

News and Views

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

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2019 State Project Diapers and Pads Handmade by SCFCL



This project brings awareness to the need for reusable personal items for girls/women and reusable diapers for babies/children in third world countries, like Zimbabwe, Haiti, Liberia, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan and Guatemala. They do not have access to the disposable items like we use in the United States. We recognize the need to help those babies, girls and women with these items.

Starting January 1, 2019 there are several ways to participate in this project:

1. Make the reusable diapers and reusable pads yourself, with a club or with your church group.
2. Donate money, material, thread, old towels, etc. (clean out your cabinets, closets and boxes) for your county to make Diapers and/or Pads.
3. Cut or organize materials for making of Diapers and/or Pads.

Visit: scfcl.com to learn more about this project

Central District

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

* by a name means no FCL members in the county

Allendale County

Hello from Allendale County. We are struggling to stay active with only 2 clubs (18 members total.) It seems that with doctor appointments and different sicknesses we are not able to do many of the things we have been able to do in the past. We participate with donations to State Project "Water Around The World", Pennies for Friendship, Nickels for SC Youth and donate to John Edward Harter Nursing Center, prepare dinners for shut-ins, take some to doctor visits and make phone calls. We have some members that are really enthusiastic about doing activities, but with only a few to participate it is difficult.

SCFCL State Officers to be elected for 2020 at the Annual Meeting

President-elect

(one year then a three year term as President)

Foothills District Director

(elected at the 2019 Fall Foothills District Meeting for a three year term)

SPRING CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Sumter County FCL

Where: Concord Presbyterian Church
3550 E Brewington RD
Sumter, SC 29153

When: March 19, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am

How much: Registration \$2 Meal \$15 Total \$17.00

Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, March 5
(\$5.00 late fee if received after March 9)

Payable to: Sumter County FCL (SCFCL)

Mail to: Debbie Calcutt (803-481-2208)
100 Tondaleia DR
Sumter, SC 29153

Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county

Sumter County

2018 brought changes for Sumter County members. We are smaller in number, but determined to still make a difference in our community. Our five clubs have been busy making items for nursing homes, collecting needed supplies for shelters, taking up donations of food for local charities, contributing to Sumter's Fireside Fund for families needing help with electric and heating bills and learning new craft projects.



We had good attendance at both our Spring and Fall Council meetings. We had a great time at our Christmas Members Only Luncheon. Members brought delicious dishes to share and dressed in their best Christmas outfits. Our project for the luncheon was to wear a Christmas necklace and tell about it, where you got it, how long you had it, etc. It was fun to hear the stories.

We are looking forward to hosting the Spring Central District Meeting on March 19th. It will be at Concord Presbyterian Church on Brewington Road. It's a rural church that was established in 1809 with a land grant from General Thomas Sumter. We hope to see lots of Central District members there in March!

In loving Memory

Charleston County

Doris Foust
Trudy Clayton

Richland County

Cathrene Gholson
Carolyn Price

If your county has a member that passed away, have someone send their name to newsletter editor.

Coastal District

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

Charleston County

Fabric and ribbon was donated by club members that were used in a special planned day to sew aprons. The aprons were made by the FCL members to give to delegates attending Betty Osgood's "Biscuit" making workshop held during the 4-H Volunteer Conference held at the 4-H Rock Eagle Center near Eatonton, Georgia. The delegates were truly surprised to receive their beautifully made aprons to wear and keep during the workshop of mixing, cutting and baking the biscuits.

A couple of members are very active in cooking and serving meals to homeless in Charleston. Not only are they involved during this week but also assist in collecting and picking up donated and distributed the items to the homeless in the Charleston area.

Two of our members attended and assisted in "Teddy Bear in the Park" project. Over 300 teddy bears were collected and handed out to children. The ladies also sewed broken teddy bears to repair the youth's favorite teddy bears.

Once again county members took a very active part in checking in exhibits, displaying them and releasing the items for the Coastal Carolina Fair. Members also assisted during the Senior Citizen's Day at the fair. One member assisted the representative of King Arthur Flour during her demonstration of bread making. One member demonstrated the art of "Biscuit" making during the fair with hundreds of samples handed out to fair goers. Several members were involved in making and baking "Cookies" each day of the fair. Proceeds from the sold cookies benefited the community in

grant projects to needy organizations.

Two members assisted 4-H club leaders in teaching youth how to sew. They made tissue covers as a project to give to assistant living residents for a Christmas present. Tissue packs and cute draw string bags were made and donated to the club by an FCL member. Sixty residents enjoyed receiving them during the club's special Christmas program and visit with them.

To honor and appreciate our veterans, over 300 Christmas cards were donated, written and sent in the "Cards for Heroes" project by the American Red Cross.

We are in the process of collecting fabric and towels for the state's 2019 project making diapers and/or pads. In January we started sewing on this project.

Two of our county members, Marlene Williamon and Betty Osgood participated in the SCFCL Annual Meeting conducting workshops. Marlene led the workshop "Tattered Stars for Soldiers" and Betty led the workshop "Poinsettia Napkin Rings".

Once again we are assisting in Hampton Park's "Teddy Bear" and "Blankets" projects for youth. We have over 600 blankets made and collecting teddy bears for the blankets. Members will be attending this event and assisting in sewing up holes in teddy bears in March.

Charleston County lost two of its longest term members, Doris Foust and Trudy Clayton. They were very active community service members in their club, during the Coastal Carolina Fair and as well in many other activities in the county.



(l to r) Betty Reed, Marlene Williamon, Elma Harris, Heather Kennedy, Daisy Johnson, Lyn Pichard writing Christmas Cards in "Cards for Heroes" project.

SPRING COASTAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Charleston County FCL

Where: Wando Woods Baptist Church
4123 Dorsey ST
N Charleston, SC 29405

When: March 20, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am

How Much: Registration\$4 Meal\$13 Total \$17

Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, March 5

Payable to: Charleston County FCL (CCFCL)

Mail to: Heather Kennedy (843-486-3697)
2163 Poinsettia AV

Summerville, SC 29483

Bring:One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county

Dorchester County

The Givhans Club focused on the community by providing an all male home with comforters for their beds. We made hot meals for them as well. Members continue to participate in the lessons. We invited several organizations to our meeting, Heir's Property and Will Attorneys. We continue to volunteer at the county fair.

The Campbell Thicket Club hosted a five week Healthy Eating workshop presented by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). The workshop consisted of a two hour presentation held for five consecutive Wednesdays beginning in January and ending in February. The workshop was successful. The club gained three new members and one former member.

Club members donated items and made gift baskets that were given to six elderly ladies in the community. A basket was also given to our oldest member (not pictured) who celebrated her 98th birthday this year.

We are proud to have members who are dedicated to the sick by cooking, bathing, etc. on a daily to weekly basis.



SCFCL Sales Items

SCFCL Member Pin	\$5.00	Tomato Knife	\$6.00
SCFCL Cookbook	\$18.00	Travel Mug	\$4.00
Credit Card Cover	\$1.00	Seals(20)	\$1.00
2019 Handbook	\$3.50	Notecards (6)	\$4.00
The Quiet Revolution	\$5.00		

Mailing fee \$5.00 per item payable to: **SCFCL**. Mail to: **SCFCL President**

Water Around The World SCFCL Project in Common with NVON 2013 - 2019



Visit: scfcl.com for more information and see reports from countries where we have sent water filters.



“Double Your Influence...Add To/2” is a project in common with NVON and hope it will spark interest with SCFCL members.

Volunteering in the U.S. is at a 10-year low. While many organizations are rethinking their volunteer recruitment efforts, that alone can't change the low volunteering rate. We need to start taking volunteer retention seriously.

This project emphasizes volunteer retention and recruitment.
Visit: scfcl.com or nvon.com for more information.

Foothills District

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

Oconee County

Our year 2018 began with six Clubs: Coneross Club President Carla Hedden - 10 Members, Selem Club President Joanne Wallis - 5 Members, Seneca Club President Arstellar Moorehead - 5 Members, We-Can-Do Club President Ruth May - 10 Members, and Member-At-Large Ann Yelton - 1 Member Total 31 Members. Each Club met monthly except June, July, and August. All the Clubs reported using the SCFCL Education Lessons during their meetings.

Oconee FCL Board Meetings were held bimonthly in the Walhalla Agriculture Building. Officers attending are President Beverly Jenkins, Vice President Arstellar Moorehead, Secretary and Treasurer Ethelin Stancil, Coneross, Salem, Seneca, We Can Do Clubs Presidents, and Member At Large and Guests. Bimonthly OFCL Board Meetings were: January 22 cancelled due to sickness with flu, March 19 with 4 attendees, May 14 with 4 attendees, July 16 with 4 attendees, September 17 with 3 attendees. Our November 19 meeting was cancelled. All Board and Club Officers for 2018 remained the same.

All 2018 Members dues were sent to SCFCL Treasurer on January 10, 2018.

At the March meeting Club Presidents received copies of the SCFCL Education Lessons and their 2018 OFCL Handbooks for their members.

Oconee FCL Spring Council Meeting was held April 6, with 18 attending. A lot of good food was enjoyed by all. Our speaker Carolyn Dawson did a very interesting program on hemlock trees, including slides as she discussed each item in caring for and treating diseased trees.

Some of the Clubs activities were taking pound cakes and visiting at the Clinton Whiten Village Center, drawing for a boy and girl from the Christmas tree names, others took refreshments and visited a member in a nursing home, and one club gave money and cards to their most senior members.

Wonderful letters of appreciation were received from students who had received a scholarship from our OFCL scholarship endowment fund established at Tri-County Technical College designated for an Oconee County Student. Copies of each letter were passed on to each Club President to share with all members. Our Coneross OFCL Club members contributed \$71.35 this year to the Tri-County Technical College OFCL scholarship endowment fund. We are all so proud of each contribution.

Union County

Union County FCL provides an \$800.00 scholarship each year to an adult Union County resident who has been or is in the work force and is raising a family. This scholarship is also open to a Union County High School or Union County Day School Senior.

In the spring Union County hosted the meeting for the Foothills District. Beautiful decorations were provided by member, Marian Belue. Visitors were presented with a "gift package" that contained, among other items, a crocheted dish cloth, and a microwave cloth bowl.

Various members assisted with the Union County Agricultural Fair in various positions, assisted with the 4-H club summer crochet club, support 4-H program with leaders and through donations, provided educational exhibit through the local agricultural fair, crocheted "hats" for the Gibbs Cancer Center to cancer patients, received numerous ribbons for entries in various categories of the local fair.

Members continue to contribute to the water filtration program for third world countries. We support NVON projects especially the water program. We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education for the local elementary schools to help provide funds for playground equipment and other supplies.

Several members attended the fall council meeting sponsored by York/Chester counties. The SC Annual Conference was attended by two of our members.

Among our projects for 2019 are lap throws to be used by hospice/DSS in Union County. The spring project is to make reusable feminine pads and diapers for third world countries.

SPRING FOOTHILLS DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Laurens County FCL

Where: Lee's Barbecue

16994 Highway 72 West

Waterloo, SC 29384

When: March 26, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am

How much: Registration \$2 Meal \$13 Total \$15.00

Deadline for Registration: Monday, March 11

Payable to: Laurens County FCL (LCFCL)

Mail to: Bobbie Earle (864-984-4088)

P O Box 264

Laurens, SC 29360

Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county

Newberry County

- Programs were presented each month.
- Nine members attended the Spring District meeting in Union.
- At the Spring Council meeting, the director of the Free Medical Clinic spoke about what the clinic does and who it serves. FCL members were asked to bring paper supplies for their use. One of our members is a member of that board.
- The city manager of Newberry and four of his department heads presented a program about what they do.
- Eleven members attended the Fall District meeting in Richburg.
- In November the mayor of Newberry spoke on "What is Happening in Newberry".
- FCL members brought lunch and shared fellowship with Mayor Foster Seen and Clemson Extension staff.
- In early December Willa Brown, an FCL member, hosted her annual "feed the neighborhood". Six FCL members furnished food, helped serve the meal and clean up along with others from the neighborhood. This event provided food for over 200 people.
- Later in December, present and former members traveled to the home of a former member who is now homebound. Members brought lunch and shared food and fellowship.
- Members are encouraged to visit a former member who now resides in a local nursing home. Contact was made with her family and Christmas gifts were given.
- \$25.00 was donated to the Mildred Holliday Scholarship Fund when the CD came up for renewal.
- \$100.00 was donated to the 4-H leader for her activities.
- Three members attended the Annual FCL meeting in Columbia.
- One of our members sits on the Board of the Newberry County Hospital. Another is our District FCL Director.
- One member helps with two 4-H cooking classes and knits baby hats for the Newberry County Hospital.

Saluda County



Annually in January, the Saluda FCL holds their Soup & Sandwich Bazaar at the Saluda County Agricultural Building. This is our annual fundraiser where we sell homemade soup, sandwiches, cakes, pies, and other sweets. We were delighted with the wonderful turnout of locals. It is something that everyone looks forward to. The funds go toward the Saluda FCL activities and to fund two \$50 gifts to Saluda 4-H'ers that are named the Saluda County 4-H'er of the year.

2019 SCFCL Annual Meeting

“Plant the Seeds of Learning”

Monday, October 21 and Tuesday, October 22

Inn on the Square

104 East Court Avenue

Greenwood, SC 29646

www.InnOnTheSquare.net

Room Rate: \$109 plus tax



Annual NVON Conference

July 23-25, 2019

Springdale Holiday Inn, Springdale, Arkansas

Lifelong Learning

“Today’s Woman Striving to Strengthen Her Community”

TOURS: Walmart Museum, Railroad Dinner Train Tour, Peel Mansion and Garden and lots more

CRAFT CLASSES: 11

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS: 12

REGISTRATION: \$150 per person (includes 2 dinners, 2 lunches)

HOTEL INFORMATION: Springdale Holiday Inn, Springdale, Arkansas

Room Rate: \$119 plus tax

Booking code: NVO

For complete conference information (hotel, tours, workshop descriptions, and craft workshops info) visit the NVON website:

nvon.org

Registration deadline: June 17, 2019

**Silverteen Mitchum
Vice President**



**Hilary Bales
Central District Director**



Individual Membership Awards

Individual members certificates are given each year at the Fall District Meetings to members for the total length of years as members of SCFCL (or its previous names). Certificates are presented to members when they are in the 25-30-35-40-45-50-55-60-65-70+ year of membership.

Certificates presented in 2018

Chester	70 years	Annie Nunnery
Union	65 years	Bernice Gist
Bamberg	60 years	Hermenia Graham
Lexington	60 years	Marge Carter
Lexington	60 years	Emma Lou Easley
Union	60 years	Barbara Epps
Union	60 years	Gladys Epps
Williamsburg	60 years	Ruth A McKnight
Bamberg	55 years	Richardell Limehouse
Fairfield	50 years	Carolyn Miller
Bamberg	45 years	Lucinda Harley
Oconee	45 years	Dessie Beasley
Union	45 years	Gwendolyn Moment
Bamberg	40 years	Evelyn Jones
Barnwell	40 years	Edith Allen
Lexington	40 years	Carolyn Redmond
Richland	40 years	Holly Scott
Chester	35 years	Daisy Moore
Richland	35 years	Martha Jones
York	35 years	Catherine Barrett
York	35 years	Betty Ann Rudisill
York	35 years	Barbara Smith
Bamberg	30 years	Corine Maynard
Barnwell	30 years	Joann Kears
Dorchester	30 years	Dannie Surgeon
Horry	30 years	Raschelle Moss
Richland	30 years	Pat Breznay
Kershaw	25 years	Betty Gilmer
Lancaster	25 years	Ella Alexander
Lexington	25 years	Norma Pillow
Richland	25 years	Lois Anderson
Richland	25 years	Evelyn Hill
Saluda	25 years	Nita Berry

County President's Awards

Each year the County President's Award is presented during the Annual Meeting to County Presidents who demonstrate leadership, represent their county with enthusiasm, attend district and state activities and meetings, submit documentation requirements on a timely basis and accomplish items listed below by the County President or designated representative with a positive attitude.

The person who served as County President from January to December shall receive the certificate representing their County.

Certificates presented in 2018

Bamberg	Kershaw
Charleston	Laurens
Dorchester	Lexington
Greenwood	Orangeburg
Hampton	Richland

New Member Awards

New member certificates are given to counties who have new paid members in one year (January to December). Certificates will be based on previous year's final membership numbers. New members cannot previously have been a member of SCFCL (or its previous names).

Certificates presented in 2018

Bamberg-7	Kershaw-2
Beaufort-2	Laurens-1
Calhoun-5	Lexington-2
Charleston-1	Newberry-1
Chester-9	Richland-3
Dorchester-6	Sumter-5
Fairfield-1	Union13
Greenwood-1	Williamsburg-3
Horry-1	

Notes from your President

What a great 2018. We had wonderful attendance at the 6 District Meetings, attendees enjoyed the speakers, craft workshops and education seminars at the first 2-day annual meeting since 2014, we welcomed 35 new members from across the state and presented individual membership awards to 33 individuals from 25 to 70 years as members. Congratulations!

Coming in March are the District Meetings. The Central District has a new District Director, **Hilary Bales** from Richland County. The Foothills District Director, **Doriece McMorris**' 3-year term expires at the end of 2019 so please give her a call and help her find someone to take her place starting January 1, 2020. We are also looking for a President-elect who will shadow the president for one year followed by a 3-year term as president. Call the Nominating Committee: **Dot Tunstall, Betty Osgood and Doriece McMorris** and help them with nominees for this office. New Member Certificates will be presented at the Spring District Meetings for those counties with an increase of new members from January 1 through December 31, 2018. Be on hand to be recognized March 19, March 20 and March 26.

January 1 started a new state project "**Diapers and Pads Handmade by SCFCL.**" A number of clubs have already organized and made items. Alice Williams is coordinating this project so contact her if you have question. (alicesw1954@gmail.com)

National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) continues with the "**Water Around The World**" project collecting over \$6800 in 2018 and will continue for several more years. \$6816 was sent to **Connect for Water** for 284 water filters and drill bits. Since **Connect for Water** is an international company and knows who is in the most need, we have given them approval to choose locations to send water filters as they know best. As we have correspondence from them we will place that information on SCFCL's website.

Adair Hoover an extension agent from Oconee is the 2019 recipient of the **Buff Swicegood Travel-Study Award** (BSTSA) and will be traveling through NC, SC and Florida for her study on Food2Market. She will be presenting a program at our Annual Meeting in October in Greenwood. If you or another member would like to apply for the BSTSA, an application can be found on scfcl.com and is due April 1 to me.

The Education Committee meets April 30 to begin the process of selecting Education Lessons for 2020. If you have any ideas or suggestions for lessons, please contact the new Vice President, **Silverteen Mitchum** and she will be eager to receive your suggestions. (silverteenmitchum@hotmail.com)

Don't forget the 2-Day Annual Meeting in Greenwood at the Inn on the Square, Monday, **October 21** and Tuesday, **October 22**. Registration and all the details will be in the fall issue of News and Views but as details are available you can check **scfcl.com** occasionally for the latest info.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring District Meetings and hearing what everyone is up to. See you soon.



Pat Breznay
President

Message for your State Advisor

It was very exciting to attend the 2018 State FCL Meeting. The craft and educational programs were a delight. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. If you missed out on the activities, please plan to attend the next one which is currently being planned in Greenwood County. We have some wonderful workshops being planned including one that I will present on cake decorating. If you have a presentation that you think might be good for the annual meeting, please contact Becky Dixon (johnbeckydixon@gmail.com) or myself (clake@clemson.edu).

Update on Mom Many of you heard about my mother that suffered a stroke on October 10th. She completed rehab with much success. She is able to walk independently without using a walker. She suffered a fall in November that cracked a rib which she has finally recovered from and is able to stay by herself with all the children checking on her multiple times a day. I want to thank everyone for their prayers during this stressful time in my life.



Connie Lake
SCFCL Advisor

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