



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educators

2007 NCEAFCS Annual Session Report

The South Central District hosted the NCEAFCS Annual Session on September 5-7, 2007 at the Little River Resort in Carthage North Carolina. There were 149 attendees with 110 full paid registrations. The theme for the session was "TEE OFF FOR SUCCESS".

Opening session began on Wednesday with a luncheon. Linda Hayes, Chair for the North Carolina Crime Commission was the keynote speaker. She brought greetings from her office and others in the state. Ms. Hayes was familiar with the NCEES and the work of FCS and 4-H. She had grown up in an Extension family and had been associated with a variety of Extension programs across the State that had collaborated with the NC Crime commission.

A Poster session was held after the luncheon. This was a new addition to our annual session. Agents from across the state were invited to showcase some of their programming efforts. 8 agents presented during the Poster session.

Another new twist to the afternoon was the Leadership Session, which focused on our organization and strengthening its efforts. A panel of past and the current president presented their views of leadership within the organization. The Program of Work session provided training for all incoming state and district officers.

The day ended with a friendship event on the outside patio. Guests were treated to heavy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to try the putting green and win prizes.

Thursday started with a variety of educational workshops geared at helping agents to be successful in the workplace. Workplace for Success, Dress for Success and Lifestyle for Success were presented by resource people from the South Central District.

The business meeting was carried out during lunch and then participants went on various tours throughout the county. Tours included the ECA Kitchen tour, Pottery tour and the Cameron Antiques tour.

Thursday evening hosted the Annual Awards banquet. A special treat of the evening was an historical narration reminding the agents of their past efforts. A record number of awards were given out and many guests and family were present.

Friday was closing session which featured remarks from Dr. Marshall Steward and Dr. Jean Baldwin. The new 2008 NCEAFCS officers were installed and appreciation was given to the outgoing and incoming officers. The closing speaker, Kimberly Johnson delighted the group with positive feedback and lessons to take back to the counties for success at work. Another new event this year was a walking

contest sponsored by AARP. Those who had walked the most steps according to their AARP pedometers were given prizes and praises for their efforts.

Evaluations were very high from those who had filled them out. Further suggestions would be to keep and enlarge the Poster Session. Continue the Leadership Session and possibly have some real food at the friendship event.

Members of the South Central District Association of Family and Consumer Sciences who worked hard to host the meeting are:

Anson County: Janine Rywak
Bladen County: Sandra McCain
Chatham County: Phyllis Smith
Columbus County: Carolyn McCain, Jackie Roseboro and Meleah Stanly
Cumberland County: Candy Underwood
Harnett County: Lisa Childers, Wanda Hardison, Jennifer Walker
Lee County: Susan C Conclin and Stephanie Patterson
Moore County: Karen Wicker and Agnes Evans
Montgomery County: Susan Hamilton
Richmond County Clinton McRae
Robeson County: Susan Noble and Christy Strickland
Stanly County Molly Alexi and Lori Ivey
Scotland and Hoke Counties are currently without a FCS Agent

Thanks to all who worked very hard to make this a great event!

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