Exciting Times Ahead

The Executive Board has been meeting monthly to develop some programs to recruit new members and benefit all members. These new programs will be introduced and implemented at the WA FCS Annual Conference in October.

One program has been in the developmental stage for almost two years: educational clock hours through viewing AAFCS webinars. Sharleen Kato, Diane Grossenbacher and LynDee Lombardo have been working with Michelle Spenser at OSPI so this unique program will meet the strict protocols set by Washington State. By becoming members of AAFCS/WAFCS, educators will be able to view selected webinars, submit a reflection and receive clock hours for FREE.

The second program is Easy-Apply Grants for members. This grant was developed by LynDee Lombardo and Margaret Viebrock. The WAFCS Executive Board will offer four $300 grants (two in the fall and two in the spring) to members. Applicants can be classroom educators, extension educators, retired members and vetted volunteers.

The overall goal of these two programs is to recruit, retain, and support members of the Washington Affiliate. These two programs fulfill proponents of our 2022 Affiliate Action Plan. The three objectives of the plan are:

1. Increase Membership and involvement in WAFCS/AAFCS
2. Create Opportunities for Engagement and Embrace the Virtual World
3. Increase Affiliate Participation in National Programs: Increase and support qualified FCS educators

The Executive Board is proud to present these two new programs. For more details, see Page 3!

FCS Annual Conference in Orlando
Together for the first time in two years

The conference was great, the weather unpredictable, and the company was exceptional. AAFCS Annual conference had an atmosphere of renewal and excitement. All the Washington attendees fully participated by presenting and attending sessions and luncheons, and presiding over special events.

Sharleen Kato attended several IFHE events and received an AAFCS Leader Award during the final event of the conference.

As a member of the AAFCS Board of Directors, Debbie Handy presided over a General Session and assisted in many other tasks.

Margaret Viebrock presided over the Extension Luncheon and was the guest Speaker at the Community of Lifelong Professionals Luncheon.

Karen Bergh and Jan Bowers presented a great session on the changes in the structure of the National Partnership to Recruit, Prepare, and Support FCS Educators in the future.

Donna Graham presented a session about Life Long Professionals, and presided over the Community of Lifelong Professionals Luncheon.
Conference Rates
AAFCS/WA-FACSE Members $500.00
Student Member $150.00
Retired Member $200.00
Registration includes all sessions, events, 2 lunches and 2 breakfasts
A STUDENT member is defined as an undergraduate/graduate student preparing for a career in Family and Consumer Sciences, with paid membership in AAFCS.
A RETIRED member is defined as a person who has retired from employment.

Register Early! After October 4, 2022, there will be an increase in registration fees. Online registration will close after the conference ends on October 25, 2022.

Conference Registration is now open - Click here to be taken to the Washington FCS Annual Conference Page
More conference information will be added to our websites as available.
Check the WAFCS Website at www.washingtonafcs.org and WAFCSE website at wafacse.org/washington-2022-fcs-conference/.

Lodging Information
Hilton Hotel, 301 West 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660
- Booking Link: https://group.hilton.com/cpg9tw
- Hilton Vancouver Reservations: +1 360-993-4500
- Group Name is: FCS
- Group Rate is: Single/Double – $134; Triple – $154; Quad – $174 + state/local taxes
- Reservation Cutoff Date is: Friday September 30, 2022

Please note there are a limited number of rooms held for our group, available on a first-come basis. Rooms booked after our group allotment has been reached or after our cutoff date are subject to availability and our rate may not apply.
To ensure availability, book as soon as possible.

Parking Information: $29 overnight self-parking, $39 overnight valet

Donate to the Scholarship Fundraiser
The WAFCS Scholarship Fundraiser is back at the 2022 Washington FCS Annual Conference! This annual event assists up-and-coming FCS professionals. WAFCS awards the annual scholarship on a rotating basis between Central Washington University, Seattle Pacific University, and Washington State University.

Please consider donating to the fundraiser. We would love to have a variety of items, such as gift cards, themed baskets, personal items, things for classrooms, etc. Our only request is that the items be new. If you have the inclination to create a special basket or hand-crafted items for the fundraiser, those would be great additions!

You don't have to attend the conference to donate...arrangements can be made for pickup of donated items. Questions? Contact Donna Graham, WAFCS President, at donnacgraham@msn.com.
NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR an in-class project, equipment, supplies, field trip or all-school project?

Support your project goals with WAFCS Easy-Apply School Grants for 2022-2023

ALL Washington Family and Consumer Sciences members who are in school, WSU Extension employees, vetted volunteers, enrolled in student teaching, or actively teaching FCS are eligible to apply.

- Two Easy-Apply Grants of $300 each will be available for Fall 2022
- Two Easy-Apply Grants of $300 each will be available for Spring 2023

The goals for this grant program are to:

- Engage students through exposure to a wider variety of Family and Consumer Sciences topics
- Enhance student learning by supplementing equipment, supplies or educational experiences
- Encourage new and continuing membership in the Washington Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Affiliate

The purpose of this program is to encourage FCS professionals to join AAFCS & WAFCS. The Executive Board has developed these programs to encourage new and current members to take advantage of member benefits.

Current WAFCS membership is required to apply for the $300 grants. If you are not currently a member, it is easy to join at $100 per year for new professional members* and $150 for renewing members, with $50 for collegiate or postsecondary student members. Visit the national website at AAFCS.org to join or renew your membership with the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, noting Washington State as your chosen affiliate. You can select to join with the yearly membership fee paid in full or in monthly installments.

Would you like an application?
The application will be available soon on our website at washingtonafcs.org. If a paper application is desired, please email Executive Director Diane Grossenbacher at wafcs@msn.com, with SUBJECT: WAFCS Easy-Apply Grant

Completed applications will be received by Diane at the email address above or mailed to: WAFCS Easy-Apply Grant, Attn: Diane Grossenbacher, 6911-189th Place S.W., Lynnwood, WA 98036

The Washington Family and Consumer Sciences Executive Board will review your application. All applicants will be notified of the Grant recipients on or before the 25th of October or February.

* WAFCS will pay half ($50) of a new professional membership.

- Complete a membership application
- Submit with half of the fee ($50) to: Margaret Viebrock, PO Box 550, Waterville, WA 98858, and WAFCS will process the application.
The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Offers You an Invitation to Read and Discuss
For many years, yes, even pre-COVID, some member leaders in AAFCS and WAFCS had been thinking about ways to bring more of us together around topics that are of particular interest to Family and Consumer Scientists; topics large or small which have impacted our studies and daily lives, and will continue to be important to our field for years to come.

Some members, who are known to never be without a book in hand, or several near their office desk or stacked on their nightstand, have suggested books to each other and shared what was discovered through the readings in one-on-one emails or personal discussions with each other. Some of us have read a book recommended by a FCS member, enjoyed it, absorbed a bit of its wisdom, and moved on to other books and other topics. A few of us have even discovered that we like to create our own topical series and read through a list of books nonfiction or fiction on a chosen theme and at our own pace. But many of us have continued to wait for an arena where we can read a non-fiction book, article or publication, maybe even take a few notes on the items covered in the written piece, and then share and discuss what we learned with equally interested and educated Family and Consumer Sciences colleagues.

Jacqueline Holland, EdD, CFCS, was waiting for such an experience also. While AAFCS President, Jacqueline’s platform focused on the lack of diversity and inclusion within the Association. Those of us who have read Danielle Dreilinger’s “The Secret History of Home Economics” were introduced to the lack of racial diversity in our ranks throughout our history, starting with the exclusion of Black home economists from formative meetings at Lake Placid to the necessary parallel development of Black colleges and universities and affiliated groups for Black extension agents, Black Home Economics professors, other Black educators and students. Out of the contemporary need which Jacqueline saw and experienced, the community of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was created in 2020. It was a perfect extension that the DEI Community should then create a subgroup to deal with the situation through a Book Discussion group.

So far, the small but enthusiastic group has made two selected readings and followed up with two ZOOM discussions hosted by Dylan Hinkle. Our first reading for May was the very manageable two-hundred-and seven-page Critical Race Theory: An Introduction, Second Edition, by Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic, with a forward by Angela Harris published in 2012. I came away with a strong belief that if you could only read one book on CRT, this book is the one you should obtain and read. It covers the original development of Critical Race Theory as a legal system phenomenon and shares succinct case studies on the need for and legal development of the theory. The definition of CRT may have morphed over the years into something more ominous and socialistic for some, but the origins seem to stem from the most basic belief in the fundamental legal rights of people of all colors and creeds as can be fought for and achieved through the expression of every person’s legal rights.

In preparation for July’s ZOOM, again hosted by Dylan, we all read the Federal Indian Board School Initiative Investigative Report with its timely release of May 2022. Most participants printed out or read the approximately 100 page report on their computers. This reading caused some in the group to think of other sources for non-fiction and fiction covering the plight of Native and colored people in America. Additional titles were recommended from other Federal Reports such as --- to authentic fiction on modern-day Lakota life such as Winter Counts by David Heska Wanbi Weiden, and titles such Under the Skin by Linda Villarosa and The Three Mothers by Anna Malaika Tubbs related to the lives of Black and other brown-skinned people were shared.

In the next few days members of the group will be offering up topics and publications from which we will chose our next reading, so I invite you to submit your email to the group, so that when September arrives you can join our ZOOM discussion room to share your thoughts on our newest reading. Please consider joining us. To be added to the DEI Community Book Discussion Group contact Jacqueline at jacqueline.holland@morgan.edu to be put on our list.