

## **HISTORICAL REPORT 2000**

**Year:** 2000 (66<sup>th</sup> annual session)

**President's Name:** Cheryle Jones Syracuse (Ohio)

### **Board Meetings:**

Post-annual session board meeting 1999, Greensboro, NC

Winter board: January 20-22, 2000 at the Grosvenor Resort, Orlando, Florida

Spring board: May 18-20, 2000 Monterey, California

Pre-annual session board meeting, Baltimore, MD

### **JCEP Leadership Workshops** for affiliate presidents and president-elects:

February 3-5 Baton Rouge, LA - Southern Region

February 6-8 Cedar Rapids, IA - Central Region

February 24-26 Annapolis, MD - Eastern Region

February 27-29 Tuscan, AZ - Western Region

45 affiliates were represented at these meetings. Discussions focused on financial goals for the association, organizational structure, membership in small states, our affiliated member category, subject matter specialization and member services. Consensuses at meetings were the overall need for an image enhancement program and the need to separate the annual session budget from the operating account. New list serve established electronic communication with affiliate presidents and president-elects.

**Annual Session:** October 15-19, 2000

Hotel Omni Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, MD

Theme: Renaissance 2000: Traditions and Transitions

Objectives to 1) re-engineer and re-energize the NEAFCS mission, creed and core values to be pro-active in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, 2) evaluate the past and present to expand positive attitudes, adjust paradigms and create new programming as we transition to the future and 3) develop new strategies and adapt relevant traditional methods to serve audiences of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Number of attendees: 917. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the national and state program leaders in FCS met at the same time as our annual session.

At a special Harbor Night event at the National Aquarium, members of the Ohio affiliate honored the president with a receiving line. In this line were President Syracuse, her husband (Phil Syracuse) and mother (Phyllis Savelle) as well as Dr. Keith Smith and Dr. Barbara Ludwig from Ohio State University Extension.

National program leader (CSREES), Dr. Alma Hobbs, participated in the annual awards ceremony, standing on stage with the president and greeting all award winners. The awards ceremony was held at the Morris A. Mechanic Theatre.

New award: Extension Housing and Outreach Award presented by Michael Vogel, FCS Program Leader Housing and Environmental Quality, Montana State University. Award sponsored by MSU.

Extension Educator of the Year: Madeleine Greene (MD)

List of all attendee to annual session were distributed. There were 70 concurrent sessions, 45 exhibitors, 15 exhibitor seminars and Workshops on the Move in Baltimore. Members

At the annual meeting of the association's award fund, the name was officially changed to the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Educational Awards Fund. This had not been done previously when the official name of the association was changed in 1995.

At the Regional Meetings in Baltimore, President Syracuse gave the members these instructions to follow as they went about their activities at the annual session:

1. Compliment 3 people every day.
2. Be the first to say hello.
3. Never mention being on a diet
4. Be brave, even if you're not; pretend to be, no one can tell the difference.
5. Learn to listen—opportunities sometimes knock very softly.
6. Watch out for big problems, they disguise big opportunities.
7. Don't say you don't have enough time, you have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Theresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.

Source: Life's Little Instruction Book.

### **Highlights of the year:**

July 2010 President Syracuse attended the state meeting of the SC affiliate in Columbia, SC.

President Syracuse represented the association at a 4-H Strategic Directions Planning meeting in January 2000 in Raleigh, NC hosted by the National 4-H agents' association to look at FCS related programming by 4-H agents and joint projects. Present were Dr. Alma Hobbs (CSREES) and Dr. Mike Davis, Chair of the 4-H Strategic Directions Team.

### **Major Accomplishments of the year:**

Supporting more member services including 800# telephone service to national office.

Added the credit card option for members registering for annual session.

List serve for affiliate presidents and president-elects established.

Expanded website to include links to exhibitors and associated organizations.

Research based peer-reviewed Reporter growing (second issue published in 2000)

Established professional development, public affairs and PILD scholarships.

Scholarships will be provided to members from the 1994 Tribal Colleges to participate in the 2001 annual session.

**Major Concern of the year:**

The discussion began on how to develop fiscally sound financial goals for the association, including checks and balances for the president and treasurer. The Annual Business meeting in Baltimore was very long, especially the approval of the annual budget, members were concerned about how the association's funds were being spent. The investment committee was working to establish investment goals for the association. We had speakers at winter board and pre-annual session board meetings from our investment firm and also our insurance carrier.

**Membership:** 2874 active members, 4 affiliate members, and 1163 life members.

**1999-2000 Board Members:**

President: Cheryle Jones Syracuse (OH)

President-elect: Jane Gault (TN)

Vice President for Awards and Recognition: Laurie Stevens (NC)

Vice President for member Resources: Marilyn Gore (NC)

Vice President for Public Affairs: Sharon Hoelscher Day (AZ)

Vice President for Professional Development: Christine Kniep (WI)

Treasurer: Susan Neher (IN)

Secretary: Carol Schlitt (IL)

Central Region Director: Ida Marie Snorteland (SD)

Eastern Region Director: Lynn Little (MD)

Southern Region Director: Bonita Roberts (GA)

Western Region Director: Sandra Brown (WA)

Past President: Jean Clarkson-Frisbie (KS)

Site Coordinator for MD: Gwendolyn Jackson (MD)

Historian: Carollyn Hunt (IL)

The national office was located in Phoenix, Arizona. The firm was National Association Management (NAM). We entered into a five-year contract with them.

Ruth E. Helein, Executive Director

Denise E. Rentz, Conference Planner

Perla Apodaca, Executive Assistant

Note from the President: On the first page of my calendar throughout the year I had a note that read: "*People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, people will forget what you wore, but, people will never forget how you made them feel.*" I tried to remember and follow that message during my year as association president. CJS