



# North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

### 2011 West District Annual Report

The new year began with the fall meeting on October 22nd at the Stecoah Valley Center in Graham County. FCS Agent Eve Rogers welcomed the group to her county and led us on a tour of entrepreneurial crafts/business enterprises in the Stecoah area. Members toured Yellow Branch Cheese and Pottery and the Stecoah Valley Center. Stecoah Valley Center is a renovated school dating back to the 1920's which now hosts a summer concert series, an afterschool program, local artisan's gallery, meeting rooms, workshop studios, and a value-added commercial kitchen. Ten members attended the meeting along with four retired agents.

A major portion of the business meeting centered around the state and national awards programs. The PowerPoint presentation developed by Geissler Baker and Christine Smith was shared and members drew names to pair up with an agent whom they will encourage to submit awards over the next two years.

The spring meeting was held at beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort just across the Clay County, NC line in Young Harris, Georgia., on March 25th. FCS Agent Pam Staton coordinated the meeting, which featured State Extension Advisory Council member Erik Brinke as guest speaker. Mr. Brinke traced the history of FCS in North Carolina and discussed the current government climate of reducing spending and its impact on Extension programs. He encouraged FCS agents to be visible in sharing the importance of Extension to key leaders and to the general public. Members enjoyed a time of sharing program ideas, successes, and resources at the beginning of the meeting. We are planning to incorporate this "Show and Tell" time at future district meetings.

Much of the business session centered on securing officers for next year. The group also decided to hold one district meeting per year in a central location one in an "outlying" part of the district to cut down on travel and time.

The fall meeting will be held October 28th in Henderson County with the theme of "Celebrating FCS -- Past, Present, and Future".

#### Officers for 2009 - 2011 were:

**President:** Cheryl Beck

**President-Elect:** Sherrie Peeler

**VP Awards and Recognition:** Margie Mansure

**VP Professional Development:** Renee Cassidy (resigned FCS position fall 2010, filled by Cathy Hohenstein for remainder of term)

**VP Member Resources:** Jean Burton

**VP Public Affairs/Webmaster:** Sue Estridge

**Secretary:** Tres Magner

**Treasurer:** Pam Staton

**Parliamentarian/Nominating:** Cathy Hohenstein

**Historian:** Teresa Wiley

**Retirement Representative:** Freida Terrell

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Cheryl A. Beck, President