

### Presidents Message

Spring has arrived in Oklahoma and the unpredictable weather is here to prove it. As seasons change from winter to spring ask yourself are you ready to change? Are you looking for a new challenge? Well, lucky for you FCS Ambassadors are looking for folks like yourself who are looking for a new challenge.

Sometime change can come in the form as simple as an idea. If you dare to dream it, work to achieve it! Ambassador grants are waiting to help you achieve your challenge, your idea, and your dreams!

As your ambassador president, I challenge each of you to apply for one of our many Ambassador Grants that are available to help you achieve your challenge, your idea and your dream.

Grant opportunities can be found on-line at <http://ambassadors.okstate.edu/grants> and are due July 1st. If I can lend you a hand in applying for any of these grants or if you just need to bounce an idea off someone, please call on me!

“Don’t give up, the beginning is always the hardest.”

Sincerely,

*Janna Kelley*

FCS Ambassadors President 2015-2016

### Message to CE-FCS Ambassadors

Dear FCS Ambassadors:

As you know the state has faced a decline in revenues which has in turned affected the state appropriations to higher education and thus Cooperative Extension. The expected reduction in budgets will affect FCS programs at various levels. At the same time we have also heard that there may be another merit raise program in the fall, which is great to help keep our salaries more competitive. In addition to this, the annual FCS Ambassadors and Fitch auction during the OHCE state meeting will dedicate its proceeds to support the very important national meeting of the Country Women of the World. It is for this reason that I encourage you to make an extra effort to donate to FCS Ambassadors this year. This funding is not only tax deductible for your but it helps pay for many county programs and other opportunities for your development. You can make donations online, set up a payroll deduction or pledge an amount at: <https://ambassadors.okstate.edu/resources> . You can also do a deferred gift to FCS, see form at: <http://fcs.okstate.edu/documents/Confirmation%20Deferred%20Gift%20FCS.pdf>

We have been very fortunate as a state to avoid several cuts in the last 7 years compared to other states. Let’s continue to do our best to fund FCS Extension and to make a difference in people’s lives. As always, thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

**Jorge H. Atilas, Ph.D, Associate Dean, Extension & Engagement**



## 2015 OCES-FCS Ambassador Board of Directors

According to the Ambassadors Bylaws (Article III Section B) the Ambassadors Board of Directors will include the elected officers and 10 directors. The Assistant Director of OCES/FCS and the immediate past-president will be ex-officio, non-voting members of the board of directors.

The 2015 Ambassadors Officers and Board of Directors:

President	Janna Kelley
Vice-President	Kathy Enyart
Secretary	Diana Romano
Treasurer	Dr. Sissy Osteen
Ex-Officio	Dr. Jorge Atiles June Cash
Directors	Lani Vasconcellos Cheryl Lively Lindsay Grace Cindy Griffith Joyce Martin Dana Baldwin LaDona Hines LeAnn Smith Donna Jung Barbara Elkins

## 2015 OCES-FCS Ambassador Committees

Grants and Awards Committee Chair  
Brenda Miller

Public Relations and Recruitment Committee  
Chair  
Brenda Hill

Communication Committee Chair  
Lindsay Grace

Bylaws Committee Chair  
Gloria King

Finance Committee Chair  
Dr. Sissy Osteen

Nominating Committee Chair  
Jean Bailey

Archives Committee Chair  
Brenda Sheik

### Officers and new Members of the Board of Directors



**Front Row:** Janna Kelley, Kathy Enyart, Dr. Sissy Osteen and Diana Romano. **Back Row:** Dr. Atiles, Brenda Sheik, Barbara Elkins, Jean Bailey, Cheryl Lively, June Cash, Lani Vasconcellos, Donna Jung, Lindsay Grace and LaDonna Hines. Not pictured Cindy Griffith, Joyce Martin, LeAnn Smith and Dana Baldwin

## Grants and Awards

Ambassador Grants are available to help with projects that are new and innovative in your county. They must have an educational component and they must provide visibility to OCES and Ambassadors. The July 1st deadline for Grants and Awards applications is fast approaching! There is money available to help with projects you may have planned for 2016. Categories include County Grants, Multi-County Grants, OHCE Grants, State Specialist Grants, Margaret Edsel Fitch Fellowship, Blackwell Legacy Grant and Blackwell Supplemental Award.

Application forms are available on FCS website: <http://ambassadors.okstate.edu/grants>

Don't forget about the Outstanding State Faculty, Individual Field Staff and Team/Group Award. Applications are available with Ambassadors.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [brenda.k.miller@okstate.edu](mailto:brenda.k.miller@okstate.edu).

**Brenda Miller**  
CE-FCS Grants and Awards  
Committee Chairman

### Save The Date!

Annual Ambassador's Award Luncheon  
Friday, November 13th 2015  
N.E. Regional Health & Wellness Campus  
2600 N.E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Kathy Enyart, Vice-President**

## Consider Ambassadors in 2015!

Our State OHCE meeting is just around the corner! I am encouraging each county to bring one gift basket/item for the Silent Auction. Items will be accepted from 7:00 am -8:00am on Monday, July 13th. Remember, for this year's auction ONLY, auction proceeds will be donated to the CWC instead of the CE-Ambassadors Grant Program. Your OHCE Outreach has a form you need to fill out and send to me as soon as you can. This will help me out tremendously if you would do this! I look forward to see all of you there.

**Brenda Hill**

**Public Relations and Recruitment Chair**

## Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be August 7th at the Oklahoma County OSU Extension Office. Reports will be judged in the morning and the board will meet around 1:00 pm.

## Communication Updates

We will be having three newsletters this year, February, June, and September 2015.

We have a FCS Ambassador's Facebook page, please look at it and post your comments. We appreciate any suggestions you might have.

We also have a the website so make sure you check it out! Here you can find information about FCS Ambassadors' history and charter members, applying for awards and donating money to the organization. Please visit our website: <http://ambassadors.okstate.edu/>

**Lindsay Grace, Communications Chair**

**REMINDER: If you received an Ambassador's Grant for 2015  
you need to complete the following report. Due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Ambassador Grant Final Report**

Due Feb 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following project completion

Submit to Dr. Atilas 135 HES, Stillwater, OK

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Project Name

Project Members, including affiliation.

Describe your project objective:

Provide a brief description of your project including location.

Describe your audience/s – demographics, total numbers of participants, etc.

Describe/list the project outputs – worksheets, lessons, curriculum, handouts, activities completed, etc.

Identify project outcomes/impacts - these can be objective (information gained, community needs responded to, other groups that plan to replicate, etc.) or subjective (such as participant comments). **Include any press generated** about the project with date, type (paper, radio, TV, Internet, etc.) and other information about the story. Attach any articles or hard copy.

What is considered the greatest success of the project?

List any plans for continuation of the project.

Provide any additional comments or thoughts.

Ensure a Bright Future by Helping Build the Endowments

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 HS, 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!

I pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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	

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!

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

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

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**AMBASSADORS/FITCH  
CONTRIBUTORS**

2015

Jorge Atilas	A
Kay Bornemann	A
Betty Jean Brannan	A
Canadian County OHCE	A/F
Carter County OHCE	A
Jan Dawson	A
Carol Doner	A
Dixie Ferrell*	A/F
Lynda Herriman*	A
Brenda Hill-Alta	A
LaDonna Hines	A/F
Rose Anne Jackson	A
Cathy James	A
Jan Johnston	A
Donna Jung	A
Karin Leimbach	A
McClain County OHCE	A
Pittsburgh County OHCE	A
Dea Rash	A
Mary Rhyne	A
Arlene Sellers*	A
Stephans County OHCE	A
Phyllis Tunender	A
Ida Fay Winter*	A

**Memorial Contributions:**  
*Honoree Name/Donor Name*

*Florene Heister/ Carol Donor*  
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*Pat Murphy/ Lynda Harriman*  
*Melody Kirby/ Pittsburgh County OHCE*  
*Elaine Fulton/Mary Rhyne*  
*Margaret Scott/ Betty Jean Brannan*  
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*Kendra & Madison Rash/ Dea Rash*

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Kay Bornemann F  
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