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NEAFCS Affiliate Report

State: Virginia

Date: January 30, 2003

Accomplishments: Please list major accomplishments (January 1 – December 31)

Member Resources: Bonnie Tazewell

Revisions to the affiliate website and revival of the affiliate member listserv enabled the Board to more effectively communicate with the membership during the year. The Member Resources committee continues to work on developing an accurate list of retirees and encouraging recently retired members to join NEAFCS as life members.

Professional Development: Beverly Samuel

The Professional Development Committee assisted with the planning of a joint conference of Virginia Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (VEAFCS) and Virginia Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (VAFCS). The 2002 Annual Conference, "Nuture Today, Shape Tomorrow" was held March 7-9, at the Hilton in Herndon, Virginia, and 9 Professional Development Units were awarded for participation in this event. The President, Karen Poff, maintained a Professional Development Library for the VEAFCs membership. The lending library procedures and a catalog listing of resources are available on the veafcs website. These resources are available to any member of VEAFCs upon request. The Professional Development Committee will identify resources to expand this lending library as funds are available to purchase additional resources. The Professional Development Committee promoted participation in the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Conference held October 6-10, 2002 in Kansas City, Missouri. Eleven participants from Virginia attended the conference, including 8 active members, 2 retirees, and a spouse. The Professional Development Committee is assisting with the planning details of the VEAFCs/VAFCS joint conference being planned for March 28-29, at Doubletree Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA.

Awards & Recognition: Becky Taylor

Four Awards were submitted to NEAFCS for consideration this year. Winners from Virginia included:

Edith Austin - Distinguished Service Award

Sharon Diggs - Continuing Excellence Award

Sharon Diggs - Mary Wells Diversity Award - 1st Place Southern Region

Public Affairs: Stephanie Diehl

Five members completed various levels of the NEAFCS Challenge 2002. The results were as follows:

Kay E. Webb Burke	Levels I, II, and III
Helen W. Smith	Level I
Christine A. Kastan	Levels I and II
Johanna Hahn	Levels I, II, III
Karen Munden	Level 1

Two members attended the 2002 Public Issues Leadership Development Conference.

Other Special Projects (anything you would like to brag about): Karen Poff

A major project this year was our "Virginia Products Showcase," at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents in Norfolk. Nine vendors showcased an exciting array of the specialty products available from across our diverse state. The Showcase included exhibits by vendors displaying items such as Virginia food and agricultural products, arts and crafts, and other products made in Virginia. Conference participants were treated to an excellent sampling of the "Virginia's Finest."

Concerns from your State (concerns for the NEAFCS Board):

The state of CES in your state: Karen Poff

A task which has taken precedence this year has been coping with the effects of the Commonwealth's budget crisis on Virginia Cooperative Extension. This ongoing process has involved communicating with the membership, the administration, clientele, and stakeholders to develop strategies for coping with reduced staffing due to numerous early retirements prompted by the funding cuts. Our FCS staff has been reduced by approximately 1/3 this year, with more retirements expected.

**Prepared by: Karen Lynn Poff, VEAFCFCS President
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Thanks for reporting