

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

- All Character Counts Essay and Artwork
Collect 2007 Dues-Membership Drive
National Literacy Month
- 1 **All County Associations' List of Officers and Committees for 2007 should be sent to State President**
- 11 10:00 AM Executive & Education Committee Meeting Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 20 Deadline for MDFCE Conference
- 27-30 ACWW Area Meeting hosted by CWC, Fort Wayne, IN

OCTOBER

- 2 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 8-14 FCE Week
- 15 Rural Women Day
- 17-18 MD FCE Annual Conference, Best Western, Westminster, MD

NOVEMBER

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING**
deadline for items to Editor
Membership Dues to Barbara Perry, Membership Chair
- 6 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel Extension Office

DECEMBER

- 1 **State Dues and Membership Forms to NAFCE**
- 4 10:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 31 **Counties' Annual reports due Vice President of Program; County Presidents' Reports due to President; Membership Appreciation Award due Vice President for Program**

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MDFCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Don't forget to register for the Maryland FCE conference to be held at the Best Western in Westminster, MD on Oct 17th - 18th.

Character Counts Contest for 2006

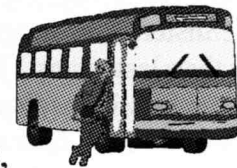
Trustworthiness, the first pillar of character, is this year's focus. Contact your schools and encourage them to participate in the FCE essay and artwork contest from September 1 to November 1, 2006. Winning entries should be sent to Judy Pugh by January 1, 2007.

MDFCE Web Site is www.mdafce.org

Send newsletters, calendars and information to Marie Moeller at mariemoeller@yahoo.com

Newsletter Deadline: November 1

Send all articles, Bulletin Board items, address changes and trivia for the newsletter to: Jean Purich, 15500 Gallaudet Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905-4196 or email at jcpurich@cs.com



Don't miss the bus,

FCE is on the move!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Still Green and Growing?

Greetings! I'm hoping you had a pleasant summer and were able to keep cool on some of those very hot days. After a couple of rainless weeks in August, Dave and I noticed our lawn was no longer GREEN AND GROWING. The good news of course is that the grass is only dormant and with some rain the grass will come back to life and once more be GREEN AND GROWING! People can be a little like grass--being somewhat "dormant" then coming back to life with some "rain" or nurturing. That's a very good reason to be a part of FCE--opportunities abound to keep us GREEN AND GROWING--opportunities for lifelong learning, travel and socialization--a chance to be with friends and meet new ones. How long has it been since you invited someone to visit your club or to become a member? Don't try to second-guess what their responses might be. Next time you see me just ask me what someone tried to second-guess my response would be to an opportunity that actually changed my career! An invitation might just bring that person out of "dormancy" so that she/he can be GREEN AND GROWING and not ripe and rotting! Perhaps you could pay your friend's membership fee for a year. Here is a plan for saving for you AND a friend to join Maryland FCE...let's call it the FCE plan or Fifteen Cents Everyday. Find a suitable bank or container and save 15 cents each day. You will have saved \$54.75 each year which more than covers TWO national and state membership fees and probably your local club dues as well.

Speaking of dues you will notice an increase in the national dues this year. The increase was approved at the 2006 National Annual Conference in Nashville in order to pass a balanced budget. The bottom line is that the increase only reflects LESS THAN A PENNY A DAY for the year.

Please plan to attend our Maryland FCE Annual Conference, October 17 and 18, 2006 in Westminster. Our program promises to be even better than last year's. Things to look forward to include a family medical history program with Joanne Hamilton, Extension Educator-Carroll County, a visit from Francis Scott Key, a brand new highway safety program thanks to Elaine

Crow PLUS lots of surprises including a new bracelet just for you! The business meeting, reports and awards will round out the conference. Again we will have three baskets to raffle: "Christmas," "Celebrate You," and "Apple Harvest," are the themes. Tickets will be available to our members. Also please bring or send NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN as part of the Family Choice-Media program, which is replacing the Tune Out Violence program. If you misplaced your conference registration form in the last newsletter one is available on our website or you can call me.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in October. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, comments or concerns.

Judy Pugh, Maryland FCE President
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Annual Conference Highlights

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

9:00 AM Conference opens with keynote speaker Timmi Pierce, Executive Director, Historical Society of Carroll County: "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"
10:45AM Business Meeting
Election of Officers
Noon Lunch
12:50 PM "Charting Your Family's Medical History" Joanne Hamilton, FCS Educator, Carroll County
1:50 PM Business Meeting Reconvenes
2:15 PM "Books, The Other Channel" Naeemah Raqib, FCS Educator, Anne Arundel County
2:45 PM "Concoctions in the Kitchen" Judy Pugh
3:30 PM County President's reports
4:30 PM Craft Workshop: "FCE Bracelets" with Evelyn Ziegler, FCE President-elect
6 PM Dinner and Entertainment (A Visit from Francis Scott Key)

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

7 AM Breakfast
8 AM "Branded D.U.I." Highway Safety Commission
9:45 AM "Membership" Judy Pugh, Barbara Perry
10:15 AM TBA
11:00 AM TBA
Noon Lunch
1:30 PM "Fantastic Woman" Carroll County FCE

