

# Scott's Thoughts for Oregon FCE

Written by Scott Teeples – Oregon FCE President – March 28, 2020

*Please note: Since I am only emailing this out to the various leaders at the State, District, County and Study Group levels, can you please make sure that all of your members get this information. Print them a copy or whatever you need to do and get it to them. I will also post it on the Oregon FCE website.*

As I write these thoughts, I hope that I find that all is well with you and your loved ones, especially with this Covid 19 virus that has come up to all of us throughout the world. We are living in a time that no one has ever gone through before, and every situation is different. Please be safe, stay at home and do the best you can to stay healthy. I know that we need to have faith that we can make it through this worldwide crisis. Every day my prayers go out for, not only the FCE members but for all of the people of the world.

Bonnie and I am doing well so far and are currently as healthy as can be expected under the circumstances. We are staying home almost all of the time and only going out when we have to go to the store for supplies, and we keep those to a minimum. We have, under the direction of the governor, closed our store, Keeper's Corner, until such time that we can reopen. It is going to be a big financial challenge for us, but we will make it somehow.

## **A Big THANK YOU**

Words can only begin to express the thanks that I have for all of you Oregon FCE members. All of the things that you do to make things happen throughout the state of Oregon. Not only in FCE but also in your neighborhoods, your communities, your cities, your counties, your state, your country and the world you live in. You are sometimes the driving force that makes positive things happen. I am so proud of everything that you do, and I say, **"THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO"**. Keep it up and be proud of being an FCE member and representing what it stands for.

## **2020 Oregon FCE Spring Board Meeting**

Due to the Covid 19 virus and for the first time that anyone remembers we did not hold an "in-person" Spring Board Meeting. The circumstances that had forced us out of our comfort zone have also pushed us into some new experiences. For the first time in Oregon FCE history, we held our Board Meeting via a phone conference. We sent lots of emails back and forth between the Board in

preparation for that meeting and it saved us a lot of time. It was an interesting meeting, and everyone felt that it went very well. All 10 Board members were able to attend and participate. We all pushed hard and finished the meeting, which normally takes about 10 hours. We completed the entire meeting in 3 hours and 51 minutes. (Ya, ya, ya for us!) We did delete a few things but still managed to complete all tasks we needed to do. We also saved Oregon FCE money without travel and motel expenses.

We made some adjustments to the Finance Committee reducing it from 7 members to 5. This will be done by attrition as terms expire.

We selected the Heart of FCE winner and the winners for the various Essay and Artwork Contests. I will have Sandie Bolyard report those in the next Oregon FCE Newsletter.

We selected 6 classes/lessons and 1 country lesson to be developed and taught at the 2020 Fall Conference. Those include:

**Lesson #1: Rabies**

Taught by Margart Polen and Martha Crawford (both of SWFCE)

**Lesson #2: Great American Women**

Taught by Kerry Mauk

**Lesson # 3 : Fight to Save America's Food**

Taught by Anne Engen

**Lesson # 4: Scams, Shams and Frauds**

Taught by Bonnie Teeples and Loretta McDonald

**Lesson # 5: History of Dolls**

Taught by Sandie Bolyard and Patti Malanaphy

**Lesson # 6: Time Management**

Taught by Marlene and Tom Currin

**Country Lesson: Malaysia**

Taught by Scott and Bonnie Teeples

**2019 Oregon FCE State Conference**

We had a great Fall conference with lots of great classes, great fellowshiping with those attending members, a great Board meeting, great entertainment, and lots of opportunities to learn lots of various things. We had the honor of having the Hawaii FCE State president with us there. We did miss Ardyce Snyder,

National FCE President, who was unable to attend at the last minute due to some medical problems. District 1 did a great job hosting the Conference and I give them many thanks for all that they did. They, along with many others put in lots of time preparing for and hosting the Conference. Many thanks to each and every person that helped in any way before, during and after the Conference.

### **Oregon Scholarship to Attend 2020 National FCE Conference**

During the Board meeting at the Fall Conference, we were able to set up a \$200.00 scholarship to help those that may need financial help when attending the 2020 National FCE Conference which is going to be held in Oregon at the same hotel we held our 2019 Fall Conference. I have emailed out the application several times and it is on the Oregon FCE website [www.oregon-fce.org](http://www.oregon-fce.org). Also, please contact me if you need additional information. As of this date I have received 10 applications.

### **Visit to Hawaii FCE State Conference**

Soon after our Conference, I took the opportunity to attend the 2019 Hawaii FCE State Conference in Hilo, Hawaii. Bonnie was at an ACWW Board meeting in London, England so I attended the conference by myself. It was a great experience and I met many new FCE friends and got to visit with many of my other Hawaii FCE friends. I was welcomed to the conference and I participated in all of their events. I learned a lot and, as usual, am borrowing several good ideas of things they do. They are great people. Many of them told me that they are planning on coming to the National FCE Conference this year in Portland, Oregon.

### **State Wide FCE Visits**

I didn't have the opportunity to visit many of the Oregon FCE events in the fall of 2019 because there were not a lot of events and some time conflicts that I have at that time of the year. This spring, I had lots of plans to attend many of the District, County and other various activities but, due to the Corona virus, was not able to attend any of them. I miss those visits but fully understand why they have been postponed or canceled.

### **IAHFCE Conference**

In early March of this year, Bonnie and I had the opportunity to attend the 2020 Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE) State Conference which was held in Effingham, Illinois. Bonnie had been invited to attend as the

ACWW USA Area President. IAHCE is a sister organization of FCE and were divided off in the 80's as names were being changed from Home Extension Homemakers. There were about 350 attendees. It was a conference made up of people just like us. I attended all of the meetings including lessons, leadership and District meetings. It was a great conference and I learned a lot and had lots of ideas to borrow. Bonnie and I returned just as lots of things were closing down due to the Corona virus restrictions.

### **2020 National FCE Conference (July 23-26, 2020)**

Great news and such an honor! **Oregon is going to be the site for the 2020 National FCE Conference.** Ardyce Snyder, National FCE President, has signed a contract with the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon. It is the same hotel that we held the 2019 Oregon FCE State Conference in. It will not be any closer for you to go then that year. There are some National FCE Alumni Scholarships that you can apply for that will pay your registration fee in full. There are also some Oregon FCE Scholarships that you can apply for to help with your cost. You might also look at your County FCE or your FCE Study Group for financial help.

As of today, March 28, 2020, **the National FCE Board is still planning on having the 2020 National Conference** as scheduled. I know they have had some phone conferences and have a lot of concern. I have talked to Ardyce Snyder, National FCE President, and she will keep me updated and I will pass that information along.

Set your 2020 calendars and plan on going. There is more information on the National FCE website [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org). See you there!

### **2020 Oregon FCE State Conference (October 5, 6, and 7, 2020)**

The 2020 Oregon FCE State Conference is going to be held this year at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield, Oregon. This is going to be the first State Conference to be held in the Eugene/Springfield area. The theme for the Conference is "Cheers for FCE." District 3 is hosting the Conference and they are busy doing lots of planning. I think it will be another great one. The State Board has done a lot in planning great lessons for the Conference. Plan on being there.

As of today, March 28, 2020, we, **the State FCE Board, are still planning on having the 2020 Fall Conference as scheduled.** As you all know, things change

every day with the current challenges we have. I will keep all of you up to date as soon as any other decision comes.

## **2020 Oregon FCE Volunteer Awards**



Now is the time to start preparing to earn your 2020 Oregon Volunteer Award. 2018 was the first year that we gave this award and we gave out several awards and again in 2019. Those that put in the many hours of volunteer time, including yourself, deserve the recognition. Add up all of your volunteer hours for you as an individual, your Study Group, your County, or even your District. All Award winners will be recognized at the 2020 State FCE Conference and certificated given to those that attend the Conference. Those not attending will be sent their certificates. Full details and forms can be found on the Oregon FCE website [www.oregon-fce.org](http://www.oregon-fce.org). **Get your forms sent to me as soon as you can. If you can't get them mailed to me, I will still accept them as late as Monday of the Conference.**

## **Oregon FCE Membership Recruitment**

There is nothing better that I can say about recruiting new members than to "Invite, Invite, Invite!" We, as FCE members, are always having great activities and lessons. When was the last time that you invited a non FCE member to any of these wonderful things that we do? Let us all do exactly as our name indicates. We are Family and Community Education. Don't keep FCE a big secret. **You are the answer to turning our declining membership numbers around.** Someone invited you to join FCE and now it's your turn, and obligation, to invite others. If you do nothing, this great association will continue to drop in membership numbers. Start today and make a list of those you are going to invite. Don't give up, sometimes you may have to ask several times.

## **What is FCE? – Business Cards**



With the idea coming from Bonnie and a card that she had from past years Bonnie and I have developed a "What is FCE?" business card. I ordered and paid for 2,500 of them and I want them used. I have enough for everyone to have some. I have started giving them out and have

done so in the various statewide meetings that I have attended. I will get you some if you are interested in having some.

They can be used as a great recruiting tool. How many times have you been asked “What is FCE?” and now you have the answer. Use the back of the card to write down the next FCE activity that you are having and give it to someone. Be sure to include the name of the activity, the date, the time, address, phone numbers and contact information they may need. Use one and write, on the back, the name of the person you are going to invite to your next FCE activity.

### **Oregon FCE Fundraising Booth – located at Keeper’s Corner LLC**

The Oregon FCE Fundraising Booth at Keeper’s Corner is still doing very well and is raising over \$2,000.00 a year to help Oregon FCE out. The booth is donated and doesn’t cost Oregon FCE anything. All of the money raised goes to Oregon FCE. Please remember that it is filled with items that are donated by FCE members throughout the state and also other various donors including some of the vendors of Keeper’s Corner. If you have items for donation, please let me know and we will get them there. Without your donations, the booth is not possible.

I would also like to thank all of those local Klamath Falls area FCE members, including Bonnie Teeples, Sue Campbell, and Barbara Lougnot, that help keep the booth clean and well organized. It takes a lot of work to keep it going.

### **Oregon FCE and National FCE Websites**

Please take some time and check out the websites for Oregon FCE ([www.oregon-fce.org](http://www.oregon-fce.org)) and National FCE ([www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org)). They are both great tools where you can find a lot of information about FCE at both the state and national level. Did you know that the complete Oregon Handbook is available on the website? Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about either website. (I know the webmaster well) While you are there you might check out the LINKS page and check out the websites for other FCE states and also the ACWW website.

### **Oregon FCE Facebook Page**

If you happen to be on Facebook be sure to join the Oregon FCE Facebook Page. There are lots of pictures of a lot of the Oregon FCE activities from all across the state. You can do posting and pictures under the Visitor Posts, but they won’t

show up out front. If you let me know that you made the post on the Visitors Post I will share them, and they will show up out front. If you are not on Facebook, send me your pictures and some information and I'll post them for you.

### **Oregon FCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Essay and Artwork Contest**

This was the second year for our new Oregon FCE 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Essay and Artwork Contest. I thank North Dakota FCE for the great idea. We did have over 100 entries this year and hope to have many more next year. Next year, please be sure to get the information to the teachers that could be involved. Please also remember that it doesn't have to be done in school, the children just need to be the age for the appropriate grade level. It can be done through the parents, grandparents, friends, or whomever. Full details and forms are available on the Oregon FCE website.

### **My Oregon FCE Goals**

Right after I was elected President, I set some goals for, not only myself, but for all of us to work on regarding Oregon FCE. I still have them and continually work on them. I hope that you're on board to help. I'd like to share them with you, again. Let's all evaluate how we're doing on them.

1. **Oregon FCE Membership:** Maintain and increase Oregon FCE membership by finding, recruiting and retaining new members. This would include inviting non-FCE members to all of our great FCE activities. We must also fellowship and nourish all of our current FCE members.
2. **Oregon FCE Finances:** Maintain and even increase Oregon FCE finances.
3. **Professional Development:** Develop and use great lessons and programs.
4. **Communication:** Communication of all members at all levels via personal contact, phone calls, video calls, emails, texts, mail, websites, and other methods. The communication should be both upline and downline.
5. **Community Service Projects:** Develop and be involved in community service projects.
6. **Education:** All FCE members working at doing exactly what the name of our organization states... Family and Community Education for all.
7. **Recognition of FCE Members:** Recognition of those great volunteers that we have. Giving them a little something for all that they do.
8. **Great State Conferences:** Plan, develop, organize and hold great State Conferences that everyone can attend and enjoy.

## **Final Thoughts**

- Please invite me to any of the FCE activities that you are having. I love going and sharing your time. I love participating. I might even teach one of your classes or do a presentation if you'd like me to.
- Please let me know if there is anything, I can do for you or any of your FCE members. I live to serve... and serve to live.
- Again... "Thanks for all you do", Scott Teeples – Oregon FCE President