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SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

CELEBRATED

100 YEARS (1921-2021)



The Annual Meeting and 100th Anniversary Celebration

October 12, 2021

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

1500 Sunset Boulevard

West Columbia

News and Views

Fall

SCFCL Website: <http://www.scfcl.com>

2021

SCFCL is affiliated with Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), Country Women's Council USA (CWC), National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) and in partnership with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service

Bamberg County



The Bamberg County Family and Community Leaders (SCFCL) founded on providing service to others, collected items, and prepared care packages for the residents in Lowcountry Assisted Living (Ehrhardt, South Carolina), Dean's Boarding Home (Bamberg, South Carolina), and Ujima Apartments (Bamberg, South Carolina) on June 9, 2021. Under the leadership of Ms. Eva Manigault, the group continues to provide an opportunity for the improvement of home and community life.



EACH COUNTY:

Don't forget to bring the below items to the Annual Meeting on October 12:

- 1. \$10 Gift Card**
- 2. Large County flag, pole and stand**
(They will be the backdrop for the meeting
no flag procession)
- 3. County Display**
(If you want half of a 6-ft table to display
some of your county historical items, let me
know by 10-8-21 and I'll reserve half a table for
your county)



In 1997 in Greenville (Embassy Suites) it was agreed for counties to make flags (3' X 5'), materials of your choice, 2 1/2 inch sleeve on 3 foot side, 8 foot pole, 1 1/4 inch diameter pole and gold colored stand. The first time we had a procession was at White Oak Conference in 1998. Locate your county flag and bring it to West Columbia, October 12.

Lexington County

Lexington County FCL currently has six clubs and nine Associate Members giving us about sixty-one members. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of our clubs have not been meeting face to face. We are hopeful that things will return to at least “near-normal” in the fall and we’ll be able to meet in person again. Our January Board Meeting was conducted virtually via ZOOM™, but we are planning to hold our June Board Meeting and our Lexington County Fall Council Meeting in person.

The Herb Bunch’s 9th Annual Herb Festival held on April 10, was a notable success!. One of the functions of this festival is to give out scholarships for a deserving student majoring in Agriculture, Horticulture, or Nutritional Science. (Picture upper right) A founder of the Herb Bunch, Melinda Spencer, was given special posthumous recognition in memory of her passing last year. (Picture lower right)

We continue to collect money and goods to support the children in Foster Care in Lexington County as well as collecting personal care items for Sistercare for their domestic violence survivors.

Lexington County will be the host county for our SCFCL Annual Meeting and 100th Anniversary Celebration, October 12, 2021, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, West Columbia. We invite you to join us, as we celebrate 100 years of South Carolina Family and Community Leaders’ serving our Palmetto State community.



Kershaw County

The Kershaw County Family and Community Leaders join other counties in saying “Happy 100th Anniversary to our organization. We are excited and looking forward to many more years!” With your footprint on our hearts, we continue to make splashes as we gracefully age with you.

We are thankful for the educational programs and fortunate to be members. The knowledge we have gained has given us wings to soar. We have learned more than the basic homemaking skills. We developed as leaders giving us our voices. We treasure the friendships and everlasting bonds created as members. We are happy and proud of all we have accomplished through you.

This is an incredible milestone, but not nearly as incredible as the leaders, advisors, administrative staff, and everyone who helped along the way. We are happy and proud of all you have accomplished.

We are thankful for Winthrop College and the leaders who had a vision and the dedication to see that vision to fruition. We are thankful to Clemson Extension Service for staying with us through the years as your talents and effort have helped us succeed.

Covid-19 put us on the sideline temporarily, but during that time we had two Kershaw members join the Walk South Carolina Program. We are looking toward a bright future in July when we will assemble again with club meetings.

Orangeburg County

Orangeburg County FCL held our 2020 board meeting on March 10 and made plans for our yearly activities, but soon after that COVID-19 came into our area and we were unable to continue meeting and carrying out some of our plans. We were able to donate a total of \$350.00 to five community agencies serving the public and to the Orangeburg County 4-H program.

In April 2020, our members made and donated 75 masks to workers cleaning up after serious storm damage.

For SCFCL Give Hope, our county contributed 58 bags filled with personal care items, blankets, games and toys suitable for women and children. We had planned to give these bags to Casa Family Services in Orangeburg, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, they were not able to accept donations at that time. Instead, we gave them to the Samaritan House in Orangeburg, which is a homeless shelter.

We have missed being able to fellowship together and are glad all 11 members have rejoined. Since we have not been meeting due to the pandemic as well as other health problems, copies of this year’s education lessons have been distributed to each of our members so they can benefit from this information.

One of our clubs hopes to resume meeting in September. It will be great to be able to attend the state meeting in October.

Richland County

Richland County FCL wishes all members a Happy 100th Anniversary. We have come a long way and performed many, many community assistance projects over the years. The pandemic has hampered our club meetings and projects but we hope to revitalize as conditions improve.

Since 1896, Epworth Children's Home in Columbia has been a place for children to grow, learn and be loved. Children ages 12 and up come from severely stressed family systems and our goal is to nurture and love them by providing education, counseling, medical care and spiritual enrichment. Our aim is to break the destructive cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with an opportunity for each child to live a life of self-respect, responsibility and productivity.

The mission of Epworth Children's Home is to serve children, youth and families through caring, safe, Christian communities, where hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God self and others is developed.

RCFCL always lends a helping hand where there is need. What better way to support the community than to help children, our leaders for tomorrow.



Phyllis Brown from North Columbia FCL Club made and donated 30 plus robes for the children of Epworth Children's Home. Beth Robinson, Volunteer Coordinator, (left) accepts these custom robes on behalf of these young residents who will greatly appreciate using them.

2021 Fall District Meeting

ALL-IN-ONE

The Board decided since counties are not quite ready for person to person meetings, we will offer an all-in-one **Fall District Meeting, September 21 on ZOOM**. The meeting will begin at **10 am and finish by 2 pm**. We will have district business first as needed. Central District members will need to **elect a new Central District Director**. Coastal and Foothills districts may have business but no election is scheduled.

Richland County Sheriff's Department will present a program on "**Active Shooter**" mainly related to our age group and what to do if the situation arises. This program will last approximately 20 minutes with time for questions at the end. Get your club members together and attend by ZOOM.

SCFCL Fall District Meeting, September 21, 10am - 2pm Find ZOOM link below at scfcl.com"newsletter":

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87675866041?pwd=eXlxdmZ5L0ZlNUVQZGZGE0R3BLS3I2dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 7586 6041 Passcode: 645007

We will send a reminder and the above link to each county president and administrative assistant a few days before the meeting. If you would like a ZOOM link sent directly to you, send me an email and I will send you the ZOOM link. Hope to see you **September 21**.

If you have questions, please give Pat Breznay or Pam Hanfland a call.

2021 - 2022 State Project

WalkSC
for better SCFCL Health



WalkSC is a 12-week online program allowing participants to virtually walk trails across South Carolina while staying in the comforts of their home communities. The program was initially designed for any age adult with no medical issues that would prevent a regular walking routine. Through this pilot program, plans are currently geared toward adults age 55+ who are not currently active but interested in becoming active by establishing a regular walking plan.

WalkSC was created by the Clemson University Extension Service Rural Health and Nutrition Team.

Laurens County

Our county, like all the other counties, came to a halt with the Covid-19 virus hit. Our last meeting in person was in March 2020. We meet at a church and the church closed its doors to public meetings. Since that time our members have tried to stay in contact either by phone or by sending cards.

Virginia Thompson made about 65 masks for Martha Franks Retirement Center nurses, Kathy Duncan and Sally Longway made masks for family and friends.

In October 2020 we lost one of our faithful members, Susan Stevens. Before she died, she had made over 200 masks for family and friends. We have carried items to the Memorial Home for the Ages, Laurens Crisis Center, and the Safe Home store.

Carroll Traynham continues to work with Tiny Trotters Therapy Horses. These are small horses that are used in campaigns like "Just say whoa to bullying" and other special need awareness.

Sally Longway and Margie Patterson have been busy quilting. They have made lap quilts for a nursing home in Fountain Inn, SC, Quilts of Valor for veterans and children's quilts to be given out by the Simpsonville Police Department.

Marilyn Easter wrote a grant through Dairy Alliance for a cooler for United Ministries and was given a \$2600.00 cooler to help with providing dairy products to families in need during the Covid crisis. She and her husband, Glen have a dairy farm and they donated milk to United Ministries for families who need milk for their family.

As you can see, we have been busy helping our neighbors during this crisis. We hope to be able to meet again in August.

Wanted

Officers needed to help lead our organization

The below officers must be elected at the Annual Meeting for our organization to continue.

Nomination forms are at: scfcl.com or by calling the SCFCL President

Vice President

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Serve as aide to the President who shall assign duties.
- Serve as Chair of the State Education Committee.
- Coordinate all educational programming efforts in the state.
- Provide membership recruitment.
- Develop membership materials for the organization.
- Develop methods for promotion of education programs.
- Perform President's duties in the President's absence or inability to serve.

Secretary

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Keep records of all meetings of SCFCL, the Board, and Executive Committee
- Call the roll to determine the number of voting delegates present at all Business Sessions to determine if a majority of voting members are present to establish a quorum.
- Maintain a complete file of SCFCL and Board activities to include a copy of each newsletter, meeting program, handbook and SCFCL minutes to be placed in the archives.

Treasurer

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Receive and keep records of all funds of SCFCL and deposit as directed by The Board.
- Pay authorized expenses of SCFCL upon receipt of a signed voucher with receipts from the President.
- Receive membership lists, dues and any other contributions from each county.

Central District Director

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings, district meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Serve as a representative of District on The Board and coordinate activities in District.
- Serve as a member of the State Education Committee.
- Hold at least one meeting annually of each district. When possible hold a Spring and Fall Meeting.
- Preside at District Meetings



REGISTRATION FORM
South Carolina Family and Community Leaders
Annual Meeting and 100th Anniversary Celebration
"A Century of Improving the Quality of Life"



October 12, 2021

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

1500 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169

****Please fill out a separate form for each person attending****

Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email Confirmation ____Y ____N

Email _____

Please check all that apply:

Member _____ Guest _____ Advisor _____ Voting Delegate _____ First time attending SCFCL Annual Mtg. _____

Board Member _____ State Office held _____

List Special Dietary or Health Needs _____

Registration includes Lunch

\$25 for member \$ _____

\$30 for non-members \$ _____

Late Fee after September 14, 2021

\$10 Late fee for postmarks after 9/14/21 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone # _____

Make check payable to: Lexington County FCL

Mail form and check to: Bette Chinnors, 152 Cherokee Hills Ct, Lexington, SC 29072

ALL FEES ARE TRASFERABLE – NOT REFUNDABLE

Directions to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1500 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169

From Rock Hill: I-77 S toward I-20 West, Augusta. Merge onto I-20 W toward Charleston. Take exit 64A onto I-26 toward Charleston. Take Exit 110 onto US 378 E/Sunset Blvd toward West Columbia. Go 1.6 miles, turn left into parking lot.

From Greenville: I-26 E toward Columbia. Take Exit 110 onto US 378 E/Sunset Blvd toward West Columbia. Go 1.6 miles, turn left into parking lot.

From Charleston: I-26 W toward Columbia. Take Exit 110 onto US 378 E/Sunset Blvd toward West Columbia. Go 1.6 miles, turn left into parking lot.



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9:00-9:30 am Registration and Voting Delegates sign in
Gift Basket Card Drop Off and Basket Ticket Sales
SCFCL Sales Table Open

9:30 Business Meeting

Call to Order

Welcome

Pledge to US and SC Flags

SCFCL Creed

Voting Delegates Roll Call

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Proposed Budget

President's Report (SCFCL, NVON, CWC)

State Projects Reports

"SCFCL gives Hope"

"WalkSC"

"Double Your Influence"

County President's Awards

Nominating Committee Report

Tellers Committee Report

Election of Officers

Recognition of Outgoing Officers

Blessing

Lunch

4-H Scholarship Recipients

Recognition of Guests, FCL Advisors, Past State Presidents,

Introduction of Luncheon Speakers

"A Century of Improving the Quality of Life"

Former State Advisors

Dr. Nancy Porter

Lou Robinson

Dr. Diane Smathers

Sue Hovey Walters

100th Anniversary Cake Cutting

Installation of Officers

2022 State Project & Educational Lessons

Invitation to 2022 SCFCL Annual Meeting

Announcements and Gift Card Basket Drawing

100th Anniversary Souvenirs

Adjourned

Pat Breznay

Pam Hanfland

Dot Tunstall

Dale Morrow

Linda Westbrook

Linda Westbrook

Pat Breznay

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Silvertean Mitchum, Chair

Pat Breznay

Pat Breznay

Judee Shelley

Sweet Magnolia's

Connie Lake

Pat Breznay

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Charleston County

Governor Henry McMaster signed a proclamation June 7, 2021 proclaiming:

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders 100th Anniversary Day throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the organization and its volunteers for their significant contributions to our state and nation.



In Loving Memory



Laurens County - Susan Stevens
Newberry County - Harold McMorris
Saluda County - Dot Bradley



2020 - 2021 STATE PROJECT SCFCL



“SCFCL Gives Hope” brings awareness to our members of the need for domestic violence shelters and gives hope to those who enter them by showing them that they are not alone and that there are those who are willing to stand by them and help them in their time of need. We started this project in January 2020 but due to the pandemic collecting and giving needed items to domestic violence victims in our state through local women’s shelters was not promoted as other projects in the past so the project was extended until December 31, 2021. Visit scfcl.com to download the report form which is due October 1.

2022 - 2024 PROJECT IN COMMON WITH NVON



“BEE-CAUSE Pollinators Feed the World” objective is to educate and inform members about the importance of pollinators and how we can be better stewards of the pollinators’ role in the world’s food supply chain. Some ideas to start with:

- Recognize Pollinator week, Earth Day and World Bee Day (dates change annually).
- Partner with local gardening groups to promote vegetable gardening and flower beds.
- Partner with local Beekeepers and Bee Keeper Associations.

This Project begins January 2022 and will continue through the end of 2024. More information can be found on SCFCL’s website: scfcl.com

A note from SCFCL Advisor

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” – President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. This speech was delivered during a dedication of the Soldiers’ National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania while the American Civil War was taking place. It was November 19, 1863 that this well-known speech was given. (Wikipedia.org)

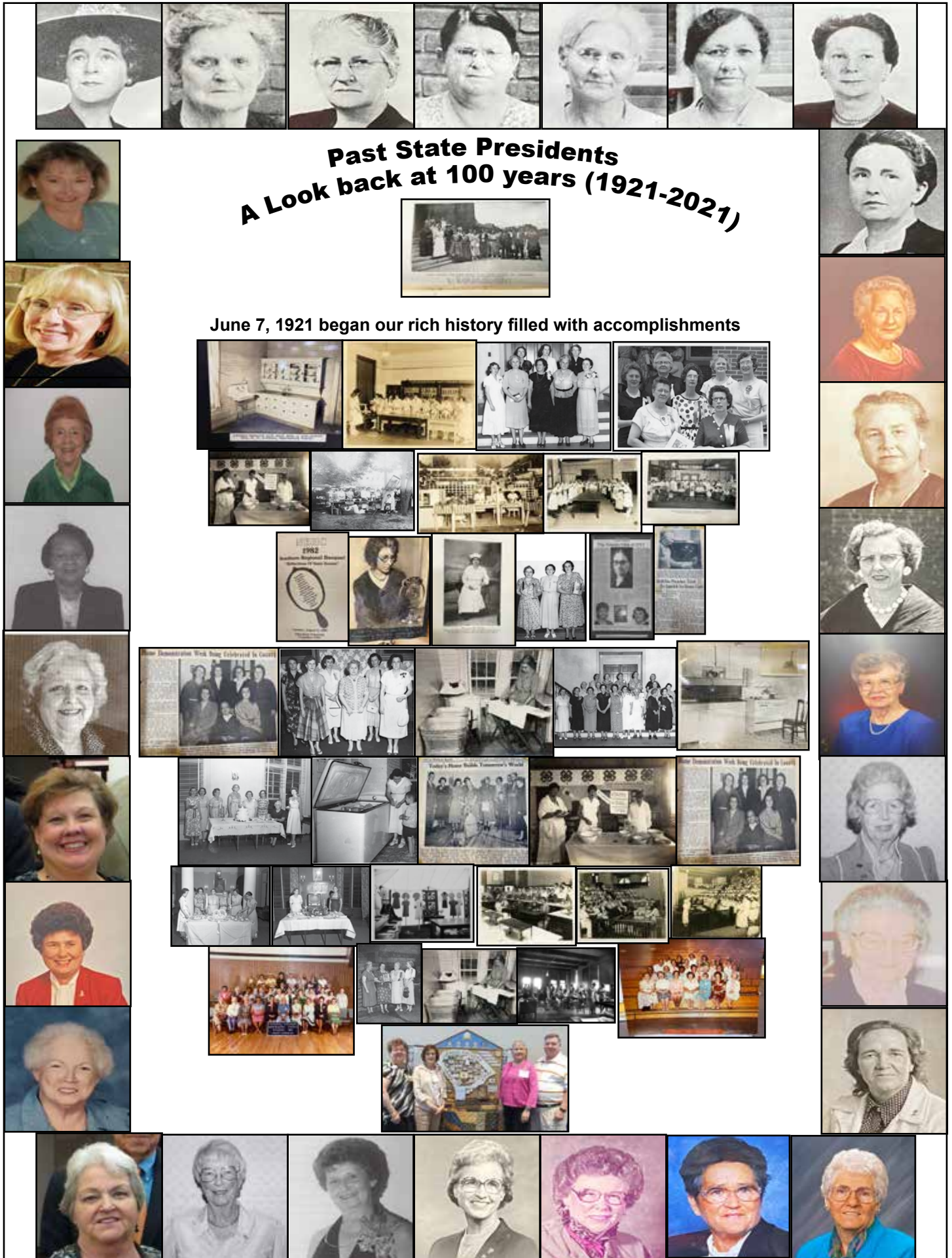
With Memorial Day just pasted and the Fourth of July Celebrations happening now, we remember our American presidents and what they did for our country. I have been reflecting of how much they sacrificed for our freedom and the history they made to develop America into what it is today.

We made history while surviving the pandemic. Even though it is not completely over, we are finally seeing some changes of things going back to normal. Some of you survived the Recession and have passed many stories down about that survival. Today’s population has survived the pandemic, and we will have many stories to tell others.

Through these changes in history, there is always times to celebrate. I celebrated a new grandchild that was born in the middle of the pandemic. I have enjoyed spoiling him, just as grandmothers have done throughout history. I look forward to the time when we are all back together to tell the stories of our celebrations during this time of survival of the pandemic.

Connie Lake





a message from the President

Hurray! We made it! 100 Years



On June 7, 2021 our organization went over the 100 year mark. Hope you have been following on our Facebook page as Pam, our webmaster has been placing historic photos I copied from scrapebooks and records from Winthrop University's Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collection on Mondays and Thursdays. Did you see yourself, a relative or friend in any of the photos? We will continue placing photos until October 12 when we have our Annual Meeting and 100th Year Celebration at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1500 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia.

Have you located your large county flag, pole and stand? Please bring them to the Annual Meeting as they will be our center piece backdrop. We have tables reserved for displays so let me know if you plan to bring historic items from your county. Do you have a county agent/advisor who has been around for a long, long time and instrumental in helping your county stay organized, you might invite her to the meeting. We have invited the Past State Advisors to share their experiences during the meeting and look forward to their perspectives. We will have a special celebration cake, made by Connie Lake, our advisor and will give 100 attendees a special 100th Anniversary souvenir. The registration form and agenda for the meeting are in this newsletter. Hope you will be able to attend and help us celebrate the first 100 years then kick off the next 100 years of fellowship, education and service.

The three counties who planned to host the 2021 fall district meetings aren't ready to meet face to face so we plan to have a ZOOM meeting September 21. There will be only one meeting for all three districts and take care of business as needed. The meeting starts at 10am and should finish by 2pm. Richland County Sheriff's Department will be presenting an education lesson for us on "Active Shooter" and what we need to do while shopping or out-and-about to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Your club or county members might want to get together at a member's home to participate in the meeting. You might contact your county extension office and see if they can help you connect to the meeting or your local public library may be able to help as well. If that fails, get your children or grandchildren to help. It should be a very informative meeting. Hope to see you on September 21st. I will email the ZOOM link and password to all county presidents and to the administrative assistant in each county several days before the meeting. If you want a personal link, email me and I will send you an email with the link. The ZOOM link is below and can also be found on SCFCL's website: scfcl.com "newsletter"

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87675866041?pwd=eXlxRDZ5L0ZINUVQZGE0R3BLS3I2dz09>
Meeting ID: 876 7586 6041 Passcode: 645007

The State Project "WALKSC" was held for 12 weeks starting the first of April. It was quite an adventure. About 36 members signed up but it might have gotten a little too warm as not all who signed up finished. We started with 2000 steps a day for the first week and ended week-12 walking 10,286 steps a day. Many of us walked several passages on the Palmetto Trail. What a treat to see parts of South Carolina we had not seen before. Hope participants improved their health and well being.

SCFCL Gives Hope, Domestic Violence Awareness Project concludes December 31, 2021. Most counties collected items and were able to send them to needed places but not necessarily the location they originally planned. Our members always come to the aid when there is a need. Thanks for your support of this project.

I hope later in the fall, clubs will be able to meet in person again and share that camaraderie that has helped us be the caring, warm and supportive organization we have been over the past 100 years.

Let's start our next 100 years with bright ideas, helping hands and everlasting enthusiasm filled with dedication, education and service for each of us, our families, our communities, our state, our nation and our world.

Pat Breznay, President 2021-2023

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Be sure to invite your friends!

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