

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

- All Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest
- Collect 2009 Dues-Membership Drive
- National Literacy Month
- Early Bird Registration for MDFCE Conference
- 1 **All County Associations' List of Officers and Committees for 2009 send to State President**
- 8 **10:00 AM Executive & Education Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel Extension Office**
- 25-27 ACWW Area Meeting hosted by CWC, Hot Springs, Arkansas

OCTOBER

- 5-11 FCE Week
- 15 Rural Women's Day
- 13-15 MD FCE Annual Conference, Sandy Cove, North East, MD

NOVEMBER

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING** deadline for items to Editor
- Membership Dues to Barbara Perry, Membership Chairman**
- 3 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel Extension Office

DECEMBER

- 1 **State Dues and Membership Forms to NAFCE**
- 1 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

You can still register for the **EARLY BIRD FEE** for the Maryland FCE Conference to be held at the Sandy Cove Inn, North East, MD on Oct 13th, 14th, & 15th.

Character Counts Contest for 2008

Responsibility, the third pillar of character, is this year's focus. Contact your schools (county presidents have the information) and encourage them to participate in the FCE essay and artwork contest from September 1 to December 1, 2008. Winning entries should be sent to Evelyn Ziegler by February 1, 2009.

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In July, I was privileged to attend the National Association for Family and Community Education's Annual Conference. The theme was "FCE CELEBRATES WOMEN!"

The FCL training was well presented and consisted of four categories – Mentoring Magic – The Power of Teaching – Turning Stumbling Blocks Into Stepping Stones – Leading With Knowledge and Influence. This was a full day and evening of learning and participating. It was excellent leadership training.

The conference itself covered so many areas. At the President's Day meeting, there was a question and answer period. The national board members have been looking at cutting expenses and recommended changing the number of regions in the country from four to three, thereby eliminating several officer positions and reducing travel expenses. This recommendation was later accepted at the business meeting.

The motivational speakers were excellent. They really made us think about the roles we as women play in our families, the workplace and the community.

Saturday and Sunday workshops were on topics such as:

- Family Fun Time
- Reverse Mortgages
- Massage
- Political Forums
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- FCE Marketing
- Cherish Your Womanhood
- The Joy of Crazy Quilting
- Being Green
- Blossoming T's

You will be introduced to some of these programs at our Annual Conference at Sandy Cove. If you have any questions about any of these topics don't hesitate to contact me. They can all be easily adapted for your meetings.

We continue to receive so many benefits from belonging to such a viable and active organization as FCE.

I hope that you are all keeping the proper records so that you can submit a request for an Outstanding Unit Award and a Superior Unit Award. More details will be forthcoming at the Maryland Annual Conference.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Conference in October.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA Monday, October 13, 2008

Dinner on your own
4 – 6:30 PM Registration
7:00 PM Happy 70th Birthday Party for FCE

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

8:30 AM Breakfast
9:15 AM Conference opens with keynote speaker, author Cathy Gohlke
10:45 AM Business Meeting
Election of Officers
12:30 PM Lunch
12:50 PM "Going Green"
1:50 PM Business Meeting Reconvenes
2:15 PM Workshop
3:30 PM County President's reports
4:45 PM The Incredible Edible Egg
by Michele Close
5:30 PM Dinner and Entertainment
Jack Foreaker, puppeteer and singer

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

8:30 AM Breakfast
9:15 AM "Breast Cancer Update" Laurie Fitzgerald,
Nurse Manager Breast Health Center
10:15 AM "Reverse Mortgages" Tyre Jay
11:00 AM TBA
12:00 AM **Jewelry Sale**
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM TBA

