

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>

2024



Over the years we know members have been quite active volunteering but volunteering can take many different forms—reading to children, serving meals, helping at rest homes, your church, making articles of clothing for the needy, Christmas gifts, and more. Whatever you do as a volunteer, it is good and should be applauded, but it may be more important than you realize.

In fact, nearly 25% of all Americans volunteer in some form each year, with the average volunteer dedicating around 50 hours annually. With so many individuals committing so much of their time, it's clear that volunteering is incredibly meaningful and how impactful it is when you choose to help out.

Why is Volunteering Important?

Perhaps the main reason why volunteering is important is that it helps other people who are in need. Put simply, it makes the world a better place. Without YOU (volunteers) giving your time and effort to charities and our non-profit organization, many people would not receive the support and assistance they need to get by.

Volunteering also has a tremendous impact on our SCFCL organization. Your efforts also create a stronger community and help society as a whole, benefitting many people.

Please report your volunteer minutes on the **SCFCL Volunteer Report Form** on either SCFCL Website: (scfcl.com) or fill out a form and give it to your county FCL President so she can report your minutes to SCFCL in June and December. A copy of one reporting method is on page 8. By completing and submitting this form, Clemson Extension learns that their efforts are making a difference as well.

Thank you for your help and keep up the good work.

Kershaw County

In June, the Parker Club held an information and membership drive to inform the community about the Family and Community Leaders' Organization. They made over 300 worry worms this year (pictured on right). The members have already sold over 100! All the proceeds will go to their selected charity, the Caring Closet of Lugoff-Elgin High School. The Caring Closet offers students quietly and confidentially toiletries and other hygiene items to help meet their basic needs.

Parker Club member JoAnn Salmon has also diligently worked to share her "green thumb" with two community gardens.

The Mt. Pisgah Club donated non-perishable food to the Mt. Pisgah Community Resource Center. They gave clothing: shirts, sweatpants, leggings, t-shirts, underwear, and personal items to the Kershaw Baptist Association for distribution to the Kershaw County Schools. Mt. Pisgah members also assisted a family whose house had burned. They were excited to welcome three new members recently.



Eather Evans has served as Vice President/Chair Education Committee and her term expired December 31, 2024.

Duties of the Vice President shall:

- Attend all SCFCL Board Meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Serve with vote.
- Study and become familiar with SCFCL Bylaws and Policies/Standing Rules.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Serve as aide to the President who shall assign duties.
- Serve as Chair of the State Education Committee.
- Work with SCFCL State Advisor to provide SCFCL Webmaster an electronic copy of the SCFCL Education Programs when distributed at the Annual Meeting.
- Serve as a member of the Annual Meeting Committee.
- Coordinate all educational programming efforts in the state.
- Provide membership recruitment for the upcoming year for approval at the January Board Meeting.
- Provide resource materials/expertise and conduct workshops on membership recruitment and public relations.
- Develop membership materials for the organization.
- Develop methods for promotion of education programs and activities and distribute to appropriate entities.
- Perform President's duties in the President's absence or in ability to serve, except in years of a President-Elect.

Contact the Nomination Committee if you are interested in filling this position starting January 1, 2025. Applicants must fill out a Nomination Form (Form is on page 9) prior to the Annual Meeting and the election will be at the Annual Meeting in Newberry.

(Contact Nomination Committee: Betty Osgood, chair; Eva Manigault, Jackie Banks)

Lexington County

Lexington County FCL currently has five clubs and two Associate Members for a total of fifty-one members. Two new members joined us this year.

The 12th Annual Herb Festival hosted by the Herb Bunch on April 6 was a huge success! We had record turnouts from vendors that worked the festival offering foods, mushrooms, education, ceramics, honey, herbalist made products and so much more. We were well advertised thanks to our advertising committee. We feel the exposure from their efforts helped to draw our record attendance. Two of our members “tag-teamed” to give a free “herb” talk which was also a great addition to this year’s festival and will probably be offered in future festivals. We reached our goal with this annual fundraiser event to generate enough funds to honor THREE Lexington students with a scholarship for those going into the horticulture/agriculture areas of study. Plans are being made for the 13th Annual Herb Festival on April 5, 2025.

We continue to collect money and goods to support the children in Foster Care in Lexington County. Our members generously donated \$150, \$35 Wendy’s Gift Cards, 96 size 1 swaddlers Diapers, 72 Baby Wipes, 20 Wet Wipes, 60 Large Wipes, 60 pacs of Gain Detergent, 4 Pillows, 4 Pillow Cases, 6 pair medium Boy’s Briefs, 13 pair large Boy’s Briefs, 4 pair 4T Girl’s Panties, 5 pair size 5 Girl’s Panties, 2 pair Girl’s Shorts, 1 xsmall T-Shirt, 2 small T-Shirts, 16 pair Girl’s Socks, 20 pair Boy’s Socks, 3 Toothbrushes, 1 large Toothpaste, 2 small Toothpastes, 1 Hair Towel, 1 large Shampoo with Conditioner, 1 large tube Conditioner, 2 bars Dove Soap, 11 Coloring Books, 36 bags Frito Lay Snack, 30 pouches Cheez-Its, 12 bags Animal Crackers, 8 packs Teddy Bear Cookies, 6 cups Ramen Noodles, and 6 Crochet Animals. 10 Crochet Animals were given to Sister Care.

Our Ways and Means Chairman, Judee Shelley, coordinated a successful 2023 pecan sale. We sold a number of pecans sufficient to net a profit of approximately \$500 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, 2024, and will be delivered about November 15, 2024.

Five members attended the Spring Central District Meeting on March 11.

Two members attended the National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference Asheville, North Carolina on July 16-18.

We are preparing for our Lexington County Annual Meeting. It will be held on October 11, 2024, at the Lexington County Extension Building. Jennifer Weaver, Lexington & Aiken Consumer Horticulture Agent will be our speaker to share information on “Plants That Attract Pollinators” to support our State Project In Common with NVON, “BEE-CAUSE Pollinators Feed the World.



Items collected by Lexington Members for Foster Care and Sistercare.



Dale Morrow, State Project in Common Chair with NVON, BEE-Cause Pollinators Feed the World display at 12th Annual Herb Festival.

Richland County



Holly Scott (4th from left) recently turned 90 years young on July 23 and still works as a nurse. What a great celebration with family and friends.



Spring fun event takes, (l to r) Alice Williams, Annie Wilson, Jonie Williamson to the Mad Platter in Columbia to make a few takehome pottery pieces. Great job and great fun!



Janet Steele, Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Agent from Orangeburg presents the Spring Council Meeting program on "Bradford Pear Bounty". It is a program that gives SC homeowners the option to remove Bradford pears and replace them with native trees.



Verna Wise, President of North Columbia FCL Club winner of gift cards donated by other county Clubs at Spring Council Meeting.



Richland Herb Society FCL Club hosts Spring Council Meeting at Windsor United Methodist Church (l to r) Jim Breznay, Pam Clark, Susan Uehling, Denise Lane.

Williamsburg County

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, members of the Williamsburg County Family and Community Leaders (a division of the SC Family and Community Leaders) donated a check for \$125.00 to Williamsburg County Libraries for the "Read to Ride 2024" initiative. Donated funds will go towards purchasing bicycles for the young person that reads the most books between the designated dates of April 1 – May 24, 2024. (Pictured on right)



Beaufort County

The Spring Coastal District Meeting was held in Beaufort on March 13th with approximately 52 people in attendance. Willie Mae Lewis, President gave a warm welcome. Alvesta Robertson (Pictured to right) made a presentation about beautiful Beaufort, its friendly residents, beautiful beaches, plentiful seafood and its Gullah culture.



This Bulls-eye was newly introduced indicating that SCFCL members are part of the National Volunteer Outreach Network, Country Woman's Council, USA and the Associated Country Women of The World.



2022-2024 & 2025 State Project "BEE-Cause Pollinators Feed the World" Project in Common with NVON

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

As you know, SCFCL is among the 10 states that are members of National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON). The Project in Common was for 3 years but was voted in July 2024 to extend for one more year, 2025. SCFCL has shared the same project and will continue for one more year.

Heifer International supports this project and matches NVON's donations toward Honeybee gift packages which include a bee 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.

YEAH! SCFCL members have come through with their donations to the Heifer International Project of "one dollar per member". Congratulations for your support of this worthwhile project. **Remember, One out of three foods you eat are pollinated by bees.**

If you still want to support this project, you can make donations to SCFCL "ATTN: Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World". Make checks payable to: SCFCL, Please make sure you list how much you are sending for Heifer International Project \$1 donation and mail to State Treasurer, Silvertown Mitchum, 18 Saxon RD EXT, Kingstree SC 29556

Several other NVON states have completed their 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 by helping Bees Feed the World.



SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COMMUNITY LEADERS

2024 Annual Meeting

“Making a Difference”

October 25, 2024

Central United Methodist Church, 1005 College Street, Newberry, SC 29108

9:30 - 10:00 **Registration & Refreshments**

Registration

Connie Keller

Gift Basket Ticket Sales

Jackie Banks & Jean Gibson

10:00 - 10:30 **Opening Session**

Call to Order

Pat Breznay

Roll Call

Betty Osgood

Welcome

Faye Halfacre, Newberry County President

Procession of Flags

Connie Lake

Flag Salutes, FCL Creed, SCFCL Song

Emma Rinehart

Devotion

Rev. Dr. Laura Parrish, Pastor, Central United Methodist Church

Recognition of Special Guests

Pat Breznay

10:30 – 11:00 Introduction of Morning Speaker

Connie Lake

Morning Speaker

Lauren Black-Venegas, Saluda Extension Agent and Owner, Grace Designs

“Flowers Everyday”

11:00 - 11:50 **Annual Business Meeting**

Presiding

Pat Breznay, President

Secretary’s Report

Betty Osgood, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report & Budget

Silverteen Mitchum, Treasurer

Vice President Report

Eather Mae Evans, Vice President

2025 Educational Lessons

Connie Lake, State Advisor

State Project Report: Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World

Dale Morrow, Project Chair

Short District Meetings for Election of District Directors

Central, Coastal, Foothills District Directors

(THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING THAT WILL BE LOCATED IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE ROOM FOR DISTRICT BUSINESS.)

Committee Reports

NVON Conference/CWC Meeting Reports

Pat Breznay/Pam Hanfland

Tellers Committee Report

Eather Evans

Nominating Committee Report

Betty Osgood

Vice President

Eather Evans

Treasurer-Elect

Silverteen Mitchum

Election of Officers

Pat Breznay

Awards

Pat Breznay

New Member Certificates

County President’s Award Certificates

12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch**

Blessing

Willie Davis

Needle Arts FCL Club, President, Newberry County

12:45 - 2:30 **Unfinished Business Meeting Continues**

Recognition of 4-H Scholarship Award Recipients

Alana West

(Evie Martell, York County and Hennyly Gavin, Lexington County)

Assistant Program Team Director

Missing Members Ceremony

Pat Breznay

Installation of Officers

Connie Lake

Buff Swicegood Travel/Study Award Presentation

Betty Osgood

2024 Buff Swicegood Travel Study Award Winner

2025 Buff Swicegood Award Announcement

Pat Breznay

Invitation to 2025 Annual Meeting

Bamberg County Members

Final Wrap-Up

Door Prizes

Newberry and Saluda County Members

Gift Basket Drawing

Newberry and Saluda County Members

Announcements

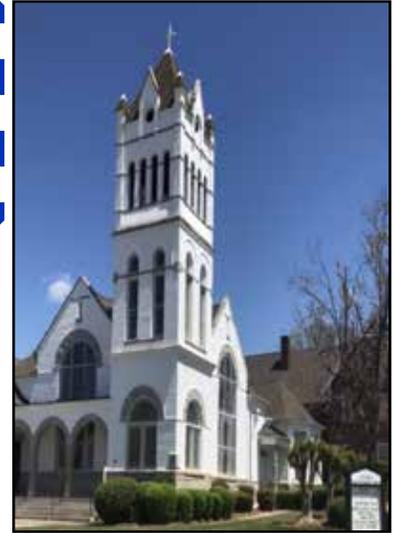
Pat Breznay

Adjourn

Each county should bring:



Small County Flag
\$10.00 Gift card
Door prize



REGISTRATION FORM
South Carolina Family and Community Leaders
2024 Annual Meeting
“**Making a Difference**”
October 25, 2024
Central United Methodist Church
1005 College Street, Newberry, SC 29108

******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 ___ Current State Office _____

List Special Dietary or Health Needs _____

Registration includes Lunch

\$28 PER PERSON \$ _____
Late Fee after October 10, 2024
\$10 Late fee for postmarks after Oct. 10, 2024 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: Saluda County FCL

Mail form and check to: Patricia Berry – 1841 Bethany Schoolhouse Road, Saluda, SC 29138

Meeting Hosts: Newberry and Saluda Family & Community Leaders

For More Information contact: Connie Lake - 864-992-8862

ALL FEES ARE TRANSFERABLE - NOT REFUNDABLE

Flowers Everyday



Join us at the 2024 Annual Meeting on Friday, October 25th to see Lauren Black-Venegas (pictured on left). Lauren grew up in 4-H in Saluda County where she is now the 4-H Agent. She is very busy with her Extension work but takes the time to run her small business, **Grace Designs**. Through her floral business, she designs flower arrangements for wedding and other special occasions. She will be sharing her expert knowledge at our meeting. Come join us.

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 haven'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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**January 1-June 31, 2024 members volunteered 8,057 hours @ \$31.50ph for a total of \$253,805.00
donated free to communities in South Carolina.**

**2024 SCFCL 4-H Scholarship winners at State 4-H Congress
Clemson University, Madren Center
“Stars Shine Brighter Together”
July 11, 2024**



(l to r) SCFCL President, Pat Breznay, Hennelly Gavin-Lexington County, Evie Martell-York County

Go Paperless

SCFCL is giving members the option to receive “News and Views” by e-mail. When you pay your 2025 SCFCL dues, you will 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 e-mail.

I hope all the e-mail addresses in the database are correct. 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 are paid and want to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please send me an e-mail and I’ll be glad to add your name to the e-mail mailing list.

In loving Memory

*Trudie Nichols, Saluda County
Lucy Mae Gantt, Lexington County
Lori Leaphart, Lexington County
Doriece McMorris, Newberry County*

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

The children are back in school now. Our lazy days of summer are gone. We look forward to the beautiful colors of fall. Each season has its beauty. Even if your school days are a distant memory, we remember the excitement of a new school year. Whether they are family or friends, these special children look up to us and some will remember us forever. Be the example that inspires youth.

My summer and fall are dedicated to preparing our groups' FCL lessons. These lessons will be given out at the State Meeting on October 25th. Thank you to Rhonda Matthews and her team for preparing several lessons for our use next year. Also, Betty Osgood and Pat Breznay have contributed lessons. There is one lesson on Dementia and Alzheimer's that I wrote. I have first-hand knowledge of this topic. My mother was diagnosed with dementia and my mother-in-law struggles with Alzheimer's. I wish I had known more about these diseases' early signs six years ago when the first signs started. So, preparing this lesson is a labor of love just as it has been caring for these family members as they go through good days and bad days. Hospice was an extremely helpful organization as my mother struggled through this time. I had always thought of them as being there for the final days of life; however, I have discovered that they can be a help many months and even years before that point. For my mom and I, it gave us a direct line to the doctor, and there was no need for office visits. The visits to the doctor's office always wore her out. Their equipment was available for our use as well, as she progressed to a less mobile state. Mom passed away on July 28th with family and friends around her.



Connie Lake

a message from the President

I am excited to announce that reporting "Volunteer Minutes" to SCFCL is off to a great start. The last time I remember reporting Volunteer time around the state was back in 2012 and I think our membership has forgotten how important it is to keep track of volunteering. Before I wrote my report for the 2024 NVON Conference in Asheville, NC in July, I contacted each county that had not submitted their volunteer minutes on the website. County Presidents were very helpful in guesstimating their county's volunteering which I added to the form on the website with over 8,057 hours @ \$31.50 per hour totaling about \$253,805.00 for help to those in need in South Carolina on behalf of SCFCL. As one of the smaller memberships in NVON, 8057 hours (for only half a year) is a tremendous amount of giving from our volunteers. I'm looking forward to seeing how much are reported December 15. Once we get in the swing of things, I know we'll reach about a half million dollars benefitting families and communities in our state. Thanks for your dedication to South Carolina.



Pat Breznay

Remember, there will be NO Fall District Meetings in September but we will have a short District Meeting time at our 2024 Annual Meeting at Central United Methodist Church in Newberry to take care of District elections, etc. Newberry and Saluda counties are hosting the meeting with special help from State Advisor, Connie Lake. They have planned a great catered lunch, a little mini "make and take", an interesting speaker and an easily assessable location with lots of convenient parking. Registration and Agenda are on pages 6 and 7. Deadline for registration is October 10 after which there will be a late fee of \$10.00 so get your friends and club members together and mail in your Registration Form before the deadline.

County Presidents Dates to remember

OCTOBER 1

- State Project in Common with NVON Final Report Due to State Project Chair (Dale Morrow)
- County President's Award Form Due to SCFCL President (Pat Breznay)
- County Officer's Form Due to SCFCL Webmaster (Pam Hanfland)
- Voting Delegates Form Due to Teller's Chair (Eather Evans)

DECEMBER 1

- SCFCL Education Lesson County Report Form Due to SCFCL President (Pat Breznay)

DECEMBER 15

- SCFCL Volunteer Reporting Form Due to SCFCL President online at (scfcl.com, Volunteer Report)

Thank you members for all you do for SCFCL

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Be sure to invite your friends!

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