

Is it the 90th or 91st Anniversary?

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One of the questions that has come my way this past year is...

“if we organized in 1933, isn’t celebrating our 90th Anniversary in 2024 a year late”?



And yes, if you subtract 1933 from 2024 you do get 91.... trust me, this question has given me pause more than once and prompted me to do the math multiple times!

We are celebrating our 90th this year because just like our own birthdays and anniversaries, at Annual Session 2024 we will be completing our 90th year.

Annual Session 2024 will include the culminating celebration of our organization’s longevity and history. Because it is such a significant milestone, we decided to celebrate it all year long, with on-going activities for affiliates, a special NEAFCS Creed competition, and many 90th Anniversary touch points at Annual Session 2024.

With that question aside, I continue to read and re-read our organization’s history this year and every time “new” things pop up, reminding me how our organization has changed over the years. For example, in addition to style shows by McCall’s Pattern Company and equipment demonstrations by Presto Products and the Hoover Corporation, for many years businesses would sponsor meals, breaks, and events at Annual Session. Food companies would feature new product lines, such as in 1955 General Foods Corporation sponsored a luncheon and demonstration of one of their new products – instant pudding. A couple of years later, 1959, The Campbell Soup Company hosted a luncheon at which the new Pumpkin and Mincemeat pies by Swanson and a new combination of Turkey and Vegetables soups were introduced. At that same meeting General Foods Kitchen hosted a luncheon and had as a part of the meal the new Jello glazed Danish sandwiches. I know we can still purchase instant pudding, pies, and soups. I wonder what happened to those Jello glazed sandwiches!

As the NEAFCS Historian, I am searching out more stories like these to add to our history – where we have been, where we are and where we are going. Help write NEAFCS history, by sharing your experiences as a member!