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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While writing this message, I was thinking about the fresh, new beginnings that each Spring brings us - buds blooming, seeds being planted, sunshine and warming temperatures and hopefully abundant rain. We can think of this time of the year in the same context with our organization as the Grants and Awards committee has been busy reviewing grant applications that promise to offer new educational opportunities and bring in new audiences for FCS programming statewide. We look forward to hearing who the new grant recipients will be as well as the reports from the past year's recipients at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 21 at the Oklahoma County OSU Extension Conference Center. Make plans to join us as we will continue to celebrate our millionaire status! If you haven't yet done so, please make your annual donation to CE-FCS Ambassadors. Every donation is acknowledged and much appreciated. You can find that as well as other important information such as the calendar of events, board and committee members, history, and grant information on our website at:

<https://okla.st/fcsamb>.

I want to thank the officers, board members, committee chairs and committee members for your dedication to helping this organization continue to be what it is. We have several committees with open spots and need great people to continue the great work of Ambassadors. Please contact me if you are interested in serving at

dana.baldwin.okstate.edu.

Best Wishes for a Happy Spring!

Dana Baldwin
CE-FCS Ambassadors President



ADVISOR & EX-OFFICIO MESSAGE

Greetings from the FCS Extension State office! We are in the process of conducting a strategic plan. I want to hear from you. Please take a moment and reflect: what are our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats? I have gotten the opportunity to visit with some of you, but not all. You can e-mail, call or meet me for a coffee to share thoughts. As always, please do not wait for a special occasion to visit with me.

My touchstone word is still steadfast. Stay firm in your belief that you make a difference.

Dr. Gina Peek
Advisor

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plans are progressing for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. We are so excited to 'Celebrate like Millionaires!' Our in-person event will begin at 10:30 am on Thursday, April 21st at the Oklahoma County OSU Extension office in Oklahoma City. We will enjoy the finest charcuterie boxes in the metro from Scissortail Charcuterie! We promise that dessert will be as rich as our endowment account. There'll even be a little bubbly to mark the occasion! So pull out your furs and pearls, dust off your diamond tiara and party in style with fellow Ambassadors and honored guests! Cost is \$25. Reservations must be received no later than April 8th. Charcuterie boxes will be available in regular, Vegetarian, gluten-free or allergen-free upon request. Reservations can be made completing the form at okla.st/fcsambmeeting.

Lesa K. Rauh
CE-FCS Ambassadors Vice President

COMMUNICATIONS

As mentioned in our fall newsletter, we are working towards providing a digital newsletter. Although our efforts are delayed and the digital newsletter is not ready to be launched this spring, we remain committed to this being an option in the fall. A digital newsletter will save money, allow more current information to be shared with our donors and streamline communication. Even though the digital newsletter is a goal, do not fret if you enjoy our printed version of the newsletter. The printed version will remain an option too! However, our goal is to cut newsletter printing and mailing expenses by 75%! To help us reach this goal and to request to receive your future Ambassadors' newsletters by email, please use this QR code. Submitting this request will opt you out of receiving mailed newsletters. If you have already signed up for the digital newsletter, we have your information when it is ready to be launched!

HOW TO USE A QR CODE:

- Open your camera on your phone
- Point the camera at the QR code
- Tap the banner that automatically appears on your phone
- Follow the instructions on the screen to be added to the digital newsletter list.



Should you need assistance with the QR code, ask any teenager or feel free to contact me at 405-744-9929 for assistance. Thank you for supporting Ambassadors in working towards a more sustainable newsletter process!

Jenni Klufa
Communications Chairman



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Slate of Officers for 2022-2023

President-Elect: Tara Brown
Secretary: Diana Romano
Treasurer: Dea Rash
Directors: Megan Anderson, Sandy Pogue, Debbie Bell, Jan Dawson, Jessica Rigglin

Amanda Ford
Nominating Committee Chairman

AWARDS & GRANTS

The CE-FCS Ambassador Grants and Awards committee will meet on Monday, March 7th to review the 2022-2023 grants applications. They will present recommendations on funding applications to the board for final approval. Announcements of OHCE grant awards and recognition of the winners are scheduled to be announced during the 2022 District OHCE meetings in March. Educators and State Specialists who are grant recipients will be recognized during the OEAFCS/FCS annual meeting in April. Notifications will also be mailed to each grant recipient. The Grants and Awards committee thanks each individual or team who applied and congratulates the recipients.

Jean Bailey
Awards & Grants Committee Chairman



From left to right: June Cash-Bell, Margaret Edsel Fitch and Lynda Harriman

ARCHIVES

Where Are They Now?

There is only one word to describe the individuals in this picture:
LEGENDS

June Cash-Bell is one of the few who has served as both President of the Oklahoma Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and CE-FCS Ambassadors...and the latter she did TWICE! June served as a county educator in Canadian, Oklahoma and Garfield Counties and retired in 1993.

Margaret E. Fitch touched many lives through her extension appointments at the state, national and international levels, including a 25-year span of working adult and youth programs in Canadian County. The Margaret Edsel Fitch Fellowship was established by friends of Margaret to recognize her many contributions to the Cooperative Extension Service and to Family and Consumer Sciences. Sadly, we lost Margaret in February of 2013.

Dr. Lynda Harriman was the creative genius behind the founding of the CE FCS Ambassador and Margaret Edsel Fitch Fellowship programs. Both have been the envy and template to launch similar efforts in numerous extension programs around the nation. Dr. Harriman retired as Associate Dean for Extension, Oklahoma State University in 2006 and is enjoying living close to her grandchildren in Vancouver, Washington.

Brenda Sheik
Archive Committee Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations and Recruitment committee is happy to announce that they are once again planning on holding the Silent Auction during the OHCE State Meeting on Monday, July 11. We know that everyone looks forward to this. Be thinking of some creative baskets or items that your counties or you as individuals can bring to support this effort- and be ready with your competitive bidding as well! Thank you for the continued support.

Public Relations Committee

BYLAWS

The By-Laws Committee would like to remind members that we will be voting on a proposed change at our upcoming annual meeting. The By-laws Committee proposes to rescind the previously adopted change to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Ambassadors By-laws changing the minimum donation from \$10 to \$25 under Article II. Annual and Lifetime Ambassadors Section A. Annual Contributions 6) Ambassador. If rescinded, this change would reinstate the minimum annual donor contribution to \$10. This proposed rescindment was presented to and approved by the CE-FCS Ambassadors Board of Directors on June 16, 2021, and previous notice was announced to members in the Fall 2021 Newsletter. The rationale for this proposal is that the OSU Foundation has an automatic set minimum of \$10 on their donation site so we cannot set a minimum donation to more than \$10. The minimum donation to be eligible for grants and awards will remain \$25, and this was adapted in the Ambassador Standing Rules.

Christi Evans
By-Laws Committee Chairman

