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Celebrate the Legacy

The finish line and checkered flags are in view for the current board of directors. The annual meeting and celebration of the 20th anniversary will be their well-deserved victory lap. They have chosen “Celebrate the Legacy” as the theme for the event.

During the annual meeting we will honor and recognize charter members for their contribution to the Ambassadors legacy. These individuals and groups committed both time and money to build a strong foundation for this legacy to continue.

We often think of the past when we think of a legacy. But the Ambassadors legacy isn't stagnant. It may have started, but it certainly didn't stop, with the contributions of the charter members. It continues today and we all have a responsibility to make sure it remains viable into the future.

The purpose of Ambassadors has always been clear. As a group we are to increase the visibility of FCS programming. We are also charged with identifying and funding FCS projects and programs needed by Oklahoma families. We do this well!!!

What we can do better is to encourage membership to those outside our close knit family of current and retired extension staff and OHCE members and groups. Our bylaws state that membership is open to any individual, group, organization or business enterprise whose interest and activities conform to these purposes (as stated above).

I challenge each of you to do two things. First, forward this newsletter to a potential member who recognizes the impact of FCS programming in your community. Include a short note about the benefits of Ambassadors. Second,

invite a community partner to the annual meeting (consider paying for their registration fee!) Both of these actions will help us build FCS and Ambassador “champions” across Oklahoma. Both actions will help us continue to “Celebrate the Legacy”!

Brenda Sheik, President
CE-FCS Ambassadors

A Message from Dr. Atilés

After completing my first month as Associate Dean for Extension and Engagement at OSU, I am extremely pleased to have met so many great supporters of the Family and Consumer Sciences programs in the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. As you read this newsletter, please know that your support is highly appreciated on campus. You continue to provide opportunities for our specialists and educators to discover new knowledge that can be applied to solving critical problems in today's society.

You make a difference! And I am pleased to serve as an advisor and liaison to this group of committed, loyal FCS Extension supporters. My challenge to you is to continue your commitment and support and to help us engage potential supporters and expand our membership. We are truly excited to have Dr. Harriman join us in the upcoming annual banquet and I hope that all of you are planning to attend.

Again, thank you for all you do and for your legacy! Congratulations on your upcoming 20th.

Jorge H. Atilés, Ph.D.
CE-FCS Associate Director and
Associate Dean for Extension and Engagement

Reconnecting with Our Charter Members

There were one-hundred fifty-two charter members. To date we have identified forty-one of these members as being deceased. Many charter members have remained connected to our associations, while others have moved or retired. We have been able to locate the addresses of forty-two of these charter members. The only charter member that we have not been able to locate is Marguerite Perry. If you have Marguerite's address please contact Brenda Sheik at 580-822-3478 or brenda.sheik@okstate.edu

Help Needed on the Archives

Working on the 20 years of History of Ambassadors for the OSU Library's Archives, I am stuck! I do not have copies of the minutes for Board Meetings for October 2005- August 2008 as well as August and October 1994 and August 1997 and these are vital to a complete record. I also need PHOTOS from the beginning: meetings, projects, auctions, etc. If you have any, please send them along, and look in your office photos to see if there are any from years "before your time"! I also need Annual Meeting Programs for 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998! If you attended any of these, please look to see if you kept a copy of the program, handout materials, etc! Thanks to Sonya and Danette for sending things after the August Board Meeting.

This is just like canning. If good stuff doesn't go into the jar, then good stuff won't come out! We need all the GOOD STUFF in the archives for people in the future to be able to look back and really know Ambassador's history! Send anything you find to Mary Self, 701 Oakridge Drive, Stillwater, OK 74074, ASAP! We are trying to get the archival records set up by October at the latest!

Mary Selk, Historian

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following names for positions on CE-FCS Ambassadors Board. Elections will be conducted at the Annual Meeting in October.

Vice-President/Chairman of Program of Work,
Marlene Buck
Nominating Committee Chair, Dea Rash
Nominating Committee Member, Mary Deken,
Noble County OHCE Member
Directors: Sissy Osteen
Recia Garcia
LaDonna Dunlop
Lana Stidham
Javonna Earsom

2010 Silent Auction Report

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

A special THANK YOU to Susan Routh for chairing this event while I was on maternity leave. The auction would not have happened without you and your volunteers!

One hundred and thirty-nine items were offered in the auction from a variety of sources, including OHCE members and county organizations, current and retired staff, and a 4-H member. Altogether the 2010 Silent Auction raised \$4,367.50!

Auction proceeds are divided evenly between Ambassadors and the M.E. Fitch Fellowship funds. These funds go to a great cause – applied 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 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, support is appreciated and carefully utilized as intended. Hope to see you in October!

Donna Jung, Chair
Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

By-Law Changes

The following By-Law Changes will be presented during the Annual Meeting in October. Proposed changes are underlined and italicized:

Proposed By-Law Changes

ARTICLE I. PURPOSES (2) To help identify Oklahoma Cooperative Extension-Family and Consumer Sciences programs and projects needed by Oklahoma families

Proposed amendment:

Article I, Purposes (2) To help identify and fund Oklahoma Cooperative Extension-Family and Consumer Sciences programs and projects needed by Oklahoma families

Rationale: Clarifies the purpose of CE-FCS Ambassadors

ARTICLE II. ANNUAL AND LIFETIME AMBASSADORS

Section B. Initial contributions are payable with a pledge. Future annual contributions are payable on January 1. Checks should be made payable to OSU Foundation/ CE-FCS Ambassadors (CE-FCS refers to Oklahoma Family and Consumer Sciences Cooperative Extension) and submitted to the Assistant Director, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Family and Consumer Sciences Programs, 104 Human Environmental Sciences, Stillwater, OK 74078-6111 for deposit in the OSU Foundation. The Board of Directors will determine expenditure of the funds and management will be by the OSU Foundation.

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Rationale: Eliminates the need to update by-laws to coincide with address changes.

ARTICLE III. Officers and Directors
Section F. The secretary will keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the CE-FCS Ambassadors, minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, and names and addresses of annual and lifetime Ambassadors.

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Rational: Fulfills need to update charter member mailing list.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section A. The standing committees of the Ambassadors will be: program of work, project, nominating, finance, public relations and recruitment, newsletters, bylaws and historian.

Proposed amendment:

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Section A. The standing committees of the Ambassadors will be: program of work, project, nominating, finance, public relations and recruitment, newsletters, bylaws and archives.

Rationale: Establishes a name for the committee the historian will chair.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section B. Committee chair and members will be appointed by the president with approval of the Board for a two-year term. Their term will coincide with that of the president. No person will serve more than two consecutive terms on the same committee.

Proposed amendment:

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES
Section B. Committee chair and members will be appointed by the president with approval of the Board for a two-year term. Their term will coincide with that of the president. No person, with the exception of the historian, will serve more than two consecutive terms on the same committee.

Rationale: Allowing the historian to serve consecutive terms will provide continuity.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section I. The memoirs of the Ambassadors will be coordinated by a Historian, appointed by the President for a two-year term. The Historian will work with a committee of Ambassadors as needed to secure the history of the organization.

Proposed amendment:

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section I. The memoirs of the Ambassadors will be coordinated by a Historian, appointed by the President for a two-year term. The Historian will work with the Archives committee comprised of three Ambassadors as needed to secure the history of the organization.

Rationale: Clarifies name and size of committee.

Cathy James, Chair
By-Laws Committee

2010 Projects Selected

The Projects Committee met on August 5 to review and judge the applications. We received 28 applications this year and over \$15000 will be awarded in Ambassador Grants, Blackwell

Grants and Honor Awards. All 28 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 15.

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 15.

Brenda K. Miller, Chair
Projects Committee

Ambassadors Board of Directors Meetings Scheduled

The next meeting of the Ambassadors Board of Directors will be Oct. 15 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the awards luncheon in the south classroom. 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.

**2010 AMBASSADORS/FITCH CONTRIBUTORS
January 1 thru August 30, 2010**

AMBASSADOR

Cletus M. Banks A
Betty Jean Brannan* A
Mary Jo Bullis A
Marilyn Burns A
Casey Campbell A
June Cash* A
Glennis Couchman* A
LaDonna Dunlop A/F
Melody Ennis A
Faithful Extension Workers A
Dixie Ferrell* A/F
Recia Garcia* A
Dorothy Gibson A
Cindy Griffith* A/F
Don & Virginia Hellwege A
Colena Huffstutlar A
Hughes County HCE A
Lincoln County HCE A
Jan Maples A
McClain County HCE A
Gale Mills A
Okfuskee County HCE A
Dena Powers A
Dea Rash A
Debbie Richardson A

Mary Rhyne A
Mary Sue Sanders* A
Sunshine HCE Group F
Wagoner County HCE A
Tracey Watts A
Barbara Walker A

PEARL

Don & Kay Bornemann F
JoAnn Brannan* A/F
Donna Cadwalader* A
Lynda Harriman* A
Carol Laverty A
Betty Dahms Lewis* A
Brenda Sheik A
Jean Shipman* A
Stephens County HCE* A
Lani Vasconcellos A

***Founding Member
A – Ambassadors; F – Fitch Fellowship**

Memorial Contributions:

Honoree Name/Donor Name
*Frances Henderson/Mary Jo Bullis,
June Cash, Faithful Extension Workers,*

Cindy Griffith, Don & Virginia Hellwege,
Mary Sue Sanders
Phyllis Parnell/Wagoner County HCE
Floyd Walker/Barbara Walker

Honorary Contributions:

Honoree Name/Donor Name
Phyllis Cothren/LaDonna Dunlop, Recia Garcia
Renee Daugherty/Betty Jean Brannan, Cindy Griffith
*Glenn Muske/Lynda Harriman
Mary Rhyne/Recia Garcia, Debbie Richardson*
Dr. Lynda Harriman/Jorge Atilas
Dr. Lynda Harriman/Brenda Sheik
*Ambassador's Board of Directors/
Brenda Sheik*

2010 Ambassador Silent Auction Donors

Adair County OHCE
Adair County/Country Acres OHCE
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Bryan County/Tommie James
Caddo County OHCE
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Carter County/Judith Schofield
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Coal County/Lang Stidham
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Jefferson County/Pat McGriff
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Okmulgee County OHCE
Okmulgee County/Crochet OHCE
Okmulgee County/Joyce Wood
Osage County/Burbank OHCE
Osage County/WahShaShe OHCE
Ottawa County OHCE
Ottawa County/Kathy Enyart
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Pawnee County/Debby Rolland
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Payne County/Mary Selk
Pittsburg County OHCE
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Washington County/Lucille Raley
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Woods County OHCE
Woods County/Dottie Gatz
Woodward County OHCE
Woodward County/ Work & Play & Better Homes OHCE



Family & Consumer Sciences
The CE-FCS Ambassadors Board of Directors
Cordially invites you and guests
To the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

“Celebrate the Legacy”
Dr. Lynda Harriman, Keynote Speaker

Friday, October 15, 2010
Oklahoma County Extension Center
930 N. Portland
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

10:30 Registration and 2010 Award Display Viewing
11:30 Luncheon and Award Reports & Presentations

CE-FCS Ambassadors Annual Meeting and Luncheon Registration
To register, clip and remit this form with
\$20.00 per person payable to **FCS Conferences**
Registration Deadline is **OCTOBER 5, 2010**
Address: CE-FCS Ambassadors, 135 HES, Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078-6111

Name: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Guests: _____

Oklahoma State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, State and Local Governments cooperating. Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or status as a veteran and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 _____
Brand _____

card # _____ expiration date _____

Signature _____

Name

Address

Phone

This gift is in memory of:

This gift is in honor of:

Send an acknowledgement of my gift to:

Name

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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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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