

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- All Month Complete and mail all Annual Reports to state FCE by January 31
- 8 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel County Extension Office

FEBRUARY

- All Month Birthday Month, Collect (1 cent for each year of your age or just give a dollar so no one will know) & send to State FCE Treasurer
- 1 LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING deadline for items to Editor
- 5 10:00AM Executive Committee Meeting, Anne Arundel County Extension Office

MARCH

- All Month Women's History Month
- 5 10:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting Anne Arundel County Extension Office
- 31 Deadline for Heart of FCE, Spirit of FCL & Outstanding FCE Family Awards

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| Fifteen Cents Everyday | 7 |
| Pucker Up for Pecans (Pie) | 8 |

GET READY FOR THE REGIONAL MEETINGS

Don't forget to register for the Region I and Region II meetings to be held in April 2007. Details on page 3.

Character Counts Contest

Two counties were able to place the essay and artwork contest in their schools. The state winner will be chosen in January.

MDFCE Web Site is www.mdafce.org

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

Newsletter Deadline: February 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 to jcpurich@cs.com



Remember the Reason for the Season.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

EVERGREEN

According to "The Green Man," from the Department of Environmental Protection in Montgomery County, the most significant decorative plants we associate with the holidays are the leaves and boughs of evergreens. In earlier times as winter approached, the world that had been GREEN AND GROWING, became cold, dark, barren and seemingly lifeless. To counteract the chilled earth, people began to decorate their homes with cut branches of evergreens as symbols of undying life. The evergreen wreaths we use today represent the cyclical nature of time and changing seasons.

Whatever your traditions may be, each time you enjoy the season's evergreens remember they are symbolic of everlasting life. Remember, too, that spring is in the near future when the world will be once more GREEN AND GROWING. Enjoy the winter, enjoy the evergreens in your home, and continue throughout the years to be GREEN AND GROWING with FCE...be EVER-GREEN!

The last two years have been challenging, fun and educational thanks to all of you. And a very special thanks goes to the Maryland FCE board members and county leaders. Thank you for your support and friendship. Of course our organization is GREEN AND GROWING and under the leadership of Evelyn Ziegler we will continue---we are EVERGREEN!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Judy Pugh
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Congratulations to our newly elected/appointed officers:

President - Evelyn Ziegler
VP for Program - Judy Pugh
VP for Public Policy - Marie Moeller
Treasurer - Louise Ediger
We wish them great success and thanks for their leadership.



FROM THE 2007 PRESIDENT

Having recently returned from our annual conference in Westminster, Md., I realize how very important our FCE organization is to all of us. We learned, we shared, and we were entertained. Old friends reunited and new friendships were formed.

It was so refreshing to see and welcome some new faces at this conference.

Many of the members of the state board and Carroll County worked very hard to bring these programs to you in the hope that you would return to your counties and share this information with your clubs.

The enthusiasm displayed warmed my heart and increased my resolve to do all I can to work hard in the coming two years so that we can continue to move forward with FCE.

We are near the close of another successful year for our organization and we have all benefited from the various educational programs.

I hope you have a holy, healthy, and happy holiday season.

My Prayer for you this Christmas: (Clay Harrison)

My prayer for you this Christmas

Is that you each may find

This season filled with blessings

That bring you peace of mind

May glad tidings bless and keep you

Safe from all you fear

As you celebrate His Birthday

And enter the New Year!

I look forward to seeing you at many of our activities coming up in the New Year.

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PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

Several New Hearth Fire Series were introduced at the recent FCE State Conference at Westminster, MD. Professor Media made her debut. Marilyn Simonds (Professor Media) and I led a program on FCL Training - "Video Games! Coming to a Screen Near You". Family ChoiceE Media (was Family ChoiceE-TV) now includes books, video and computer games, the internet,

