

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders



“News and Views”

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2010



Hellen Spiller steps in as SCFCL President

Due to health issues, the death of her husband and a very sick son requiring lots of her attention, Josie Gaston felt it necessary to focus on the needs of her family and resign as SCFCL President. At the January 25, 2010 SCFCL Board Meeting, Josie Gaston's letter of resignation was read and accepted by the board. According to the Policies/Standing Rules, as Vice President for Program, I am to perform the duties of the President upon her resignation and was confirmed by the board to fulfill her remaining term of office. It is my honor to accept this position and serve as SCFCL President. We wish to express our appreciation to Josie for her work and dedication to SCFCL and Best Wishes.

Following my acceptance as your new SCFCL President, I appointed Debbie Calcutt with board approval to fulfill the final year of the Vice President for Program's term.

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Porter as she takes a year's leave to work on a special project from Clemson University. We look forward to working with Lou Robinson as the interim State Advisor for SCFCL for 2010.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming Spring District Meetings and hearing from you with ideas and suggestions for a great year. FCL is a wonderful way to serve the community and South Carolina, so let me hear from you!

Helen Spiller

Dr. Nancy Porter announces Interim State Advisor for SCFCL

By the time you read this newsletter, many of you will already know that I am on a Special Project Leave from Clemson. I was asked to work with the National Institute on Food and Agriculture (NIFA), formerly the Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). I am telecommuting from my home with monthly trips to Washington, DC to fulfill my assignment. I have left you in the very capable hands of Lou Robinson, Interim State Advisor for SCFCL. Lou will be a wonderful asset to your organization and you should plan to utilize her expertise and maximize her contributions. All of the responsibilities that I have performed for SCFCL will be completed by Lou during 2010.

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Have a great year and I will see you in 2011!
Dr. Nancy Porter



Lou Robinson

Central District

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

Lee County



Lee County has two FCL Clubs. We all miss Linda Wilson, our Home Economist that retired in 2009. The clubs in several counties gathered at “Mr B’s” in Lydia to celebrate Linda’s retirement. We enjoyed a toast and roast party with gifts and good wishes.

The picture above includes members of the Turkey Creek Club as they celebrate the Thanksgiving season. This club was one of the first organized in South Carolina.

The programs for this club in 2009 were excellent. In March 2010 our club will have a cookie exchange-including cookies and recipes. Debbie Calcutt will be our guest at the home of JoAnne McCaskill-Hill.

Officers to be elected for 2011

- President Elect (1 year as Pres-elect then 3 years as President)
- Vice President for Program (3 year term)
- Treasurer (3 year term)
- Central Program Coordinator (3 year term elected at the Fall District Meeting)
- Foothills District Director (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 form to SCFCL President who will forward to the Nomination Committee Chair. Forms must be submitted to the Nomination Committee by July 1.

Fairfield County

Fairfield County FCL has enjoyed years of relative peace and tranquility- until 2009! This has been a year of change and adjustment. I am proud of the ability exhibited by this group to adjust and adapt with the changing times.

Our first change came with the election of a new state president, Josie Gaston. She had been our local president for a number of years and with her new position came changes in the county- a new president, new committee chairman, new board.

Second change- new staff at the Clemson office. Mark Talbert retired leaving us without a full time agent.

These changes make us more aware of the changes in our clubs. From young women who need help with household and child rearing skills, we are now “senior citizens”: health and safety are primary needs.

The newly elected board is dealing with the changes with the choice of programs offered, transportation to meetings, and location of meetings is being adjusted. Even access to meetings is a concern-currently being met by using churches in the community.

More than a fourth of our members have been members for more than 25 years. This is good and bad. It is a steadying influence but we need the younger ones for the energy and enthusiasm that they bring. New members will be a goal for the new year!

To better reflect the ideas and views of the members, the board has voted to add an additional member from each club: Shiloh: Bernetta Pearson; Smith-Belton: Mary Ashford; Fairfield Union: Ruth Ameen.

Community service has always been a major project for the coming year, a special effort is being made to remain in contact with the older and infirm members.

A new project of providing garden plants to home-bound members in the community is being tried. Where possible a young person will be paired with the senior citizen. The companionship and help should work well.

Sumter County

Sumter County FCL members worked on many different projects in 2009. three of our clubs are involved with craft projects, everything from ceramics to quilting. Several of these items were entered in the handiwork competition at the Sumter County Fair. All six clubs have projects for community service. They work all year collecting items for the YMCA Safe House, Greenhouse Center for runaway children and local nursing homes. One club made Christmas door decorations for nursing home residents and centerpieces for tables in the dining room of the facility. Clubs continue to participate in recycling projects, collecting eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, stamps for Bethpage Missions, cards for St Judes and coupons for schools. They made laprobes for nursing homes and caps for cancer patients. One of the biggest projects, however, is working on attracting new members to our clubs.

This is not always the easiest project, it requires real dedication, but the results are worth the effort - several of our clubs can now boast new members! We'd like to welcome them all.

2010 Spring District Meeting information

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Bamberg County FCL
 Where: Bamberg Job Corps Center, 200 S Carsile Street, Bamberg, SC
 When: March 22, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00
 How much: Registration \$6 Meal \$6 Total \$12.00
 Payable: Bamberg County FCL
 Mail to: Bamberg Count FCL, P O Box 299, Bamberg, SC 29003

COASTAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Dillon County FCL
 Where: Shuler's BBQ, 419 Highway 38 W, Latta, SC 29565
 When: March 8, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00
 How much: Registration \$2.50 Meal \$12.50 Total \$15.00
 Payable: Dillon County FCL
 Mail to: Mary Ann Wilkes, 2477 Minturn Rd, Dillon, SC 29536

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Chester County FCL
 Where: Ryan's Steak House, 3940 Grandview Drive, Simpsonville, SC
 When: March 15, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00
 How much: Registration \$3 Meal \$9 Total \$12.00
 Payable: Chester County FCL
 Mail to: Linda Westbrook, 2875 Westbrook Rd, Edgemoor, SC 29712

Aiken County



In Aiken County, the FCL clubs have been very supportive to county organizations. At the fall county-wide meeting, members brought items to support Foster Care. The items were for a foster family picnic. Items included plates, napkins, drinks, chips, table covers, etc. The organization also voted to purchase a gift card for them to purchase perishables for the event.

In the spring, the group donated items to a battered women's shelter located in Aiken. Pictured above were items that included cleaning products, paper items and laundry supplies.

The Aiken County FCL organization continues to be a helping hand to many in the community.

SCFCL Sale Items

- SCFCL Pins\$5.00
- NVON Pin\$4.00
- SCFCL Brochures.....\$5.00
- SCFCL Handbooks. . . .\$.3.50 (if mailed \$5.00)
- SCFCL Cookbooks\$18.00
- The Quiet Revolution Book \$5.00
- SCFCL Club Secretary Book.. . . . \$3.00

Make checks payable to: SCFCL

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Coastal District

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

Dorchester County

Members of our clubs enjoyed working on our state project. We kicked off the year with FCL Yards & Neighborhoods. Mrs. Alma Pearson spearhead this project. She trained 18 members on the principals and preparation of yard gardening. After 8 months, she gathered all the information, pictures and prepared a handbook. We were presented with a certificate at the State Convention, for our part in this project. We visited the Homeless Shelter, prepared dinner, which consisted of cabbage, rice, pork chops, baked macaroni, biscuit and bread pudding. We served the meal and interacted with the residents. Several clubs continue to visit the Nursing Homes.



Club members attended the Spring and Fall District Meeting in Santee at Clark's Restaurant.

Six members attended the State Convention in White Oaks. Mrs. Rosemary Armstead participated in the Trashion Show at the convention. She wore a dress made out of curtain with an overlay of corrugated packing material, trimmed on shoulder and arms. The headband was also made out of the curtain. Her accessories included opal stocking, mule clogs, dried okra earrings painted gold and a purse gift bag. Total price for this outfit was \$2.00. "What a Hit". Thanks to our president for the creation of this outfit.

Dorchester County received several awards this year. At the district level- 2nd place highest % of new members, silver award for handbook and 2nd place for most new members. State level-President's award (silver), 3rd place for most new members and FCLYN award. We completed the year with our social event during the holiday. Several club members presented a skit at our banquet. Members were recognized for years of service with FCL clubs, 45 yrs. of service Mrs. Catherine Grant, Mrs. Agnes Pearson and Pauline Ferrell. 35 yrs. Of service, Mrs. Ceola McCants, Ms. Ethel Gelzer, Mrs. Marge Rollins, Mrs. Catherine Glenn and Mrs. Luvenia White.

Charleston County

To prepare the program for the year, the Ladson Club members chose a program: To Plan and Present. Fay Baumiller held a coffee and tea social to enlist new members. Eight new members joined in 2009.

Betty Pound expanded the "Ready, Set, Go" Lesson to include the safety issues presented by the Fire Dept. and the American Red Cross, to prepare for emergencies. Amanda Robertson gave the importance of keeping active and taught the group some beginner line-dancing steps. A favorite for Ladson is to hold an Easter Egg Hunt for Omoo Nursing Home residents with colorful plastic eggs filled and Goodie Bags for each. The club has given many boxes of toys and -youthful items to the Good Neighbor Center- for women and children. They continue to collect books for the Gabe Day Care Center in Summerville.

Two FCL members in West Ashley Club worked with others in very unusual ways. Mrs. Patty Meeks, Club President, works with a group of retired ladies on Wadmalaw Island who meet every Monday to do projects which will aid others. Two members make comfort items for premature babies, blankets for the firemen to use when there is a fire with the children in the family. Some make pillows, bags and lap robes for residents assisted living homes. Betty Osgood is busy-teaching and training Junior and Senior 4-H teams s in Wild Life Habitat Evaluation Program.

The teams compete across the USA and do very well. Betty is a strong leader for leadership in 4-H. This year 5 seniors were awarded a trip to National Conference for the portfolio of activities they had experienced; two (2) receive the highest honor the silver Presidential Tray and \$1,500.

One will be going to National Conference in March; and one Cloverbud Girl is the Miss SC Cloverbud of the year.

The Garrett Club has found the programs most helpful to share with families and friends. The emphasis has been the Charleston Web Center, Pennies for Friends Nickles for Youth Scholarship and 4-H at South Side. Some of the help for the 4-H members has been: Health Kits, Bags of Food for Families, supplies for crafts, supply prepare and serve food at each meeting, transplant succulent plants, paint area rugs and paint T-shirts for entries to the Coastal Carolina Fair. Garrett Club invited the disbanded Rosemont Club to meet with them for Christmas Program and covered dish luncheon. Nancy C Button, President of the new Rosemont Homeowners Association brought information about future plans for the Rosemont Community. The Association plans to have an active part in the future plans for Rosemont.

Foothills District

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

Greenwood County

Greenwood County FCL has been busy in 2009. All eight Clubs are visiting nursing homes, taking food to sick and bereaved in their communities. The County gave \$1,550 to Council on Aging, United Ministries, Soup Kitchen, and Humane Society. We gained 5 new members in 2009 and are looking forward to a great year in 2010.



What do you do with 13 gallons of soup and 13 dozen sandwiches? The Saluda FCL Clubs hold their own Annual Soup and Sandwich Bazaar. The five clubs of Saluda County join forces to put on the event serving up to 140 bowls of soup profited over \$500.00. The addition of many cakes, pies and homemade bread added \$300+ in profits. This is one effort that required much advertisement and many volunteers.



(1 to r) QUILT: Home Sweet Home-Clara Riley, Saluda (1st Place); MISC: Pine straw basket-Dot Tunstell, Lexington (2nd Place) CERAMICS: Designer clay container-Dot Tunstell, Lexington; HAND NEEDLEWORK: Smocked child dress-Shelby Gross, Richland (3rd Place); MACHINE SEWING: Orange Purse-Debbie Calcutt, Sumter (Not shown)

Union County

Union County's fund-raiser of the year for our service project and our Scholarship fund, is a quilt given to us by Nancy Gallman, a member of the Sardis Club. We have tried to have this quilt exhibited at all important functions in our county where we accepted donations. Each year we hold a Spring Council and a Fall Council meeting. Everyone prepares a covered-dish and one of the clubs hosts the meeting. Additional money is made for the scholarship fund by having a "Tea Cup Auction" at each of these meetings.

Some of our FCL clubs enter table top exhibits at the Union County Fair in October. These exhibits give us a chance to exhibit some educational exposure. Many of the members helped the Home Economics and Floral Departments organize, and coordinate exhibits. Union County FCL members won many prizes in these fair exhibits.

Several members attended the 2009 SCFCL Conference in White Oak. These members participated in workshops and meetings.

This year at our Awards Day, we had two members who received awards. "The Member of the Year Award" was Linda Roberson. Linda is a member of the Baker's Dozen Club. She also serves as a Director on the Executive Board. She has been a very active and valuable member. We also gave a "Super Member of the Year Award" to Cathy Dunham. Cathy is a very active member of the Union FCL Club. She serves on the Union County Executive Board as a membership and Relations Chairman. She has done a great job reporting and helping with our many projects. Cathy is very active in all areas of FCL.

Union County FCL gave generously to our state projects. They will be working closely with our 4-H Clubs and our Master Gardener Club. Our clubs accomplished a lot in 2009 and we are looking forward to another good year in 2010.



(1 to r) Wilma Hindman, Carol Bright, Joyce Hembree, Barbara Epps and Ruthie Hembree

District Awards

These District Awards were received at the 2009 Fall District Meetings

CENTRAL DISTRICT AWARDS

HANDBOOK

Kershaw-Honorable Mention; Orangeburg-Bronze; Lexington, Calhoun-Silver; Barnwell, Sumter, Richland and Bamberg-Gold

PUBLICITY

Orangeburg-Silver; Richland, Lexington-Gold

MOST NEW MEMBERS

Sumter and Barnwell-7 new members each

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Sumter-2nd Place; Barnwell-1st Place

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dorothy Turnstall

EDUCATION

Richland, Orangeburg, Lexington-Gold

COASTAL DISTRICT AWARDS

HANDBOOK

Dorchester-Silver; Hampton, Williamsburg-Gold

MOST NEW MEMBERS

Dorchester-2 new members; Williamsburg-15 new members

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Dorchester-2nd Place; Williamsburg-1st Place

EDUCATION

Dorchester-Honorable Mention

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT AWARDS

HANDBOOK

Union-Silver; Pickens, Chester, Laurens-Gold

PUBLICITY

Laurens-Gold

MOST NEW MEMBERS

Greenville-1 new member

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Greenville-1st Place

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Doris Taylor

EDUCATION

Laurens-Gold

FCL YARDS & NEIGHBORHOODS RECOGNITION

Chester, Dorchester, Richland-Certificates

New Officers



(1 to r) Linda Finley, Vice President for Public Relations and Lucia Shler-Hill, Historian



(1 to r) Myrtle Green, Central District Director and Rosemary Armstead, Coastal Program Coordinator



(1 to r) Dorothy Tunstall, Central District Leadership Award Winner and Doris Taylor, State Leadership Award Winner

2009 State Awards

HANDBOOK

Bamberg, Pickens, Sumter, Barnwell, Laurens, Hampton, Williamsburg, Richland-Gold; Chester-State Plaque

PUBLICITY

Laurens, Richland-Gold; Lexington-State Plaque

MOST NEW MEMBERS

Greenville-4th Place; Dorchester-3rd Place; Branwell-2nd Place; Sumter-2nd Place; Williamsburg-State Plaque

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Greenville-4th Place; Sumter-3rd Place; Barnwell-2nd Place; Williamsburg-State Plaque

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dorothy Tunstall-Central District; Doris Taylor-State Plaque

EDUCATION

Laurens, Orangeburg, Richland-Gold; Lexington-State Plaque

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Dillon, York, Colleton, Fairfield-Honorable Mention; Sumter Oconee, Bamberg-Bronze; Williamsburg, Dorchester, Pickens-Silver; Laurens, Hampton, Chester, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland-Gold



(1 to r) Handbook Awards: Linda Finley, Laurens County-Gold; Dale Morrow, Lexington County-State Plaque; Pat Breznay, Richland County-Gold



(1 to r) Education Award: Pat Breznay, Richland County-Gold; Dale Morrow, Lexington-State Plaque; Sue Shuler, Orangeburg County-Gold; Doris Taylor, Laurens County-Gold



(1 to r) Most New Members Awards: Ethel Brown, Williamsburg-State Plaque; Ann Hanks, Greenville-4th Place; Alma Pearson, Dorchester-3rd Place; Evelyn Griner, Barnwell-2nd Place



(1 to r) Highest Percentage New Members Awards: Ann Hanks, Greenville-4th Place; Ethel Brown, Williamsburg-State Plaque; Evelyn Griner, Barnwell-2nd Place

National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.

Website: nvon.org

Let's Take Off

The SCFCL State project for 2010-2012 is Let's Take Off!, a project in common with NVON. Take off what?, why?, where?, when? Take off weight to avoid the problems associated with obesity.

Each club should develop a program that meets the needs of their members not only to eat healthier but to take off those extra pounds that are slowing us down.

This can be done by exercising and learning more healthy tips. Encourage members to have a yearly checkup and keep a weekly/monthly journal.

Let's make this program work.

So "Let's Take Off!" and make a difference.

Ethel L. Brown - NVON Project Chairman



National Volunteer Outreach Network

2010 Annual Conference
Austin Hotel & Convention Center
Hot Springs, Arkansas
April 20, 2010

Associated Country Women Of The World

26th Triennial Conference

"Women Worldwide - The Voice Of Today"

Hot Springs, Arkansas, USA
April 21-28, 2010



(l to r) Ruth Ann Anderson, NVON President and Pam Hanfland, NVON Advisor attended the 2009 Annual SCFCL Conference in White Oak. Their workshop "What is NVON?" was filled to the brim. SCFCL, one of the original members of NVON, knew most of the answers to questions they asked during their PowerPoint presentation. It was informative, fun and rewarding since candy was given as rewards for correct answers.

The 2010 Annual Conference will be a one-day meeting since it will be the day before the 26th Triennial Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas, USA begins.

SCFCL has 5 votes at the Triennial Business Meetings. Five SCFCL Board members will attend the meeting in Hot Springs: Helen Spiller, Debbie Calcutt, Linda Finley, Betty Shuler and Bobbie Earle. In addition to Board Members, seven other SCFCL members and guests will attend.



The fund-raiser at the 2010 Conference will be a silent auction of 9 inch quilt squares. Each attendee is asked to bring a finished 9 inch quilt square. SCFCL has decided to coordinate their squares reflecting South Carolina and the United States of America. Pat Breznay and Betty Chinnners are organizing the quilt squares for each SC attendee to construct and submit.

The first several days of the conference, the quilt squares will be voted by number for popularity and recognition. The last several days, each square will be silent auctioned to raise money for "Pennies for Friends".

South Carolina attendees have a wonderful and safe trip.



Are you measuring up to FCL Yards and Neighborhoods?

Happy New Year, 2010, from your FCL Yards and Neighborhood, chairperson, Doris Taylor. This state project continues through 2010. Reports are due to me by September 30th with annual certificates to be given at the 2010 Annual Conference in Beaufort in October.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the project in 2009! I hope everyone is promoting the Nine Principals that support environmentally friendly landscaping. Protecting the natural beauty of South Carolina is important and beneficial for residents and visitors to our great state.

Tax Exempt EIN Number

If you have had a Tax Exempt EIN number from the IRS in the past, you were not required to file a tax return if your income was under \$25,000 annually. In 2008 the IRS ruled that every organization who has an EIN number MUST file at the end of each year – no matter what their income was during the past year. They have a very simple E-card that can be filed online. Go to: www.irs.gov and click on “e-file” under “IRS Resources”, then to “Charities and non-Profit organizations”. Everything that you need will be there.

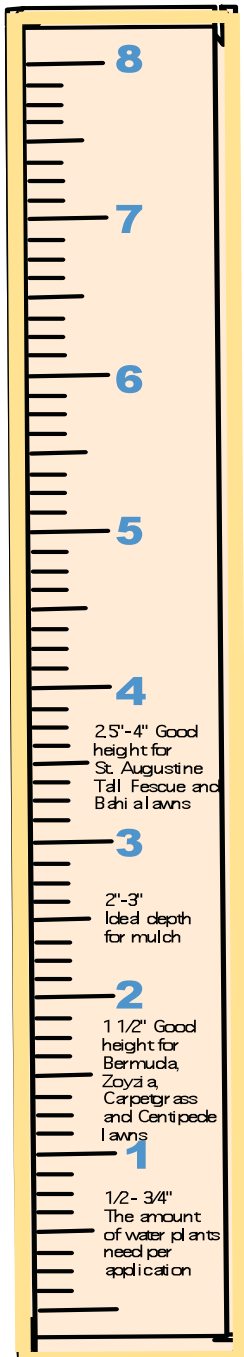
At the end of 2010, if any group who has an existing EIN number has NOT filed the E-card, they will lose their EIN number and will be required to pay taxes on any money that they have.

Some groups are finding that their bank now requires that each organization have an EIN number in order to deposit money in their bank. If you do not have one and want to apply, there is a very simple process to follow:

- Call the IRS at 1-800-829-4933.
- Tell them that you are a non-profit organization and want to get a tax ID number. They will take your information over the telephone, give you a temporary number and follow up in a week or so with a letter giving you a date to go online to file your E-card.
- They may also ask for some background information on your organization.
- The county handbook usually has the history of how your group started and a list of current officers.
- Send a copy of this to them.
- The information on the E-card does not deal with the amount of money that your organization has – it simply asks for the officers and the responsible contact person.

I understand that most banks will soon require a Tax ID number from everyone who deposits money in their bank – probably an after-effect of 911. If you have questions that I can help answer, please call me at (864)984-4088.

Bobbie Earle, SCFCL Treasurer.



*South Carolina
Master Farm Homemakers Guild*



(l to r) Marilyn Easter, President, introducing the 2009 new members of the SCMFHG. Elizabeth Ledfird from Marietta, SC, Jane Acevedo from Central, SC, and Blanche Weathers from Bowman, SC. Absent, Karen Day from Oconee, SC.

The South Carolina Master Farm Homemakers Guild will have their Annual meeting March 18, 2010 at the Lake Murray Community Center, 1030 St. Peters Road, Lexington SC. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. New members will be inducted and there will be an election for secretary and historian. The program will be presented by Donna Bundrick-Griffin. She works at Walter P. Rawl & Sons, promoting their products. She will do a cooking demonstration and talk about nutrition in their products.

South Carolina will be hosting The National Master Homemakers Guild meeting to be held at the Springmaid Resort in Myrtle Beach March 29-31, 2011. The committees are busy preparing to showcase agriculture in South Carolina.

In loving Memory

Dorchester County

Christina Mason
Marie Williams
Emmie Tucker
Lawrence Jenkins

Williamsburg County

Mr Hazel McCray

Volunteers Needed for State 4-H-FCL Project

The state project for 4-H and FCL members for 2010-2011 is “4-H and FCL Making the Best Better- Together”. SCFCL members will be trained to become county and regional judges for the 4-H Communication Program (public speaking, record books, etc.) They will provide youth with a fresh perspective on how they can improve their written and oral presentation skills. In the process, SCFCL members will gain a better understanding of youth and the 4-H Communication Program.

All South Carolina Counties are asked to obtain at least two volunteers to help with 4-H judging contests. Most of the judging is in February and March with the state contest in April. Both judges and room monitors are needed from each County. They will need to be trained by County workers. There is a “Promote 4-H Presentations Training and Contest Guide” that has been sent to each County for the training of both judges and room monitors. The training will not take over an hour. This is a very short term project.

This will be a new experience for many of you. Please help us to make this project a success by volunteering your time for two days. You will be helping our youth to become better speakers and to become more qualified to enter competitions in their county, district and state. Please email me, Dot Tunstall at: dottun57@peoplepc.com or phone me at (803) 356-2170 or us mail me at 159 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072 to volunteer for this special project!
We need your help.

A Letter from Lou

GREETINGS

It is such a privilege to serve as the interim State Advisor to the South Carolina Family and Community Leaders. I am very excited about this responsibility and after attending the Board meeting in Columbia on January 25, 2010, I felt very welcomed by everyone in attendance. You might say the experience left me speechless. Not really. However, I did have laryngitis and could hardly whisper. What an impression that must have made! I guess it was meant for me to only listen on my very first day as interim state advisor. After all, it is the best way to learn.

I have a challenge ahead of me to fill-in for Nancy Porter during this year. She has served you well for the last five years. I accept the challenge and am ready to work.

Most of you probably do not know me; therefore, I want to share a brief summary of my background. I have worked with Clemson University in the Extension Service for 37 years, 17 years on campus and 20 years in county work. I have held many positions within my tenure and have always enjoyed new challenges and responsibilities. My first job was as a secretary in the State 4-H office working for George Baker. From there I moved to the Piedmont District Office and worked for Marvin Cely, District Extension Director. Upon completing my degree at Central Wesleyan College (now known as Southern Wesleyan University), I became a County Extension Agent in Pickens County working in a special youth program with at risk children. From that position I moved into the Community Development Extension Agent position in Pickens County with some responsibilities also in Oconee and Anderson counties. Upon my retirement in 2003, I was asked by the Director of Extension, Dr. Wolak, to take the role of program director of a special leadership program with the Strom Thurmond Institute for Boys & Girls Club professionals throughout the country. When this grant program ended in 2006, I returned to county extension work as a Regional Community & Economic Development Extension Agent serving six counties in the upstate region. That position ended in August, 2009 due to budget cuts. Now, January, 2010, I begin my new role as your interim state advisor.

For the last 37 years, I have known of and appreciated the work of FCL members. I even knew Dr. Craven, Meryl Swicegood, and Betty Buff. In county extension work, I was involved with some of the projects within Pickens County and knew some of the members. I am aware of the many changes that Extension has gone through that have also impacted FCL both locally and on a state level. The good news is, you are a strong organization and have a dedicated membership and have survived and thrived! My program strengths are leadership, organization and advocacy. I have led numerous community leadership programs and a few statewide programs; all of which enhanced leadership skills and encouraged community involvement. I have worked with non-profits to help them become more organized, effective and accountable. I have worked with farmers markets, agri-businesses, small businesses, and taught classes for entrepreneurs. I believe in the power of individuals and groups making a difference through involvement and advocacy.

Some personal information about me is that I grew up in York, SC. I have lived in the Clemson area for 39 years. I am divorced. I have two grown children and 2 adorable grandsons – Cooper 5 and Banks 2. Being a grandmother is one of the greatest joys in my life!

If you need me you can contact me either by phone or by email. My home phone number is 864-646-3808, cell number is 864-710-6939. My email is rlou@bellsouth.net. My home address is 173 Grand Oak Circle, Pendleton, SC 29670. I look forward to the spring district council meetings and the opportunity to get to know you and to serve you.

Lou Robinson

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Fall News and Views

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**Recipe for
2010 SCFCL Conference Cookbook
Guidelines and Format**

Print or type. List ingredients in order used. When two or more ingredients are added at the same time, list them in descending order from the larger amount to the smaller amount (ex., 1 cup flour before ½ cup sugar). Use abbreviations *tsp.*, *tbsp.*, *qt.*, *gal.* If the recipe is from a cookbook or magazine, either cite the source under your name or make three changes to make it your own recipe (change recipe name, garnishes, etc.)

Submitted by _____

Phone and e-mail _____

Name of FCL Club _____

County _____

Recipe Name _____

Yield # of servings _____ or amount made _____

Please attach your picture or clipart depicting your recipe here.

Ingredients:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Directions:

Please submit all recipes on or before June 8, 2010 to:

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90th Annual SCFCL Conference October 24-27, 2010

(l to r) Willie Mae Lewis, Conference Registration Chair and Sallie Stephens, Conference Chair set-up a display at the 2009 Conference to encourage members to make plans to attend the 2010 SCFCL Conference in Beaufort.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER COOKBOOK

We're all excited about the 2010 FCL Conference this year which will be held in Beaufort, South Carolina. We want everyone to have a great time. Unfortunately great times may cost us a little more than expected and we don't want our members to feel they cannot enjoy themselves as they have in the past because rising costs. To keep these costs to a minimum, our committee has decided to have a fund raiser. We are composing a state wide cookbook so that FCL members may share some of their most delicious recipes!

A recipe form to fill-out is in this issue of the newsletter to submit your recipe or recipes. There is also a recipe form on the SCFCL Website: www.scfcl.com

Do you have a favorite recipe? Have you created a recipe from special ingredients your family loves? Is their a family dish that has been handed down over the generations you'd like to share? Then fill-out the recipe form with your name, telephone number and/or email address, county, recipe name, how many it serves, ingredients, and directions. If you are submitting a recipe by e-mail, type: "2010 SCFCL Conference Recipe" in the Subject line. If you have a picture, it can be attached to the recipe form or e-mailed as a .jpg file. Please print clearly. Double check to make sure all ingredients are included. We do not have a test kitchen to prepare each recipe to make sure they are correct. The deadline for submitting recipes is June 8. It is hoped to have the cookbooks ready for purchase at the Fall District Meetings.



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