

### Presidents Message

“The future depends on what we do in the present.” This will be my last article as President of the Ambassadors. I would like to say thank you for giving me this opportunity to be a part of this organization that does so much to help Extension Educators, like myself, Specialists, District Program Specialists, and OHCE members be more successful in their endeavors to make a difference in the lives of the residents of Oklahoma. I sincerely hope that the things we have done in the present will have a beneficial impact on the future of the organization. I would encourage each of us to always analyze each action that we take to be confident that we are moving in the right direction. I have enjoyed serving and would ask that each of you extend your support to June Cash as she will become your President at our Annual meeting. June is already on top of things having gotten her committees and board of directors ready to work with your support.

Speaking of the Annual meeting, I would encourage each of you to make plans to attend. Invite your co-workers that may not really understand what Ambassadors can do for them. I would like to thank Marlene Buck and her committee for all her work in preparing for the annual meeting. Thank you to Karen Armbruster and her committee for their work on the grants and awards committee. We are anxious to hear who has written successful grant applications and to see the results of last year’s winners. I am excited about what the public relations committee is working on. We are hoping to make a pull-up banner to help advertise the Ambassadors organization.

We have lots of work to do to make others aware of what Ambassadors is and what it can do for them. At the state OHCE meeting, I did a little exercise to see how many of the OHCE members really understood what Ambassadors was. The number that stood up and indicated that they could explain the program to another was few. I would encourage the membership to work on this in the future. As past president next year, I will be encouraging the organization to help others understand. If anyone has ideas on how to let others know more about Ambassadors, I am open to any suggestions. Our founding members would certainly appreciate us helping others understand what their mission was in establishing this organization.

Again, thank you for the support I have been given. We have made many changes these past two years and I am confident that they helped to involve the organization. We have received more support from OHCE and others with the donation envelopes. We have made changes to the by-laws that help others to understand our roles and tasks. We have streamlined the silent auction. And while we may not have earned as much with just one basket, we are still doing very well with that process.

Hope each of you have a blessed rest of the summer and I will look forward to meeting with each of you on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Norman.

**Arleen James, President 2011-12**

## Message to CE-FCS Ambassadors

I am encouraged by the level of interest from faculty and educators to reach out to OCES-FCS Ambassadors to compete for grant funding that will enhance the resources they need to reach the behavioral and community outcomes listed in their issue team goals. The OCES-FCS Ambassadors grants program is a critical part of FCS Cooperative Extension as it funds many essential educational pieces of what we need to make a difference in the lives of Oklahomans. Thank you Ambassadors for all that you do! Tell a friend or colleague to become an OCES-FCS Ambassador.

*Jorge H. Atilas, Associate Dean,  
OCES-FCS Ambassador*

## Next CE-FCS Ambassadors Board Meeting

The next Ambassadors Board of Directors meeting will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. Both outgoing and newly elected board members should plan to attend.

## President-Elect Message

Many Ambassadors have gladly accepted committee offices for the New Year. Assigning jobs was supposed to be difficult. I was most excited when almost everyone accepted the positions with confidence and joy. Those who couldn't help this year had valid reasons. My work was so easy. In fact it was so easy I am afraid I have forgotten something. I am looking forward to working with so many gifted and talented folks.

*June Cash, President Elect 2013-14*

## Ambassador's Bylaws

The bylaws were amended at the annual meeting in October, 2011. At this time no update.

*Cathy James, Bylaw Chair*



## Communication Update "Like" us on Facebook

We hope everyone has had a chance to check-out the Ambassador's *facebook* page. If you haven't viewed it please go to *facebook* and search CE-FCS Ambassadors. Let's see how many people we can get to "Like" us! Feel free to start posting upcoming events, comment and photos.

With board approval our next newsletter will be the **February 2013** issue with deadline of January 11<sup>th</sup>.

*LaDonna Dunlop, Communication Chair*



## NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

There will be an election at the Annual Meeting October 26, 2012. From the nominating committee, the nominees are as follows:

**Vice- President:** LaDonna Dunlop,  
Oklahoma County Extension Director

**Nominating Committee:** Tommie James,  
Extension Educator, FCS/4-H Bryan County

**Board of Directors:**  
Diana Romano, Extension Educator, FCS/4-H  
Oklahoma County

Sandy Pogue, Stephens County OHCE

Mary Rhyne, Retired FCS/4-H Educator,  
Kay County

Danielle Wells, Extension Educator, FCS/4-H  
Carter County

Brenda Miller, Northeast District Extension FCS  
Program Specialist

**Presented by:** Mary Deken, Nominating Chair  
Lani Vasconcellos and Lisa Taylor,  
Nominating Committee

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# Ambassadors

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*The CE-FCS Ambassadors Board of Directors  
cordially invites you and your guests  
to the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon*

*Friday, October 26, 2012  
Cleveland County Extension Center  
601 E. Robinson  
Norman, Oklahoma*

*10:30 Registration and 2012 Award Display Viewing  
11:30 Luncheon and Award Reports & Presentations*

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CE-FCS Ambassadors Annual Meeting and Luncheon Registration  
To register, clip and remit this form with  
**\$15.00** per person payable to **OSU Extension**  
Address: Cleveland County Extension, 601 E. Robinson  
Norman, OK 73071-6674

Registration Deadline is **Friday, October 12, 2012**

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: We are unable to accept donations with registration.**

To make a donation, please fill out the donation form in the newsletter and mail to  
135 HS, Stillwater, OK, 74078 Attention: CE-FCS Ambassadors

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## **Ambassador Silent Auction at the OHCE State Meeting 2012 – A Success!**

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! Forty-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 everyone that helped with the Ambassador Silent Auction. The auction would not have happened without you!

Sixty-five items were offered in the auction from a variety of sources, including OHCE members and county organizations, current and retired Extension staff. In addition, eleven cash donations were made. Altogether the 2012 Silent Auction raised **\$3,281!**

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 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. Hope to see you in October!

***Donna Jung,***  
***Public Relations and Recruitment Chair***

We are still needing the Annual Meeting programs for 1993, 1994, and 2011 for the OSU Archives. If you can find one of these around your office or somewhere at home, yell!

***Mary Selk, Archive Chair***

## **Attention: 2012 Ambassadors Grant Winners**

In preparation for our annual meeting, you will be asked to provide an educational booth as well as photos for the slide show. Deadline for photos is Friday, October 5th to Marlene Buck. Please watch for a letter from Marlene with full instructions. We all look forward to viewing your programs.



## **Grants & Awards Update**

The Grants and Awards Committee met on Wednesday, August 22 to review and judge the CE-FCS grant applications. A low number of applications, nine, were received this year, however \$20,000 will be awarded in Ambassador Grants, Blackwell and Honor Awards. All nine 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 26.

In advance, 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 26.

***Karen Armbruster***  
***Grants and Awards Chairman***

## **IN REMEMBRANCE**

Sue Herndon, OCES-FC Retired Equipment Specialist and Equipment Instructor passed away recently. She was 90 years old and loved by many. Sue was the only person who could answer a question with multiple alternatives: "And if that doesn't work, try...." You could fill a page with the answer! Sue will be missed by many as she was a long time member of the Ambassadors, Adair County OHCE.

## **2012 Ambassador Silent Auction Donors**

Atoka County OHCE	Major County OHCE
Blaine County OHCE	Mayes County OHCE
Bryan County OHCE	McClain County OHCE
Bryan County – Tommie James	McCurtain County – Lindsay Ensley
Caddo County OHCE	Murray County OHCE
Canadian County OHCE	Muskogee County OHCE
Carter County OHCE	Noble County OHCE
Cherokee County OHCE	Nowata County OHCE
Choctaw County OHCE	Okfuskee County OHCE
Cleveland County – Carol Doner	Oklahoma County OHCE
Coal County OHCE	Oklahoma County – Gayla Mosteller
Comanche County OHCE	Okmulgee County OHCE
Craig County OHCE	Ottawa County OHCE
Creek County OHCE	Pawnee County OHCE
Delaware County – Ladies n Gents of the Lake/Maxine Moore	Payne County – Dea Rash
Dewey County OHCE	Payne County – Rising Star OHCE
Garfield County – Marlene Buck	Payne County OHCE
Garfield County OHCE	Pittsburg County – LaDell Emmons
Garvin County OHCE	Pittsburg County – Frances Whinery
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Harmon County – Kellie Wright	Rogers County OHCE
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Jefferson County OHCE	Texas County OHCE
Kay County OHCE	Tulsa County OHCE
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Love County OHCE	Woodward County – Marian Stout

## 2012 AMBASSADOR'S CONTRIBUTORS

January 1 thru August 17, 2012

### AMBASSADOR

Alfalfa County OHCE	A
Karen Armbruster	A
Deborah Bell	A/F
Donna Boecher	A
Betty Jean Brannan*	A
Marlene Buck	A
Canadian County OHCE	F
Carter County HCE	A
Cherokee County HCE	A
Glennis Couchman*	A
Terrie DeShazo	A
LaDonna Dunlop	A
Javonna Earsom	A
LaDell Emmons	A
Kathy Enyart	A
Dixie Ferrell*	A/F
Recia Garcia*	A
Lindsay Grace	A
Brenda Hill-Alta	A
Arleen James	A
Cathy James	A
Jan Johnston	A
Donna Jones	A
Connie LaGrow	A
Jean Lawson	F
McClain County HCE	A
Brenda Miller*	A
Gale Mills	A
Lindsey Miner	A
Northtown HCE Group	A
Okfuskee County HCE	A
Oklahoma County HCE	A
Pittsburg County HCE	A
Pontotoc County OHCE	A
Mary Rhyne	A
Diana Romano	A
C. Danette Russell	A
Arlene Sellers*	A
Lana Stidham	A
Ida Fay Winters*	A

### PEARL

Jorge Atilas	A
JoAnn Brannan*	A
Don & Kay Bornemann	F
Mary Jo Bullis	A
Mary Jean Easterling*	A
Lynda Harriman*	A
Carol Laverty	A
Stephens County HCE*	A
Lani Vasconcellos	A

### Memorial Contributions:

*Honoree Name/Donor Name*  
*Betty Boudinot/OHCE Past Presidents Group*  
*Hayden Bryant & Imogene Clift/LaDell Emmons*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Luke S. James/ Arleen James*  
*Charlie Floyd Jr./Pittsburg County HCE*  
*Pat Jurey/Carter County HCE*  
*Carlotta Kuykendall/Northtown HCE Group and*  
*LaDell Emmons*  
*Hermina Novotny & Dr. Marquerite Scruggs/Betty*  
*Jean Brannan*  
*Melvin Simpson/Pittsburg County HCE*  
*Jeanette Worden/Javonna Earsom*  
*Melvin Simpson, Betty Boudinot, Mavis Shoemake, and*  
*Carolyn Goaz/Brenda Miller*

### Honorary Contributions:

*Honoree Name/Donor Name*  
*Dixie Ferrell & Anita Springer/Brenda Miller*  
*Margaret Fitch/Lynda Harriman*  
*Sue Gilliam/Donna Jones*  
*Lynda Harriman/Dixie Ferrell*  
*Brenda Miller/Dixie Ferrell*  
*Barbara Longacre/Lana Stidham*  
*Debbie Sharp/Recia Garcia*  
*Lee Von Tungen/Jean Lawson*  
*Sheri Whitlow/Connie LaGrow*

### \*Founding Member

A – Ambassadors; F – Fitch Fellowship

Disclaimer: We are sorry if we left someone's name off the list. We are in transition at this time. If you think you made a contribution in 2012 and do not find your name of the list please contact Jeri Robertson in Dr. Atilas office.

## 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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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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Ambassador	\$ 10	to	\$ 99
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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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