid a foundation for productivity to flourish.

The 2013 NCEAFCS Annual Meeting and Professional Development Conference was held August 28-30 in Concord, NC at the Embassy Suites. One hundred and five members and guests attended the three-day conference.

The theme for the conference was Moving Ahead with a Fresh Focus and featured a number of general sessions focusing on fresh topics to professional success and personal fulfillment in our careers. Additional small sessions led by agents and specialists provided professional development for those in attendance.

Dynamic speakers presented on the following topics: **A Fresh Focus**- Change the Way You see...Not the Way You Look- Caitlin Boyle, Operation Beautiful. **Focus on Leadership**- The Wisdom of Wolves- Lorelei Jones and Suzanne van Rijn; **Focus on Finance**- Love Your Money- Jayne McBurney; Retiree Session: **Focus on Creativity**- Sandra Cain;; **Focus on Fitness**-Physically Speaking: Be the Best You can Be! : Christa Tyson Boggs; **Focus On Community Service**: Members brought canned goods to use for weights during the fitness portion of the presentation and then the items were donated to the Cabarrus County Cooperative Christian Ministry; **Focus on Fitness**- Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds: Christa Tyson Boggs; **Focus on Awards**- Be a Winner: Jeannie Leonard and Yvonne Mullen; **Focus on Aging**- Sensitivity Training-2 Sessions: Laurie Abounader and Hillary Kaylor; **Focus on the F.A.C.T.'s** – Families and Children in Transition: Kimberly Allen; **Focus on Local Foods**- Building Partnerships to Support the Local Economy and Promote Healthy Eating: Cathy Hohenstein and Agriculture/Local foods Agent; **Focus on NCEAFCS**- Be Involved: Christine Smith, Molly Alexi, Toi Degree; **Focus on Officer Training**: Incoming State Officers

FCS Agents, specialists and administrators attended Galaxy IV Sept. 16- 20th in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme was – Bridging the Centuries: A New Era for Extension. NCEAFCS had 4 FCS voting delegates, 1 first timer, 9 members, and 5 administrators present. North Carolina FCS, 4-H Agents, administrators and specialists not attending the ball game enjoyed a dinner out at Pittsburgh Steak Company.

Member Resources: We had 10 new FCS Agents; 5 FCS Agents Retired, and no new Live Members.

Awards & Recognition: Fifteen Plaques were given out at our NCEAFCS Awards banquet (2) 9 x 12 plaque for the Distinguished service Award and State President Award; and (13) 8 x 10 plaques for winners of the Youth Award [4], Early Career Award [3], Social Networking [1], Community Partnership Award [1], Communication Award- Written Press Release [1], Past President's Award [1], and Marketing Package Award [1]. Three certificates were also awarded for the Non-NEAFCS members of the Community Award- Education Publication and two certificates were awarded for the Non-NEAFCS members of the Community Partnership Team Award.

Public Affairs: The Public Issues Leadership Development Conference was held on April 21-24, in Alexandria, Virginia. The theme of the conference was "Public Issues Leadership Development - "What We Can Do....."18 representatives attended from NC and were able to meet with almost every representative or member of their staff. There were many engaging and thought-provoking speakers who helped us to learn about the impact of CES, gain knowledge on how to tell

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our story to decision makers, and how to craft our message to take to Capitol Hill. Dr. Stewart was the most popular presenter for the third time in a row! He helped participants learn to effectively tell the Cooperative Extension story.

Other Special Projects: (Anything you would like to brag about):

. I share with you with great pride and admiration for my team and colleagues the following major accomplishments:

- ü The creation and endorsement of the NCEAFCS Healthy Foods Policy which has been endorsed by Extension Administration. FCS Agents received a copy with signatures for displaying in their office as a reminder of our commitment to serve healthy options at all activities and events where food or beverages are served.
- ü 12 Executive Board members were involved in making presentations at professional conferences and other internal trainings and meetings.
- ü We were successful in the development and adoption of NCEAFCS Ground Rules for conducting effective meetings.
- ü We engaged in partnership building with North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and American Association Family and Consumer Science teachers to enhance and promote collaboration.

Concerns from your State: (Concerns for the NEAFCS Board)

None at this time

The state of CES in your state: CES continues to be very strong in North Carolina. NCCES serves citizens, businesses and communities in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation, providing expertise from 17 CALS departments, three College of Natural Resources departments, the College of Design and the College of Veterinary Medicine. Extension collaborates with CALS academic programs and research faculty, other university extension and engagement units, land-grant institutions across the U.S., state, national and international agencies and associations. Advisory councils made up of local citizens and business people help align program priorities to local needs and serve as Extension advocates.

Personnel:

- 679 county employees, including 395 county agents, 178 support staff and 106 program assistants/technicians
- 172 N.C. State University Faculty and staff and Extension associates
- 53 percent of positions are state funded; 47 percent are locally funded
- 69,108 volunteers contributed 656,054 hours

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