

### Presidents Message

The CE-FCS Ambassadors Board of Directors had a productive meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> with Nicole Neilson and Mary Selk being appointed to fill vacated seats on the board. Nicole is the CNEP Area Coordinator in Comanche Unit (based in Lawton) and currently serves on the Project Committee. She has agreed to fill the unexpired term of Chellee Burson as Ambassador Director. Mary Selk is a retired Extension Educator with a rich history with the Ambassador organization as one of the charter members. She has agreed to serve as Historian. Ambassadors will be an even stronger force because of their willingness to serve. Thanks Nicole and Mary.

Another topic of discussion was the approaching 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Ambassadors which officially took place in 1990. A thriving organization such as Ambassadors can generate some wonderful memorabilia and archives in twenty years of serving Oklahoma families. Dottie Goss, retired OCES State Specialist, shared info she had gathered on The Women's Archives which are housed at the OSU Library. The goal of the Archives is to preserve the contributions women make to family and community, culture and science, as well as business and government. The Archives is a reference and research collection of items such as diaries, interviews, photographs, publications, business records, scrapbooks, etc. Mary Selk, Ambassadors Historian, and her committee will investigate the possibility of initiating an Ambassadors collection in the Archives.

Each chair provided a report of committee activity. All committees have stayed on task and the general membership will benefit from their efforts as we gather at the annual meeting to select new officers, recognize past and future grant recipients, and enjoy the theme of the awards luncheon "Riding High with Ambassadors." I look forward to seeing all of you on October 21<sup>st</sup>!!

All the best~  
*Brenda Sheik*  
*President 2009-2010*

### Projects Committee Report

The Projects Committee met on August 5 to review and judge the applications. We received 18 applications this year and over \$23,000 was awarded in Ambassadors Grants, Blackwell Grants and Honor Awards. All 18 applicants will receive a letter in the mail within the next few weeks to notify them whether their application was successful and

invite them to attend the awards luncheon on October 21.

Congratulations to those of you who won! If you have never applied for an award, try to attend the luncheon to hear reports from past winners. Hearing what others have done may inspire new ideas for you. Hope to see you all on October 21.

*Brenda K. Miller*  
*Projects Committee Chair*

## 2009 AMBASSADOR SILENT AUCTION

Thanks for your cooperation in preparing and hosting the Silent Auction. It was a great day for the CE-FCS Ambassadors! We had great donors, bidders and volunteers! Seventy-seven donated items were registered in advance, which really helped speed up the process. A big THANK YOU to everyone who registered in advance of the auction.

I would also like to thank the presenters at the OHCE district meetings (Brenda Sheik, Jessica Riggins and Sonya McDaniels) for promoting Ambassadors and the Silent Auction at the OHCE State Meeting. Without you, the word about the auction and Ambassadors wouldn't have gotten out!

One hundred and four items were offered in the auction from a variety of sources, including OHCE members and county organizations, current and retired Extension staff, and a 4-H member. Altogether the 2009 Silent Auction raised \$4,003.50!

Auction proceeds are divided evenly between Ambassadors and the M.E. Fitch Fellowship funds. These funds go to a great cause – application toward projects, many of which are *new* or *innovative*, that fit the creed of OHCE and the mission of the OCES Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H.

Please join us for the Ambassador's Annual Meeting to hear exciting reports on projects supported by these funds in the past year, and new projects selected for next year! If you have not sent dues/contributions for this year, those are always welcomed! Funds can be sent more than once each year, which is helpful to spread out donations. As always, all support is appreciated and carefully utilized as intended. Thanks again – we enjoyed working with everyone! Hope to see you in October!

*Donna Jung and  
the Public Relations/Recruitment Committee*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Q: Who serves on the Ambassadors Board of Directors?*

*A:* In accordance with the Ambassadors bylaws the board of directors consists of the elected officers and ten directors. The elected officers are president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three members of the nominating committee. The Assistant Director OCES-FCS, and immediate past-president will be ex-officio, non-voting members of the board.

*Q: What is the difference between OCES-FCS Ambassadors & the Fitch Fellowship?*

*A:* The OCES-FCS Ambassadors represents those individuals, groups and other interested parties who have an interest in supporting the family and youth programming across the FCS spectrum. Contributions to Ambassadors are unrestricted in terms of how the funding is used except that they be used for educational purposes. The specific direction on the use of these funds is provided by the Ambassadors Board of Directors who established various award categories over the past years. FCS Educators can access a list of the award categories at: [fcs.okstate.edu](http://fcs.okstate.edu). Go to “educator resources” for details. The total award amounts are limited to the interest generated by the Ambassadors fund.

The Margaret Fitch Fellowship was also made possible by the generous contributions of the friends of Margaret Fitch. The contributions were given in recognition of her contributions to Extension and the field of family and consumer sciences. In the case of the Fellowship, the purpose of the funds was specifically designated to provide opportunity to visit and study a relevant program in another state or country.

The experience should provide the recipient the opportunity to:

- increase understanding of other cultures or ethnic groups;
- learn about teaching strategies and delivery methods that effectively reach other cultures; and
- adapt or adopt educational programs to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse audience.

This focus was a continuation of Margaret’s passion for multi-cultural awareness and work. Like the Ambassadors funds, the Fellowship award amount is limited to the interest generated by the principal. Contributions are welcome and can be made to either fund.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Ambassadors Board of Directors will be Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the awards luncheon. Both outgoing and newly elected board members should plan to attend. The short meeting will recap the annual meeting and awards luncheon and be used as a transition time between outgoing and newly elected officers. Outgoing officers should be prepared to provide documents and materials to incoming officers at this time.

The date for the winter Board of Director’s meeting has been set for Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma County Extension Office. In the event of inclement weather the alternative date is Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> same time and location.

### **2009 Calendar of Events**

October 21	Annual Ambassador’s Award Luncheon, “Riding High with Ambassadors!” Oklahoma County Extension Center Ambassadors Board of Directors meeting (Immediately following Luncheon)
February 4	Ambassadors Board of Directors meeting Oklahoma County Extension Center
February 11	Ambassadors Board of Directors meeting (alternative inclement weather)

## 2009 AMBASSADORS/FITCH CONTRIBUTORS

January 1 thru August 17, 2009

### AMBASSADOR

Carter County HCE	A
Cherokee County HCE	A
Comanche County HCE	A
LaDonna Dunlop	A/F
Recia Garcia*	A/F
Dorothy Gibson	A
Cathy James	A
Tommie James	A
Laverda Johnson	A
Jan Johnston	A
Edwina Kelly*	A
Gloria King	A
Jean Claire Lawson	F
Sonya McDaniel	A
Gale Mills	A
Noble County HCE	A
Kendra Piasecki	A
Debbie Richardson	A
Retha Robertson	A
Danette Russell	A
Arlene Sellers*	A
Brenda Sheik	A
Sunshine HCE Group	F
Wagoner County HCE	A
Floyd & Barbara Walker	A

### PEARL

JoAnn Brannan*	A/F
Mary Jo Bullis	A
Marilyn Burns*	A
June Cash*	F
Glennis Couchman*	A
Garfield County HCE*	A
Lani Vasconcellos	A

Lynda Harriman*	A
Carol Laverty	A
Logan County HCE	A
Clarice Melot	A
Glenn Muske	A
Pontotoc County HCE	A
Mary Sue Sanders*	A
Jean A. Shipman*	A

### RUBY

Betty Jean Brannan*	A
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### **\*Founding Member**

**A - Ambassadors**  
**F - Fitch Fellowship**

### Memorial Contributions:

*Honoree Name/Donor Name*

*Brent Bryant/Clarice Melot*  
*Kathy Harmon/Brenda Sheik*  
*Gladys Owens/Carter County HCE*  
*Shannon Renfro/Floyd & Barbara Walker*

### Contributions in Honor of:

*(Honoree Name/Donor Name)*

*Ron Cox/Recia Garcia*  
*Loveta Hammond/LaDonna Dunlop*  
*Ann Bargman/Jean Claire Lawson*  
*Glenn Muske/Recia Garcia*  
*Valdean Sestak/June Cash*

## **2009 Ambassador Silent Auction Donors**

Alfalfa County OHCE  
Atwood OHCE - Hughes County  
Blanchard OHCE - McClain County  
Bryan County OHCE  
Canadian County OHCE  
Carter County OHCE  
Catherine M Borges - Comanche County  
Cherokee County OHCE  
Choctaw County OHCE  
Comanche County OHCE  
Craig County OHCE  
Creek County OHCE  
Danette Russell - Latimer County  
Dea Rash - Payne County  
Debbie Mote – Noble County  
Dottie Gatz - Woods County  
Dripping Springs - Okmulgee County  
Eddie Wilcoxon/Nelda Cable - Jackson Co  
Edwina Kelly - Creek County  
Elk City Homemakers - Beckham County  
Farmerettes & Dames – LI- Kates - Alfalfa Co  
Florence Alkire - Dewey County  
Garfield County OHCE  
Grady County OHCE  
Greenwood Club- Pushmataha County  
Homemaker's OHCE - Coal County  
Hughes County OHCE  
Ingar Raunikar - Latimer County  
Jefferson County OHCE  
Johnston County OHCE  
Joyce Wood - Okmulgee County  
Kathy Enyart - Ottawa County  
Kay County OHCE  
Latimer County OHCE  
Lincoln County OHCE  
Linda Lynch - Choctaw County  
Logan County OHCE  
Love County OHCE  
Major County OHCE  
Margarette Sampler - Jackson County  
Marlene Buck - Garfield County  
Mary Deken - Noble County  
Marywayne Moates – Jackson County  
Mayes County OHCE  
Mildred Mitchell - Grant County  
Murray County OHCE  
Muskogee County OHCE  
Nowata County OHCE  
Okfuskee County OHCE  
Oklahoma County OHCE  
Osage County OHCE  
Ottawa County OHCE  
Pawnee County OHCE  
Peggy Christian - McClain County/  
Pittsburg County OHCE  
Pontotoc County OHCE  
Pottawatomie County OHCE  
Prairie Bell - Okmulgee County  
Ranel Lasley - Caddo County  
Rogers County OHCE  
Sarma Retchloff - LeFlore County  
Starr OHCE - Delaware County  
Susan Deviney - Garvin County  
Terrie DeShazo - Cleveland County  
Teo Hair - Sequoyah County  
Texas County OHCE  
Tommie James – Bryan County  
Tulsa County OHCE  
Valley View OHCE - Tulsa County/  
Vicki Malone - Stephens County  
Wagoner County OHCE

## Ensure a Bright Future by Helping Build the Endowments

### Ambassador General Fund

You can support the educational endeavors of Ambassadors that benefit Oklahoma families and youth by making a contribution. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

I pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
\_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ annually.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **OSU Foundation/CE-FCS Ambassadors.**

Charge to my credit card \_\_\_\_\_

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card # \_\_\_\_\_ expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

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This gift is in honor of:  
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Send an acknowledgement of my gift to:  
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Name

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Address

**Return to: Ambassadors Fund, 135 HES,  
Oklahoma State University,  
Stillwater, OK 74078-6111**

### Margaret Edsel Fitch Extension Fellowship

The Fellowship provides a mini-sabbatical experience for OCE-FCS staff to study a relevant program in another state or country. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

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\_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ annually.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **OSU Foundation/CE-FCS Fitch Fellowship**

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**Return to: M.E. Fitch Fellowship, 135 HES,  
Oklahoma State University,  
Stillwater, OK 74078-6111**

Ambassador	\$ 10	to	\$ 99
Pearl	\$ 100	to	\$ 999
Ruby	\$ 1,000	to	\$ 2,499
Emerald	\$ 2,500	to	\$ 4,999
Diamond	\$ 5,000	to	\$ 9,999
Grand	\$10,000	and up	

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# Ambassadors

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## CE-FCS Ambassadors 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony Luncheon

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
Oklahoma County OSU Extension Center

- 8:00 a.m. 2009 Winners Display Setup Begins  
10:00 a.m. Registration and View Displays  
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Catered by Aunt Pity Pats  
2:00 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg (Immediately after luncheon)  
Stay a while and view 2009 displays after luncheon.

Registration Fee: \$12 per person  
Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

CE-FCS Ambassadors Annual Meeting & Luncheon Registration  
To register, clip and remit this form with \$12 payable to *FCS Conferences*  
Registration deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Address: Ambassadors, 135 HES, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-6111

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address Correction Requested**

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