

# LOOK

SUMMER 2008

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

## JUNE

- All Nominees for State Officers, Group II
- 2 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting,  
Howard County Extension Office
- 14 Flag Day

## JULY

- 4 Happy Birthday America
- 7 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting,  
Anne Arundel Extension Office
- 16 FCL Leadership Day
- 18-21 NAFCE Annual Conference,  
Burlington, Vermont

## AUGUST

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING** deadline  
for items to Editor
- 4 10:00 AM Executive, Education & Finance  
Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel  
Extension Office
- 15 **Early Bird Deadline MDAFCE  
Conference**

## SEPTEMBER

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

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## MDAFCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Don't forget to register for the Maryland FCE Annual Conference by August 15<sup>th</sup> to get the early bird discount. The meeting will be held at Sandy Cove, North East MD on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Judy Pugh at 410-398-4536 and see page 7 for registration information.

## Character Counts Essay WINNER!

Nicole Hallikas from Anne Arundel County placed first in Maryland in the National FCE Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest. Nicole received a \$100.00 savings bond from MDAFCE.

## MDAFCE Web Site is [www.mdafce.org](http://www.mdafce.org)

Continue to update your web page. Send newsletters, calendars and information to Marie Moeller. E-mail [mariemoeller@yahoo.com](mailto:mariemoeller@yahoo.com)

## Newsletter Deadline: August 1

Send all articles, Bulletin Board items, recipes, address changes and trivia for the newsletter to: Jean Purich, 15500 Gallaudet Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905-4196. Please email me at [jcpurich@cs.com](mailto:jcpurich@cs.com) with your information.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE WITH FCE – 2008

Our Maryland State Board Members were very pleased with the turnout at our recent regional meetings. We hope you had a pleasant day visiting with old friends, learning about the cyberhighway, volunteering and mentoring, and many other topics. It is our hope that you will take home the information you received and share it with your clubs, counties, and other organizations.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the State Board for planning these programs, the presenters for sharing their knowledge, Prince George's and Cecil Counties for hosting these meetings, and all of you who continue to support our organization.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Maryland Annual Conference in Sandy Cove, October 13, 14, 15, 2008. Your registration fee will include a 2-night stay! It is a beautiful and relaxing location and the fall colors should be just about at their peak. We will be celebrating FCE's 70th Birthday. We will have a memorabilia table so be thinking about what interesting items from your clubs and counties you might want to display. Our fundraiser this year will be a used jewelry sale. There will be no raffles. We are asking you to go through your jewelry boxes; pull out the items that are still good that you no longer use and donate them to our sale. They can be given to any member of the board prior to the conference. There are more details about the conference on page 7 in this newsletter.

Your National and State Boards continue to work hard to plan programs that we hope are of use to you.

If you have any suggestions for programs or need any help, please call on us. We are here to serve you.

Relax, enjoy your summer and appreciate the beauties of nature.

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## PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

### Help on MD Foreclosures

Passage of an ambitious package of mortgage lending changes was among the highlights for Gov. O'Malley in the recently concluded legislative session. Bills signed by O'Malley make mortgage schemes subject to criminal prosecution, extend the foreclosure timetable from 15 to 150 days, and prohibit prepayment penalties and transactions in which home-owners are tricked into signing over their houses to third parties. \$400,000 is budgeted for a public ad campaign to tell MD homeowners at risk of foreclosure about the resources available to help them.

### Communities Come Together for Change

In the months leading up to the election this fall, AARP is hosting events in communities throughout the state to listen to Marylanders and talk with local leaders about the Divided We Fail initiative.

In churches and libraries, bowling alleys and high schools across the state, Marylanders are speaking out and taking action, coming together as communities looking for solutions to the health care and financial security crises facing our country. Waiting is no longer an option. "From the Eastern Shore to Western Maryland, from Southern Maryland to the Pennsylvania line, people are concerned about these issues and they want answers from our elected leaders at the local, state and federal levels," said AARP Maryland State Director Joe DeMattos. Stay tuned and visit [www.aarp.org/md](http://www.aarp.org/md) for more about community conversations near you.

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