



“News and Views”

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

Spring 2011

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Central District

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chesterfield,* Darlington,* Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster,* Lee, Lexington, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland and Sumter

Allendale County

A familiar face in the Allendale County Clemson Extension Office has moved into the retired classification. Gloria Williams a true friend of Allendale County FCL for 27 years cheered the group on many occasions, through reports, yearbooks, leader lessons, and/or whatever was required to nurture FCL to do bigger and better work in Allendale County. Gloria saw many agents, supervisors, 4-Her's, organizations and FCL members come and go through the Clemson Office. Gloria continues her membership in the Allendale FCL. That's how much she believes in the people and programs of this group. Gloria was recognized at the Fall FCL Council meeting. A plaque and gift were presented to her by the past and present club and council presidents. (Picture to right)

As for county projects one that we are particularly proud of is the environmental contribution of the plantings around the entrance sign on Highway 321 coming into Allendale County from Denmark and Olar. The Shady Grove Club applied for and received the encroachment permit required by the Highway Department for the design used. The club raised the money from various projects including the selling of flavoring.



Fairfield County

The year 2010 in Fairfield County has been one to "try men's souls" for our FCL Clubs.

Sickness, aging and even death of members plagued us all year. When Josie Gaston resigned as our County President, our Vice President moved to the President position for the remainder of the year. Our Treasurer had served us for years until she went into a nursing home. The new president went for a mammogram and was diagnosed with breast cancer and pneumonia and spent the fall and winter under treatment. So count your blessings!

On a lighter note, our old established clubs continued with their outreach activities. We support the county food bank generously. The clubs have continued to check on fellow members, making sure that they are cared for.

We were delighted with a special visit from Helen Spiller, SCFCL President and Lou Robinson, SCFCL Advisor. A number of our members joined Helen, Lou and our local leaders for lunch and we had a great time.

We are working on plans for 2011, and especially for hosting the Central District Meeting on September 12 in Winnsboro. Mark your calendar and don't forget-we're looking for you.

Sumter County

Sumter County FCL members have been busy with several projects this year. Community service projects top the lists of most clubs. Each of the six clubs works with local nursing homes, shelters for abused women and children, and agencies that collect food, clothing, and other items for needy families. We also worked on our regular continuing county projects with collections of cards, stamps, eyeglasses, and coupons. Members traveled to both Central District meetings, worked at the Sumter County Fair and spent many hours preparing club lessons and working on our membership project. Sumter County received second place in the District Awards and fourth place in the State Awards for new membership for the year! We are excited and proud to see the results of our efforts on this project. We are working on new projects for 2011 and look forward to the new year.

All award books are due March 22
instead of March 1
to appropriate District Director



Coastal District

Beaufort, Berkeley,* Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence,* Gerogetown,*
Hampton, Horry, Jasper,* Marion,* and Williamsburg

Hampton County

It has been a busy year in the Hampton County FCL.

We have held three fundraisers to finance our programs and projects. We continue to support our hospice and nursing home programs with monetary gifts. Every quarter, we gave boxes of food to needy families in the community. At Christmas, we prepared four extra boxes of food and gave a monetary contribution to one family to help with expenses going back and forth to Charleston for treatments. We prepared two gift boxes of personal care items for two of our members who are now in the nursing home. We gave food and money for the care of two abused children taken in by a relative in Hampton County.

Donations are collected at each monthly meeting and those monies are divided at the end of the year between the local 4-H program and the local Foster Child program. We made contributions to the local Arts Council. As a group, we enjoyed two performances at the local theater sponsored by the Arts Council. We enjoyed our annual picnic with good food, good friends, games and laughter.

We made contributions to the Relay for Life, both monetary and physical. Although our membership has dropped, we look forward to participating and enjoying 2011 with FCL.

Charleston County

The Charleston County FCL Clubs have enjoyed the lessons and found them to be very helpful. Many thanks to the committee and each person who was instrumental in composing them. The lessons were well organized and presentable.

Citizens of all ages have profited by Charleston County FCL members.

The youth in the 4-H have really developed skills and life skills for better living now and in the future. All of the Clubs were instrumental in preparing the Creative Arts for the Coastal Carolina Fair.

Patty Meeks, President of the West Ashley Club, still proves to be a real trooper even after having brain surgery. She works regular with her ladies who work every day at home to make sleeping bags for the homeless; pillows, lap robes for Driftwood patients, helped to create a Bird Watches Club for Alzheimer patients and made gowns and blankets for newborns. Ola Elsey celebrated her 100th birthday and is still active.

Betty Osgood is a real supporter of 4-H. Her community club has made Christmas gifts for the Magnolia Assisted Living and went to sing carols. They participate in Community Pride by cleaning a section of the highway in the Francis Marion National Forest. They made dolls for a Romania orphanage. They cooked and prepared plates of food for 35 senior citizens on Thanksgiving. They entered the Chili, Rice, Pizza, Pumpkin Decorating contest. They decorated the First Place Christmas tree.

The Ladson Club, Pat Bryant President, repaired the roof on their club building. The Club again prepared surprises for the people who live in Oomooo Assisted Living on Easter and Christmas. The Easter Egg Hunt was very special---A one dollar bill for each person. For the Gazebo Day Care Center, they collected books to support the reading program. They also filled shoe boxes of useful objects for the Good Neighbor Club. Betty also trains the Wild Evaluation Program to compete in the competition throughout the USA.

The Garrett Club, Elma Harris President, has sponsored Life Skills in the 4-H through food preparation and donations of food and clothing to the 4-H'ers and their families.

Christmas baskets of food were donated by Community Citizens for the families. These were greatly appreciated. Southside Baptist Church has been most helpful in inviting us to meet in their fellowship hall. They also paid the electric and water bills. Many thanks to them.

The Garrett Club has also made and prepared a bag with a homemade bear and a small blanket for firemen to give out when there is a fire where children live.

Officers to be elected for 2012

President

(3 year term)

Secretary

(3 year term)

Coastal District Director

(3 year term elected at the Fall District Meeting)

Foothills Program Coordinator

(3 year term elected at the Fall District Meeting)

If you are interested in serving this organization, download an Officer Nomination Form from the SCFCL website then mail completed form to SCFCL President who will forward to the Nomination Committee Chair. Forms must be submitted to the Nomination Committee by July 1, 2011.

Foothills District

Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee,* Chester, Edgefield,* Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick,*
Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union and York

Greenwood County

Greenwood County is very fortunate to have a new County President, Mrs. Emma Harling. Emma has worked with FCL and 4-H for a good many years. When she became President the first thing she did was ask her husband to join FCL and he did. She is planning a great 2011 for Greenwood County. In 2010 members continued visiting nursing homes and helping families who needed assistance. Connie Lake, Greenwood's 4-H agent, (part-time) spoke to the Fall Council meeting. She has organized 4-H clubs in Greenwood County and had several classes for them during the summer. Greenwood FCL has a bus trip to the Southern Christmas Show in November. This year we had 104 women and men to go to Charlotte. The money we raise after expenses from the trip is given to county agencies who serve those less fortunate. We have 7 new members in Greenwood County.



a new member today!

Newberry County

There are three FCL Clubs in Newberry County, Silverstreet, Heirloom Needle Arts and Helena. Rebecca Bundrick, President of Silverstreet Club, received the Newberry FCL Leadership Award at the November County Farmer's Banquet for her dedication and service to the county. The Silverstreet Club supported their community by visiting those in need and giving of their time to needy in their churches. The Heirloom Needle Arts Club is very active making items for needy people in hospitals, nursing homes and their community as well. They have been very busy to sign up new members. They received 4th place at the district meeting in Greenville for having the most new members. They have contacted Walt McCleod, House of Representative, to have presented to the Extension Office a large state flag. It should arrive any day for the presentation later. The Helena Club is very helpful in their area with meetings in homes and have helped all clubs when needed. They sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt that was aimed to help children in need.

We are happy to have a new full time County Agent. She works with our 4-H boys and girls and has organized 5 new clubs in a short time. We will be happy to work with these programs and help her out.

York County

York County FCL has only one club. Our members have been busy this year and have enjoyed working together with organizations in our community.

We visited the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill presenting them with a donation of \$75.00.

Games, books, videos, puzzles, color books, and crayons were given to the Foster Care Program. Shirley Elmore made tote bags to hold the games and puzzle pieces that will be used by the clients.

Gladys Blake, Shirley Elmore, Lady Margaret McGill, Barbara Smith, and Betty Ann Rudisill help with two 4-H sewing camps during the summer, one for beginner girls and one for advanced girls. We also do three Sew Saturdays with the girls during the school year. They made pillow cases for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as a community project.

We provided dessert for the International Student Ministry at Winthrop University in Rock Hill. A total of 150 students attended.

Volunteers donate time working in a church clothing ministry that gives clothes to members of the Fort Mill community and surrounding towns.

Two members served as judges for the County Fair at the Union County Fair.

We contributed to Pennies for Friendship and Nickels for SC Youth.

Members attended a dinner in support of Palmetto Pregnancy Center in Rock Hill. Donations were made to help with the centers work.

Food was donated to the Fort Mill Care Center in Fort Mill.

Our club enjoyed a overnight trip to the North Carolina mountains.

York County FCL works together in helping others in our community.



ARE YOU OK WITH THE IRS?

Some banks are requiring that groups have a tax- ID number for their checking or savings accounts. If you already have this tax-exempt number, remember to file your e-card before May 15. If you do not have one, you should look into getting one. If you need help, contact me and I will give you the information you need to start the process.

Bobbie Earle, SCFCL Treasurer (864)984-4088 or (864)871-1721(cell)

SPRING CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Calhoun County FCL
Where: Tri-County Electric Cooperative
6473 Old State Road, St Matthews, SC 29135
When: March 21, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00
How much: Registration \$6 Meal \$6 Total **\$12.00**
Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 4, 2011
Payable to: Calhoun County FCL
Mail to: Nancy Harrison, Box 161, St Matthews, SC 29135
Bring: One door prize and one gift basket item per county

SPRING COASTAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Hampton County FCL
Where: Rotunda, 1550 Bass Dr, Santee, SC 29142
1-888-854-9097 (therotunda-sc.com)
When: March 22, Register-9:00 Meeting-10:00
How Much: Registration \$2 Meal \$15 Total **\$17.00**
Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 11, 2011
Payable to: Hampton County FCL
Mail to: Betty Prince, 208 Middle St, Hampton, SC 29924
Bring: One door prize & one gift basket item per county

SPRING FOOTHILLS DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Laurens County FCL
Where: Ryan's Steak House, 3940 Grandview Drive
Simpsonville, SC 29680
When: March 14, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00
How much: Registration \$2 Meal \$8.00 Total **\$10.00**
Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 7, 2011
Payable to: Laurens County FCL
Mail to: Bobbie Earle, P O Box 264, Laurens, SC 29360
Bring: One door prize and one \$10 gift card per county

SCFCL Sale Items

SCFCL Pins	\$5.00
NVON Pin	\$4.00
SCFCL Brochures	\$5.00
SCFCL Handbooks (if mailed \$5.00)	\$3.50
SCFCL Cookbooks	\$18.00
The Quiet Revolution Book	\$5.00
SCFCL Club Secretary Book	\$3.00
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90th Annual SCFCL Conference Highlights



Handbook Awards: Calhoun County, Bronze; Bamberg County, Silver; Colleton County, Silver; Hampton County, Silver; Allendale County, Gold; Barnwell County, Gold; Lexington County, Gold; Orangeburg County, Gold; Pickens County, Gold; Richland County, Gold; Sumter County, Gold; Williamsburg County, Gold; Laurens County, First Place. (Not listed in order)



Publicity Awards: (l to r) Laurens County, Silver; Orangeburg County, Gold; Richland County, Gold; Lexington County, First Place.



Education Awards: (l to r) Richland County, Gold; Lexington County, First Place; Orangeburg County, Silver.



Leadership Award: Frances Mahon (r), Foothills District, Laurens County is presented the Leadership Award by Linda Finley (l), Vice President for Public Relations.

Thank You

We humbly **THANK YOU** for making the 90th Annual SCFCL Conference in Beaufort a success.



Sallie Stephens, 2010 Conference Chair and Committees

PS. Additional "Conference" Cookbooks will be for sale at the Spring District Meetings.
Cost: **\$12.00 per book**

90th Annual SCFCL Conference Highlights



Highest Percentage of New Members Awards: Bamberg, Colleton, and Laurens Counties, 4th Place; Calhoun County, 3rd Place; Barnwell County, 2nd Place; Williamsburg County, First Place. (Not listed in order)



Most New Members Awards: Greenwood, Sumter, and Union Counties, 4th Place; Oconee County, 3rd Place; Barnwell County, 2nd Place; Williamsburg County, First Place. (Not listed in order)



President's Awards: Bamberg, Barnwell, Greenwood and York Counties, Honorable Mention; Hampton County, Bronze; Chester County, Silver; Sumter County, Silver; Laurens, Gold; Lexington County, Gold; Orangeburg County, Gold; Richland County, Gold; Williamsburg County, Gold. (Not listed in order)



Newly elected Foodhills District Director
Jean Davis



Newly elected Central Program Coordinator
Joann Kears

Thank You!

to the

*retired SCFCL officers and advisors for their
dedication and support to SCFCL*

Margaret Nations, Foothills District Director, 2009-2010
Marilyn Peters, Coastal District Advisor, 2006-2010
Dr. Nancy Porter, SCFCL State Advisor, 2005-2009



2011 NVON Conference Registration
EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT – “NVON - CATCH THE ENTHUSIASM”
 July 19, 20 and 21, 2011
 Hotel Sierra and KI Convention Center – Green Bay, WI
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Name (one form per person) _____
 Address _____
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 E-mail address _____
 Member _____ Guest _____ First Time Attendee _____ E-mail Registration Confirmation _____

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a written registration confirmation.
 *I grant the WAHCE, NVON, the right to use, publish, and copyright my image for educational programs and publications, web sites and promotion of WAHCE, NVON programs. Signature _____
 Tours, Workshops & Seminars: Choose a tour or class you would like to attend by placing a 1, 2 or 3 in the space before the selection. Omitting the 2nd or 3rd choice does not guarantee placement in 1st choice. Tours and classes will be filled as registrations are received.
 Special Dietary needs: _____

TUESDAY TOURS

- ____ Tour #1 (all day) Door County - \$60.00
- ____ Tour #2 (PM) Heritage Hill & Rails - \$41.00
- ____ Tour #3 (PM) Home and Gardens - \$37.00
- ____ Tour #4 (PM) Packer Fan - \$40.00

WEDNESDAY TOUR – Spouse/Friend

- ____ Foxy Lady (AM) - \$20.00

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

- Tuesday, July 19, 8:45 – 11:30 a.m.
- ____ 101 Button, Button Whose Got the Button?
- ____ 102 Porcelain Angel
- Tuesday, July 19, 8:45 - 10:00 a.m.
- ____ 203 Beginners Craft Hot Pad
- ____ 204 Swedish Weaving
- ____ 205 Coiled Decorative Basket
- Tuesday, July 19, 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.
- ____ 306 Swedish Weaving
- ____ 307 Jute Apple Rope Hanging
- ____ 308 The Disastrous Peshtigo Fire

Workshop Fees will be collected at the session
 Visit: (nvon.org) for complete Conference information

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Full Registration.....	\$110.00 \$ _____
One Day Registration	
Tuesday, July 19.....	\$55.00 \$ _____
Wednesday, July 20.....	\$55.00 \$ _____
Thursday, July 21.....	\$55.00 \$ _____
Late Fee (after June 17, 2011)	\$10.00 \$ _____
MONDAY SPECIAL DINNER BUFFET	\$15.00 \$ _____
Conference Registration Fee is required for participation in tours	
Tuesday, Tour #1(all day) Door County.....	\$60.00 \$ _____
Tuesday, Tour #2 (PM) Heritage Hill	\$41.00 \$ _____
Tuesday, Tour #3 (PM) Home & Gardens	\$37.00 \$ _____
Tuesday, Tour #4 (PM) Packer Fan.....	\$40.00 \$ _____
Wednesday-Spouse/Friend (AM) Foxy Lady	\$20.00 \$ _____
TOTAL FEES \$ _____	

Registration Deadline is June 17, 2011 Conference Registration Fees are transferable not refundable after June 17, 2011
 Make check payable to: **WAHCE NVON 2011 CONFERENCE**
 Mail check with registration form to: Conference Registrar: Diane Sattler, W3103 County Road F, Chilton, WI 53014
 Phone: 920-849-4584 E-Mail: sattlerd48@aol.com

Come with us to Green Bay



The 2011 NVON Conference will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin July 19, 20 and 21, 2011. We have a bus on “stand-by” to see if we get enough people to fill it. If we do not fill the bus, we will still rent a van for the trip. The bus has seating for 34 – the van can take 10 (with luggage). We are still working on the cost for the trip. Travel from Laurens to Green Bay is 970 miles – with an estimated travel time of 14 hours and 45 minutes. We will leave on Saturday, July

16th, and limit driving time to 5 to 6 hours each day. We should get to Green Bay Monday afternoon, and arrive back in South Carolina Sunday afternoon. Conference begins early Tuesday morning. Considering the cost of gas, if we travel by van, the trip would probably cost about \$850 each for the 9 day trip. This includes 4 nights on the road (2 going 2 coming back), all meals on the road plus 4 nights at the Hotel in Green Bay, plus a few sight-seeing opportunities (TBA) while on the trip. If we have enough for a bus – it would be a little less.

You should fill out your Registration Form and send a separate check for \$110 plus any workshops or other fees, include the MONDAY SPECIAL BUFFET DINNER. You can mail this yourself – or send it to me if you like and I will send all them at the same time.



2011 SCFCL Annual Conference

Join us as we “Celebrate Our Heritage” at the 2011 Annual Conference in Rock Hill, SC. This year’s conference will be **Monday and Tuesday, October 24 & 25**, two days filled with good information and great fellowship.

The conference location is **Holiday Inn, 503 Galleria Blvd., Rock Hill, SC**. This attractive new facility is giving us a special rate of **\$79.00 plus tax per night**. To make reservations, call **(803) 323-1900** and ask for the code “SCFCL”. Reservations must be

made by **5:00 pm on September 25th** to receive the block rate and ensure availability.

This year, we are inviting each county to **bring a small exhibit displaying historical memorabilia featuring photos, items, or information about their FCL clubs in the past**. As always, each county is also asked to **bring two \$10.00 door prizes and one nice gift for the baskets**. We will not be displaying heritage skill items because space that can be secured is not available.

A Master Pottery Maker from the Catawba Indian Nation and noted African-American story teller, Kitty Wilson Evans, will be two of the presenters during our workshop- seminar sessions. In addition, Amanda McNulty from “Making It Grow” will be a featured speaker at the Luncheon.

Complete conference registration information will be in the Fall News and Views, but call the Rock Hill Holiday Inn now to reserve your room at this special price.

Jean Westbrook, Conference Chair (803) 789-7095
Linda Westbrook, Registration Chair (803) 789-5838



South Carolina Master Farm Homemakers Guild

A vineyard tour, shrimping off the Carolina Coast, an evening at the Carolina Opry, a day at Brookgreen Gardens, a cruise along historic rice fields, shopping at Callahan's of Calabash, fishing off the pier, Carolina seafood to eat, and a business meeting with a view of the ocean are some of the opportunities awaiting the members on their visit to South Carolina for the 83rd National Master Farm Homemakers Guild Convention. SC Master Farm Homemakers Guild is offering some southern hospitality in the casual setting of the beach March 29 – 31, 2011 at Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

South Carolina is the home of "Smiling Faces, Beautiful Places" and the SCMFHG is preparing a convention to show the rest of the country the unique agricultural lifestyle. The group will hold their annual state meeting March 17 in Cameron to wrap up their preparations for this meeting. We are excited about the upcoming activities and wish for a great turn out!

"Cooking Healthy, Eating Smart," CHES, project

Clemson Extension Partners with FCL and AARP



"Cooking Healthy, Eating Smart," CHES, is a USDA funded research program conducted by Clemson Extension Agents across South Carolina.

Family and Community Leaders were instrumental in the first phase of the project by serving as focus groups. Club members in Laurens County, Lexington County, and Beaufort County offered feedback on food safety and nutrition lessons developed for the older, Southern, rural population. The input from these focus groups was critical in helping shape lessons that would eventually be taught by County Agents across South Carolina. Data collection on the research project has been completed and is currently being compiled at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC.)

The second phase of the project will involve County Extension Agents working directly with 4 teams of SCFCL members and 4 teams of AARP members across the state. Teams will be trained in how to use the "Cooking Healthy, Eating Smart" lessons to teach community groups in their local areas. This allows for Clemson Extension Agents, FCL and AARP to work hand in hand in the community to share scientifically-proven, life-changing information.

If you have any questions about "Cooking Healthy, Eating Smart" ask any County Extension Agent working in Food Safety and Nutrition or contact Dr. Angela Fraser 656-3652.

In loving Memory

Anderson
Emma Gaines

Kershaw
Nannie Grey
Maxine Baker

York
Sue Kirsh
Clara Stanley
Elizabeth Stephenson
Virginia Williams

Lexington
Mary Brigman
Barbara Schneider
Bob Carter
Francis Davis
Alma Harmon

Richland
Geraldine Allen
Eudora Lever

Greetings from the President



Happy New Year to all members of FCL in South Carolina. I hope you had a good Christmas holiday. SCFCL had a good 2010. We are looking forward to 2011. Our State Conference in Beaufort in October was a very good meeting. Sallie Stephens, Chair and Willie Mae Lewis, Registrar, did an outstanding job with the Conference. Jean and Linda Westbrook and Debbie Calcutt are hard at work on 2011 State Conference in Rock Hill. Now that's going to be one good Conference at the beautiful new Holiday Inn, October 24-25. They have gotten outstanding speakers and workshops for us. Dale Morrow and

Dorothy Tunstall are already planning SCFCL 2012 Conference, July 16, 2012 in Columbia at the Radisson Hotel. Our national organization NVON will meet July 17-19, 2012. We will have a rare privilege to attend a National Conference in our State. I am so excited at everything that is happening to our SCFCL. Several counties have had new members in 2010. At last count we have five husbands in SCFCL. We are so happy to have the men join with us. Lou Robinson, our State Advisor, has sent each County President in SCFCL a letter explaining the agents who will be helping FCL in your county. As you know there have been many changes in our program at Clemson. I know this letter will be helpful to the County Presidents as they work with the clubs in their county. Our agents are serving several counties which means they may not always be available in your county. Please get their schedules and I am sure they will help as much as possible with their added responsibilities. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Spring District Meetings and SCFCL Conference in October in Rock Hill. If I can be of help to you in any way, please call or e-mail me.

Helen Spiller, SCFCL President

A Letter from Lou

Greetings everyone,

The last months of 2010 were very challenging for me. As most of you know, my mother was critically ill during October and November. I am delighted to tell you that she has made a remarkable recovery and with the arrival of the new year, appears to be almost back to her old self. I want to thank each of you for your concern and your prayers. The power of prayer is amazing and our family is very blessed.

For SCFCL, last year was a good year. The strength of any organization depends largely on its leaders and their dedication to its mission and accomplishing the tasks that are required to achieve the organizational goals. Members of the board and leaders in the counties and clubs accepted their responsibilities and worked to deliver positive results for the organization. The energy and the renewed emphasis on recruiting new members intensified. The State Conference was very successful. There is much to build upon for 2011 and I anticipate that this year will be a successful year for SCFCL.

For the Clemson Extension Service, last year brought significant changes to local operations due to strained state budgets. As each of you are well aware, these changes have had some impact on SCFCL. However, even with the reduced monetary and personnel resources and the local operation changes, I am pleased to report that Clemson Extension remains committed to their support of SCFCL. They continue to provide Extension personnel who serve as District Advisors, county contacts, and administrative support, in addition to the State Specialist Advisor and State Advisor.

I ask for your assistance in not allowing these changes to impact the ability of SCFCL to continue to grow and prosper and to uphold its mission – “to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities through fellowship, education, and service.”

One way to share the powerful impact that SCFCL has in our state, is to complete the education program report that lists all of the programs, events and projects and the number of volunteer hours given. This report also gives Clemson Extension documented evidence of SCFCL's impact to South Carolina and why it remains committed to SCFCL even in tough budget times.

As we start 2011 remember, the future of SCFCL is up to each member. Please plan to attend trainings, meetings, conferences, complete reports and submit them on time, and to continue to serve your communities. I am very proud to be a member of this organization and am constantly looking for ways I can better serve you. Never hesitate to contact me with your suggestions, comments, or questions.

Lou Robinson, SCFCL Advisor



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Upcoming Important Dates

July 19-21	2011 NVON Conference, Green Bay, Wisconsin (nvon.org)
Sept 12	Fall Central District Meeting (Fairfield County, hostess)
Sept 13	Fall Coastal District Meeting (Williamsburg County, hostess)
Sept 19	Fall Foothills District Meeting (Newberry County, hostess)
Sept 22-24	2011 CWC, USA Conference, Columbus, Ohio (cwcusa.org)
Oct 24-25	2011 SCFCL Annual Conference, Rock Hill, SC (scfcl.com)

Fall News and Views

Those counties wishing to contribute articles to the Fall "News and Views" must have their articles to me by August 1. It can be mailed: 6 Valhalla Court, Columbia, SC 29229-3311 or e-mail: pbrenzay@sc.rr.com

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Bamberg
Calhoun
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Lexington
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Williamsburg

Foothills

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