

# News and Views

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

“Improving the quality of life through fellowship, education and service”



Fall

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

2023

The theme for the 2023 Annual Meeting October 26 at Concord Presbyterian Church hosted by Sumter County FCL is

## “SCFCL Strengthening Communities.”

At this Annual Meeting in Sumter County, each county can bring a display to highlight someone who has represented their county over and beyond. You might have several members that you might like to highlight either living or who has been a member from the past. Counties that request in advance by October 16th to have a 6 foot table to use can bring historic items to recognize their “Bestie”. Over the years, SCFCL has had many outstanding members who have been in leadership roles, who have been the voice of their county or who have done something special for their county so this is an opportunity to recognize them. Bring a display board, awards, trophies, metals, books, plaques, pictures, or anything to represent this person or persons. We know you have lots of people that fit the bill so put on your creative thinking caps and let’s see what you come up with.



Debbie Calcutt made this display as a suggested idea to use for your member recognition at the Annual Meeting.

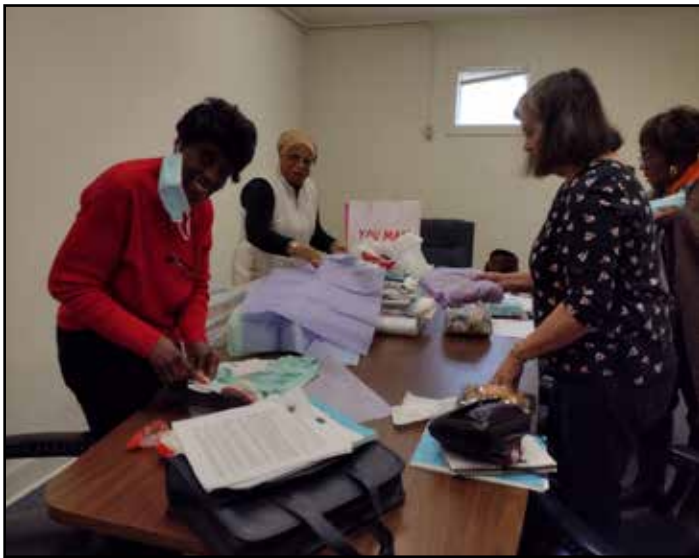
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## Kershaw County

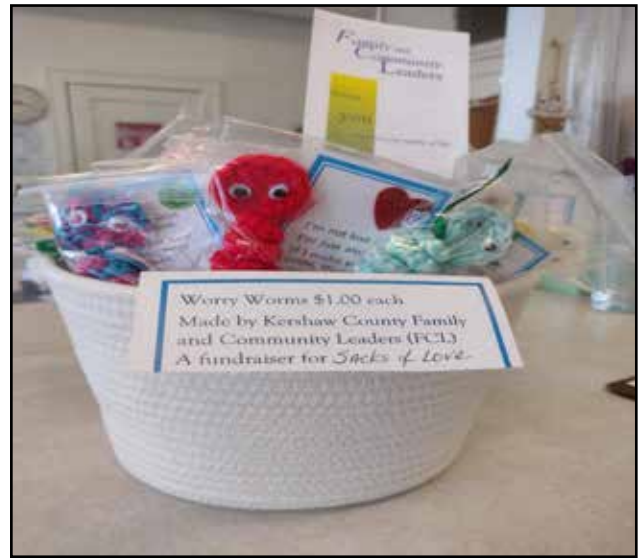
The Kershaw County FCL Clubs were happy to add three new members within the last year! Members have been using their green thumbs to help with the United Ways' community gardens in Kershaw County. Five are located at local churches and recreation centers. Juicy ripe plums and plum jam were donated to 15 local families by the Parker Club.

In February, Parker Club members held a baby shower for the resident families of New Day on Mill, a transitional housing facility for previously homeless residents (Picture on right.) They crocheted "Worry Worms" as a fundraiser to support their local charity efforts like "Sacks of Love," a program that offers summer lunches to school children in need. Members keep the "Worms" in stock at the counter of the local extension office. Next, the Parker Club will make holiday wreaths to sell for their Fall charity.

The Mt. Pisgah Club built Mason Bee houses for their monthly lesson, Let's Keep Our Bees Buzzing. Pisgah members also collected items for a local family whose home burned. Both clubs are happy to see each other again, now meeting in person monthly.



Members prepare for baby shower for previously homeless residents.



"Worry Worms" are crocheted by members as a fundraiser to support local charities.



Kershaw County members use their green thumbs to grow and pick plums then make jam to donate to local families in local churches and rec centers.



## Lexington County

Lexington County FCL currently has five clubs and five Associate Members for a total of sixty members. Sixteen new members joined us this year.

The Herb Bunch 11th annual festival on March 25th was a huge success! The community turned out in full force despite the intermittent rain, so much so in fact, that this year's festival boasts a record-high attendance! This year's festival might attribute some of its attendance success to pre-event coverage on WIS-TV's "Soda City Live." Four scholarships were awarded for 2022 and 2023. The bee houses were a big hit with the children and will help with pollination in our area. The 12th Annual Herb Festival is scheduled for April 6, 2024 at the Lexington County Museum. (Pictured below)



We continue to collect money and goods to support the children in Foster Care in Lexington County. (Pictured top right) Our members generously donated \$450 cash, \$50 McDonald's Gift Cards, \$40 Wendy's Gift Cards, 2 Bars of Dove Soap, 2 Pairs of Girl's Socks, 4 Girls' T-Shirts, 3 Containers of Baby Wipes (72 each pkg), 1 Zipper Pouch, 1 pkg Fruit Snacks (10 pouches), 1 strip (5 pkg) Cheese Dip & Bread Sticks, 1 Box Goldfish Crackers (20 packs), 2 Frito Lay Snacks (18 packs in each box) 2 Boxes Fruit Snacks (6 packs in each box), 1 Box Sweet Cookies (10 packs) 4 Story Books, 1 Fashion Sketch Pad With stickers, 29 Coloring Books, 2 Word Search Books, 1 Giant Coloring Pad, 4 Journals, Box Crayons (8) 5 Boxes Crayons (24 each) 4 Jumbo Crayons (8 each), 24 Boxes Crayons (8 each box), 4 Boxes Colored Pencils (12 each box), 2 Large Crochet Bears, 1 Small Crochet Unicorn, 1 Crochet Elephant, and 1 Crochet Lamb.

Our Ways and Means Chairman, Judee Shelley, coordinated a successful 2022 pecan sale. We sold a



number of pecans sufficient to net a profit of approximately \$600 which will be allocated to help support Lexington County Family and Community Leaders' goals. Let us know if you would like to purchase any pecans. Orders are due by September 30, 2023, and will be delivered about November 15, 2023.

Lexington County hosted the Spring Central District Meeting, on March 14. There were 36 attendees from the Central District. We are preparing for our Lexington County Annual Meeting. It will be held on October 7, 2023, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Matthew Quattlebaum, Education Program Assistant, Lexington Soil & Water Conservation District will be our speaker to share information on pollinators to support our State Project In Common With NVON, "BEE-CAUSE Pollinators Feed the World. Lexington County is having a very successful year in 2023!

## SCFCL NEEDS YOUR HELP

At this time of writing, there has been no nominations submitted for the 3 of the 4 state officers (**President, Secretary, Treasurer or Coastal District Director**). I'm hoping after this newsletter is read by all members, there will be volunteers to step forward to fill these leadership roles. There is a Nominations Form in this newsletter. Fill out the form and mail to me or Doriece McMorris. The deadline for the Nominations Form to be submitted was July 1 but as long as the qualifications are met and submitted before the Annual Meeting, the Nominee can be voted on if nominated from the floor at the appropriate time during the Annual Meeting.

**STEP UP and be a part of our FUTURE!**

# Richland County

Since our last visit with RCFCL, we've taken off 3 months during the summer when families vacation and most clubs don't have meetings but clubs were very busy before the summer.

North Columbia FCL Club worked on a special project to collect paper products for a local women's shelter. Angie Whitehead (L) and Kathy Riley (R) were the Women's Shelter representatives accepting the car load of paper products on behalf of the women's shelter.

Horrell Hill FCL Club hosted the Spring Council Meeting with invited guest Pam Robinson (pictured on left top) who's topic was "Bee Aware of the importance of Bees and Pollinators". After 30 years as a lawyer, Pam is newly retired and is now taking on the hobby as a beekeeper. She shared lots of information most of us didn't know about bees. A special treat was the custom made table decorations made by Alice Williams (Pictured on bottom left.)

Richland Herb Society meets every month except summer months in person and for those who are unable to attend, the meetings are offered on Facebook live. We have had a few glitches and sometimes only one member attends on Facebook live but we will keep trying to make this available for members. Each month a different herb is highlighted with members volunteering to research and present the lesson. Some of the herbs discussed this year were dill, lemon grass, parsleys, and fennel, mint and chervil. Pam Clark discussed lemon grass. The May plant exchange ends the first half of the year with members bringing plants they potted to exchange with other members. In June, members visited the home of Pat and Jim whose yard is filled with herbs, perennials, and lots of colorful hydrangeas. For the theme of the picnic

(Pictured below) it was "Down to Earth" with gingham "chicken scratch" tablecloth, fresh picked hydrangeas, covered dishes prepared by members, flower pot cupcakes and even a handful of trained ants. Hope the first half of your year has been as educational and fun as ours and our Facebook live friends.



Horrell Hill Club hosted Pam Robinson program on Bees.



Richland Herb Society (L to R) Susan, Pam, Ferrie and Pat)



(L to R) Phyllis Brown, Verna Wise, Annie Wilson gather and organize items for shelter



(L to R) Phyllis Brown, Pearlena Smith, Annie Wilson collect paper products



Horrell Hill Club table decorations by Alice Williams.



Richland Herb Society Pam Clark presents program on Lemon Grass.



(L to R) Angie Whitehead and Kathy Riley, Women's Shelter

## SCFCL's State Display at the 2023 NVON Conference in Parkersburg, WV

Visit NVON's website: [nvon.org](http://nvon.org)

to see highlights, state reports and photos of the conference



### 2022-2024 State Project

### “BEE-Cause Pollinators Feed the World”

### Project in Common with NVON

**Donate \$1.00 (One dollar) per person to Heifer International to support BEE populations everywhere**

As you know, SCFCL is among the 9 states that are members of National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON). The Project in Common for 3 years is Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World. SCFCL has shared the same project with one year remaining (2024). Heifer International supports this project and has matched NVON's donations toward Honeybee gift packages. Earlier this year NVON collected \$3150 from several states for this project and Heifer International was able to provide 210 Honeybee packages internationally.

NVON has asked each state to make a \$1.00 per person donation toward this worthwhile project. Your Heifer International honeybee gift donation includes a bee package, hive, box, and training in beekeeping techniques. When you buy bees for a family in need, the gift:

- Increases the global honeybee population to support the environment.
- Boost income through sales of honey, wax, and pollen for families in need.
- Stimulate growth of the family's crops through pollination.
- Healthy beehives can double fruit and vegetable yields of small farms.

I would like for every member of SCFCL to make a \$1.00 donation to this project. Collect \$1.00 per person in your county then have your county treasurer send the amount with 2024 dues to the State Treasurer, Linda Westbrook by January 15, 2024, made payable to: SCFCL, Please make sure you list how much you are sending for Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World \$1.00 donation.

I would like to report at next year's NVON Conference that SCFCL had 100% participation in this project. Thanks for helping Bee-Cause we all need to believe in the power of people, the power to overcome, the power to flourish and the power to thrive.



SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COMMUNITY LEADERS  
 2023 Annual Meeting  
 Concord Presbyterian Church, 3350 E Brewington Rd  
 Sumter, SC 29153  
**“SCFCL Strengthening Communities”**  
 Thursday, October 26, 2023  
 Schedule

9:30 - 10:00	Registration Set-up County Displays honoring member (s) Refreshments Gift Basket Ticket Sales Procession of Flags	Linda Burress & Joyce Hodge County Representatives Sumter County Members  County Representatives with Pat Breznay Announcing
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome Devotion Flag Salutes SCFCL Creed SCFCL Song Missing Members Ceremony	Debbie Calcutt Jessie Christmas Carolyn Pack Carolyn Pack Brewington FCL Club Members Pat Breznay
10:35 - 11:45	Annual Business Meeting Voting Delegates Roll Call Treasurer’s Report Proposed Budget Vice President Report State Project and Committee Reports NVON and CWC/ACWW Conference Report Nominating Committee Report Tellers Committee Report Election of Officers Installation of Officers	Pat Breznay Alice Williams Linda Westbrook Linda Westbrook Eather Evans Dale Morrow Pat Breznay/Pam Hanfland Doriece McMorris Eather Evans Eather Evans Connie Lake
11:45 - 12:00	Recognition of 4-H Scholarship Award Recipients Jacob Owens-Orangeburg County Brianna Woodard-Chester County	Ashley Burnes/Betty Osgood
12:00 - 12:10	BREAK	
12:10 - 12:35	Blessing LUNCH	Bobbie & Lavon Christmas
12:35 - 1:00	Speaker- Windsor Westbrook Sherrill, Ph.D., College of BEHAVIORAL, SOCIAL & HEALTH SCIENCES, Clemson University	Debbie Calcutt
1:15 - 1:25	BREAK	
1:30 - 2:00	Door Prizes and Gift Basket Drawing Flag Recession Closing Remarks Invitation to 2024 Annual Meeting	District Directors County Representatives Connie Lake  Pat Breznay
Announcements		

**Each county should bring:**



Small County Flag  
\$10.00 Gift card  
Door prize





**REGISTRATION FORM**  
 South Carolina Family and Community Leaders  
 2023 Annual Meeting  
**“SCFCL Strengthening Communities”**  
**October 26, 2023**  
 Concord Presbyterian Church  
 3350 E Brewington Rd, Sumter, SC 29153

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ N

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

Member \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_ Voting Delegate \_\_\_ First time attending a SCFCL Annual Meeting \_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_ State Office held \_\_\_\_\_

List Special Dietary or Health Needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration includes Lunch**

\$35 for members \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$40 for non-members \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee after October 1, 2023

\$10 Late fee for postmarks after Oct. 1, 2023 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact	
Name	_____
Relationship	_____
Phone #	_____

Make check payable to: **South Carolina Family and Community Leaders (SCFCL)**

Mail form and check to: **Debbie Calcutt, 100 Tondaleia Drive, Sumter, SC 29153**

**ALL FEES ARE TRANSFERABLE - NOT REFUNDABLE**

## 2023 Fall District Meetings

### Fall Central District Meeting

Hostess: Richland County FCL  
Where: Mt Elon Baptist Church  
718 Mt Elon Church RD  
Hopkins, SC 29061  
When: Tuesday, September 12  
Registration 9:30 Meeting 10:00  
How much: Reg \$4 Meal \$13 Total \$17 Late fee: \$5 after deadline  
Deadline: Friday, September 1  
Payable: Richland County FCL (RCFCL)  
Mail to: Joni Williamson, 720 Willie Wilson RD, Eastover, SC 29044  
Bring: One door prize and one \$10 gift card per county

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September

### Fall Coastal District Meeting

Hostess: Hampton County FCL  
Where: Lester's BBQ  
8500 Savannah Hwy.  
Estill, SC 29918  
When: Wednesday, September 13  
Registration 9:30 Meeting 10:00  
How much: Reg \$3 Meal \$15 Total \$18.00 Late fee: \$5 after deadline  
Deadline: Wednesday, September 6  
Payable: Hampton County FCL (HCFCL)  
Mail to: Lisa Terry, PO Box 646, Hampton, SC 29924  
Bring: One door prize and one \$10 gift card per county

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September

### Fall Foothills District Meeting

Hostess: Newberry County FCL  
Where: Central United Methodist Church  
1005 College ST  
Newberry, SC 29108  
When: Thursday, September 14  
Registration 9:30 Meeting 10:00  
How much: Reg \$4 Meal \$13 Total \$17 Late fee: \$5 after deadline  
Deadline: Saturday, September 2  
Payable: Newberry County FCL (NCFCL)  
Mail to: Doriece McMorris, 566 Bush River Rd, Newberry, SC 29108  
Bring: One door prize and one \$10 gift card per county

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September



WINDSOR WESTBROOK SHERRILL, PH.D.  
Speaker at Annual Meeting, October 26  
Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter

Professor of Public Health Sciences  
Associate Vice President for Health Research, Clemson University  
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## South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

### Officer Nomination Form

District \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure:

1. The Nomination form may only have one nomination office per person per form.
2. Nominations shall be submitted to the Nomination Chair at least 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting with a copy sent to the SCFCL President.

Name of Nominee	Address	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
Office for which Nominated	Age Range of Nominee (check one)	20-35 ( ) 51-65 ( ) 36-50 ( ) 66 + ( )

Offices and/or Committees Held	Local	County	State

**Community and Church Organizations in which nominee has served as an officer**


The nominee should attach a statement of her/his qualifications and why she/he would like to serve in this position.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Nominee)

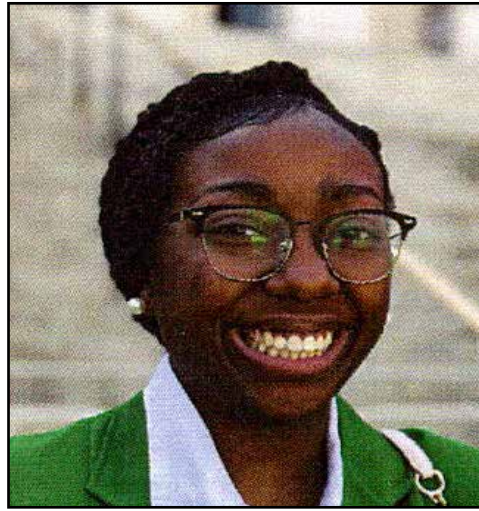
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Club President needed for County Nomination)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of County President needed for State Nomination)

## 2023 4-H SCFCL Scholarship winners



Jacob Owens  
Orangeburg County  
\$1,000 SCFCL Scholarship Recipient



Brianna Woodard  
Chester County  
\$1,000 SCFCL Scholarship Recipient

### SUGGESTED BYLAW CHANGE during the 2023 Annual Meeting

#### Current Bylaw:

#### ARTICLE XI - FINANCES

Section 2. Annual dues shall be \$4.00 per member. Dues shall cover all county financial obligations to the state association from January 1 to December 31. ACWW Rural Women in Action Fund and Nickels for South Carolina Youth shall be voluntary contributions in addition to dues.

#### Suggested Change:

#### ARTICLE XI - FINANCES

Section 2. Annual dues shall be **\$6.00** per member. Dues shall cover all county financial obligations to the state association from January 1 to December 31. ACWW Rural Women in Action Fund and Nickels for South Carolina Youth shall be voluntary contributions in addition to dues.

#### Explanation:

SCFCL dues are \$4. The \$4 covers the cost of printing and mailing of the two News and Views and none of our other financial obligations. Voluntary donations for Nickels for South Carolina Youth, have not been enough to pay for the two \$1000 4-H scholarships, and we have been having to take the difference out of our savings. Increasing the dues to \$6 would allow us to have about \$1000 more each year that could help defray the cost of dipping into our savings to meet our financial obligations.

## *In loving Memory*

*Kershaw County*

*Doris Horton Nancy Hilton*

*Laurens County*

*Bonnie Burton*

*Beaufort County*

*Claretha Brisbane, Lillie Mae DeVeaux and Thelma Lewis*

If you have someone in your county that has passed away, please send me an email or give me a call.

## *A note from SCFCL Advisor*

I have been busy getting the FCL lessons for 2024 ready for you. It is hard to believe we are just a few weeks away from college football and a few months away from 2024. Over the last few months, I have heard some good news about the FCL clubs as they are starting fall club meetings back up in September. I hope all the groups are educating their members in an effective way.

In other news, I look forward to the fall district meetings. I hope everyone will make a special effort to attend. They are good, educational events. I appreciate the three counties that have offered to host the district meetings. It does take some effort. Any of the smaller counties can go together with another county to help in hosting a district meeting and it will be appreciated.

I look forward to the State FCL Meeting that is being hosted by Sumter County. Please register early and come to Sumter for this major event.

Have a blessed fall! I hope to see ya'll at these fall events.



Connie Lake

## *a message from the President*

WOW! Where have the 3 years gone? Seems like just a few months but by December 31, it will have been 1,095 days since I took on the job as SCFCL President (2021-2023) for the 3rd time. The same goes for the SCFCL Secretary and Treasurer. Now it is time for new faces and ideas to be at the helm. Someone has submitted their application for Secretary but no one for President or Treasurer. Linda and I are willing to help whoever is elected. We have very seasoned officers and can be valuable help by phone or email. A Nomination Form is included in this newsletter on page 9. Please, will some member step up for these offices so SCFCL can continue as an organization to improve the quality of life through fellowship, education and service for families and communities in South Carolina.

I'm not sure all newsletters will be received by members by September 12, 13 and 14. The information by Districts is listed on page 8. The Coastal District will be electing a new District Director as Alick Lewis's term ends December 31. The election will be during the Fall Coastal Meeting in Estill hosted by Hampton County who only has 10 members, but with the help of the Extension Office support staff, they will make the meeting happen.

Bette Chinnners, Pam Hanfland, Jim, and I attended the NVON Conference in Parkersburg, WV and it was another educational but fun Conference. We brought back topics and lesson ideas that we will use in coming years. Our Education Committee has selected lessons for 2024 that we hope you and your members will find helpful in your communities and family life. If you have ideas you think will be good learning opportunities, please share them with Eather Evans, VP or Connie Lake, Advisor.

We will continue the Bee-Cause Project in 2024 which will probably be the last time we share this project in Common with NVON. NVON BEE-Cause Project chair coordinated with Heifer International to make donations to help promote Bee awareness reaching beyond our borders. Heifer International matched their donations and was able to make a larger impact by supplying 210 honeybee packages that support women and their children in places that can really use our help. I hope SCFCL members will be able to donate \$1.00 per person to this project by January 15, 2024. Send county donation check along with your 2024 dues to SCFCL Treasurer with ATTN: BEE-Cause project. Let's have 100% participation.

On October 26, Sumter County will be hosting the Annual Meeting at Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter. On pages 6 and 7 there is information about the meeting as well as a registration form. The theme for the meeting is "SCFCL Strengthening Communities." Each county can highlight a member or members from their county. Reserve a table in advance by calling or emailing me by October 16 so the tables can be arranged in time for the meeting. Look forward to seeing special table displays from all counties.

It's beginning to feel like the old SCFCL is back with the enthusiastic, dedicated organization we had before COVID-19 social distancing.

I'd like to thank the officers, county presidents and advisors for your support for the past 3 years and to the members for the project and activities they have supported as well. SCFCL would not have lasted 102 years without all of us working together to make this a better place for us and our families to live.

THANKS. Pat



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