ALOHA!
“A Love Of Helping All”
73rd Annual OHCE State Meeting July 13-15, 2008

I am so excited about the state meeting this year and I know you will be also when you hear what is going on.

Join us for an Elegant Night on the Town and enjoy an evening of rare art and fine dining. The group will depart at 4:45 p.m. for the Oklahoma City Art Museum located in downtown Oklahoma City. You will have an opportunity to view the Museum’s permanent collection of American and European Paintings and Sculpture, Drawings, Prints, and Photography as well as the comprehensive collection of Dale Chihuly glass in the world. Also in house will be a very special traveling exhibit. The Oklahoma City Museum of Art will be the final North American venue for Roman art from the Louvre. The exhibit, with 184 pieces, will provide a rare opportunity to view these magnificent works, some which have never traveled to the United States. For in-depth information visit the Museum’s website at: www.okcmoa.com

After you have had the chance to take in the beauty at the museum, the buses will whisk you off to the beauty of Oklahoma. Fine dining tops off the evening on the 34th floor of the Chase building in the Petroleum Club. Envision being at the top of the tallest building in downtown Oklahoma City with walls of glass and a breathtaking view of the city and the sunset. Dress for the evening will be casual with comfortable walking shoes for the museum.

Monday: We will start the day with workshops that will stimulate the brain and get you ready for two days of fun and entertainment. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. Please bring your baskets or items for the Ambassador’s Silent Auction to Salon M as soon as possible so the bidding can begin. The auction will be Monday 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., open only during breaks and before meetings.

The History Room will be open at 8:00 a.m. in Salon E for you to bring your county history memorabilia. First Timers will meet in Salon B from 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Workshop times are: Monday --Session I: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Session II: 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday Session III: 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Some of the fun and educational workshops are: “Voting Delegates Session”, Creative Card Making; Healthy Living with Healthy Eating; Gambling—the Risks and the Odds; Cyber Shopping; Scrap Quilting; Voting Delegates; How to Get the Most from OHCE; The Mexico Experience; Are You Making a Difference in OHCE; Let’s Regain our American Patriotism; Military Support; and The Alternative to Paper or Plastic. These workshop presenters have worked really hard to prepare a very informative workshop for you to enjoy.

Monday Luncheon: “Get Ready for Patsy Acres!” In her role as a “Bag Lady” she presents a humorous and educational financial management seminar that we will not soon forget. It’s so much fun and educational at the same time. It’s a painless way to get your financial papers in order when your family needs them.

Monday afternoon the Business Meeting will be in the Imperial Ballroom with all members attending. The county President & Secretary will have reserved seats in the front.

Friendship Banquet: Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. We will gather in the Majestic Ballroom for an evening of island entertainment. “A Touch of Aloha” guided by Leilani Sheldon will show us some of the beautiful dances from Hawaii. Plan to wear your mumu or tropical shirt.

Door Prizes will be given at the close of the banquet.

Vespers will follow 15 minutes after the close of the Friendship Banquet in the Imperial Ballroom under the direction of Chaplain, Connie LaGrow.
**Vespers Program @ State Meeting**

Connie LaGrow, OHCE State Chaplain  (580) 596-2949

I would like to remind all counties to send to me a list of your deceased members to be published in the Vespers program at the State OHCE meeting on July 14th. This would include those lost between July 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008. A representative from each of the counties may want to pick up one of the programs to share with the family of the deceased. No names will be accepted after July 1 as the program will be in the printing process by then. I need only the name of the deceased, their local group and the county. Thank you for your response to this request.

Send information to: Mrs. Jerry (Connie) LaGrow; Rt. 1-Box 61; Cherokee, Ok. 73728 or jclagrow@yahoo.com. Please put in the SUBJECT line: Deceased

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**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Sheila Ely, Chairman

The Leadership Development Committee invites you to attend their workshop at the OHCE state meeting on Monday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. Love County OHCE will share their outstanding project on Health and Safety Education in their rural community. The project evolved into the 2007 Leon Community Health and Safety Fest. This project was funded in part by the $500 LDCE grant they received. Other grant recipients will have table top displays for you to view. These should provide ideas for you to develop a program in your community and apply for the LDCE grant to help fund that program. The next LDCE grant applications are due August 15. This gives your local and county groups ample time to plan a leadership activity and submit an application for the $500 grant.

Dana Baldwin, Major County Educator, will present our workshop entitled “How to Get the Most Out of Our Organization”. This workshop will help us reflect on how we as individual members and our groups can do just that. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

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**History Display @ State Meeting**

Freda Cunningham, OHCE State Historian  (405)-722-0719

After having concentrated during the Centennial year on what County historical records need to be kept and what needs to be thrown away, it is hoped you now have some interesting historical displays that you would like to share at OHCE State meeting. Perhaps other counties could get some good ideas of some things they can do to preserve history. Call or email to reserve the amount of space your county display will need. fredac@sbcglobal.net

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**ATTENTION COUNTY PRESIDENTS:**

**Each COUNTY is being ask to bring two (2) baskets or nice items for the Ambassadors Silent Auction.**

Fill out the form printed below and send to Ladonna Dunlop and also attach a copy to your items stating the opening bid for the value of your items and bring to the Silent Auction table by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 14th.

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**CE-FCS Ambassadors** requests donations for the 2008 Silent Auction at OHCE State Meeting, Monday, July 14th at the Clarion Convention Center in OKC—an Ambassador fund raiser supporting grants for OHCE and FCS/4-H projects! If you are unable to attend but want to donate an item, contact your county FCS Extension Educator. Use this form to provide information on each donated item. Having this form filled in and securely attached to each item, prior to arrival, will speed up the process of receiving donations and getting people on their way to the day’s events! The value of donated items is tax deductible! Please PRINT or TYPE:

Item for Auction: ____________________________ Suggested Opening Bid: $__________

Donor’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________ Zip ______

Mail the completed forms to: LaDonna Dunlop, Ambassadors Recruitment Chair, 930 N. Portland; Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107-6120 OR e-mail ladonna.dunlop@okstate.edu or Fax the form to 405-947-1199 so we can prepare bid sheets ahead of time for each item! Also, securely attach a completed copy to each item before dropping it off at the Auction table! Thanks so much! ~LaDonna Dunlop, FCS Educator, Oklahoma County
Sunday Afternoon, July 13, 2008

3:00-4:00 p.m.   Pre-Conference Board Mtg.   Salon O
   (*Current State Board members only*)

3:00-4:30 p.m.   Registration   Great Hall

4:45 p.m.   Board buses for Oklahoma Art Museum

6:30-7:00 p.m.   Board buses for Petroleum Club

Sunday evening package cost $28.00 (includes bus, museum tour & dinner)

8:45 p.m.   Board the buses back to the Clarion

Monday, July 14, 2008

(*Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Clarion Hotel Guests only- Opens at 6:00 am*)

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   Registration   Great Hall

8:00   History Room   Salon E

8:30-1:30 p.m.   Ambassadors Silent Auction   Salon M & N
   (*Only open before meetings and during breaks*)

8:30   First Timers Welcome   Salon B
   * & Orientation

Tips to make your first State Meeting fun and informative

9:00 – 10:15   Learning Session I

10:30 – 11:45   Learning Session II

12:00 – 1:00   Luncheon - $15.00   Majestic Ballroom
   (*Must purchase meal ticket to attend this event*)

   •   Luncheon Speaker, Patsy Acres
   “Do You Really Want to be a Bag Lady or Can Man?”

1:30   Business Meeting   Imperial Ballroom
   All members, delegates, officers attend

6:00 p.m.   Friendship Banquet - $24.00   Majestic Ballroom
   (*Must purchase meal ticket to attend this event*)

   •   State Member Awards Presentations-Jeanette Worden

   •   Keynote Speaker: Leilani Sheldon

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

(*Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Clarion Hotel Guests- Opens at 6:00 am*)

8:00 a.m.   Registration   Great Hall

8:00   History Room   Salon F

8:30 – 11:45   Award Ceremonies   Imperial Ballroom
   •   Most Outstanding Projects for 2007
   •   Past-Presidents Presentation
   •   County & Local Group Awards
   •   Recognition of 50+ Years Members and Groups
   •   Life Story Essays

12:00 – 1:00   Luncheon - $15.00   Majestic Ballroom
   (*Must purchase lunch ticket to attend this event*)

   Speaker: Denise Johnson, will speak about the joy of Volunteerism. She has been the coordinator for the Junior Miss Oklahoma for several years. She is the first women President for the Oklahoma Insurance Agents and President of the Kiwanis and Yukon High Booster Club. She is a true volunteer.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.   Learning Session III

State Executive Board Members Meetings

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 13
   Pre-Conference State Board Meeting   Salon O
   (*Current Board Members only*)

2:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 15
   Post-Conference State Board Meeting   Salon O
   (*All Current & New Board Members*)
### Learning Session I-Monday, July 14
**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

- **Creative Card Making**  
  Betty Dillon, Northwest District Representative, will teach this workshop. Come and create six cards for various occasions. Each of these cards are unique and easy to make on a budget. **Cost for this session is $1.00.**

- **Voting Delegates Session**  
  State President, Donna Jones & other officers will be updating and sharing information with the County Presidents and Secretaries. All Presidents, Secretaries and Extension FCS Educators are encouraged to attend as there will be new bylaws changes this year.

- **Healthy Living with Healthy Eating**  
  Kelli Wilson, Registered Dietician for the Wewoka Indian Health Service will provide information about the benefits of good health, related to eating right and living a healthy lifestyle. This session is filled with fun games, hands-on activities and sampling of tasty recipes.

- **Gambling-The Risks & the Odds**  
  State Leader Lesson sponsored by the Resource Management committee. We will look at gambling in Oklahoma and in general. Information will be provided regarding how the “house” has the odds in its favor. A look at how one can become entranced at the possibility of easy money. Information will be shared in terms of where individuals with a gambling addiction and their families can get help.

- **Cyber Shopping**  
  Heather Wynn, Cherokee County Extension Educator will show the pros and cons of shopping online safely, buying and selling on EBay, and Auction sniper.

- **Scrap Quilting**  
  Learn how to organize creative scrap quilting from Shirley Weiss, owner of Itchin’ to be Stitchin’ at Chandler.

- **Preparing a State Report Book**  
  Jeanette Worden, Awards chairman, will show the proper way to put a report together according to state guidelines.

### Learning Session II-Monday, July 14
**10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

- **Are You Making a Difference in OHCE?**  
  Terrie DeShazo, Membership committee will be presenting this workshop. As you prepare for a new OHCE year, has your organization made purposeful steps to accomplish goals? When you look back on the year will you honestly be able to see that Home and Community Education in your club or county has made a difference in the lives of others? Assessments will be presented to enhance your membership mission in the areas of education and community service.

- **Military Support-Debra Stevenson**  
  We are starting the second year in the military support project. We will continue with the boxes for the military personnel, and this year we will look at what we can do for the families left at home.

- **Let’s Regain Our American Patriotism**  
  This session will include aspects of patriotism including showing proper respect when the flag is displayed as well as proper procedures for the care and handling of the flag.

- **The Mexico Experience**  
  Recia Garcia, Northwest District Extension Educator, will help us increase understanding about sources of pressure for immigration to the U.S., economic challenges for families left behind and social, health and nutritional issues of families and youth involved. Also sample some foods and beverages common in Mexico.

- **Scrap Quilting**  
  (Repeat of session I)

- **How You Can Get the Most from OHCE**  
  Love County will be sharing an award winning LDCE grant development program. The second part of the workshop presented by Dana Baldwin, Major Co. Educator, takes a new look at how individual members and groups can reflect on how to get the most out of the organization.

- **The Alternatives to Paper or Plastic**  
  Marlene Buck, Grady County Extension Educator will encourage us to take a look at the alternative to plastic or paper bags. We will be discussing ways OHCE can be a part of the solution.

- **Preparing a State Report Book**  
  (Repeat of 1st session)

### Learning Session III-Tuesday, July 15
**1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

- **Military Support**  
  (Repeat of Session II)

- **Card Making**  
  Come and create 6 cards for various occasions. **Cost for the session is $1.00.**

- **Extension Educators**  
  Dr. Glenn Muske will bring the County Educators up to date on the latest information relevant to OCES/FCS issues. All County Educators should plan to attend.

### Hotel Information:
Clarion Meridian Convention Center located at I-40 and Meridian Ave in west OKC. Adequate accommodations are available at the hotel for all attending at a special rate of $65.00 plus tax for up to four to a room.

- Call the Clarion at 405-942-8511 and you must state you are with OHCE.
- Deadline for Room Reservations is June 30th 2008.
- Check-in Time After 3:00 P.M.

Clarion Hotel rooms are equipped with a coffee maker, hair dryer, iron & ironing board. A complimentary breakfast is served at 6:00 a.m. for **Hotel guests only.**
Green Cookbooks
Sue Rendel, Coordinator  srendel@sbcglobal.net  918-542-2092

The first 5,000 cookbooks have been distributed to the counties and the OHCE Executive board has approved the re-print of 7,000 more. This printing is projected to be ready by our State meeting in July. If you are having an event before then, please give me a call. The publisher has agreed to allow me to pick them up in intervals. We would need to work out details concerning the delivery pick up point and/or shipping costs.

The cost of the books to the county is still $8.00, providing the order is a complete box of 20.

If you have not turned in your count for the re-order, we would like to hear from you by June 15th. Please contact your district cookbook chairman or myself with the number.

SE: Billie Baker 580-584-2679  loycerob@pine_net.com
NW: Arletta Pulliam  580-268-3425 aepulliam@att.net
NE: Sue Rendel 918-542-2092  srendel@sbcglobal.net

We are needing a contact member for the Southwest district. If interested, call me, Sue Rendel, 918-542-2092, Donna Jones, 405-354-3561 or Debra Stevenson 580-357-4049 for details.

Customizable Recruitment Brochure
Terrie DeShazo, Membership Ch.  (405) 794-1426

As a fulfillment of a 2008 Membership Committee Promotional Goal, the Committee is proud to provide new material that allows your county a method to produce a promotional membership recruitment brochure. The committee would like to thank Jane Fenton and Nancy Michael of OSU Extension Training and Technology Support and NW District FCS Advisor, Recia Garcia, for their willingness to take a few OHCE materials, our wish list and their expertise to work with us to accomplish this product.

The focus of this brochure is to provide a standardized template in an MS Word document so it would be user friendly. The template and instructions have been being provided each OSU County Extension Office and are posted for download on the Membership and Resources pages at ohce.org. If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Terrie at 405-794-1426.

State Membership Workshop
Terrie DeShazo, Ch.  atadmor@sbcglobal.net  (405) 794-1426

ARE YOU MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OHCE?
Gain helpful assessment tips to develop steps in goal accomplishment for annual planning and event implementation.

The session will equip you to plan an overview of each year so you can honestly be able to see that Home and Community Education in your club or county has made a difference.

Cemetery Index Books, CDs & DVD
Freda Cunningham  405-722-0719 or fredac@sbcglobal.net

Every county library needs a copy. If your county does not have funds to do this, it would be worthy of making application for a grant. The National Genealogical Society is meeting in Kansas City this summer and they will be showcased there.

All proceeds beyond expenses will be contributed to the Oklahoma History Center or Oklahoma Cemetery Preservation Association. An advisory committee will be making decisions soon including how often to make these donations. Order forms and descriptive brochures are available at your County Extension office or from the Cemetery Index Coordinator. Look for a display in the History room at our OHCE State meeting in July.

STATE HISTORY MISSING
Freda Cunningham, State Historian  (405) 722-0719

Bits and pieces of state history are missing! Can you supply? We are looking for:


Creed: August 4, 1937- Who would have the original? Revised August 7, 1940-Who would have a copy? Revised July 1970 -Is this the one we are still using?

If members of the North Star Group made an Oklahoma flag it is in the historian’s possession. Does anyone know who made it and for what occasion?

If you have any of these items or information pertaining to them, please contact Freda at: fredac@sbcglobal.net
The ACWW United States Area meeting will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at the Arlington Hotel and Resort on September 25-27, 2008.

There is an optional tour costing around $50.00-60.00 on Thursday. It is always a fun and interesting day. The two day meeting registration fee is $160.00 which includes meals at the hotel. You will meet people from all over the United States.

The Worldwide ACWW meeting will be at the same hotel in April of 2010. This will be an exciting time meeting people from all over the globe. More information will be posted later on this meeting. The CWCUSA website has not yet posted the registration form for the 2008 meeting.

HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED
JoAnn Poindexter, OHCE State V.P. (580) 924-7348
Kay Turner, Arrangements Chairman (405) 745-2542

Will you volunteer to be a hostess in one of the workshops, luncheons or business sessions? You will introduce the speaker, hand out materials, help with door prizes and assist the arrangements committee with other matters during the State Meeting. It will be helpful if you volunteer for wherever you are needed and allow us to place you. Be sure and also check the box on the Registration form before you send it in.

Call me, JoAnn Poindexter at 580-924-7348 or email: ripoin@sbcglobal.net or Kay Turner, Arrangements ch. at 405-745-2542 or email: Turnerkathy@sbcglobal.net.

OHCE STATE PROJECT
Debra Stevenson, Chairman (580) 357-4049

“Just Let Them Know We Care”
Thank you is not enough to say for all of the support at all four district meetings. Members you were outstanding! In the Northeast District we had a member from the Tulsa County Blue Star Mothers and she took all of your 2,984 items to be sent by them to our troops.

The committee received donations to send 13 boxes that were sent to those names that were drawn at each district. We displayed the items that were brought and members were allowed to “go shopping” and there were close to 40 boxes filled and taken from each district for the groups to send. Great Job OHCE Members. Look forward to seeing you at the State Meeting.

Nominating Committee
Debra Stevenson, Ch. (580) 357-4049

We are still in need of members to serve on the State Board for 2008-2009. If you are willing to serve, please fill out the forms. The form can be found in your county office or at our website: www.ohce.org and get them to me as soon as you can. Remember to get a letter of endorsement from your county educator. Some of the positions we need are: Committee Members for Arrangement, By-laws, Nominating.

2009 District Meetings

- **Southeast:** March 10 @ Stigler First Baptist Church with Murray and Haskell hosting with the theme “Patterns for Living”.
- **Northwest:** March 17 @ Guymon
- **Southwest:** March 24 @ Elk City
- **Northeast:** March 31 @ Bartlesville Nazarene Church with Osage and Washington hosting.
OHCE STATE PRESIDENT’S Message
Donna Jones 2006-2008 OHCE State President

The 2008 State Meeting on July 13-15 promises to be a great meeting. Vice President for Program, Jo Ann Poindexter has some interesting speakers for the luncheons and a wonderful Luau planned for the Friendship Banquet. I know Denise Johnson, one of the Luncheon speakers personally. She was the State Coordinator for the Junior Miss Pageant for a number of years.

All members are invited to the Business Meeting on Monday afternoon to hear of the progress of our organization. The Awards Program will be on Tuesday morning.

Well, we have the reprint of the Green Cookbook for which many of you have been asking for a long time. I hope you were able to get one and buy extras for gifts as well. We will have more available at the State Meeting and at future meetings. Thanks to our cookbook committee for the work they are doing. A special thanks to Sue Rendel who has chaired the committee and worked with the printer so efficiently.

Thanks to all of you who have made my term as State President an enjoyable one. Because of your support and encouragement we have been able to move forward in many ways. It takes all of us working together to make OHCE what it can and should be. Remember to have a vision and great expectations for the organization.

Javonna Earsom, from Sulphur will be the incoming president in July. I encourage you to support her in every way possible.

What a privilege it has been to travel around the state and become acquainted with so many OHCE members. You are such a friendly and fantastically loving group of people. The District Meetings were simply great this year. There were so many interesting workshops and speakers to both entertain and inform us. The trips, museums, and other added features made them even more wonderful. Thanks to all the planners and OSU District Advisors, County Educators and County Officers and members who had such creativity to plan the wonderful District Meetings.

Remember that the Cemetery Indexing Books and CD’s are available by ordering through Freda Cunningham, our state chairman for the project. She now has a committee to work with her for the ordering process. Her name and address is in the State Handbook that the county presidents and county Extension Educators received at the district meeting. The county presidents received enough State Handbooks for each local group to have one for their own use.

See information about the ACWW United States Area meeting in Hot Springs, September 25-27, 2008 on page six (6) in this Outreach. The registration fee of $160.00 for the Friday and Saturday business meeting includes meals for the two days. The Thursday tour usually costs $50.00 to $60.00.

Donna Jones, State President

Registration Form


Return this form by June 30, 2008 to: OHCE Annual Conference, Agriculture Conferences, OSU Student Union, Room 430, Stillwater, OK 74078

Name________________________________________ County____________________________

Address________________________________________ State_______ Zip_______________ Phone ________/___________________

1st Timer Yes_______ No ________

Enclosed is a check payable to OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY for:

______Annual Meeting Registration Fee @ $15.00 or = $________

______Late Registration Fee @ $20.00 = $________

______Sunday Event (bus, museum & dinner) @ 28.00 = $________

______Monday Luncheon @ $15.00 = $________

______Friendship Banquet @ $24.00 = $________

______Tuesday Luncheon @ $15.00 = $________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = $____________

☐ I would be willing to serve as a hostess: ___Yes ___No

☐ No one will be admitted to a meal function without a paid meal ticket, no exceptions.

☐ When registering, notify Ag-Conferences if you have special physical or dietary considerations.

☐ Registration is required to attend any portion of the Conference. No refunds after 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2008.
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LIFE STORY ESSAYS
~CORRECTIONS~

Page 3-6th paragraph, next to last line, “peal” should be “peel”.

Page 7-3rd paragraph under Oklahoma Blizzard, “predicating” should be “predicting”.

Page 10-4th paragraph, the 6 lb 2 oz boy was born June 7, 1953.

Page 15-4th paragraph, 3rd line under Picking Up Sticks, “conscience” should be “conscious”.


SYMPATHY TO OUR OHCE FAMILIES

We are saddened by the untimely death of the 4-year old grandson of State OHCE Treasurer-Elect, Mary Bacon on April 28, 2008. Mary’s address is 502 N. Chickasaw, Claremore, Ok. 74017. I’m sure she would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement during this crisis situation.

Past State President, Debra Stevenson’s mother-in-law passed away April 20, 2008. Debra’s address is 1414 NW Taft Ave. Lawton, Ok. 73507.

Billie Baker, SE Cultural Enrichment & Cookbook committee member, lost her father on April 19th. You can send Billie a card at Rt. 1, Box 984; Broken Bow, Ok. 73728.

NW District Rep., Betty Dillon, lost her mother in March. Betty’s address is PO Box 742, Perry, Ok. 73077.