

News and Views

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

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Fall

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2025



Associated Country Women of the World Area Meeting in Erlanger, Kentucky



(left to right) Pictured are Jim and Pat Breznay (Richland County FCL), Magdie de Kock (ACWW World President) and Pam Hanfland (Lexington County FCL) attended the Area Meeting in Kentucky.

Jim, Pat and Pam attended the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Area Meeting last week in Erlanger, Kentucky, July 21-24, 2025. The theme of the Conference was “Sustainable Growth for the Future-Shaping the Future.” There were 80+ attendees from ACWW member societies and umbrella societies from across the United States. Some of the umbrella societies are: Country Women’s Council, USA, Woman’s National Farm and Garden Association, National Volunteer Outreach Network, and National Association for Family and Community Education. They have members from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock from South Africa who represents 9 million women worldwide from 60 countries was the guest speaker. Some of the area meeting topics discussed were: Pollinators, Horticulture Therapy, Student Conservation Association, Public Policy-Contacting your elected officials, Environmental Wellness, How to grow your organization, Wreaths Across America, just to mention a few.

Bamberg County

Bamberg County FCL Club continues to support and serve the community. We sponsored a Valentine's day Bingo at our community senior citizens center and also sponsored a community Bingo. (Pictures to the right)

The club had a community clothing giveaway. We are starting early to collect items for our Foster Care Children for Christmas.

We will be having a Bar-Be-Que fund raiser. We hosted the Spring District Meeting in March with a great turnout.

We had one new member in 2024. Sadly we lost two members Mr. Marion Tarrant, Mrs. Queen Foyer. They will be missed.

We will be hosting the 2025 SCFCL Annual Meeting on October 21. Looking forward to seeing everyone here in Bamberg County.



Richland County



(l) Annie Wilson (r) Alice Williams salute the flags at the Spring Council Meeting.



Holly Scott of North Columbia FCL Club delivers wonderful devotion for the Spring Council Meeting.



(l) Lorraine Tray (r) Robyn Bass presenters of the program "Mental Health Awareness" at Richland County Spring Council Meeting.



Bennie Bostic welcomes members to Spring Council Meeting hosted by page 2 North Columbia FCL Club.



Pat Breznay, RCFCL President & SCFCL President promotes the bullseye poster about umbrella affiliated organizations.



(center-back row) Joni Williamson accepts President's Award for RCFCL at 2024 Annual Meeting. 2025 Fall News and Views

Lexington County

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

The 13th Annual Herb Festival hosted by the Herb Bunch on April 5 was a huge success! We had people traveling from around the state to buy herbs and enjoy the free seminars. We had more local vendors and were able to raise money for our scholarship fund. Our 2025 Herb Bunch Scholarship Finalists were Emma McCaffrey, a 2024 graduate of Batesburg/Leesville High School and McKenna Limehouse, a 2025 graduate of Lexington High School. Plans are being made for the 14th Annual Herb Festival.

The May meeting for the Herb Bunch in Lexington county had a member plant swap where each member brought plants from their garden to share with each other. It was highly successful and the club decided to have another plant swap in October.

We continue to collect money and goods to support the children in Foster Care in Lexington County. In October 2024, at our Annual October County Meeting we collected the following gifts for Foster Care: \$50 Cash, \$20 Wendy's Gift Cards, 14 pair Girl's Panties, 7 pair Boy's Briefs, 14 pair Ankle Socks, 3 pair Ladies Socks, 2 Boxes (18 Bags in each) Lay's Chips, 1 Box 45 bags Goldfish, 1 Box 54 Bags Cheetos, 1 Box 26 Bag Nabisco Cookies, 40 Coloring Books, Travel Size: 2 Men's Deodorant, 2 Men's Shampoo, 6 Women's Deodorant, 7 Women's Shampoo, Hair Brushes, 1 Single Toothbrush, 5 Toothbrushes with Paste in a case, 3 Travel size tubes of Toothpaste, Crochet Animals: 2 Large Bears, 2 Large Lambs, 1 Large Cat, 1 Large Gorilla, 1 Small Unicorn.

In May 2025 we collected the following gifts for Foster Care: \$85, \$20 Wendy's Gift Cards, \$15 McDonald Gift Cards, 3 Toothbrushes, 2 large tubes & 3 small tubes Toothpaste, 11 small Body Wash, 6 small Soap, 2 large & 3 small Deodorant, 13 small Lotion, 3 large & 15 small Shampoo, 15 small Conditioner, 1 small Hair spray, 5 Make-up Remover, 36 Baby Wipes, 2 Boy's T-Shirts, 3 pair Boy's Briefs, 3 pair Girl's Panties, 8 pair Boy's Socks, 8 pair Girl's Socks, 72 Detergent Pods, 2 – 5 packs Bread Sticks & cheese Snacks, 12 Bags Animal Crackers, 30 bags Cheez-It Crackers, 30 bags Frito Lays chips, 20 Crochet Animals. (Pictured upper right)

Our Ways and Means Chairman, Judee Shelley, coordinated a successful 2024 pecan sale. We sold a number of pecans sufficient to net a profit of almost \$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, 2025, and will be delivered about November 15, 2025. Two members attended the Spring Central District Meeting on March 12.

Two members attended the National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference in Springfield, Illinois on July 8-10.

One member attended the ACWW USA Area Meeting in Erlanger, Kentucky on July 21-24. We are preparing for our Lexington County Annual Meeting. It will be held on October 10, 2025, at the Lexington County Extension Building. Dale Morrow, SCFCL Project in Common with NVON Chairman will be our speaker to share information on "Mental Health and Awareness" to support our State Project In Common With NVON, Break the Stigma, Ignite Hope, Mental Health Matters.



Kershaw County

Kershaw County Family and Community Leaders (FCL) Clubs have spent recent months delivering vital support to neighbors in need. Local members have made a lasting impact county wide through food drives, personal-care donations, educational workshops, and heartfelt service projects.

The Mount Pisgah FCL Club:

- Donated non-perishable food items to the Mount Pisgah Community Center's pantry.
- Supplied T-shirts to the Kershaw County Baptist Association for crafting jump ropes at the Victor Sport Camp.
- Contributed soap, hats, gloves, deodorant, and other personal-hygiene essentials to the Season of Giving Toiletries Drive, sponsored by the Kershaw County Library.
- Delivered water, soda, chips, and snack items to North Central Elementary School during the Christmas Holidays (Pictured upper right)
- Provided Christmas gifts for residents of Cotton Wood Village, an assisted-living facility in Bishopville.



Parker FCL Club Celebrates and Serves:

Mary Brown, President of the Parker Club, marked her 80th birthday with a unique gift request. Instead of personal presents, she invited family, friends, and FCL members to donate to two local food pantries: Kershaw County Food for the Soul and Green Hill Baptist Church Food Pantry in Camden.

Chairperson Tara Raush led the Lugoff-Elgin Caring Closet initiative, personally shopping for and delivering:

- Hoodies, sweatshirts, and T-shirts
- More than 150 pairs of socks
- Personal hygiene supplies for both boys and girls

The Parker Club supplemented these items through additional funds raised by selling handmade "worry worms" crocheted by members.

Hands-on lessons have blossomed into real-world harvests and pollinator havens:

- Joann Salmond volunteered at two community gardens as part of an FCL lesson on food deserts, then she and Mary Brown shared fresh produce from their gardens with their neighborhood.
- Using one of the lessons, Debbie McClement crafted sourdough loaves to share with each participant.
- Tara Raush provided containers and live herb plants for the growing and using herbs module, encouraging members to cultivate year-round seasonings at home.
- Members also planted flowers to attract bees and butterflies to their gardens.



Kershaw County FCL members celebrate Mary Brown's 80th Birthday. Mary is 4th from the left with the scarf.

Suggested Non-Perishable Food Donation List

We CAN help our community by selecting healthier canned food items.

FRUITS

- Canned fruit (100% fruit juice or packed in its own juice)
- Canned fruit (no sugar added)



VEGETABLES

- Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- Soups (Light Progresso or Heart Healthy Campbell's)
- Low sodium spaghetti sauce
- 100% Vegetable juice

GRAINS

- Whole grain pasta
- Rice (white or brown)
- Barley, quinoa, couscous

PROTEIN

- Chunk light tuna packed in water or olive oil
- Tuna packets
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Salmon
- Dried beans, peas, or lentils
- Unsalted or lightly salted nuts
- Nut butter: peanut, almond, or cashew

DAIRY

- Shelf stable low-fat dairy, soy or almond milk



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Each county should bring small county flag, one \$10.00 gift card and one door prize.



Each attendee bring a non-perishable food item.



REGISTRATION FORM

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

2025 Annual Meeting

“ Fill the Need ”

October 21, 2025

Bamberg County Club Building
153 McMillian ST, Bamberg, SC 29033

****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

\$35 for members \$ _____

\$40 for non-members \$ _____

Late Fee after October 1, 2025

\$10 Late fee for postmarks after Oct. 1, 2025 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Emergency Contact _____
Name _____
Relationship _____
Phone # _____

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

Mail form and check to: Darlene Williams, 678 Cedar Ave, Denmark, SC 29042

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SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COMMUNITY LEADERS

2025 Annual Meeting

Bamberg County Club Building

153 McMillian ST, Bamberg, SC

"Fill the Need"

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:30 - 10:00	Registration	Darlene Williams
	Refreshments	Bamberg County
	"Fill the Need" Food Drive Collection	All attendees bring a non-perishable food item
	Gift Basket Ticket Sales and SCFCL Sales	Josephine Caldwell
	Presentation of County Flags (County Representatives)	Pat Breznay
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome	Evone Manigault
	Devotion	Constance Ferguson-Mary Ann Tarrant
	Flag Salutes	Juanita Murdaugh
	SCFCL Creed	Juanita Murdaugh
	SCFCL Song	Juanita Murdaugh
	Missing Members Ceremony	Pat Breznay
10:35 - 12:00	Annual Business Meeting	Pat Breznay
	Voting Delegates Roll Call and Minutes	Betty Osgood
	Treasurer's Report	Silverteen Mitchum
	Proposed Budget and Vote	Silverteen Mitchum
	Bee-Cause and Mental Health State Projects in Common with NVON	Dale Morrow
	2025 Fill the Need SCFCL State Project	Eather Evans
	2026 Educational Lessons	Eather Evans/Connie Lake
	County New Membership Certificates and President's Awards	Pat Breznay
	President's Report	Pat Breznay
	NVON and CWC/ACWW Conference Report	Pat Breznay/Pam Hanfland
	Nominating Committee Report	Betty Osgood
	Tellers Committee Report	Eather Evans
	Election of Officers and Report of Elections	Eather Evans/Pat Breznay
12:00 - 12:30	LUNCH Blessing (collection for 4-H Scholarships)	Mary Ann Tarrant
12:30 - 12:45	Recognition of SCFCL's 4-H Scholarship Award Recipients	Connie Lake
	Madelyn Anderson of Lancaster County	
	Kolby Allen of York County	
12:45 - 1:10	Speaker- Roxane Cummings, Rural Health and Nutrition Agent, Bamberg County	Pat Breznay
	"Fill the Need"	
1:10 - 1:25	2026 Waste Less, Eat Well SCFCL State Project	
1:25 - 1:50	2025 Buff Swicegood Travel Study Award Presentation	Barbara Westbrook
	Announce 2026 BSTSA winner	Pat Breznay
	Installation of Officers	Connie Lake
	Recognition of Outgoing Officers	Pat Breznay
	Invitation to 2026 Annual Meeting	Richland County Members
	Closing Remarks	Connie Lake
	Announcements	Pat Breznay
	Door Prizes and Gift Basket Drawing	District Directors
	Flag Recession	County Representatives
3:00	Adjourn	Pat Breznay

Beaufort County

Beaufort County member, Liz Santagati, Vice President along with her committee, planned a special luncheon for members who for one reason or another had not attended meetings in several months. Many promised to return in September when our meetings resume after the 3-month summer break.

Councilman York Glover informed club members about current events in Beaufort County and also the importance why Seniors can and should remain active in their communities, which fits in with the FCL motto: Improve the quality of life for individuals, families and community members through fellowship, education and service.



Pictured is Councilman York Glover from Williamsburg County speaker at the county monthly meeting.



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

As you know, SCFCL is among the 10 states that are members of National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON). This Project in Common was for 3 years but was voted in July 2024 to extend for one more year to the end of 2025. SCFCL has shared the same project but this is our last year to work on this project.

Heifer International supports this project and matches our donations toward Honeybee gift packages which include a bee hive, box, and training in beekeeping techniques.

Congratulations for your support of this great project.

Remember, One out of three foods you eat are pollinated by bees.

If you want to support this project for the remaining of 2025, 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 and mail to State Treasurer, Silverteen Mitchum, 18 Saxon RD EXT, Kingstree SC 29556.

 Visit: nvon.org and see the results of all organizations efforts for this worthwhile project. 

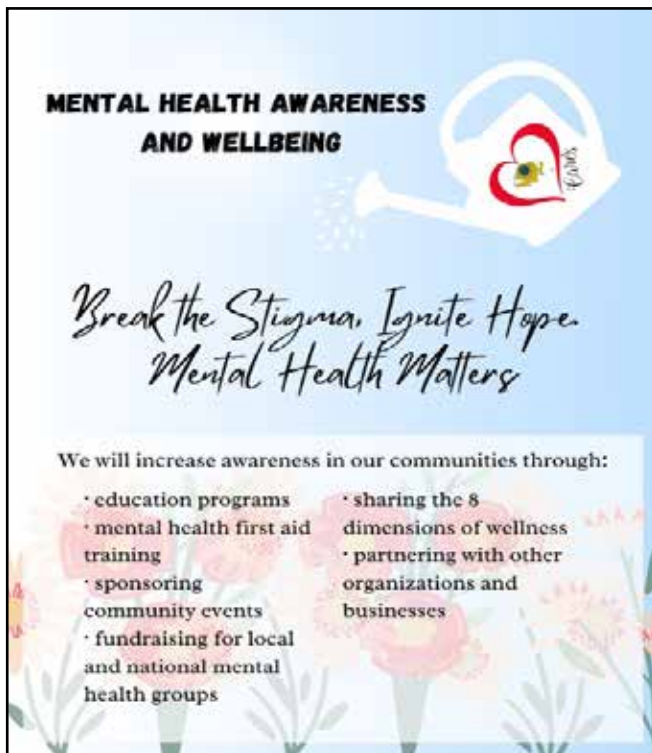
Williamsburg County

On Monday, February 10, 2025, members of the Williamsburg County Family and Community Leaders donated valentine treats to Residents at the Carlyle Senior Care Facility. (Pictured bottom left)

Members of Williamsburg County Family and Community Leaders present a check to Williamsburg County Library for the 2025 summer Read to Ride program for youth. (Pictured bottom right)



SCFCL State Project 2025-2027 in Common with NVON “Mental Health Awareness and Mental Health Wellbeing”



8 Dimensions of Wellness:

1. Physical Wellness
2. Emotional Wellness
3. Social Wellness
4. Intellectual Wellness
5. Environmental Wellness
6. Spiritual Wellness
7. Occupational Wellness
8. Financial Wellness

Fill the Need



“Fill the Need”

is SCFCL's 2025 State Project. “Fill the Need” deals with Food Insecurity, but what is Food Insecurity? It is the condition of not having access to sufficient food or food of an adequate quality to meet one's basic needs. More than 800 million people live every day with hunger or food insecurity as their constant thought.

Find a charity you want to support, make a donation.

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

September 29th is observed and is co-convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The day's goal is to raise awareness of food loss and waste, and to promote action to reduce it.

Summer Fun Activities

This summer, families can make a positive impact on reducing food waste while having fun through activities like composting, creating crafts with recycled materials, and even learning about food waste through games and documentaries. Here are some fun activities to encourage food waste reduction:

1. Composting Fun-Start a compost bin. Involve kids in building & maintaining a compost bin, learning about the benefits of nutrient rich soil.
2. Composting Challenge-Encourage kids to track food scraps and learn about what can be composted, turning it into a fun game.
3. Composting Party-Host a fun day where everyone can contribute to the compost pile, whether it's with kitchen scraps or yard waste. You can YouTube to get all the ideas needed to begin composting to advancing your already existing compost pile.

Officer needed for 2026

Central District Director

Our organization is 104 years old. We have been a major volunteer organization in South Carolina and many organizations depend on us for activities and events in our communities, donate time to those in need, supply food to family, church and community members, and keep our members educated on topics of interest and up to date on the needs of people we meet.

We need for others to STEP UP and be a part of our FUTURE!

Online you can download the Officers Form by visiting scfcl.com. Our organization cannot survive without officers. Please give any member of the board a call if you have questions and mail your form to me.

Pat Breznay, 2024-2026 President
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In loving Memory

Nila Ballentine, Lexington County
Margot Johnson, Lexington County
Norma Pillow, Lexington County
Wilma Weeks, Richland County
Marion Tarrant, Bamberg County
Queen Foyer, Bamberg 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

I had the honor of representing the South Carolina Family and Community Leaders at the State 4-H Banquet. It was a delight to see such talented youth from across the state. Our two scholarship recipients were very appreciative of their scholarships. I know they will put the scholarships to good use.

As school starts back, please encourage all students to learn everything that they can learn. An education is something that nobody can take away from you. I also pray that all students have a safe year in school.

Schools need volunteers too. You might be one that listens to students as they read. That is just one way you can volunteer. After school programs are also a wonderful place where you can volunteer and help children with their reading.

Remember the school when it comes to this year's State Project – "Fill the Need." Several schools have a program called Backpack Buddies that provides food for needy children that do not have food at home. Unfortunately, there are children that only have food to eat when they are at school. The Backpack Buddies program provides a backpack of easy to prepare food for needy children to use over the weekend. There are many similar programs across the state that can use your support as part of our "Fill the Need" project.



Connie Lake

a message from the SCFCL President

As I look over the many volunteer activities reporting by counties, I know why this organization has been around for 104 years. Less than half of our counties reported their volunteer hours which totaled **8057 hours @ \$31.50** per volunteer hour that amounts to over **\$354,000.00** for free help in communities in South Carolina. A Volunteer Form is on page 4 in this newsletter for your convenience. There is also a form online at scfcl.com. Please use one of these methods so we can report our total volunteering.

We have several state officers who's terms are coming to an end. Eather Evans, Vice President, stayed on one more year past her expired term so we need for someone to step up and fill the remaining two years as Vice Presidents and chair of the Education Committee.

Two District Directors (Central and Foothills) need to be elected at this year's Annual Meeting in October. Foothills District Director for a 3-year term then at this point, we do not have a Central District Director but when elected at the Annual Meeting, it will be for a 2-year term.

Speaking of the **2025 Annual Meeting which is Tuesday, October 21 at Bamberg County's Club Building at 153 McMillion Street, Bamberg**. Bamberg County members are working hard to make sure everything is in order, we have a great speaker and delicious food is served. The Meeting Registration Form is on page 6 and page 7 has a tentative schedule of the meeting. The deadline for registration is October 1 so get your checks ready to mail soon. **ATTN: Attendees bring non-perishable food item for donation.**

2026 Education Lessons will be given out at the Annual meeting. County Presidents, don't forget to pick up your packets so you can have lessons ready to give to clubs before the January 2026 meetings.

County Presidents have a couple forms to be filled out by October 1. They are: **State Project Final Report, County President's Award Form, County Officer's Form and 2025 Voting Delegates Form.**

All forms can be printed from scfcl.com under "Resources", "Member Forms."

December 1 is due date for Education Lessons County Report which helps the Extension Service know that we are using the education lessons and how important they are to us.

December 15 is due date for Volunteer hours from June 15 until December 15, 2025.

As the representative for SCFCL, I appreciate all those members in leadership roles, those leaders on the county and club level and exceptional members for their support of SCFCL to keep us improving the quality of living for us, our families and communities through dedication, education and fellowship and as always making a difference.



Pat Breznay

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