

2021 NEAFCS Hall of Fame and Friend of Extension Honorees

Susan Routh (OK), NEAFCS President

During the 2021 Annual Session, NEAFCS honored three NEAFCS members by inducting them into the NEAFCS Hall of Fame. The NEAFCS Hall of Fame was established to recognize outstanding members who have contributed their time, talent and/or treasure to NEAFCS. The nominees have demonstrated their commitment, dedication and effective leadership and involvement in NEAFCS at the state, regional and/or national level.

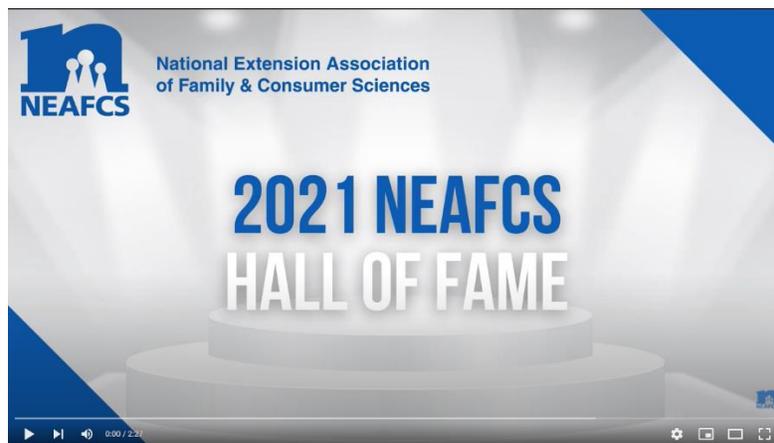


Congratulations to Donna Donald! Donna has been dedicated to NEAFCS since her membership began in 1974. She served on dozens of state and national committees and held elected offices at the state, regional, and national level over the last four decades. Donna served as Iowa Affiliate President in 1982, Central Region Director 1992-1993, and, most notably, National President-elect in 1995, National President in 1996, and National Past-president in 1997. Donna provided her expertise in mass communications by serving as the National Editor of The Reporter from 1986 to 1988. Currently, she lends her talents and expertise to the Iowa affiliate as the Historian and Parliamentarian. Donna has attended at least 36 NEAFCS annual sessions, presented at five annual sessions, and received various NEAFCS awards for her dedication and service to individuals, families, communities, and the association. Donna demonstrates her commitment to the association every day as a passionate advocate for the profession and by providing support, guidance, and encouragement to affiliate members as they pursue leadership roles at all levels. Donna's strength as a leader has led to her current position as supervisor for 34 Human Sciences field specialists. She lives the NEAFCS mission by mentoring and coaching specialists along their professional journey, encouraging active membership in NEAFCS as part of that journey.



Congratulations NEAFCS member, Judy Hetterman! Judy Hetterman is a true Extension Professional. Her service to the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and the citizens of Owen County (Kentucky) is unprecedented.

Judy led the charge for all new Family and Consumer Science Agents hired in the Northern Kentucky Area to join KEAFCS. She has served in many officer positions at the Kentucky Area level as well as many chairmanships at the state level of KEAFCS. Judy served as KEAFCS State Treasurer and President. Her dedication to her professional organization, NEAFCS, is reflected in the many roles she has undertaken. Judy has served as a national chairman for arrangements, NEAFCS treasurer (2009-2011), NEAFCS Endowment Chair, and the FCS liaison for the first Galaxy Conference held in Ohio. She led the charge for Kentucky FCS agents to host the 2014 NEAFCS annual conference. Her main goal for undertaking this effort was for the benefit of our FCS staff – she felt that the many new agents in the organization would gain great experience and new friendships with established agents that had experienced many national conferences. She served as treasurer for this successful national conference and chairman of the Welcome Event. Judy has always been an encourager and mentor to others sharing her knowledge and skills. As someone said, there will never be another Judy Hetterman and her dedication to her family, county, profession and NEAFCS.



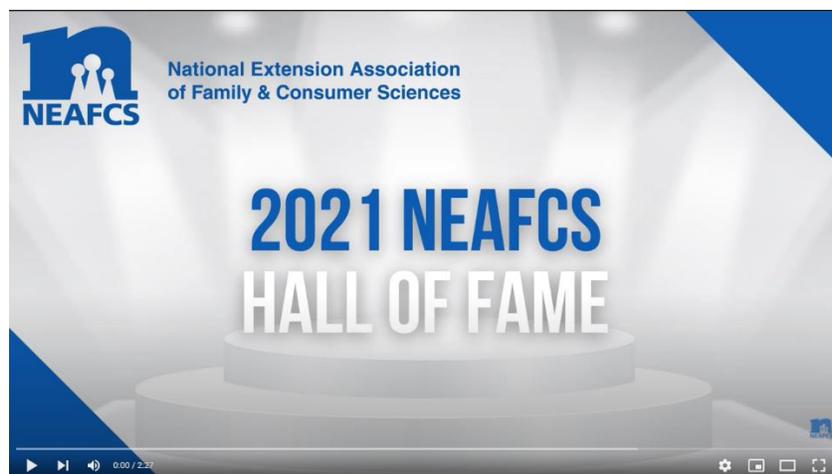
Congratulations to NEAFCS member, Carol Schlitt! Carol Schlitt has been a member of NEAFCS since 1991. Her service to the Illinois affiliate is remarkable; serving as President, 1995-1996; Treasurer, 2004-2006; Southern Region Director, 1998-2002; Southern Region Secretary, 1999-2010. Her commitment to service led her to seek National offices including Historian, 2014-2020, President, 2006-2007; President-elect, 2005-2006; Central Region Director, 2001-2003; Secretary, 1998-2000. Carol is one of only seven Illinois affiliate members who have served as NEAFCS President.

She has served as mentor, advisor, and source of all things Extension to the many NEAFCS members from Illinois and across the US who sought her advice. Besides the

many IEAFCS and NEAFCS leadership roles she has filled, Carol has also served as President and President-elect (2006-2008) of the Joint Council for Extension Professionals. She has also provided leadership for her Illinois Extension colleagues by serving as team leader for the Nutrition and Wellness educators (2002-2004), and as an interim associate regional director (2008-2010). Carol provided assistance and guidance to staff striving for excellence and seeking promotion by serving on the Southern Region Peer Promotion Review Committee (2000-2010).

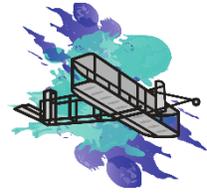
Carol has proven her excellence in programming and collaboration over the years through the many NEAFCS awards she has received including the Distinguished Service, Continued Excellence and National Community Partnership Awards. She has also been awarded numerous Outstanding Team awards and the Outstanding Educator award with Illinois Extension.

Her commitment to the mission and values of NEAFCS is evident by her long years of leadership. During Carol's tenure NEAFCS saw many changes, she embraced them and lead the organization to new levels. In her "retirement" Carol took on the role as NEAFCS historian, serving six years. She made the history of NEAFCS and Extension come alive in the stories she shared. She even researched the local history of annual session sites to make attendees experiences all the richer. Sitting in on a Carol Schlitt history session was both educational and entertaining—she always found interesting tidbits of local lore to share with her audiences, making history come alive!

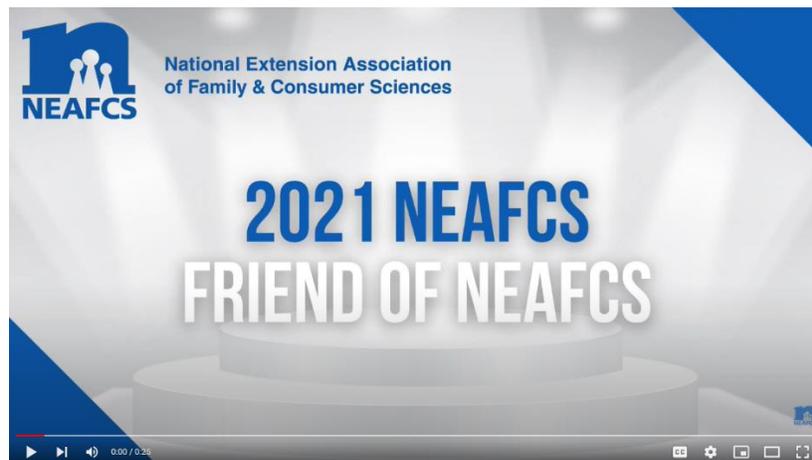


The 2021 Friend of NEAFCS was given to Mark Mayhew. Mark is the husband of past President Theresa Mayhew (NY). Mark has attended several annual sessions and has served as a "helper" to Terri and many NEAFCS members. At many Annual Sessions, Mark could be seen moving supplies to meeting rooms; moving, placing and delivering silent auction items; setting up stage and table decorations; staffing the NEAFCS Merchandise Table; and many other behind-the-scenes activities.

Mark was a 10 year 4-H member. In high school, he was a Key Club member, a Kiwanis youth outreach program. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from State University of New York at Potsdam, NY. He has been employed by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for 27 years where he oversaw their Small Wind Turbine Incentive Program. He was a founding member of an organization whose goal was to bring together State program managers who ran similar programs from around the US to learn from each other. Mark received the Wind Advocate Award at the National Small Wind Conference, the State Leadership Award from the National Small Wind Conference, the State Leadership in Clean Energy Award from the Clean Energy States Alliance, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Small Wind Industry Trade Association.



Mark met Terri when they were both members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce or also known as The Jaycees. One line from the Jaycee Creed is, "Service to humanity is the best work of life." Mark has spent a lifetime helping others. He is there to provide a helping hand, to help others feel better, and to do the little things that never get noticed. In essence, being a friend.



Congratulations to the NEAFCS 2021 Hall of Fame inductees and the Friend of NEAFCS.