



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

2006/07 Southeast District Report

The Southeast District hosted the 2006 State Meeting in New Bern at the Sheraton Grande Hotel and Inn where the Trent and Neuse Rivers meet. "Remembering our Past... Charting Our Future" allowed FCS Agents to explore North Carolina's coastal heritage from the home of colonial Governor Tryon to celebrating with the Jonkonnu dance troupe. The off site activities included tours of Bosch-Seimens state of the art Home Appliance Manufacturer, Hatteras Yachts and workshops conducted by Tryon Palace on preserving heirloom furnishings and creating natural colonial floral displays. Participants were also able to delve into areas of small business development by visiting some downtown establishments such as a Mennonite Bakery, a vintage hardware store, a bed and breakfast and an art store featuring local artisan's wares. In addition, programs were offered on leadership development, stress management, and agricultural tourism. The highlight of the meeting was a capnote address by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall who relived her early experiences with Cooperative Extension and conveyed the value of these experiences in her present life. In addition, a special reception was held for Dr. Sandy Zaslow. Thanks to the attendees, the meeting was labeled a tremendously successful professional improvement conference. The Southeast District FCS Agents were pleased with the response and came away from the meeting feeling re-committed to their roles, having a sense of accomplishment and renewed teamwork.

The fall meeting was held in Farmville at the "The Buzz Around" hosted by past district president Shenile Ford. Owners, Joanne Lang and Po Barnett, talked to the group about the beekeeping business and how they started their restaurant venture together. After the program, a time of reflection/celebration about the recently held state meeting, and recognition of Trudy Pickett's recent wedding, Shenile installed the new Southeast District Officers for 06/07 who are as follows:

President – Ivy Reid	President Elect – Trudy Pickett
Awards and Recognition – Marcia Flynt	Vice President/Professional Development – Sandra Head
Vice President/Member Resources – Dianne	Gatewood Vice President/Public Affairs – Pearl Stanley
Secretary – Susan Morgan	Treasurer – Robin Taylor
Advisor – Shenile Ford	Historian – Anna Peele
Budget – Robin Taylor	By-Laws – Trudy Pickett

The spring meeting was hosted by Marcia Flynt in Pamlico County. The group met at the "Green House" which is a church meeting center in Oriental. Maurene Rickards, from the FCS Foundation spoke to the group about the different endowments that support FCS programming. The group then had lunch on the veranda by the water at the Oriental Marina. The afternoon was spent exploring the town of Oriental including a visit to a handcrafted jewelry shop operated by Pamlico CED Bill Ellers's wife, Kathi.

The spring meeting is planned for October and will be hosted by Jean Rawls in Pender County.

Ivy Reid, President
Southeast District

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