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MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our Mission

O strengthen individuals, families and communities through education, leadership, and action.

SUMMER 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

HI Members:

It's that time again to let you know what's going on.

I did attend all five District Meetings. Had a great at time and seen some more of Michigan I haven't seen before. They all had great speakers for their programs. I got to see some old friends and meet some new ones.

We did very well on collecting funds for the State and selling the books too. Thanks to all of you that supported the State organization.

Hope to see most of you at the Convention in Harris Michigan at the Island Resort on September 28-30th with the tour on September 27th.

I need to have information on any deceased members – how long they were a member, any offices they held in local study group or at state level, etc. I also need names of all 50 year members.

As you know, Sharon Rajewski was appointed to be our Editor until the end of 2016. If anyone is interested on doing the Editor position, please contact Kathy Couchene or myself.

See you at Convention!

Lorraine Rice
MAFCE President

EDITOR NEWS

I have accepted the appointment as your new editor for 2016 of the MAFCE NEWS. I hope to bring you the events happening within our organization that are provided me from your counties, district directors, and officers. In addition to their reports, I will report on facts I learn from Board gatherings and other events attended.

To briefly summarize the events at the 2016 Spring Board meeting:

- Reports given by officers and directors. Newest note is that Nancy Berta is now the West U P District Director replacing Kathy Couchene whom was appointed President-Elect.
- Our fund raiser – 2016 Raffle – tickets were distributed to District Directors. If you have not received your tickets to sell, please contact your county president as it is **vital** that each member buy one and sell two.
- The Character Counts winners for Michigan were announced. Again only three counties participated and the winner was from Calhoun County, second went to a student in Delta County, and a Bay County student came in third.
- It was decided to eliminate the Board from hosting the State Convention every sixth year so now the rotation will evolve the five Districts to alternate in rotation for hosting the Convention. In 2017 it will be in Southeast and 2018 in Southwest.
- The recruiter scholarship (Shoot for the Stars) was drawn and the winner for 2016 Convention is Mary Woods of Lapeer. Alternates were Gloria Crandall of Calhoun and Joyce Weiss of Bay.
- Much discussion took place regarding the financial status of the organization.

- The first step the board took to show good faith was to reduce the number of Board Meetings to one per calendar year. This is pending on the vote of the proposal being submitted to the convention delegates.
- A \$500 Memorial donation in memory of Rose-Lee Faustin from Bay County was received. Rose-Lee died in December and was the first District Director of East Central District.
- A motion was made, second, and passed that raises the convention registration cost to \$150.
- A proposal was made and second that state dues be raised to \$7.00. This ballot is being submitted to the Advisory Board (consists of State Board and President or elected representative of each County) for approval.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT NEWS

The Chippewa County FCE club hosted a most enjoyable district meeting on May 11th at the Great Lakes Grill restaurant in Cheboygan. There were 35 present, 3 of which were guests from Emmet, Presque Isle and Saginaw counties. The presenter, Mary Liebner, is a local author of “All Aboard the Boat Leaving”. She told how the glaciers formed Cheboygan County and how she uses the waterways to keep fit by kayaking. It must be working as she is an alert, energetic 99 years old!

MAFCE VP of Education, Joyce Weiss, helped us make sense of our senses by her presentation and some hands on. It was very interesting. The members of NC District present re-elected Paula Badder as NC District Director for the term beginning 1/1/17. Thank you all for the support.

The winner of the MAFCE 2016 State Convention scholarship is: 1st – Helen Boyd, 2nd – Mary Charboneau, and 3rd – Marion Eagling.

The winner of the North Central District 2016 Convention scholarship is: 1st – Mary Charboneau, 2nd – Beverly O’Connor, and 3rd – Ruth Gainor. The winner will receive \$75. The winner of the applied scholarship will also receive \$75 as was voted on and passed. A person who received a NC District scholarship in 2013 or before is eligible for one in 2016.

If you know of anyone who is an example of what a FCE member should be – nominate them. Send the application to President Lorraine Rice by Aug. 1st. (I have applications if one is needed)

If you have been a member of FCE for 50 years or more and haven’t received a 50-year pin and certificate, let President Lorraine Rice know by July 15th.

The book “Prostitutes, Margarine and Handguns” by Albert D McCallum, Arlona’s husband, is very interesting. If you didn’t get one at the District Meeting you may want to get one at the State Convention in September. He donated the books as a fund raiser for MAFCE.

See you at the convention September 28-30th.

Paula Badder, NC District Director

CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

As always, I will be looking for participants to be in the MAFCE State Choir. We will perform at lunch on Thursday and the Friday Breakfast. We always have lots of fun and they have given us a whole hour and a half for practice on Wednesday afternoon...how can you say no??? I’ll see you there. Joyce

SCHOLARSHIP TO CONVENTION

If you need some help to attend this year’s convention, then please apply for a scholarship. If you need a form check with your County President or your District Director. You must not have received the scholarship in the past three years to be eligible for a scholarship. The form is due by July 15th to Nancy Andersen, 8647 Schaawe Lake 24th Lane, Rapid River MI 49878.

2016 MAFCE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

10:00-12:00 Early Registration in conference Center Hallway
1:45 Tour bus arrives by gift shop entrance
2:00 Tour bus leaves promptly (Dinner included in the tour)
4:00 check into your rooms
8:00 Snoop Game: Turtle Room

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

7:00-10:30 Breakfast on your own
9:30-11:00 Registration in conference Center Hallway
10:30-11:30 President's Meeting: Bear Room
11:45-12:45 Lunch
12:45- Banner line up: Hallway to the Turtle Room
1:00-1:30 Opening session: Turtle Room

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Breakfast on your own if you are coming for one day
8:00-9:00 One day registration: In hallway to conference center
8:00-9:00 Breakfast for fulltime registration
9:15-10:00 County caucuses
10:00-12:15 Annual Meeting
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:45-3:00 Workshop #1
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:30 Workshop #2
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Entertainment

Friday, September 30, 2016

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-9:15 Break
9:15- Morning program

Workshop Descriptions:

Thursday 1:45-3:00

- A. Raptors:** Jerry Maynard from the Chocolay Raptors Center of Marquette will be speaking on the centers mission and goal for animals of the wild that are found injured and need health care before they can be released back into the wild. The staff at the center takes care of all types of raptors from owls to eagles. Mr. Maynard will be bringing a number of his current occupants from the center to show and explain about how each raptor lives in the wild.
- B. Hors d'oeuvres for the Holidays:** Chef Robin Holmes of the Pacino's Restaurant in Escanaba will be doing a cooking demonstration on new Holiday Hors d'oeuvre ideas. Robin recently won the "American Culinary Federation U.P. Chapter Culinary Competition at the Reinhart Food Show. These Hors d'oeuvres will make your holiday entertaining so enjoyable.
- C. A Matter of Balance:** Tonya La Fave from UPCAP Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging in Escanaba will be presenting "A Matter of Balance". It will be an overview of managing concerns about falls. The workshop is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Thursday 3:15-4:30

- D. Once and Again- Costume Jewelry and Appraisal:** "Once and Again" is a shop at 1100 Ludington Street in downtown Escanaba. Theresa Norden is the owner and will doing a presentation on costume jewelry. You are invited to bring one (1) piece of jewelry to be appraised during the class. Winnie Budkis will be showing the attendees the beautiful piece of art she made from costume jewelry. This class will get your creative juices flowing.
- E. Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?** Beth Waitrovich is an Extension Educator of Michigan State University Extension where she works in the area of Human Nutrition and Financial and Housing Education. She has certifications in Home Buyer Education and Foreclosure intervention Counseling. She will talk about planning for the distribution of non-titled assets as a part of estate planning. Some may have heard this program before but it has been updated. Beth asks that you bring one (1) small item to the workshop that tells a family story.
- F. Migration of the Monarch Butterfly:** Sue Jamison from Rapid River will be talking and showing a power point presentation about the Migration of the Monarch Butterfly. She was a guest on the show "UP Outdoors" on channel 6, and this will also be part of her presentation. Every June through September a small group of volunteers walks randomly counting eggs and caterpillars. In late fall butterflies roost and they prepare their journey to Mexico. Volunteers net and tag them and even put the sex of the butterfly on the tag. Find out all about butterflies, even how to tell a girl from a boy.

STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – 2016

Island Resort & Casino, Harris, Michigan
September 28-30, 2016 Telephone 1-989-659-2567
Complete this form and send CHECK PAYABLE TO MAFCE
To: Faye Lipinski, Treasurer
51 Markel Rd., Munger, MI 48747

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, SEPT 29

Indicate your 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice for each session. Placement is based on first come, first serve. If you wish a confirmation, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with this form.

Workshop #1 1:45 to 3:00

Workshop #2 3:15 to 4:30

_____ A Raptors

_____ D Once and Again-Costume Jewelry & Appraisal (bring one item)

_____ B Hors d'oeuvres for the Holidays

_____ E Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate (bring one item)

_____ C A Matter of Balance

_____ F Migration of the Monarch Butterfly

Registration Fees: FCE Member

_____ Early Bird – postmarked by Sept. 4th\$150.00

_____ One-Day – postmarked by Sept. 4th\$85.00

_____ Regular – postmarked by Sept. 18th \$170.00

_____ One-Day – postmarked by Sept. 18th \$105.00

Registration Fees: Non Member

_____ Whole Convention – postmarked by Sept. 18th \$190.00

_____ One Day (Thursday, Sept. 29th) postmarked by Sept 4th \$105.00

_____ One Day (Thursday, Sept. 29th) postmarked by Sept. 18th \$125.00

Pre-Conference Tour: Sept. 27th (tour sign up deadline Sept. 11th)

_____ A tour of the Clare Bedding Factory, Bonifas Art Center and a historic home tour (chicken dinner included) _____ **\$42.00**

_____ Check here if you are planning to play the mystery game after the pre-conference tour

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ (Registration fee and tour) check number _____

Circle all that currently applies: 1st Timer-Member Co. President Alumni Non-FCE Member 50 yr. Member

State Board Would like to be a Hostess Guest (title) _____

Do you have a food allergy? Yes No If yes, what items are you allergic to: _____

Room reservations are made separately directly to the hotel. The **Group Block ID** is: **MAFCE or block #1291K2**. The phone number is: 1-877-475-7375. It is good to register early.

(If you transfer your registration, please contact Faye Lipinski ASAP. You may cancel your registration for a full refund until Sept. 18th. After that deadline, requests for MAFCE refunds due to emergency situations will be considered by the financial committee after all convention expenses have been paid.)

CULTURAL ARTS NEEDED FOR CONVENTION

The Cultural Arts display will be handled differently this year due to lack of a permanent locked room. The Cultural Arts will be displayed in the same room as the Game of Chance and at the same time. So if you have Cultural Arts, please bring them at the set up time for the Game of Chance which is 4:00 in Turtle Room.

VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION

Five District Meetings and 1300+ miles later I can say that the meetings were a great success. The head count was up from 126 attendees in 2015 to 167 paid attendants in 2016. We had both members and guests attend. The morning session which is the one I was responsible for was called "Let's Make Sense of It All". I taught all the participants about our five senses and how each worked. Then after each sense was discussed, a "test" was given to see how well each person's particular sense worked. There was a taste test of 8 foods they had to identify; a test of their hearing to identify sounds; a smell test of eight spices; a bag sewn shut filled with items they could feel but not see and a test of several aspects of our vision. They also learned interesting facts about each sense and that we actually have about 15 other senses that are not so well known. I also tested their knowledge of arthritis with a quiz taken from our newest Hearthfire Challenge. Everyone was encouraged to consider entering a poster on this subject.

This year the District Meetings were held in Mecosta County for East Central District. Their afternoon session was presented by the owner of a quilt shop. Each person there received a kit to quilt their own tissue holder. Following this meeting, President Lorraine and I traveled to Hillsdale County for the Southwest District meeting. We were greeted with a lovely lasagna dinner/potluck and a pleasant stay with a member. The afternoon session for this district included an author who talked about the area history and he was followed by a young lady with a guitar who lead us in a group sing-a-long. Lorraine and I then traveled to Washtenaw County for the Southeast District meeting. We were given nice accommodations at a Holiday Inn Express and then met two members for dinner. The meeting the next day was the largest group. So large, in fact, that they had to change venues at the last minute to handle the crowd. The afternoon session was a program all about being Scottish. After this meeting we went home for a weekend rest.

We were back on the road Tuesday for North Central District meeting in Cheboygan County. We were treated to dinner at a local restaurant and we spent the evening with a long time member. She and her husband challenged us to euchre and we played for a few hours. It was great fun. The afternoon session was provided by a young lady in her late nineties who acted younger than my kids who are in their forties! She talked about her county history and she was delightful! We then headed for Marquette for the Wet U.P. District meeting. Once again we were treated to a delicious potluck and great evening company. The speaker for this meeting was a local policeman who talked about phone scams. After this meeting, we finally headed home.

I also want to give a big thank you to the five members (one from each district) who offered to be on my education committee. I can't do my job without you.

With a state membership of 305, it was great that we got over half our state to attend the Districts. We need interest and participation to make these functions work. Imagine if we could get that kind of participation at our state convention!! Our treasury would be doing great and our enthusiasm would be out of this world! Please remember to participate in the poster and educational displays at convention. Others want to see what you are doing in your counties. Let's keep up the GOOD WORK!

ATTENTION ALUMNI OF MAFCE

If you are attending the state convention, be sure to mark your registration form if you are a dues paying member. Any FCE member who has served in any capacity on the state board at any time during our history may join the Alumni of MAFCE. Dues are \$5 annually and may be paid at the convention to either Edna Bell, the secretary/treasurer or myself, Alumni President. We would love for you to join us.....don't be shy...

Also the Alumni will be conducting installation of officers again this year so please be prepared to participate. Our rehearsal shall take place immediately after the Wednesday evening Game of Chance activity. See you there! Joyce

GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

- 1) Choose a pproject from your county or club and assign it one of the following categories:
 - a. Education
 - b. Leadership
 - c. Action

***you may enter in EACH category once**

- 2) Design your display board on your hosen topic. It should include somewhere on the board

the following criteria:

- a. Title of project (example: Character Counts)
- b. Type of project (from above three choices)
- c. Photographs
- d. Any media coverage articles or pictures
- e. Goal, Description, Actions taken
- f. Name **on the back of the board** of person in charge and club or county submitting display

***Display board may be single or bi-fold/tri-fold fashion**

- 3) Handouts/pamphlets not a requirement but may enhance your sidplay and would be allotted 5 points toward total score (certainly not enough to assure a win in your category BUT MAY HELP).

- 4) A one page summary (you may use front and/or back) to include the following information:

- a. Title of Project
- b. Category of Project
- c. Club and/or county submitting display name of contact person in case there are questions by judges
- d. Simple description of goal
- e. Simple description of steps taken to reach goal
- f. Were any other groups or agencies involved in this project....if so, Who?
- g. Results of project (goal reached or not reached)
- h. Approximate number of persons reached and approximate volunteer hours involved

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

All criteria met on poster board	30 points
All criteria met on summary page	40 points
Overall neatness	10 points
Use of color	5 points
Overall "pleasing to the eye" affect of poster	5 points
Spelling, punctuation, etc (since we encourage this in our 4 th grade CC)	5 points
Addition of handouts/pamphlets	5 points

2016 MAFCE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27th CONVENTION TOUR

The 2016 MAFCE pre-convention bus tour will take half the members to the Clare Bedding Factory to see how mattresses and box springs are made and the other half of members will go to the Bonifas Art Center and then we will switch. When everyone is back on the bus there will be an historic homes tour (we will not be exiting the bus) narrated by the Historical Society. After the home tour we will be having a chicken dinner at the Family Inn Restaurant (this is included in the price of the tour). The tour cost is \$42 and you must preregister and pay through your registration form. (Found in this newsletter) Remember tours do have some walking (Clare Bedding). The art center does have seating if you need to take a break. The bus will arrive by the Vasino gift shop entrance at 1:45 and leaves promptly at 2:00. If you are not at the bus stop at 2:00 I am sorry to say the bus will leave without you. We are on a very tight schedule. There are no refunds but you can give your seat to someone else.

ISLAND RESORT AND CASINO HOTEL REGISTRATION FOR 2016 MAFCE CONVENTION

For Reservations call: 1-877-475-7375

Fax: 906-466-2945

Reservations must be made by using **MAFCE** or the **Block number is: 1291K2**

Rooms are standard with 2 queen beds and are all nonsmoking, there are no refrigerators

Rooms cost is \$65.00 plus 9% occupancy tax.

Check-In: 4:00 pm Eastern Time

Check-Out: 11:00 am Eastern Time

Registration cutoff date is September 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm Eastern Time.

A pictured ID is required to check in your room and the make, model and plate number of your vehicle is required at check-in.

They accept major credit cards, cash, traveler's checks, certified bank checks and money orders. They **DO NOT accept personal checks.**

They are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

No pets or weapons are allowed.

If you need to cancel your room, please do so 24 hours prior to arrival but before 4:00 pm Eastern time.

Your room must be reserved with a valid credit card at the time of reservation.

There is an RV Park but it may be a distance to walk. If you are interested call and ask for more information.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

I want to encourage all of you to think about entering displays at convention this fall. These displays will be set up in the Wolf Room. There are three main categories and a Hearthfire Challenge category. You can enter one, two, three, or all four! I have included the guidelines for your convenience.

SOMETHING NEW - SOMETHING NEW - AT THE CASINO - A SPA!

Want some relaxation? Try something new? The Island Casino now has The Drift Spa. They do back, neck, shoulder, and arms or a customized massage. They also have aroma massage therapy. They use stone that is an ancient Native American form of therapy practiced through the ages. They do body scrubs and many services offered for your face, hands and feet. Also provide are manicures and pedicures. All this takes place on the second floor as well as a salon that does makeup and waxing. If you are interested, please call 906-723-2275.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE 2016 MAFCE CONVENTION

- Bring a sweater as the air condition can be cool
- Each Study Group should bring 2 **NEW** items that are worth \$5.00 or more for the Games of Chance
- Note: IF items are used and are not in good condition they will not be placed in the Game of Chance
- \$1.00 if you plan on playing the snoop game
- Your county and districts banner
- Cultural Arts
- Swimsuit
- Cash for Trade Show, 50/50 raffle and the Game of Chance

TUESDAY NIGHT SCOOP GAME

Tuesday night after the tour we will be holding a fun evening of Scoop. It is an easy dice game and everyone wins a prize. If you would like to play, please register on your registration form so we know how many prizes we will need. When entering the room you will be given a paper bag with a prize in it. **Do not open it**, just take a seat and the instructions will be given. The board and committee know how to play the game so if there is a question there will be many to help but if you can add two dice together you can play this game. The game starts at 8:30 in the Turtle Room. Please be on time because it is hard to join in once we get started. The cost to play is \$1.00 at the door and this money will be going into our general fund. Please have a dollar bill so we do not have to make change.

POTAWATOMI INDIAN CULTURE & HERITAGE

During our educational workshop we will be exploring the culture and heritage of the Potawatomi tribe. Earl and Aiesha Meshigaud will present the water ceremony, native songs and ceremonies of their culture. The Potawatomi Indians are one of three tribes making up the Three Fires Confederacy or as it is commonly referred to today as the Three Fires Society. The Three Fires Society consists of the Ojibway, the Ottawa and the Potawatomi tribes. The Ojibway are given the honor of keeping the original teachings alive and passing these teachings down through upcoming generations. The Ottawa's are responsible for the provisions and security of all the tribes attending gatherings. Making sure that everyone has enough to eat and ensuring the attendees that their meeting place is secure from invasion and disruption is their major responsibility. The Potawatomi Indians are responsible for keeping the Sacred Fire alive, as it is the symbol of light and must be kept "alive".

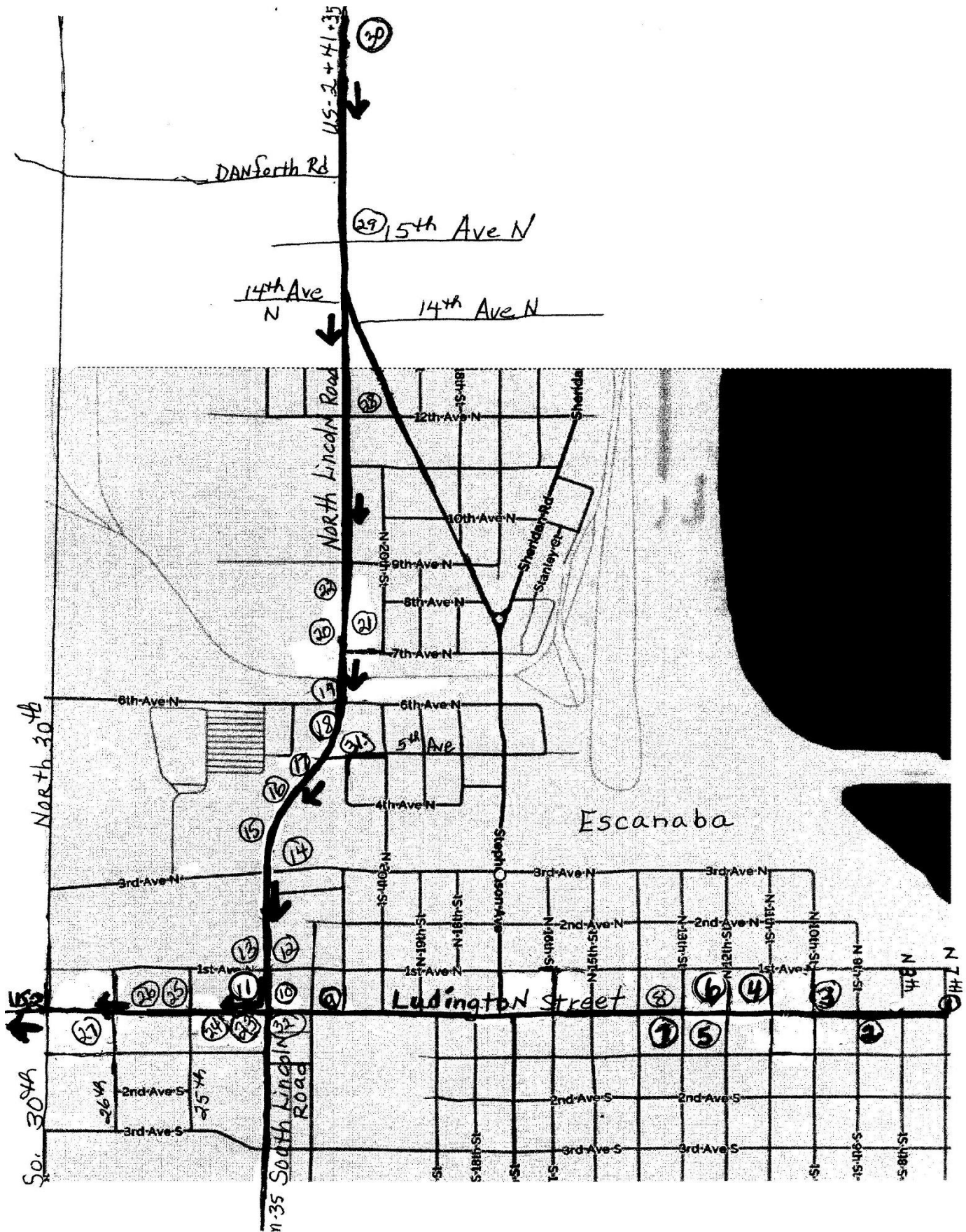
HOSPITALITY ROOM

We hope to have a hospitality room again this year. It will be available to play games or to visit. Times and place will be announced on Thursday.

Directions to the Island Resort and Casino and some Restaurants

Take US-2 across the Upper Peninsula to Escanaba. When you see the mall or Hudson's get in the right lane, turn right onto US-2. You will be going in front of Walgreens. There will be a stop light at this intersection. Go 9.5 miles west. The Casino is on your left. Take the first road to the left into the parking lot and park in front of the hotel sign. The hotel registration desk is to your left as you enter the building. The gift shop is to your right. There is a parking lot in the back that enters the convention center so if you have things to bring to the convention center you can park in the back. Beware that there may be golf carts going across the parking lot! Parking is free. On the map I denoted the restaurants in the Escanaba area. The casino has some restaurants but I thought you may want to try other places why you are in the area. * denotes ones some of committee enjoys

1. Hereford and Hops (624 Ludington Street) Steakhouse and brewpub
2. Swedish Pantry (819 Ludington Street) Swedish and American, Fresh bakery *
3. Andy's (916 Ludington Street) American Diner (only breakfast and lunch) *
4. Ludington Grill (1110 Ludington Street) Grill
5. Crispigna's (1213 Ludington Street) Homemade Italian *
6. Stone's Deli (1220 Ludington Street) Deli (Soup) *
7. Applewood (1307 Ludington Street) Café Menu *
8. Ferdinand's (1318 Ludington Street) Mexican and American
9. Hong Kong Buffet (2500 Ludington Street) buffet Chinese
10. Wendy's (112 No. Lincoln Road) fast food
11. Donut connection (2315 1st Ave. North) Doughnuts *
12. Elmer's (200 No. Lincoln Road) American
13. Hudson's Classic Grill (201 No. Lincoln Road) grill
14. Burger King (408 No. Lincoln Road) fast food
15. Pizza Hut (415 No. Lincoln Road) Pizza
16. Mc Donald's (503 No. Lincoln Road) fast food
17. Taco Bell (539 N. Lincoln Road) Taco's
18. Culver's (605 No. Lincoln Road) Butter burger and custard
19. Drifters (701 No. Lincoln Road) American and some ethnic
20. Jimmy John's (811 No. Lincoln Road) Sandwich's
21. Jo to Go (810 No. Lincoln Road) Coffee
22. Cherry Lane Ice Cream (831 No. Lincoln Road) Sandwich's and ice cream
23. Subway (2311 Ludington Street) sub sandwich's
24. Thai Express (2315 Ludington Street) Thai
25. Gram's Pasties (2418 Ludington Street) Pasties all different kinds *
26. Express Coffee (2428 Ludington Street) Coffee
27. Pacino's (2635 Ludington Street) Has a chef serves American cuisine *
28. Jims Dari Kreme (1201 Washington Ave.) Ice Cream *
29. KFC (1512 No. Lincoln Road) Chicken
30. Family Inn (6830 HWY 2-41) American family *
31. Hardee's (606 No. Lincoln Road) Fast Food
32. Stone House (2223 Ludington Street) Fine cuisine *



MEALS AT CONVENTION

Meals at the convention will all be buffet style but please be on time to take part in the invocation and tables will go to the buffet by a drawing of table numbers. Breakfast will be included on Thursday and Friday only if you paid for full registration. The hotel does not have a continental breakfast but they do have a couple restaurants that serve breakfast. If you have any food allergies, please include them on your registration form and we will inform the food service.

S.S .BADGER FERRY ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN

I was asked to check the costs for the ferry across Lake Michigan. Here is what I found but if you are really interested I would heck again as things tend to change. Their phone number is 1-800-841-4243. Crossing time is 4 hours.

	One Way	Round Trip
Auto:	\$59.00	\$118.00
Passenger	\$59.00	\$111.00
	\$59.00	\$109.00 (Senior 65 yrs. Old)

Fares do not include a \$5.00 security fee.

Depart Ludington Michigan

8:30 am Eastern Time

Depart Manitowoc Wisconsin

1:30 pm Central Time

Arrive Manitowoc Wisconsin

11:30 am Central Time

Arrive Ludington Michigan

6:30 pm Eastern Time

From Manitowoc to Harris Michigan (Island Resort and Casino) is 150 miles and would take you about 2 – 2 ¼ hours.

MAFCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is the MAFCE Presidents job to appoint (with the executive board approval) each year the following: Character Counts chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Editor, Education committee, parliamentarian for convention, Tellers for convention, two International Chairman and a Historian. So if you are interested in any of these positions for 2017, please contact Lorraine and she will keep a list of those who are interested and she will pass it on to the 2017 President. Some are year commitments and some are just one day commitments. If you do not know what the position entails, please call a board member and they would be happy to explain the best they can.

Kathy Couchene

President Elect

WEST UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT

Marquette County hosted the District Meeting this year on May 12, 2016. There were 13 members in attendance. The morning program was presented by Joyce Weiss and was on the Six Senses. We got to experience the sense of smell, taste, touch, sounds, vision, and colorblindness. Our afternoon program was presented by the Chief of Police of the Chocolay Township. He gave us informative information on some of the present scams that the police have investigated in our area and what we can do to prevent being taken in by some of these scams. Each member received a packet of handmade cards.

Nancy Berta, West UP District Director

Please use this form to register for the displays:

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY REGISTRATION FORM	
CLUB/COUNTY :	_____
CONTACT PERSON -	
NAME :	_____
ADDRESS :	_____

PHONE :	_____
TITLE OF EXHIBIT:	_____

<u>CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY:</u>	EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACTION HEARTHFIRE
CHALLENGE # _____	
*Please use this form for Educational display and Hearthfire Challenge displays	
** if you are entering more than one display, circle all that apply	
MAIL TO:	JOYCE WEISS
	2283 E. N. UNION ROAD
	BAY CITY, MI 48706
	DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Trade Show Exhibit Table Registration

The trade show allows members/clubs/counties/districts/alumni to sell their homemade items to convention participants.

Cost: \$5.00 (half table) or \$10.00 (full table). Please reserve for me a _____ table.

My Name _____

Address _____

County _____ Phone: _____

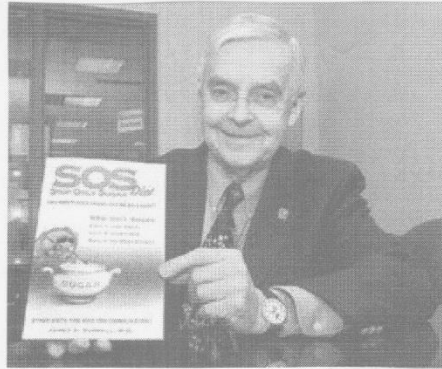
e-mail _____

Share items you will be selling _____

**Please send a check for the table rental by August 28th made out to MAFCE.
Send it to Faye Lipinski, State Treasurer, 50 E Market Rd., Munger, MI., 48747**

DR. JIM SURRELL the Keynote Speaker at 2016 MAFCE Convention

Dr. Jim Surrell is a board-certified colorectal surgeon but he speaks on many subjects and at our 2016 MAFCE convention he will be speaking on Positive Attitude. Dr. Surrell has authored many articles in various medical journals. He is a nationally recognized nutrition and dietary weight loss expert. "Doc" or Jim (as he prefers to be called) has a special interest in helping people make "Healthy Lifestyle Choices". He blends a significant amount of humor into his many talks and speaks frequently about his SOS (Stop Only Sugar) Diet. He also appears frequently on the very popular Northern Michigan University "Ask the Doctors" TV program, and also writes a bi-weekly newspaper column entitled: "talk with the Doc". Jim's favorite quote is "There isn't much humor in medicine, but there is a lot of medicine in humor."



Picture of Eaton County FCE Members displaying some of the items collected for their 2015 charity.

Game of Chance

Once again we will have the Game of Chance for one of our convention activities. Each county is asked to bring two gifts worth at least \$5.00. These items need to be new or handmade. Tickets will be sold at registration and at the event---3 for \$1.00 for 18 for \$5.00. Bring some cash and support our organization.

Hostesses

We are looking for hostesses for the state convention. Hostess responsibilities vary from greeting attendees who are entering the dining room for meals to introducing speakers and workshop presenters. Each assignment will come with instructions and introduction information. This job offers an opportunity to meet FCE members from other clubs and counties. If you would like to volunteer as a hostess, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Banners

The opening session of the convention will feature a procession of county and district banners. If your county does not have a banner, now is the time to make one. The procession opens the convention. Bring your banner and plan to gather at 12:45 outside the general session room where you will receive instructions from Nancy Berta, West UP District Director.

Program Sharing

Program Sharing is an important part of our state convention. It gives counties and study clubs an opportunity to share what you have been doing in your local area during the past year. Your presentation should be no longer than 3-5 minutes. If you are willing to share please fill out the Program Sharing Form.

Program Sharing Form: State Convention 2016: Deadline September 1, 2016

Name _____

County/Study Club _____

Address (Contact person) _____

Phone Number _____

Topic you wish to share _____

Mail this form to: Nancy Berta

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Town and Country FCE of Delta County

Delta County has only one club now but has 20 active members.

At our September meeting we had a presentation from Roberta Johnson on Multiple Sclerosis and how her daughter received a bone marrow transplant that saved her life. Also in September Judith Gereau and Kathy Couchene attended the Convention in Bay City.

In October we held our international dinner presented by Pastor Dale Skogman and his wife Jo, highlighting Argentina and Brazil. The members prepared many dishes from the countries presented, decorations of flags and tea light vases of corn and coffee beans adored the tables. Door prizes of coffee beans and popcorn were awarded. We also have a 50/50 drawing as a fundraiser.

In November Georgie Safford explained how the Foster Grandparent program got started in our area. Georgie was the person who helped in getting a grant to start the program and still is involved in the program.

December we held our Christmas party/Holiday Tea at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid River. The theme was snow. Kathy Couchene gave a program about snow and we even had a snowball fight (indoors using tissue paper). At this time we bring Christmas gifts for our adopted family. This year's family was a mother, father, 1 girl and 3 boys. Each month we bring them items but at Christmas they get special individual items.

In January Mary Simonsen gave us a demonstration on eating healthy. Mary and Joanne Christoff served us a healthy meal of soup, cornbread and cobbler.

February we had Jerry Maynard from the Raptor Center bring birds and explain the many facts about each bird. This was so interesting that we are bringing them back to our area at the 2016 convention at the Island Resort and Casino as a workshop.

In March we had a presentation by Eric Barnhard from OSF St. Francis about their Hospice program.

In April Shelia C. Marenger and Leslie Hoffmeyer from OSF came to speak on Home Health Care.

In May we held our picnic with short program on pretzels. A pot luck meal was served and the game snoop was played.

In June we held our recognition banquet at the Stone House Restaurant with the theme being "How we can learn from Honeybees". The same day as our recognition banquet we held a plant sale at the Gladstone Farmers market. About 8 members planted seeds in the spring and brought them for the sale.

Throughout the year we donate too many places such as: Walk for Warmth, Welcome Newborns, Water for All and Books for Babes.

Our County participated in the Character Counts program with our winner Erin Dedic placing second in the state contest. We presented the classroom with bookmarks and a pizza party at the end of the school year.

As you see our members are always learning but do take time out to have some fun.

Kathy Couchene, Town and Country FCE Historian

2015 REPORT FROM EATON COUNTY FCE

(omitted from Spring newsletter)

Eaton County has 17 members and one honorary member. This is an increase of three members this year. Two of the new members had been MAFCE members back in the 1990's and left to pursue careers in nursing and in politics. Now retired they have rejoined. The other member is new to our organization.

Monthly meetings:

February – Members planned their 2015 monthly lessons and assigned the months for programs and luncheon duties. Each month a committee is responsible for a lesson or activity and also for preparing lunch for the club.

March – Lesson on “Keepsake Quilting” was presented by new member Mary Jean Baker. She brought many of the quilts she had made using a variety of patterns and materials.

April – Lesson on “The Benefits of a High Fiber Diet” was presented by Petra Swanson and Catie Epling. Not only did they provide important information, but they brought samples of high-fiber foods to enjoy.

May – Lesson on “The Science of Good Cooking” was presented by Mona Ellard. Did you know that most recipes did not call for specific measurements until 100 years ago? For example, recipe instructions stated “put cucumbers in a brine that will float an egg.”

June – The activity this month was “A Summer Outing to Marshall MI.” Members enjoyed the Welcome Center, Honolulu House, lunch on their own at a local restaurant, and shopping on Main Street.

September – Each year Eaton County FCE selects a charity which the club members support. This year it was “Guardian Angels-Suitcases for Kids.” This new nonprofit support children who are removed from a crisis in their homes when parents are not able to safely care for their children. Often they are taken without any personal items and placed into Foster Care. This charity works directly with Foster Care to provide the emergency items needed for the children such as clothing, toys, diapers, and personal care items. FCE was drawn to this charity because it also helps older children who are still in Foster Care when reaching 18 years of age. The children often stay with foster parents until they graduate from high school, but not all children are so lucky. At age 18, the children are transitioned out of Foster Care, and some of them must find a place to live and a job to support themselves. “Guardian Angels-Suitcase for Kids” helps young adults with eating and cooking utensils, linens, small furniture, lamps, and gift cards to assist them in setting up their first apartment. Our FCE members gathered many articles of new and gently-used items that are needed by this nonprofit. After our monthly meeting and luncheon, our members visited this charity's storage building and delivered the many items collected over the past several months.

October – Lesson on “One Room Schools,” a program based on a book that was published by the Eaton County Genealogy Society. Mary Jean Baker, Judy Good, and JoAnne Fogle, who arranged for this program, introduced two gentlemen from the society who told us about the old-time, one-room schools in Eaton County.

November – Lesson on “Connecting to Associated Country Women of the World” was presented by Maida and Myrl Hawley, two of our members who have attended some of the ACWW Conventions.

December – Our annual “Christmas Luncheon and Holiday Party” was held at a restaurant in Dimondale, MI. Before the celebrating began, our members had a planning session for the 2016 monthly meetings which begin next year in March. We voted to drop our February meeting, but we added a monthly meeting during the summer months, totaling nine meetings each year.

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2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1 – Application for State Board due to President
July 15 – Applications for State Scholarships due
50 Year Members due to President
July 14 – 17 NAFCE Conference in Memphis TN
Aug 1 – Heart of FCE due to President
Aug 18 – 24 ACWW Conference – Warrick England
Sept 28 – 30 MAFCE State Convention at Island Casino and Resort in Harris MI
Nov 1 – FCE newsletter deadline

2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 31 – Character Counts ends
Feb 1 – Newsletter deadline
Feb 15 – Applications for District Director
due to State President

County Newsletter rotation for reports: Feb 1 – deadline for Southwest and East Central Districts
June 1 – deadline for North Central and West U.P. Districts
Nov 1 – deadline for Southeast District