



# North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

## 2014 South Central District Annual Report

The 2013 fall meeting of the SCDEAFCS was held at the Columbus County Cooperative Extension office in Whiteville, NC on October 11, 2013. District President, Meleah Collier, presided. During the business meeting members discussed the state meeting that had been hosted by the district at the Embassy Suites in Concord, NC in August. The theme of the 2013 NCEAFCS state meeting was, *Moving Ahead with A Fresh Focus*. As part of the Focus on Community Service, 182 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Cabarrus County Cooperative Christian Ministry. Evaluations of the state meeting completed by attendees were positive and the meeting was deemed a big success.

Member awards and recognition included the following: Lori Ivey – Distinguished Service Award at the state and national levels; Sally McNeill – Community Service Award; Christy Strickland – member of the year for Smart Start; Sarah Mammarella – had an article published in the Journal of NEAFCS; Richmond County Board of Commissioners received one of five County Partnership Awards from the NC Cooperative Extension; Hayley Napier – Youth Award and Early Career Award.

Lisa Childers installed district officers for 2014. Lisa used a Gilligan's Island theme for the installation ceremony: District President – Sally McNeill; President-Elect – Sarah Mammarella; VP Awards and Recognition – Lori Ivey; VP Professional Development – Ann Simmons; VP Member Resources – Linda Minges; VP Public Affairs – Hayley Napier; Secretary – Courtney Swain; Treasurer – Janine Rywak; Historian – Candy Underwood; Parliamentarian/Immediate Past President/Nominating: Toi Degree. At the state level NCEAFCS State President - Molly Alexi; State Webmaster - Susan Conclin.

The professional development activities following the October 2013 business meeting included a tour of the Columbus Career and College Academy in Fair Bluff and a River Walk Tour.

The 2014 spring meeting of the SCDEAFCS was held at the Union County Agricultural Center in Monroe, NC on Friday, April 11, 2014. District President, Sally McNeill, presided. Prior to the meeting, members had been asked to complete a questionnaire telling about their interests, hobbies, favorite books, movies, etc. Each person shared something from the questionnaire that they thought others might like to know. Since several members from the old Southwest District attended the meeting for the first time, this "Getting to Know You" activity helped everyone to become better acquainted.

During the business meeting, Lori Ivey, VP Awards and Recognition reported that five awards from the South Central District were submitted for judging this year. Hayley Napier, VP Public Affairs polled the group and it was decided that the district-wide project would be the implementation of the FCS Healthy Foods Initiative. Janine Rywak, Treasurer, created a SCDEAFCS membership list, including state and lifetime members. The district recruited 4 retirees this year. Janine also reported that the SC district sent a check for \$800 to the state treasurer. Susan Conclin spoke about the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences and handed out a USDA fact sheet about FCS that could be used to support programming efforts.

Following the business meeting, members went into the demonstration kitchen and viewed a video on How to Make Sushi. The video had been produced at the Ag Center by Wingate University as part of their *FoodU* cooking show series. Members then had the chance to prepare their own sushi at several “sushi-making” stations set up in the room. Lunch included samples of the sushi everyone prepared, as well as a number of other healthy salad choices.

After lunch, members traveled to Wingate University for an educational tour of the campus. Jeff Atkinson, Director of Marketing and Communications and Kristen Johnson, Executive Producer for WUTV gave a very informative program on building good relationships with the media, titled “*Blending the Old with the New: Effective Media Techniques for Today’s Extension Programming.*” Jeff Atkinson is the host of Wingate Today, a Wingate University TV production seen all over Union County. He was a former reporter and news anchor at WBTV in Charlotte for 15+ years.

Other items of interest: Courtney Swain (Stanly County) was married in April 2013. The district gave her a picture frame. Sally McNeill (Union County) celebrated the marriage of her daughter in September 2013 and her son in May 2014. Agnes Evans (Moore County) and Glennie Daniels (Catawba County) retired and each was given a gift card. A number of members have been working on advanced degrees and certifications: Kristin Davis – MA in Marriage and Family Therapy, May 2014; Sarah Mammarella – Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, May 2014; Hayley Napier – Graduate Certificate in Family Life and Parenting; Toi Degree – MS Agricultural Education, June 2014.

Sarah Mammarella (Richmond County) resigned in June 2014. This left a vacancy in the President-Elect’s position, which Hayley Napier, VP for Public Affairs, moved up to fill for the remainder of the term. Hayley will become the district president in the fall of 2014, a year sooner than originally planned. Toi Degree, Nominating Chair, completed the slate of officers for 2014-2015. Two vacancies still remain. These vacancies will be discussed at the 2014 fall district meeting.

The 2015 SCDEAFCS slate of officers: District President – Hayley Napier; President-Elect – vacant; VP Awards and Recognition – Lori Ivey; VP Professional Development – vacant; VP Member Resources – Linda Minges; VP Public Affairs – Ann Simmons; Secretary – Courtney Swain; Treasurer – Janine Rywak; Historian – Candy Underwood; Parliamentarian/Immediate Past President/Nominating – Sally McNeill.

As of July 1, 2014, Mindy Severt is the new FCS agent in Alexander County.

The fall meeting of the SCDEAFCS will be held in Cumberland County on Friday, October 24, 2014. Laura Rogers of the Soy Association will provide the educational program.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sally McNeill, FCS  
Union County  
2014 SCDEAFCS President**