

News and Views

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

"Improving the quality of life through fellowship, education and service"



Spring

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

2026

2026 State Project Kick-Off

Central District Meeting-March 10 - Host County Kershaw

Coastal District Meeting-March 11 - Host County Colleton

Foothills District Meeting-March 12 - Host County Chester



**October 22, 2026
SCFCL Annual Meeting
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3909 Forest DR
Columbia, SC
29204**



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

Charleston County has two FCL clubs with 25 members! The year began with planning and preparing for the March 14, 2025 Coastal Spring District Meeting. Much time was spent making colorful and trimmed ric rack place mats and shell napkin rings for the table settings. Two FCL members made floral wreath centerpieces for door prizes. Others donated items for door prizes and collected literature about Charleston. A fun skit "What You Do May Rub Off On Someone" was enjoyed by the practicing and presenting cast members as well as the delegates viewing the skit.

In April our club participated in the Hobson Memorial Service in honor of those who lost their lives in the Hobson submarine collision that over 100 lives were lost. Lynn Fay designed and constructed a memorial wreath and several presented the wreath during the ceremony. Each of the ladies provided a dessert for the luncheon following the service.

In May we addressed 45 Mother's Day cards and arranged in the envelope a beautiful handkerchiefs and rose flower for the ladies in the Oaks assistant living residence.

In June we addressed 50 Father's Day cards and also inserted into the envelope a red western printed bandanna for the fellows in the Oaks assistant living residence.

May through August members assisted in making 50 aprons for club's leader's bread making workshop for the National 4-H Conference in Georgia.

September's meeting was a fun and challenge as club leader, Betty Osgood, directed the lesson and activity she wrote "Cooking Without A Recipe". Each group made two different kinds of salsa and both were enjoyed by all.

January – December, 4-H Volunteer Club Leader Betty Osgood and four FCL members assist, donate and help during monthly Charleston Clover 4-H Club meetings.

Ten members were able to attend the State FCL Annual meeting in Bamberg on Oct 21. Each donated a non perishable food item for the "Feed the Hungry" project.

Betty Osgood attended the National 4-H Volunteer Conference in October that was held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. Betty taught a bread workshop making "Individual Picnic Loafs" to nearly 50 delegates. Each received a beautifully made apron made by Carolyn Smith and Betty Osgood.

October and November were again our busiest months. FCL members worked diligently and long hours assisting in cleaning show cases, checking in quilts, assisting the judges, and displaying the quilts during one week. The following week found them checking in open class exhibits, assisting judges and displaying the exhibits in the showcases. During the fair FCL members checked in baked goods for the King Arthur and Open Class contests, assisted the judges, show cased the exhibits for public tasting. Senior Citizen's Day a team of FCL members made and served 12 recipes of "Glazed Donuts". The crowd was large and we had no left overs! During the fair and on Senior Citizen's day four FCL members, Marlene Williamon, Daisy Johnson, Dot Weston and Michelle Frank directed tables for fair goers to sign Christmas card for Veterans with over 3,500 cards being signed.

November FCL members enjoyed going to the Creche Festival in Moncks Corner. This year's art theme was wood pieces carved and designed for nativity scenes.

December's activity was going to the Oaks to give each resident a Christmas card and beautifully decorated wreath made by Sally Kennedy. FCL members hung 76 wreaths on the doors. We also sang Christmas carols to the assistant living residence and the mental health residence. We also donated \$125.00 to a youth in a group home that had never had a Christmas.

Everyone enjoyed a Christmas party that included a Snowman craft led by Lorna Dolph and Dawn Bush, games and prizes led by Lynn Fay, gift exchange and everyone contributed to a delicious Christmas dinner.

Throughout the year FCL members practice weekly and sing in their church choir and/or present special music. Some teach in children's church, work in the church nursery, provide food for senior citizen's luncheons, and donate gifts for wedding and baby showers.

Several FCL members attend to those who need meals, assist in household chores, drives to doctor appointment and visit the shut ins. Several have donated food items in Blessing Boxes as well at the State FCL food drive project. Also clothes have been donated to a church in their free clothing distribution and in the Group home. We have also participated and donated in the Bee Project and 4-H scholarship funds.



Dorchester County

Mrs Agnes Earline Pearson
January 11, 1934 - July 18, 2025



"Sunrise Thursday Earline you were with us, before dawn Saturday we looked around and you were gone. You didn't have time to say goodbye, but we realize it was God's will.

We love you but God loves you best."

Agnes, our former club President, was a member of FCL for more than 65 years. She is truly missed by club members.



We continue to volunteer at the fair and in the community. We made a queen size quilt with shams and pillows and displayed them at the fair.



Givhans FCL club sponsor a senior luncheon for the community in April. It was well attended. They had a good time fellowshiping with one another. A hot lunch was provided along with prizes.

Saluda County

Saluda County FCL members 2025 Project was Birthday Bags. The gift bags were filled with cake mix, cake icing, pan and birthday decorations. Our bags were donated to the Saluda County Christ Central Food Pantry. Children need something special on their Birthday. With these birthday bags, they can have a birthday cake on their special day.



Hampton County

Hampton County Family and Community Leaders (FCL) members gathered for a Christmas social at their final meeting of the year. We visited, made Christmas ornaments, and enjoyed sharing finger foods together. We are looking forward to the upcoming year with many interesting new programs. We are also excited to have recruited four new members.

We were able to cover all programs from the state this year. In preparation for summer kids' programs at the local library, the ladies brought in various "recyclable" items from their homes for the local 4-H agent to use in a "recycling art" theme. Items brought included lace, buttons, old or broken jewelry, bottle caps, fabric,

plastic containers, etc.

The kids used the recyclable items to replicate the patterns found in nature. Each week the kids studied different patterns to include spirals, webs, honeycombs, and leaf patterns.

We also supported two local nursing homes this year. We brought in new socks and participated in a Trick or Treat event with the residents by giving each person a pair of socks when they came through with their Trick or Treat bag. In December, at another nursing home we gave out Christmas cards and a pair of socks for each resident. At our monthly meetings, we collected food items and distributed in the local "blessing boxes" in the community. Also, we put socks in the local blessing box during December. We continued our partnership with "Keep Hampton County Beautiful" this year with the recycling of plastic bags and wrappers project. We also made a monetary donation to our local 4-H club.



To Kick-Off the 2026 Waste Less Eat Well Project

Purchase this "Grocery-All purpose" non-woven Bag as a way to promote this project during 2026 and save it to use as a reminder of this Project.

Cost is \$7.00 per bag

and it can be purchased at one the three Spring District Meetings, while they last.

Be the first to purchase yours and purchase one for your "bestie" to support SCFCL's Food Waste Project.

2025-2027 Project in Common with NVON

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND WELLBEING



*Break the Stigma. Ignite Hope.
Mental Health Matters*

We will increase awareness in our communities through:

- education programs
- mental health first aid training
- sponsoring community events
- fundraising for local and national mental health groups
- sharing the 8 dimensions of wellness
- partnering with other organizations and businesses

Addressing Food Waste (Last year of a Three Year Project)

This project is associated with County Women's Council, USA as part of an ACWW Resolution addressing Food Waste.

"Be it resolved that ACWW facilitates both action and advocacy on the issue of food waste, recognizing that food waste occurs throughout the global food supply chain, and that coordinated action is required to migrate food loss and wastage at every stage."

What direction are you going?



2026 – Four Critical Factors Affecting Food Security

Water Security
Climate Change
Energy Security
Conflict

Jan 1 - Dec 31	Waste Less Eat Well SCFCL 2026 State Project
March 2-8	Food Waste Action Week
April 6-12	Food Waste Prevention Week
September 29	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

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. Minutes we have volunteered and how much money we have donated to South Carolina are at a rate of \$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

Speaker-Sharneece Gary

Hostess: Kershaw County FCL

Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
1709 Lyttleton ST
Camden, SC 29020

When: March 10, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am

How much: Registration \$5 Meal \$20 Total \$25.00

Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, March 3
(\$5.00 late fee if received after March 3)

Payable to: KCFCL

Mail to: Sandra Wood (803) 315-7161 cell
309 Palm Sedge Loop, Elgin, SC 29045
54swood@bellsouth.net

Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county
Indicate allergies or if vegetarian

SPRING COASTAL DISTRICT MEETING

Speaker-Ali Charlton

Hostess: Colleton County FCL

Where: Colleton Farmers Market & Museum
506 E Washington ST
Walterboro, SC 29488

When: March 11, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am

How Much: Registration \$4 Meal \$17 Total \$21.00

Deadline for Registration: Wednesday, Feb 25
(\$5.00 late fee if received after February 25)

Payable to: CCFCL

Mail to: Vivian Stephens (843) 562-6335 cell
642 Patriots LN, Ruffin, SC 29475
843-562-6335 cell

Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county
Indicate allergies or if vegetarian

SPRING FOOTHILLS DISTRICT MEETING

Speaker-Myeesha Lance

Hostess: Chester County FCL

Where: Union ARP Church
3594 Lancaster HWY
Richburg, SC 29729

When: March 12, Register-9:30 Meeting-10:00 am

How much: Registration \$4 Meal \$11 Total \$15.00

Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, March 6
(\$5.00 late fee if received after March 6)

Payable to: CCFCL

Mail to: Linda Westbrook (803) 209-6036 cell
2875 Westbrook RD, Edgemoor, SC 29712
westculp3@gmail.com

Bring: One door prize & one \$10 gift card per county
Indicate allergies or if vegetarian

Officers to be elected in 2026

President (3 year term) (elected at 2026 Annual Meeting)

Secretary (3 year term) (elected at 2026 Annual Meeting)

Coastal District Director (elected at Spring Coastal District Meeting (March11)

To see an officer list of duties, visit: **scfcl.com** or all information is in "Purple" 2026 SCFCL Handbook

In Loving Memory

**Agnes Pearson
Helen Spiller**

**Dorchester County
Greenwood County**

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

2025 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).

County	New Members
Lexington	13
Charleston	7
Union	7
Beaufort	3
Bamberg	1
Dorchester	1
Sumter	1
Williamsburg	1

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.

County	List of Items	County President
Lexington	11	Pam Hanfland
Charleston	11	Betty Osgood
Richland	10	Pat Breznay
Allendale	9	Faye Cochran
Beaufort	9	Williw Mae Lewis
Kershaw	9	Eather Evans

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.

County	Yrs member	First	Last	Yr Joined
Dorchester	65	Agnes	Pearson	1960
Bamberg	55	Evelyn	Muhammad	1970
Lexington	55	Cynthia	Dickey	1970
Allendale	50	Faye	Cochran	1975
Lexington	50	Bette	Chinners	1975
Richland	50	Wilma	Weeks	1975
Dorchester	50	Rose	Walker	1975
Allendale	45	Xoeswll	Shramek	1980
Lexington	45	Anne	Snipes	1980
Richland	45	Martha Jean	Stoudemire	1980
Charleston	45	Debbie	Davis	1980
Dorchester	45	Edharriet	Baker	1980
Dorchester	45	Lorraine	Grant	1980
Dorchester	45	Sylvia	Sanders	1980
Dorchester	45	Thelma	Sanders	1980
Newberry	45	Mildred Lynn	Goggans	1980
Newberry	45	Margret	Mozee	1980
Oconee	45	Carla	Hedden	1980
Union	45	Shirley	Mitchell	1980
Union	45	Myrtis	Rainwater	1980
Saluda	40	Patricia	Berry	1985
Hampton	35	Evelyn	Griner	1990
Saluda	35	Clara	Riley	1990
Chester	30	Linda	Westbrook	1995
Saluda	30	Jackie	Banks	1995
Calhoun	25	Nancy S	Harrison	2000
Lexington	25	Dorothy	Tunstall	2000
Richland	25	Ferrie	Ward	2000
Charleston	25	Lyn	Pichard	2000
Williamsburg	25	Sirlemor	Monk	2000
Saluda	25	Jean	Gibson	2000
York	25	Lady Margaret	McGill	2000

2025 Annual Meeting Highlights



Roxane Cummings, Rural Health & Nutrition Agent
"Fill the Need"



93 Attendees at Bamberg County Club Building,
SCFCL Annual Meeting, October 21



Madelyn Anderson, Lancaster
SCFCL's \$1,000 4-H Award
Winner

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for more photos**



Barbara Westbrook
2025 Buff Swicegood Travel Study Award
Presentation



Pat Breznay and Betty Osgood with
Myeesha Lance
(2026 BSTSA Recipient)



Attendees brought non-perishable food items for
Bamberg County Food Bank



Waste Less, Eat Well
2026 State Project



President's Awards



Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World
Dale Morrow, Chair



New Member Awards



2026 NVON Conference Registration

"Never Give Up"

July 14-16, 2026 The Wisconsin Hotel, Lake Delton, Wisconsin

Hosted by: Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education (WAHCE)

Name (one form per person) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (with area code) _____

E-mail address _____

Member _____ Guest _____ First Time Attendee _____ E-mail Registration Confirmation _____ Y _____ N

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a written registration confirmation.

I grant WAHCE, NVON, the right to use, publish and copyright my image for educational program and publications, web sites and promotion of WAHCE, NVON, programs.

Signature _____

**List Special Dietary or Health Needs _____ **

Choose a seminar/craft workshop you would like to attend by placing a 1, 2, or 3 in the space before the selection. Omitting the 2nd or 3rd choice does not guarantee placement in 1st choice. Tours, seminars and workshops will be filled as registrations are received. Include payment with your registration.

TOUR

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

_____ Noon—3:30 Wisconsin Dells Army Duck & The Bowman House \$40

SPOUSE/FRIENDS ACTIVITIES

Wed. & Thurs.—Spouse/Friends plan their activities

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

_____ Chain Painting, \$10

_____ Gnome Ornament, \$6

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

_____ Water Aerobics

_____ Plarn Plastic Yarn project

SEMINARS

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

_____ Diamond Dot Art \$20

_____ In Every Story There's Strength

_____ Necedah Wildlife Refuge

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

_____ Warm Glow craft, \$15

_____ Wisconsin Helping Nicaragua Women & Families

_____ Circus World Museum

Thursday, July 16, 2026, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

_____ 25 Year Perspective of Quilting

_____ How to Help Others When I'm Not OK

_____ Break the Stigma Around Domestic Abuse

Thursday, July 16, 2026, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

_____ Friendship Necklace, \$20

_____ Don't You Dare Give Up

_____ The Amish in Wisconsin

How many NVON
conferences have you
attended including this one?
(This will be #27)

Lodging Information can be located at
<https://www.nvon.org/nvon-conference>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone # _____

REGISTRATION FEES - Deadline: June 1, 2026

Full Registration.....\$250 \$ _____

One Day Registration

Tuesday, July 14.....\$125 \$ _____

Wednesday, July 15.....\$125 \$ _____

Thursday, July 16.....\$125 \$ _____

Late Fee (postmarked after June 1).....\$25 \$ _____

****Registration Fee REQUIRED to participate in the tour.**

Tour Fees

Tuesday, Tour-Wisconsin Dells Army Duck & The Bowman House \$40 \$ _____

Craft Workshops and Seminars Fees

Chain Painting.....\$10 \$ _____

Gnome Ornament.....\$6 \$ _____

Diamond Dot Art.....\$20 \$ _____

Warm Glow Craft.....\$15 \$ _____

Friendship Necklace.....\$20 \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION, TOURS, AND FEES \$ _____

Registration Fees are transferable NOT refundable.

I will be attending the following:

_____ Tuesday, July 14, Dinner, Wisconsin Night

_____ Wednesday, July 15, Breakfast Buffet

_____ Wednesday, July 15, Lunch

_____ Wednesday, July 15, Dinner

_____ Thursday, July 16, Breakfast Buffet

_____ Thursday, July 16, Lunch

_____ Thursday, July 16, Dinner

All meals included in registration fee.

Make checks payable to: **WAHCE**

Mail check or money order with registration form to:

Jane Grabarski

996 Evergreen Ave

Grand Marsh WI 53936

Email: janegrabarski@gmail.com

Phone: 1-608-547-2419

Registration due by June 1, 2026

Late fee after June 1, 2026 of \$25

Notes from SCFCL President, Pat Breznay



I don't know about you but, I want to get outside and play. Even though pruning, raking and hoeing are tiresome, the fresh air and cool breezes are inviting. 2026 looks on paper like it's going to be a busy but very eventful year.

We had a great January Board Meeting with ZOOM for those who couldn't attend in person. Yeah! We now have a Central District Director, Liz Sailer who inquired about the position and, of course, we are excited to have her join our team. She lives in Lexington, is almost retired and is quite enthusiastic about events and projects we discussed at the Board Meeting.

The Spring District Meeting are quickly arriving March 10 (Central), 11 (Coastal), and 12 (Foothills). I hope you get this newsletter before they happen.

One of our State Projects is **"Waste Less Eat Well."** We will have the Kick-Off event at each District Meeting. Myeesha Lance, our 2026 Buff Swicegood Travel Study Award Recipient has been helping us organize this project partnering with Clemson's EFNEP efforts to help us increase food security and reduce Food Waste. Hope each of you will be able to attend the meetings.

The end of April, Pam, Jim and I will be attending ACWW's Triennial Conference in Ottawa, Canada followed by a train trip to Quebec and Montreal. Hope the weather is warmer. We're looking forward to hearing from women around the world and what exciting things they've done since the last Triennial in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

April 1 is the deadline to submit an application for the BSTSA. Applications can be acquired on **scfcl.com** then mail or email to me before April 1.

April 15, the Education Committee will be selecting Education Lessons for 2027. If you have a topic you'd like to have as a lesson, please let Eather Evans (SCFCL Vice President), Connie Lake (SCFCL Advisor) or me know either by email or call.

I was very hopeful to have better support of reporting **Volunteer Hours**. I've included a form on page 6 for you to keep track. I ask my club members to give me their hours at our club meeting before they get to talkative about our education lesson. Please try better this year.

Richland County FCL is hosting the **2026 SCFCL Annual Meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbia, October 22**. It's going to be another wonderful meeting so save the date.

Early February, I received an email from Greenwood County that Helen Spiller passed away. There was a small grave side service in her honor. She was State President from 2010-2014, one of my favorite red-heads and was a dedicated 61 year member that made a difference through her many efforts in Greenwood, around South Carolina and beyond. Thank You Helen, to the many dedicated members who have passed, members who continue to keep SCFCL going, and those who will keep up our legacy.

Thanks for your support of South Carolina Family and Community Leaders.

Message from your State Advisor, Connie Lake

I hope everyone made it safely through the recent winter weather. In Saluda, we had some icy roads after the sleet on Sunday afternoon. My electricity flickered a little but did not go out. My husband and I prepared for the winter weather. We stocked up on food and purchased items that we could grill if the power went out. My husband checked the generator and made sure the car was filled with gas. Next, we had to stock up on feed and hay for the livestock. They did not like the sleet and snow. They were all piled into the shed.

When severe weather strikes our area, we become neighbors helping neighbors. We check on the elderly. Even if you cannot get out, make a phone call to check on the elderly and your neighbors. This is good practice in both mild weather and severe weather.

Stay safe as the winter weather continues.



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Be sure to invite your friends!

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