

News and Views

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

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



Spring

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2024

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, But because they’re PRICELESS”

Starting January 1, 2024, SCFCL is asking members to keep track of volunteering for FCL in your community. Members can keep their monthly totals somewhere in their handbook or at a more convenient place then give the totals to either the County President or the County Volunteer Coordinator by June 15 and again by December 15, 2024. Members can view the online volunteer form by going to SCFCL website at scfcl.com, “Resources,” “Member Forms,” “Volunteer,” “SCFCL Volunteer Reporting Form” Handout. We have included a simple monthly form on page 6 to use to keep track of your minutes (if you choose). Please keep by minutes and we will convert them into hours for our final reporting. NO part of this form will be shared with or used by anyone other than our organization. Only Total Numbers collected will be shared with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service (per requests) so they can see how much volunteering helps improve the quality of life for families in our communities. Thanks for your help in keeping track of your community volunteer time. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to give me a call.

Go Paperless

Did you know the US Postal Service increased postage to \$.69 for First Class Postage again starting January 21, 2024? Not sure when it will go up again but SCFCL is now giving members the option to receive “News and Views” by email. You should have by now paid your 2024 SCFCL dues and noticed another column on the County Membership List called “NewsSheet M-Mail E-Email.” If you placed an “E” in the column, you will receive your newsletter by email. I hope all the email addresses in the database are correct so hopefully by the time the newsletters are delivered, you will be paperless. You can always use your home printer to print the whole newsletter from the website or just parts you want to print (and it will be in color if you desire). If you did not make the change on the County Membership List when your dues were paid and want to receive the newsletter by email, please send me an email and I’ll be glad to add your name to the email mailing list.

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

Charleston County

It's been a great year for Charleston County FCL members. We were glad that we were able to have monthly meetings. We had delegates attend the Coastal District Spring meeting in Williamsburg County, Fall District meeting in Hampton County and the State Annual meeting in Sumter County. Members enjoyed a November day field trip attending the Mepkin Abbey Cheche Festival and enjoying lunch at a local restaurant.

Activities for 2023 began January 1, 2023. A couple of members prepared and served soup to runners in a 5k run at Charles Towne Landing. Other club activities throughout the year involved sewing dog pads for a local dog shelter, sewing 13 teddy bear blankets, donating stuffed teddy bears, and participating in the Teddy Bear in the park event, donating food in a church's blessing box, donating slightly used clothing and house hold goods for a church's monthly service giveaway to the community, writing greeting cards to active military, donating items for servicemen's Christmas boxes, and volunteering a couple of weeks preparing the creative arts building at the fair grounds for the Coastal Carolina Fair. Tasks such as cleaning show cases, entering quilts, assisting the judge, displaying 136 quilts, taking in open class exhibits, judging, assisting judges, attaching ribbons, displaying in cabinets, and releasing the exhibits. Five members made and served glazed donuts during Senior Citizen's day. Four members had craft tables throughout the 11 days of the fair. One of the club members, who is a 4-H leader and several FCL members assist monthly in 4-H club meetings by donating supplies and refreshments, assisting 4-Hers in workshops, and serving refreshments. Bread workshops were held in 4-H club meetings which included training sessions for the 4-H cookie baking contest. Also the 4-H leader and assistant FCL member directed 4-Hers in two craft activities during each Saturday during the fair. 4-H leader and FCL members attended the Hobson Memorial Service in which the 4-Hers made and presented a memorial wreath during the service. A FCL member framed the Hobson memorial program and made a display that was exhibited at the Coastal Carolina Fair. FCL members are also working on "Angel Wall Hangings" for residents in an assistant living facility.

One club member attended the 4-H volunteer leader's conference in GA and taught a bread's workshop making biscuits. She also sewed 50 aprons for the attending delegates in the workshop.

Members have participated in the State Project "Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World" by planting and maintaining flowers and gardens. Also several lessons on Bees were enjoyed in the club's meetings. Each member has donated to the 4-H youth scholarship, NVON's Bee-Cause /Heifer International project and Rural Women in Action fund.

We'll be off and running starting January 1, 2024 for another busy year.



Betty Osgood teaching members how to make "Walking Tacos" at her club "Garrett" meeting.



Garrett Club Members making "Wall Hanging Angels" for Assisted Living Residents. (L front to back) Sally Kennedy, Michelle Frank, Wendy Graham. (R front to back) Diane Thayer, Dot Weston, Richard Thayer



Members displaying "Candy Cane Doll Ornaments" made during Garrett's Club meeting. (L to R) President Betty Osgood, Sally Kennedy, Daisy Johnson, Lyn Fay, Debbie Baker, Diane Thayer (Back row) Wendy Graham, Guest-Erica Danridge, Dot Weston.

Dorchester County

The Campbell Thicket Club met in person July 21, 2023 and discussed bringing in new members, especially younger members. Making Thanksgiving baskets for the homebound were also discussed. Club members donated items to fill four large baskets which were issued during Thanksgiving.

The baskets were put together by club members (Top right) Lorraine Grant, Earlene Pearson, Shervey Carter and (not pictured) Jenorris Brown (behind the camera). Three baskets were given to three elderly homebound. The fourth basket was given to a young lady recovering from a heart attack whom we hope will join the club and bring in some young people.

Baked goodies were made by club members Lorraine Grant, Betty Wright and Jenorris Brown. The goodies were given to approximately 75 people. Several members continue to do volunteer work regularly.

Givhans FCL Club member Renare Fulton crocheted 78 lap blankets (Center right) for the residents at the nursing home. Renare Fulton along with the President, Miriam White delivered the blankets and distributed them to the residents in Summerville, South Carolina during the Christmas Holiday.



Lorraine Grant, Earlene Pearson, Shervey Carter



Renare Fulton crocheted 78 lap blankets

Hampton County

Hampton County Family and Community Leaders members had a wonderful time at their final meeting of the year. We played games and enjoyed a delicious meal together. We are looking forward to the upcoming year. The club has declined in numbers therefore, we are currently seeking new members to join us.

Programs covered this past year included: Chair Exercises, Proper Food Storage, Container Gardening, Hydration, Pollinators: Keep the Bees buzzing, Reading Labels-Nutrition facts, Probate Process and Phone Scams. We also supported Hopeful Horizon, a women's shelter this year with toiletries and personal hygiene donations. In September, we hosted the Coastal District FCL meeting at Lester's BBQ. We delivered Christmas cards to the residents at the local nursing home.

At our monthly meetings, we collected food items and distributed to the local blessing boxes. The FCL ladies worked with a local 4-H club on a program, "Working Together-FCL Members and Youth. We also donated books to the Hampton County 4-H "Book Box in the Park" project. We also made a monetary donation to our local 4-H club.



(Standing L to R) Evelyn Griner, Diann Tuten, Carmen Barnes, Cathy DeLoach, Carolyn Smith
(Seated L to R) Alice Gibson, Miho Yasukawa, Lisa Terry

Union County

Union County has been busy sewing up a storm. First, members made 91 adult bibs for Ellen Sader Nursing Home residents. Small towels were donated and members made them into bibs. Members visited the nursing home 2 times helping residents with fun craft projects.

Five “Fidget” quilts were made each for 4 local elementary schools. “Fidgets” are lap quilts, the size of oversized placements, with different textures to feel and things to open and close to keep hands busy. The idea is to provide things for the Alzheimers or dementia patient to fiddle with and give them something to do with their hands. A great project for even little kids who need something to do with their hands at school.

Members started 14 quilts for the “Safe Home” Project which is now called the R.E.S.T. Project, “Restore, Empower, Support and Transform,” a private, non-profit organization providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and an anti trafficking nonprofit organization uniting communities to end human trafficking in the United States. Quilts were finished at the most recent meeting and will be delivered in the near future.

When someone passes away, we make donations to SC 4-H instead of flowers.

Members are excited to start 2024 with new quilt projects and hope to have new members join to help with educational but fun projects.



Sample “Fidget” Quilt for children

Sumter County

Sumter County FCL hosted the 2023 State Meeting in October at Concord Presbyterian Church. Members decorated the Fellowship Hall with vintage kitchen and canning tools on the tables, that echoed the traditional programs and projects that many past members had participated in. We asked that counties bring displays honoring past and present members who have given many hours of service in their clubs and communities through the years. It was moving to see what was accomplished by so many member’s hard work and dedication through the 100 plus years of SCFCL history. Our speaker, Dr. Windsor Westbrook Sherrill, from Clemson University (and daughter of Jean Westbrook!) (Pictured on right) added to our theme with her wonderful presentation highlights from our history and that of the Extension Service.

We had close to 80 members attending the meeting. Thanks to all who made the trip to Sumter for the meeting. Thanks to our state officers for the business meeting part of the day and to our guests who added to the meeting agenda. Many thanks to Sumter County members for the hard work put in to make the day so enjoyable. We look forward to hosting the Spring Central District Meeting Monday, March 11, 2024 at Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sumter. Please join us.



Dr Windsor Westbrook Sherrill, Clemson University



(L to R) Connie Lake-Advisor, Debbie Calcutt-County President, Pat Breznay-SCFCL President

Newberry County

Newberry County FCL hosted the 2023 Fall Foothills District Meeting at Central United Methodist Church with 35 members and guests in attendance. Mayor Foster Senn welcomed everyone to Newberry and Rev Dr Laura Parrish gave an inspiring Bee related devotion.

Newberry County FCL along with Saluda County FCL are co-hosting the 2024 SCFCL Annual Meeting, October 25th at Central United Methodist Church. Members are scurrying around preparing activities, arranging for lunch and special guests for the meeting. They hope to have lots of members across the state in attendance. Details will be in the Fall issue of *News and Views* so keep your eyes open and be the first to register.



(R to L) Doriece McMorris, Foothills DD and Faye Halfacre, County President



Itta Galmore helps with Gift Basket tickets



Rev Dr Laura Parrish presented a devotion using reference to Bees.

2024 State Project in Common with NVON



SCFCL would like for all members to **donate \$1 to the Heifer International project** as part of BEE-Cause Pollinators Feed the World, our 2024 State Project. By donating \$1 per member, you are helping others. If all SCFCL members donate \$1 it would mean there would be over \$500 sent to Heifer International which Heifer International will double for the purchase of a honeybee gift. Your donations should be sent to SCFCL Treasurer, Silvertreen Mitchum, 18 Saxon RD, Kingstree, SC 29556 using the Report form at: scfcl.com.

Honey bees sweeten a family's financial future

A Heifer honeybee gift donation includes a bee package: hive, box, and training in beekeeping techniques. When you buy bees for a family in need, your gift:

- Increases the global honeybee population to support the environment
- Boosts income through sales of honey, wax, and pollen
- Stimulates growth of the family's crops through pollination

Sometimes it is the smallest gifts that make the largest impact. Healthy beehives can double fruit and vegetable yields of small farms.

When women have control over their assets and incomes, they reinvest in their families.

Everyone eats more nutritious food. Kids go to school. Families get better access to health care.

That is why we invest in women farmers and business owners, equipping them with the tools and expertise they need to make their businesses thrive and grow.

Thank you for participating in the \$1 per member Heifer International Project by promoting honeybees. A reporting form can be found on the SCFCL website: scfcl.com. We're almost half way there.

Individual Volunteer Form

SCFCL is asking members to fill in a form similar to this Form with minutes volunteered for South Carolina Family and Community Leaders. NO part of this form will be shared with or used by anyone other than our organization. Only Total Numbers collected will be shared except (per requests) so we can see how much volunteering helps improve the quality of life for families in our communities in our state. Each Club might get a volunteer to collect the volunteer minutes at monthly meetings, send your total volunteer minutes to your county president or a county volunteer. The volunteer minutes are collected June 15 and December 15 on a form at scfcl.com using "SCFCL Volunteer Reporting Form."

In the past we collected volunteer time but have't kept track of volunteering in a while. It's amazing how many minutes a day you spend volunteering. The below form is categorized into boxes for easy reporting. Listed are suggested items you might consider when thinking of places where you volunteer and for what, but you can include your own items to the list.

Thanks for your help in reporting. I'll let you know in the 2025 Spring News and Views how many minutes we have volunteered and how much money we have donated to South Carolina at \$31.80 per hour (suggested by IRS.)

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Club/County**
- club/county business
- Preparing/presenting ed lessons
- State**
- Board Meetings
- Spring District Meeting
- Fall District Meeting
- Annual Meeting
- State Project
- Associated Organiz.**
- ACWW/CWC/NVON
- ACWW
- CWC,USA
- NVON
- Other
- Community Partners**
- SisterCare
- Meals on Wheels
- Salvation Army
- Nursing Homes
- Food Banks
- Other
- Environment**
- Plant Sales
- Gardening
- Recycling
- Emergency Preparedness
- Other
- Family/Youth**
- 4-H
- Girl Scout
- School Activities
- Important Legal Documents
- Financial Issues
- Computer/Scams/Privacy
- Other
- Food/Nutrition**
- Food Storage/Safety
- Canning/Preserving
- Prescription/Drugs/Supplements
- Carbohydrates/Breads/Sugars
- Other
- Health/Fitness**
- HBP/Cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Heart
- Communicable Disease
- Weight Issues
- Exercise/Physical Fitness
- Other

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SPRING CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Sumter County FCL
Where: Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church
 1746 HWY 521 S
 Sumter, SC 29153
When: March 11, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am
How much: Registration \$5 Meal \$15 Total \$20.00
Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 1
 (\$5.00 late fee if received after March 1)
Payable to: SCFCL
Mail to: Debbie Calcutt (803) 464-8645
 100 Tondaleia DR
 Sumter, SC 29153
Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county
 Indicate allergies or if vegetarian

SPRING COASTAL DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Beaufort County FCL
Where: Wesley United Methodist Church
 701 West St
 Beaufort, SC 29902
When: March 13, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am
How Much: Registration \$3 Meal \$15 Total \$18.00
Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 1
 (\$5.00 late fee if received after March 1)
Payable to: BCFCL
Mail to: Mary France (843) 524-9443
 71 Parris Island Gateway
 Beaufort, SC 29906
Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county
 Indicate allergies or if vegetarian

SPRING FOOTHILLS DISTRICT MEETING

Hostess: Chester County FCL
Where: Union ARP Church
 3594 Lancaster HWY
 Richburg, SC 29729
When: March 14, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am
How much: Registration \$4 Meal \$13 Total \$17.00
Deadline for Registration: Monday, March 4
 (\$5.00 late fee if received after March 4)
Payable to: CCFCL
Mail to: Linda Westbrook (803) 789-5838
 2875 Westbrook RD
 Edgemoor, SC 29712
Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county
 Indicate allergies or if vegetarian

2024 Newly Elected Officer



Betty Osgood
SCFCL Secretary

2024 Newly Elected Officer



Ethel Brown
Coastal District Director

Officers to be elected in 2024

- Treasurer-Elect** (one year as Treasurer-elect then 3-years as SCFCL Treasurer)
- Vice President** (3-year term) (Chair of Education Committee)
- Central District Director** (elected at Spring Central District Meeting (March 11, 2024) for 3-year term)
(Term doesn't begin until January 2025)

To see a officer list of duties, visit: scfcl.com or all information is in "Yellow" 2024 SCFCL Handbook



Beaufort County
Marie Self

Charleston County
Betty Reed

Colleton County
Pernice Jones

Lexington County
Ramona Atkins

Sumter County
Gladys Atkinson
Marguerite Porter

Union County
Gladys Epps
Bernice Gist
Rosa Jeter
Gwendolyn Moment



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

2023 Awards and Certificates

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).

Allendale	1
Calhoun	1
Newberry	1
Hampton	2
Union	2
Bamberg	3
Chester	3
Greenwood	4
Charleston	6
Sumter	6
Lexington	16

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.

Williamsburg
Lexington
Charleston
Hampton
Richland

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.

Lexington	65 years	Marge Carter	Barnwell	35 years	Joann Kearse
Union	65 years	Odell Curenton	Dorchester	35 years	Dannie Surgeon
Union	65 years	Barbara Epps	Richland	35 years	Pat Breznay
Union	65 years	Annette Fernandez	Williamsburg	35 years	Chrisey Robinson
Union	65 years	Marian Rice			
			Kershaw	30 years	Betty Gilmer
Barnwell	45 years	Edith Allen	Lexington	30 years	Norma Pillow
Richland	45 years	Holly Scott	Richland	30 years	Lois Anderson
			Richland	30 years	Evelyn Hill
Charleston	40 years	Betty Osgood	Barnwell	25 years	Nancy Meadows
Williamsburg	40 years	Rose Tisdale	Beaufort	25 years	Mary S France
York	40 years	Dawn Price	Beaufort	25 years	Alvesta Robertson
York	40 years	Betty Ann Rudisill	Lexington	25 years	Barbara Lupo
			Sumter	25 years	Lynda Burress
			Williamsburg	25 years	Cleveland Barr

2023 SCFCL Annual Meeting Highlights
Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter County Hostess
“SCFCL Strengthening Communities.”
October 23, 2023

One of the highlights of the meeting was a personal display highlighting someone or several members from the county who is (was) an outstanding member(s), who have been in leadership roles and who have been the voice of the county, going beyond the average for the county (living or a member of the past). Shown below are photos of the displays. Visit SCFCL Facebook to view all meeting photos.

Richland County



Charleston County



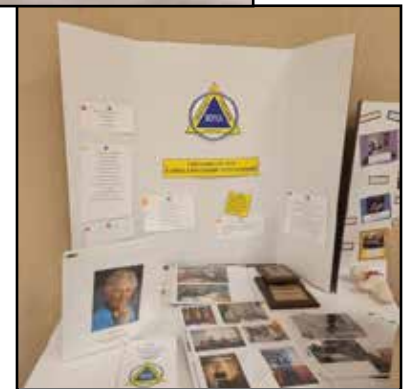
Lexington County



Sumter County



Ashley Burns, State 4-H Leader,
representing 4-H scholarship
winners



Chester County



County New Member Certificates



President's Certificates



2024 NVON Conference
Planting Many Seeds . . . Embrace Change
Doubletree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore
Asheville, NC
July 16-18, 2024

Agenda

Tuesday, July 16

8:00 – 6:00 Registration
 8:00 – 10:00 State Display Set up
 Receive Silent Auction Items
 8:30 NVON Board Meeting
 9:00 – 12:00 Bread Baskets
 10:00 – 6:00 State Displays
 ACWW Silent Auction
 10:30 – 11:45 Craft Workshop
Lunch on Your Own
 12:00 Tour
 3:30 – 4:45 Craft Workshop
 6:00 **North Carolina Night**

Wednesday, July 17

8:00 – 6:00 Registration
 9:00 – 11:00 NVON Conference Opening Session
 Business Meeting
 12:00 **Luncheon** – Marga Fripp
 1:30 – 6:00 ACWW Silent Auction/State Displays
 2:00 – 3:00 Educational Seminars
 • 1 Pollinators and Mental Health
 • 2 Dancing for the Health of It
 • 3 Health & Design
 3:30 – 4:30 Educational Seminars
 • 1 Pollinators and Mental Health
 • 2 Mindful Movement
 • 3 Learning Companionships
 6:00 **Dinner**

Thursday, July 18

8:00 – 6:00 Registration
 State Displays
 8:00 – 12:00 ACWW Silent Auction
 9:00 – 11:00 NVON Business Meeting
 12:00 **Luncheon** – Michelle Estrada
 1:30 – 6:00 ACWW Silent Auction
 State Displays
 2:00 – 3:00 Educational Seminars
 • 1 Photography
 • 2 Salads, salads, salads
 • 3 Perfectly Paired Food and Wine
 3:30 – 4:30 Educational Seminars
 • 1 Rice Farming
 • 2 Communicating & Leading with Vision
 • 3 Perfectly Paired Food and Wine
 3:30 ACWW Silent Auction Closes
 (Pick up after Banquet)
 6:00 **Banquet**

Registration Fees

Full Registration \$200
 Any One-day registration \$100
 Late fee (postmarked after June 15) \$15

Tour Fees
 Biltmore House/Garden via Trolley \$105
 Add Chihuly Glass at Biltmore Exhibit \$30
 Hop On Hop Off Trolley + Biltmore ticket \$30

Craft Workshops and Seminar Fees
 Bread Basket \$18

All other Workshops & Seminars (each) \$8

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Notes from SCFCL President, Pat Breznay



Did you ever think you would belong to an organization that was 103 years strong? What attracted you to SCFCL? How long have you been a member? Do you share with friends, events or activities that FCL does? Do you brag about our accomplishments? Have you recently asked someone to attend a meeting and have they joined? Where's a good place to meet a new member just like yourself? SCFCL increased membership by 51 new members last year but we would like more, where can we find, wonderful, exciting, and interesting members? Maybe your club or county can have a membership drive or party or just ask someone to tag along, they just might like the same things about this organization as you. Give these questions some thought, I'd like to hear your thoughts.

If you know of someone that was a previous member but is unable to attend meetings or has moved to another state, we have set up an "email list." Have them send me an email and we'll be glad to add them to our list and they will receive the newsletter twice a year, especially if they were a member for a long time.

GOING PAPERLESS is the new thing, Try it, if you can.

Spring District Meetings are around the corner. Information is on page 7 in this newsletter and is also being sent to county presidents. I received the Central District Info already. Hope to have great reports from county presidents during the upcoming meetings. If you like, bring show and tell but limit to 5 minutes, please.

Volunteer Reporting... I've mentioned it several times already in this newsletter but Volunteers are so valuable. I want to brag about SCFCL and how important we are to our communities and our state. Thanks for your help in gathering your minutes of volunteering. (page 6)

Newberry and Saluda counties are co-hosting the **2024 SCFCL Annual Meeting, October 25th** at Central United Methodist Church in downtown Newberry. It's a great location, lots of convenient parking, easy accessible and very spacious. They are planning great food and special speakers. More information will be in the *Fall News and Views*. I know you don't want to miss out on all the fun.

If you haven't made your **\$1 donation to the BEE-Cause/Heifer International Project**, you have until December 31, 2024. Give your \$1 per member to your county treasure so SCFCL can report to NVON that we've had 100% participation toward this project. The project ends December 31, 2024. What can you buy for \$1 that will go as far as helping make a family better by raising bees for their livelihood.

It's that time again, we're looking for volunteers to apply for **state officer positions**. (Election at Annual Meeting)

- **Treasurer-elect** unless the current Treasurer decides to continue for 3 more years.
- **Vice President** and Education Committee Chair (3-year term)
- **Central District Director** (3-year term) Elected at the upcoming Spring Central District Meeting. (Take office Jan 2025) To view a list of officer duties, visit: scfcl.com or look in the new "Yellow" 2024 SCFCL Handbook (page 29) April 22, the SCFCL Education Committee meets to select new lessons for 2025. If you have **ideas for lessons**, please send them to me, Connie or Eather Evans. Following the SCFCL Board will meet.

Thanks for your membership in SCFCL, your support of the Officers and Board and for continuing to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities through fellowship, education and service.

Message from your State Advisor, Connie Lake



I am extremely excited about the State Meeting this fall. I have been helping the Newberry and Saluda FCL group in planning this event. It is being held in beautiful Newberry County at Central United Methodist Church.

Plans are to have a morning presenter and a luncheon speaker. In the morning, Lauren Black – Venegas, Saluda County Extension Agent, will demonstrate her flower arranging talents. Lauren decorates for weddings and other special occasions. I know she will be a presenter that you will not want to miss. Our second speaker will be just as entertaining. We hope to book him soon.

After the event, you may want to enjoy the town of Newberry. Nearby are several gift shops and antique stores. I know you will enjoy them. The Newberry Opera House is within walking distance. I am hoping they will have a concert during the time we are in the area. We should know more details in the spring.

Remember, we will not be having a fall district meeting, so make plans to **join us in Newberry for the State FCL Meeting on Friday, October 25th!**

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Be sure to invite your friends!

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