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2:00 PM ET

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September 12, 2017

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[NEAFCS 2017 Annual Session](#)
Oct 15-19
Omaha, NE

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Sept 24-27
San Antonio, TX

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President's Message

Theresa Mayhew (NY)



I'm writing this month's greeting while vacationing in the Berkshires in Western Massachusetts. It's the perfect setting for Henry James' quote – "Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." Whether it's taking in a classical outdoor concert at Tanglewood, hiking one of nature's breathtaking Appalachian trails or lounging by a placid lake, for me, it's a reminder of how peaceful and serene summer should be. I hope each of you has managed to create and enjoy your own special bit of summer delight before Labor Day rolls around!

Annual Session 2017 registration has been open now since early June and as of August 7, 363 of you have registered so far. The excitement is beginning to mount as we finalize the program book, prepare our meeting and session scripts, secure volunteers, arrange for committee and officer meetings, and send out reminders about the Silent Auction, President's Charity, Children's Hospital Stuffed Animal collection and the like. If you've registered but haven't yet selected a pre-conference workshop or in-depth session, there's still time. Early bird registration ends August 31, so don't delay. Take advantage of a fantastic opportunity to expand your subject matter knowledge, explore Omaha and network with like-minded colleagues from around the country!

The winners of our "find the hidden ear of corn icon" contest from last month's newsletter are Holly Jay (Montana State), Mary E. Wright (Illinois) and Candace Heer (Ohio State). Congratulations to them and thanks to the 10 others that responded. Holly, Mary and Candace are now entered into the drawing to win a free registration to Omaha. Two more months to go. If you find where the ear of corn is hidden in this month's issue, email me at tcm5@cornell.edu. Remember if you're already entered in the drawing, sit back and give other members a chance to win!

I mentioned last month that I was off to San Antonio in late July for the 2018 Annual Session site visit. The 2018 planning team is working hard to create a fabulous session that builds "capacity through people, programs and partnerships." They have some special venues lined up that will inspire you to get creative and get connected. But, first, it's onto Omaha where we will blaze our own trails and harvest opportunities galore!

NEAFCS Has Moved!

NEAFCS acquired a new management company, Partners in Association Management. Please forward all future requests to their office. Contact information can be found below.

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Sincerely,

Terri

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Relationships, Relevance, Results Highlights in 2017 PILD 1st Timer's Scholarship Recipient Reflections

Edited by Glenda Hyde (OR), Vice President Public Affairs

As a new Extension professional, PILD provided an opportunity to expand my depth and breadth of Extension knowledge. Marshall Stewart opened the conference with insight into delivering an effective message. We were motivated by Ronnie McDonald as he emphasized the importance of listening. Other speakers and sessions assisted us in drafting a message to deliver on our Congressional visits. Interacting with my NEAFCS colleagues throughout the country was meaningful. I would recommend this conference to any new professional.

Jesse M. Ketterman, Jr. (MD)



From the Keynote to the Capnote speakers, the PILD conference provided the tools to make our organization strong and relevant in our fast-paced world. The sessions prepared us well for our visit to Capitol Hill on Wednesday. I knew when I said "yes" to serve as president of our state affiliate I would get to travel to Washington D.C. with our delegation. Little did I realize that this conference would become a memorable highlight of my Extension career.

PILD was a wonderful way to appreciate Extension. I engaged in great conversations with Extension staff and volunteers. Connections with other NEAFCS professionals re-ignited my fire for the work we do. I had opportunities to hone and share my Extension message to our Nation's leaders, make some great new friends, and see the process in action in DC. We influence many lives in this career path, having time to reflect and share makes all of the long days and short nights worth it.

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Meet Dr. Ahlshia Shipley: USDA NIFA National Program Leader for Family and Community Health

Caroline E. Crocoll, Ph.D., CFCS, Director, USDA NIFA DFCS, Washington, DC

Dr. Ahlshia Shipley, CFLE, CFCS is the National Program Leader (NPL) for NIFA's Family and Community Health portfolio, wherein she leads, facilitates, and administers programs and partnerships that support resilient, empowered families and communities through research, education, and outreach.



As an NPL, Ahlshia manages the DoD-USDA Partnership for Military Families for NIFA, which includes several programs focused on building community capacity to serve military

families, strengthening child and youth programs, and enhancing workforce development opportunities. She also leads the agency's Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grant Program as well as other initiatives focused on promoting good health, preventing chronic disease, eliminating disparities, and building a culture of health across the nation. She is the NIFA Liaison to the Cooperative Extension/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Initiative Core Leadership Team. Ahlshia also serves on the Federal Interagency Working Group on Child Abuse and Neglect and the Federal Interagency Reentry Council. Additionally, Ahlshia provides leadership for the Division's efforts related to workforce development in Family & Consumer Sciences and preparing the next generation of FCS professionals.

Ahlshia joined NIFA in 2011. She has training as both an educator and a researcher earning a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, a M.S. in Career and Technical Education and a PhD in Family Studies, all from the University of Kentucky. She has presented research both nationally and internationally on many topics including healthy relationship development, family issues, health and workforce development in Family and Consumer Sciences.

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Nominating Committee Report

Debby Mathews (AL), Immediate Past President

Immediately after their election at AS 2016, the Nominating Committee members went to work. They had their first meeting in November and met again in January, February, April and May via Zoom. Please join me in thanking them for diligence in service to NEAFCS. The 2016-2017 committee members are:



Eastern Region- David Roberts (WV) and Linda Law-Saunders (NY)

Central Region- Peggy Ehlers (IN) and Christine Kniep (WI)

Southern Region- Apriell Burgess (AL) and Tanya Davis (TX)

Western Region- Marilyn Albertson (UT) and Phyllis Lewis (WY)

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of this committee which is one of the duties of the Immediate Past President. Now, with pride, we introduce the candidates for office for 2017-2018. This slate of officers was approved by the NEAFCS Executive Board during the Mid-Year Board meeting. Please remember that we have a no campaigning for office policy!

President-Elect- Karen Munden (VA)

Treasurer- Pat Brinkman (OH); Joan Koonce (GA)

Vice President Awards and Recognition- Susan Routh (OK)

Vice President Public Affairs- Julie Garden-Robinson (ND)

Central Region Director- Cindy Barnett (IN); Ellen Bjelland (ND)

Southern Region Director- Dianne Gertson (TX); Keishon Thomas (GA)

Please look for the candidates' display and their documentation in the Exhibit Hall in Omaha. You can read their position statements in advance at <http://www.neafcs.org/2017-board-candidates?>.

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Business Meeting and Election Procedures

Debby Mathews (AL), Immediate Past President and Terri Mayhew (NY), President

Central and Southern Region Director candidates will each give a three-minute speech and be elected by Voting Delegates in their respective Business Meetings on Wednesday, October 18 from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. The remaining slate will give their speeches at the General Session on Wednesday and be voted on at the NEAFCS Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, October 19 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

If you are a voting delegate for your Affiliate, it is your responsibility to read through these position statements. Encourage others in your affiliate to do the same, and decide as an Affiliate which candidate you support for office. Candidate applications will be available for review at the Candidate Display during the Exhibits at Annual Session.

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Countdown to Omaha!

Jeanette Friesen (NE), Tri-Liaison and Nebraska Extension Educator Emeritus

The 2017 Annual Session is almost here! How many of these can you check off?



20. Block off October 16 – 19 for Professional Development at the NEAFCS Annual Session in Omaha.
19. Plan to come early or stay longer to [explore](#) sites around Omaha.
18. Purchase [airline tickets](#) to Eppley Airfield in Omaha or plan travel route and hours if driving.
17. Go to: NEAFCS.org for registration information.
16. Reserve your room at the [Hilton Hotel](#).
15. [Register](#) for the Conference.
14. Select a [pre-conference workshop](#).
13. Pack comfortable shoes for the [Welcome Event](#) at Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium.
12. Participate in a service project – donate a stuffed animal to the Children's Hospital. See details on [Registration website](#).
11. Choose a [wellness activity](#) for each morning – Tai Chi, Mindful Meditation or CATCH.
10. Select an [indepth workshop](#). There are many innovative options still open. Prepare to be challenged.
9. Make or purchase an item from your state for the silent auction.
8. You don't need to buy a new wardrobe! Mid-October in Nebraska is usually quite comfortable during the day with cooler evenings. In case of rain, the hotel and conference

- center are attached, so no need to go outside.
7. Find out where your state delegation will be eating for [States' Night Out](#).
 6. Don't forget to [register](#) before Early Bird Registration ends August 31.
 5. Bring business cards and/or address labels to leave with vendors in the [Exhibit Hall](#). Saves lots of writing!
 4. Don't worry about transportation from the airport to the convention center. There is [shuttle service](#) available for the short 3 mile drive!
 3. Start planning what you will pack. Business casual is appropriate for conference sessions; something dressier for Award Night; sports clothes for wellness activities.
 2. Be sure to leave contact information with your family and office staff.
 1. Come ready to make new friends and renew old acquaintances!

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Meet the Nebraska Tri-Liaisons

Jeanette Friesen (NE), Tri-Liaison and Nebraska Extension Educator Emeritus

Once Extension is part of your life, it is always a part of your life! So found out three retired Extension Educators from Nebraska when they were asked to be tri-liaisons to plan the 2017 NEAFCS Annual Session to be held in Omaha. Without hesitation, they each said "Yes!" After all, isn't that what good Extension volunteers do?



The three volunteers are Marilyn Fox, Suzie Brown and Jeanette Friesen. They are co-workers from 'way back' and are each retired. They have several more things in common – they are all quilters (Suzie has her own shop!), they all love spending time with their grandchildren, and they are all good friends. Because they know how to say "Yes" -- here it is only a few months away from Annual Session 2017 – you will find these three working with their planning committees and looking forward to meeting many of you in Omaha!

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