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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

--Wendy Happel, CFCS, HDFS

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year! As I enter this New Year I reflect on many issues facing families as well as my childhood. While in high school, I remember that my home economics teachers really noticed something special about me. They elected me as president of our school's Future Homemakers of America chapter and often stated that I was the best president they had ever had. They noticed something about me that I did not even know, but they gave me the positive encouragement that I had not gotten anywhere else. They wanted me to major in home economics. At the time, I did not value what the profession of home economics (now family and consumer sciences) was all about.

My teachers were right. I have developed a strong passion about this subject area and as a teacher I try to share that passion with my students, as my teachers did with me. If you reflect on every aspect of your life there is not a single part that is not connected to family and consumer sciences. Today there are so many issues facing our families that we had not conceived of 40 years ago. We are teaching students about bullying prevention, consumer education, family diversity, economics and financial education, sexuality and parenting just to name a few.

We must continue to be abreast of current issues facing families and sharing that information with others. Why then is our organization facing issues of low membership? With the new branding our organization has the opportunity to reach out to many other people and share with them the value of membership.

We are all part of a family and we need to continue to do what we can to reach out to others in order to preserve what we know is the backbone of our survival – our family. Family and consumer sciences infuses our lives with everything that can make our society strong. Share the opportunity of membership with at least one person and our strength as an organization will grow making a positive influence on our society and our future leaders!

MAFCS MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Hope Lee, Chair of the MAFCS Retiree Committee and former Prince George's County FCS teacher, published the children's book, *What Colors Did You Eat Today?*

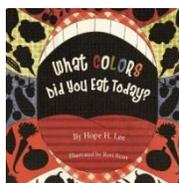
Megan O'Neil, former MAFCS President and Senior Extension Agent in Salisbury, MD, was recently awarded the 2013 eXtension Fellowship for her work with health insurance literacy.

MAFCS SPRING MEETING

The 2013 spring meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in College Park from 4-8 p.m. on April 18. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Nancy Bock and Martha Chapin (shown to the left) from the American Cleaning



Institute will begin the meeting with a presentation titled, *Embracing and Managing the New Laundry 101*.

Hope Lee will share her experiences creating and publishing the book, *What colors did you eat today?*

Bev Card, former MAFCS president and member of the AAFCS Board of Directors, will share her experiences

supporting schools in Vietnam.

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The meeting will also include a two-entrée dinner, the presentation of MAFCS Awards for 2013 and conclude with the installation of the organization's officers.

A registration form is available at the end of the newsletter. For further information, please contact grace_halifax@yahoo.com

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT BIG WINNER!

--Christina DeSimone

Vice President of Service/ President-Elect

MAFCS is committed to promoting professionalism in family and consumer sciences. One of the ways we meet this goal is in recognizing the many accomplishments of our Maryland professionals, both classroom and extension educators, as well as those seeking more credentials as students. As we celebrate the cream of the crop each year at the spring meeting, we hope to inspire others, and spread the word in our communities that the family and consumer sciences profession makes a difference! Please check out the details of the 2012-2013 awards on our website, <https://sites.google.com/site/marylandafcs/> and jump in with your application or nominations for MAFCS Teacher of the Year, Extension Educator of the Year, and Mary Faulkner Scholarship. Application materials are available on our website and should be submitted by **March 1, 2013** to cdesimone@bcps.org

Awards Offered by MAFCS Include:

Teacher of the Year: Nominations are sought to honor exemplary, creative FCS teachers throughout the State. As many as one FCS teacher will be honored from each county within the state of Maryland at the MAFCS Spring Meeting. Any Maryland FCS may apply for the award. However, to participate in the national competition, the teacher must have been a member of AAFCS for three years.



Mary Faulkner Scholarship: \$1000.00 award given annually by the Maryland

Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to an outstanding student who is working toward a degree in a family and consumer sciences-related field. This scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate college student majoring in family and consumer sciences education, foods and nutrition, clothing and textiles, child development, family relations, fashion merchandising, consumer economics or a related field. The award check will be made payable to the educational institution.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are Maryland residents enrolled in a family and consumer sciences-related program and who are members of AAFCS may apply for the scholarship. Those residents who are enrolled in programs outside of the State should plan to return to Maryland upon graduation. Undergraduate students should be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours; graduate students should be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours of course work the semester that they apply for the award. Applicants should demonstrate their potential to further the work of the profession of family and consumer sciences.

Extension Education of the Year Award: The Excellence in Extension Award identifies and recognizes exemplary family and consumer sciences Extension Educators who exhibit a deep commitment to the profession and to the Association and whose work reflects the mission of AAFCS. While contributions will vary from one academic field within Extension to another, awardees will demonstrate consistent superior teaching and shall be engaged in substantial creative activities in research, scholarship, program delivery, and promotion of family and consumer sciences education. The EEA will be presented if a qualified recipient is identified, but to no more than one (1) recipient per year.

Applicants for this award should be employed as a full-time Cooperative Extension Educator within the State of Maryland when application is made.

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Maryland Cooperative Extension Educators are eligible for the award irrespective of membership in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) with which the Maryland Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (MAFCS) is affiliated. However, preference will be given to members of MAFCS and AAFCS.

IFHE 2012 World Congress

By Bev Card, CFCS



This summer I traveled to Australia for the International Federation of Home

Economics (IFHE) World Congress in Melbourne. The theme was Global Wellbeing. The keynote speakers and educational sessions were outstanding, but some of the unique features of a World Congress were the real highlights for me.

A Congress is preceded by a Welcome Reception; since I have now attended four times, I enjoyed reconnecting with members from the United States and friends I have made from around the world. The Opening Ceremony highlights the culture of the host country; this one included an indigenous welcome, a kookaburra, and symbolic rocks representing the eight United Nations Millennium Development goals. The Technical Visit was to a all-girls Catholic high school where they were having a cookie lab. My final highlight was the Home Visit; five of us were dinner guests of two home economics teachers and their husbands. It was wonderful to share an evening of good food and conversation.

Two program highlights for me were:

- The Region of the Americas meeting conducted by Vice-President Joanne Pearson from Virginia. Among the topics discussed was the 20 year anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (*should this be a focus of MAFCS?*)
- Tahira Hira, past AAFCS President, said our current challenge is to work together to

highlight our multidimensional potential, rather than focus on isolated components.

Before the conference, I toured Sydney. My favorite sights included the Harbour Bridge, Opera House, ferries, Royal Botanic Gardens, and watching native animals, especially the koalas. I took a day trip to the Blue Mountains and hiked both mountains and rainforests.

Between meetings in Melbourne we rode trams and visited the Queen Victoria Market. After the conference we saw the Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne and the Little Fairy Penguin Parade on Phillip Island.

Future IFHE meetings include two I plan to attend:

- IFHE Council Meeting at University College Brescia in London, Ontario, Canada on July 19-25, 2014 (close to us)
- IFHE 2016 World Congress in Daejeon Korea.

2012-13 MAFCS LEADERS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1, 2013: Scholarship and award application deadlines (*information follows and available at*

<https://sites.google.com/site/marylandafcs/>

April 4, 2013: Early-Bird Deadline for the MAFCS Spring Meeting

April 18, 2013: MAFCS Spring Meeting
4 -8 pm: Holiday Inn, College Park

June 25-27, 2013: 2013 AAFCS Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas