



Family and Consumer Sciences Division March Membership Challenge!

As Spring has begun, we are close approaching the end of the school year. FCCLA state conference just wrapped up in Billings, March 24-26th. Please extend a wish of good luck to our 2011 Fall FCS division award winner, Edie Vogel. Edie will compete for ACTE Outstanding New CTE teacher at Region V ACTE in Jackson Hole, April 11-14. Good Luck Edie! On the Horizon is the MAFCS Conference in Butte hosted by Judy Bryant and Mary LaFever April 18-20th.

Summer Updates for Family and Consumer Sciences will again be hosted by Bernie Mason our Yellowstone Country Extension Agent in Billings in July. National AAFCS is June 24 - 27, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana and the FEFÉ National Training is June 25-28 at the Tucson Omni Resort in Arizona. FCCLA National Leadership Conference will be held in Orlando, FL, July 8 - 12, 2012.

The Fall MAFCS planning committee, Judy, Becky, Priscilla, and I have been busy planning inspiring workshops for the fall conference. The fall conference will be a bit different this year. We will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Billings for the day of Thursday and on then on Friday we have the privilege of being at Huntley Project's new High School. Huntley will be showcasing their new CTE facilities. We have the opportunity to have Lindy Hockenbary, an FEFÉ master teacher demonstrating a hands on computer lab mastering Technology into the FCS classroom. We will showcase a guest chef for a food lab demonstration in their commercial kitchen. Thursday during break out sessions, Colleen Smith, From the Better Business Bureau, will talk on the new Ethics curriculum while our Keynote speaker, Professor Lindsey Shirley, Family and Consumer Sciences Professor at Utah State University, will inspire us to move confidently into the future of FCS education. Finally, Dr. Holly Hunts will bring the Montana State University FCS students for an update on an inspiring FCS topic.

Please remember to bring raffle prizes for our division raffle. A special raffle ticket will be given to each member who brings in a division raffle item. This ticket will be drawn at the end of the conference allowing one lucky winner to have an extra special prize! Must be present to win.

Another note, we applaud our new members who registered last fall as 1st time attendees and appreciate all our members who were able to make the MACTE conference. **I would CHALLENGE all members to bring a new member to MAFCSE in October!** We need to let other FCS professionals know how important MACTE is to our profession and the incredible benefits you get from attending the conference. Especially Middle School professionals who provide that seamless transition to High School CTE programs of study. **WE will be giving away a FREE membership in a drawing for all NEW members next fall.** For those professionals who bring a new member, you will be registered for a special prize drawing!(\$50 value). Let's see if we can improve our conference numbers and introduce new professionals into our organization.

On a special note, for our FCS OPI Specialist, Megan Anderson Vincent, who's been hard at work, we send out a special congratulations to our newest FCS family member, Isemaella Frances born March 20, 2012. Congrats David and Megan.



Looking forward for another great year,

Karen Boardman
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