

# Ambassadors

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### **RECONNECT AND REMINISCE.....**

....and CE-FCS Ambassadors charter members had the opportunity to do just that at a reception held in their honor at Meditations in Stillwater the evening of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Brenda Sheik, Ambassadors President, welcomed the group and Dr. Jorge Atilas, Associate Dean for Extension and Engagement, expressed appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the charter members. Mary Selk, charter member and current Ambassadors Historian, provided the group with an overview of the history of Ambassadors as well as insight into her work in archiving Ambassadors materials in the OSU Library.

The evening was organized by a committee chaired by Sissy Osteen with Recia Garcia, Eileen St. Pierre, and Joyce Martin as members.

Brenda Sheik, President

### **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY A SUCCESS**

Congratulations on the success of the 2010 CE-FCS Awards winners, and best of luck to those who received their 2011 awards on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Awards Luncheon. It has been an honor serving as the Vice President and Chair of the Program of Work committee sharing in the success of so many deserving programs and projects.

This year's Award Luncheon was a special event welcoming back charter members and Dr. Harriman. Thanks to the inspiration and direction of our President, Brenda Sheik, and the work of several Ambassador Board and committee members - Marlene Buck, Shirley Burns,

Recia Garcia, Dona Jung, Casey Campbell, Diana Romano, Dixie Ferrell, and LaDonna Dunlop, we hope everyone enjoyed the day.

I would like to thank everyone for their support. I know I am leaving this office in good hands with Marlene Buck and look forward to assisting her in the future as much as she has assisted me the past two years! Be looking for next year's Annual Award Luncheon date coming very soon and begin thinking of new programs and projects now so you will be ready to apply next summer!

Sonya McDaniel, Program of Work Chair

### **AMBASSADORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Ambassadors Board of Directors will be January 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Hillcrest Baptist Church following the 2011 Annual OCES-FCS/4-H Statewide Winter In-Service. All newly elected and appointed board members and committee chairs and members should attend. Let's kick off the new year and the next 20 years of Ambassadors by making the commitment of being at the meetings as they are scheduled. If outgoing officers have not provided documents and materials to the new incoming officers, this would be a good transition time. If the weather is bad or becomes bad, we will reschedule a time in February. I am excited to be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves. I hope to see you all on January 21st.

Arleen James, President-Elect

## **2011 GRANTS AWARDED**

### **COUNTY GRANTS**

*NOW Teen Reality Check – Gale Mills, Washington County*

*Make a Great Start with Breakfast – LaDonna Dunlop, Oklahoma County*

*Collegiate Cooking School – Danette Russell, Latimer County*

*Healthy Living with Diabetes – Lindsay Ensley, McCurtain County*

### **OHCE GRANTS**

*Educational Classroom Health & Safety Assistance – Vicki Zimmerman, Stephens County OHCE*

*NW District OHCE Mini Health Fair – Melanie Pollan, Dewey County OHCE*

*Story Time Straight to You – Virginia Jett, Beaver County OHCE*

*Strong Women, Healthy Hearts – Valarie DeBoer, Oklahoma County OHCE*

*Tri-County Holiday Extravaganza – Mary Jo Bullis, Kingfisher County OHCE*

*We've got to Stop Meeting Like this...and Start Meeting Like This – Gina Long, Texas County OHCE*

### **STATE SPECIALIST AWARD**

*Farm to You – Deana Hildebrand, OSU*

*Children, Youth & Families At-Risk Program Needs Assessment – Debbie Richardson & Ron Cox, OSU*

### **MULTI-COUNTY GRANTS**

*Are You Ready? – Kathy Enyart, Ottawa County & Tari Lee, Craig County*

*Portion Distortion Marketing Project – Barbara Tricinella, Tulsa CNEP Unit*

### **FITCH FELLOWSHIP**

*Native American Culture Study and 2011 NEAFCS Conference – Julie York, Noble County*

### **BLACKWELL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT**

*FCS Skill-A-Thon for Oklahoma 4-H – Janna Kelley, Pontotoc County*

### **BLACKWELL LEGACY AWARD**

*On The Table in 10 Minutes – Sue Hamilton, Pontotoc CNEP Unit*

### **HONOR AWARDS**

#### **Outstanding FCS Faculty and Field Staff**

*Ron Cox, OSU*

#### **Outstanding FCS Faculty and Field Staff Program Team Award**

*Making Sense of Money Management – Susan Routh, Grady County; Ranel Lasley, Caddo County; Lisa Taylor, Jefferson County; Brenda Gandy Stephens County*

#### **Outstanding FCS Faculty and Field Staff Program Group Award**

*Disaster Preparedness & Building Back Sustainably After a Disaster – Group Leaders – Lani Vasconcellos, SE District; LaDell Emmons, Pittsburg County; Debbie Walters, Pittsburg CNEP Unit, Megan Baughman, Seminole County, Tracey Watts, Choctaw County; Sara West, Marshall County*

*Group Members – Karen Armbruster, Gerri Ballard, Lynne Beam, Cindy Clampet, Nancy Dunlap, Javonna Earsom, Lindsay Ensley, Dr. Robert Scott Frazier, Sue Hamilton, Tommie James, Laverda Johnson, Robyn Jones, Janna Kelley, Sandy Lackey, Rachel Lockwood, Ginny McCarthick, Sonya McDaniel, Brenda Miller, Susan Moffat, Marty Montague, Joy Rhodes, Danette Russell, Debbie Sharp, Lana Stidham, Nancy Tucker, Becky Walker, Jill Ward and Julie York*

*Brenda Miller, Project Committee Chair*

## THANK YOU

"Thanks to all who have helped make our Ambassadors History at the OSU Library Archives a reality! I took the files in October 7, and am still accepting information and collectibles.

If you run across any photos, send them along, please! I can add "stuff" at any time! Right now it would be great to have some final reports on grant projects, and photos of those projects as they happened! Look back in old files in the office, and see what you can find!

If you'd like a copy of the list of grants presented over the years, email me! I think it's fairly complete, but could probably use some proofreading! And, it might refresh your memory about what you've received funding for over the years! Lots of counties, multi-counties, state specialists, impact groups, and FCE/HCE groups have benefitted during the 20 years we're now celebrating!"

Mary Selk, Historian

## **2010 AMBASSADORS/FITCH CONTRIBUTORS**

January 1 thru November 16, 2010

### AMBASSADOR

Karen Armbruster	A	Edwina Kelly*	A
Linda Baker	A	Janna Kelley	A
Cletus M. Banks	A	Ranel Lasley	A
Lynne Beam	A	Jean Claire Lawson	F
Betty Jean Brannan*	A	Lincoln County HCE	A
Marlene Buck	A	Jan Maples*	A
Mary Jo Bullis	A	Ginny McCarthick	A
Marilyn Burns*	A	McClain County HCE	A
Casey Campbell	A	Sonya McDaniel	A
June Cash*	A	Gale Mills	A
Carolyn Clifton	A	Ninnekah HCE	A
Cotton County HCE	A	Okfuskee County HCE	A
Glennis Couchman*	A	Oklahoma County HCE	A
Janice M. Cranor	A	Sissy Osteen	A
Barbara Denney	A	Dena Powers	A
Terrie DeShazo	A	Dea Rash	A
LaDonna Dunlop	A/F	Mary Rhyne	A
Sheila Ely*	A	Debbie Richardson	A
LaDell Emmons	A	Diana Romano	A
Melody Ennis	A	Susan Routh	A
Christi Evans	A	C. Danette Russell	A/F
Dixie Ferrell*	A/F	Mary Sue Sanders*	A
Debra Garrard Foster	A/F	Sue Schmidt	A
Recia Garcia*	A/F	Lana Stidham	A
Garfield County HCE*	A	Eileen St. Pierre	A
Dorothy Gibson	A	Sunshine HCE Group	F
Cindy Griffith*	A/F	Barbara Tricinella*	A
Sue Hamilton	A/F	Wagoner County HCE	A
Don & Virginia Hellwege	A	Barbara Walker	A
Deana Hildebrand	A/F	Washington County HCE*	A
Colena Huffstutlar	A	Tracey Watts	A
Hughes County HCE	A	Marcy Wichert	A
Cathy James	A	Kimberly Williams	A
Jan Johnston	A	Jeanette Worden	A
		Julie York	A

**PEARL**

Jorge Atilas	F
Don & Kay Bornemann	F
JoAnn Brannan*	A/F
C.B. Browning*	A
Donna Cadwalader*	A
Faithful Extension Workers	A
Lynda Harriman*	A
Sandra S. Jones*	A
Trease Layton*	A
Carol Laverty	A
Betty Dahms Lewis*	A
Brenda K. Miller*	A
Jan Montgomery*	A
Mary Selk*	A/F
Brenda Sheik	A/F
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  
Louis Smith/Linda Baker  
Betty Viles (mother of Donna Patterson)/ Jorge  
Atilas, Deana Hildebrand, Jan Johnston, Glo-  
ria King, Brenda Miller, Sissy Osteen, Debbie  
Richardson, Brenda Sheik, Lani Vasconcellos,  
Kimberly Williams  
Floyd Walker/Barbara Walker  
Preston Walker/LaDell Emmons  
Jeanette Worden/Sheila Ely  
Harold Wright/Linda Baker*

**Honorary Contributions:***Honoree Name/Donor Name*

*Jorge Atilas/Brenda Miller  
Jean Bailey/Brenda Sheik  
Marilyn Burns/C. B. Browning  
Irene Clement's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday/  
Ninnekah HCE, Jeanette Worden  
Phyllis Cothren/LaDonna Dunlop,  
Recia Garcia, Brenda Miller  
Renee Daugherty/Betty Jean Brannan,  
Cindy Griffith  
Carolyn Goaz/Brenda Miller  
Grady County HCE/Susan Routh  
Lynda Harriman/Jorge Atilas, C. B. Browning,  
Debra Garrard Foster, Brenda Miller, Brenda  
Sheik  
Arleen James/Recia Garcia  
Barbara Longacre/Lana Stidham  
Peggy Meszaros/C. B. Browning  
Jan Montgomery/C. B. Browning  
Glenn Muske/Lynda Harriman, Brenda Miller  
Ursula O'Hara/Deana Hildebrand  
Dena Powers/Brenda Miller  
Mary Rhyne/Recia Garcia, Debbie Richardson  
Diana Romano/Deana Hildebrand  
Brenda Sheik/Recia Garcia  
Doris Young's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday/Jean Claire Lawson  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Faithful Ext. Workers*

## 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.**

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**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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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	

## Recognition of Charter Members

It takes special people to see what isn't there,  
but what could be.

That is what these people did,  
these 152 Ambassador charter members.

They took time from families, from work,  
from what could have been time for themselves,  
And used it to look forward, to make what might be,  
what they couldn't even imagine, possible.

That vision, that effort, that time, enables Educators  
to reach more, teach more and change more people.

And for that we are grateful.

Because they showed us how,  
we continue the Ambassadors quest,  
To offer support to make good programs better,  
To create programs that meet needs and solve problems,  
To make what we can't even imagine today,  
possible tomorrow.



By Dr. Barbara Brown  
CE-FCS Ambassadors member  
October 2010



**Barbara Brown recites poem she wrote honoring the charter members.**





**OCES-FCS Charter members attending the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration were (front row L-R) Sheila Ely, JoAnn Brannan, Margaret Fitch, Lynda Harriman, Jan Montgomery, and Susan Murray (2<sup>nd</sup> row L-R) Mary Selk, Betty Brannan, June Cash, Marilyn Burns, Jan Maples, Brenda Breakiron-Voice, Cindy Griffith, and Cynthia Seymour Klumpp (3<sup>rd</sup> row L-R) Judith Ford (representing Payne County OHCE), Recia Garcia, Dixie Ferrell, Janna Kelley, Brenda Miller, Ginny McCarthick (representing OEAFCs)**



**President-Elect Arleen James accepts \$500 donation from FEW President and Ambassador Charter Member June Cash**



**President-Elect Arleen James provides closing remarks**



**Lynda Harriman joined us from the state of Washington to provide keynote address "Celebrate the Legacy"**



**Charter member, Margaret Fitch, enjoys the celebration.**



**Diana Ramono and Deana Hildebrand are flanked by Brenda Sheik and Dr. Jorge Atilas as they receive the State Specialist Grant for Farm to You**



**Virginia Jett, Beaver County OHCE receives a county grant to fund "Story Time Straight to You" project from Dr. Jorge Atilas and Brenda Sheik.**



**Dr. Jorge Atilas provides insight on "Ambassadors for Life"**

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The Ambassador's newsletter is published twice yearly.  
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**Address Correction Requested**

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