

News and Views

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

“Improving the quality of life through fellowship, education and service”



Fall

SCFCL Website: <http://www.scfcl.com>

2020

The 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic



SCFCL is affiliated with Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), Country Women's Council USA (CWC), National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) and in partnership with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service

SCFCL NEEDS YOUR HELP

At this time of writing, there has been no nominations submitted for the four state officers (**President, Secretary, Treasurer or Coastal District Director**). I'm hoping after this newsletter is read by all members, there will be volunteers to step forward to fill these leadership roles.

Our organization will be 100 years old in June 2021. Please check your files, drawers, and hiding places for history books, memorabilia or stories about your clubs/counties membership in this organization since becoming a member. Check with your County Extension Office and see if they have any historical books, papers, photos, and newspaper articles. Bring these treasures to the Spring and Fall District Meetings so we can display them at our 100-year celebration during the 2021 SCFCL Annual Meeting in Lexington, October 12, 2021.

Let's proudly share SCFCL's Successes!

STEP UP and be a part of our FUTURE!



2021 South Carolina Family and Community Leaders Calendar of Events

January 1, 2021	New State Officers and Chairs Assume Duties
January 1-15, 2021	Dues and Financial Obligations Due to State FCL Treasurer All Articles for Spring Newsletter Due to News and Views Editor
January 19, 2021	SCFCL Board Meeting
February 1, 2021	County President's Report Due to SCFCL President
February 15, 2021	SCFCL Newsletter Mailed to all Members District Directors Send Information about upcoming District Meetings to County Presidents
March 16, 2021	Central Spring District Meeting (Bamberg)
March 17, 2021	Coastal Spring District Meeting (Dorchester)
March 23, 2021	Foothills Spring District Meeting (Oconee)
April 1, 2021	Buff-Swicegood Travel-Study Award Applications Due to SCFCL President
April 20, 2021	State Education Committee and SCFCL Board Meeting
June 15, 2021	All Articles for Fall Newsletter Due to News and Views Editor
July 1, 2021	County Nomination Forms for State Office Due to SCFCL President and Nomination Chair
July 20-22, 2021	2021 NVON Conference, Owensboro, Kentucky, Owensboro Convention Center
August 1-3, 2021	ACWW USA Area Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
August 10, 2021	SCFCL Board Meeting
August 15, 2021	State FCL Newsletter Mailed to all Members District Directors Send Information about upcoming District Meetings to County Presidents
September 1, 2021	SCFCL Education Programs Club Report Form Due to the County President
September 13-15, 2021	2021 ACWW/CWC Area Meeting, Holiday Inn/Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham, Illinois
September 21, 2021	Central Fall District Meeting (Barnwell)
September 22, 2021	Coastal District Meeting (Hampton)
September 28, 2021	Foothills District Meeting (Saluda)
September 30, 2021	NVON Project in Common Final Report Due to State Project Chair SCFCL State Project Report Due to State Project Chair
October 1, 2021	SCFCL Education Programs County Report Form Due to the SCFCL President County President's Award Form Due to SCFCL President County Officer's Form Due to SCFCL Webmaster Voting Delegates Form Due to Teller's Chair SCFCL Gives Hope, Domestic Violence Final Report Due to Project Chair SCFCL WalkSC Final Report Due to Project Chair
October 12, 2021	2021 SCFCL Annual Meeting, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, West Columbia

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

May 18-24, 2022	2022 ACWW Triennial Conference, Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia, Palace of the Golden Horse
July 2022	2022 NVON Conference, Indiana
July 2023	2023 NVON Conference, West Virginia
September 2023	2023 ACWW/CWC Area Meeting, Little Rock/North Little Rock area



South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

Officer Nomination Form

District _____ County _____

Club _____ Date _____

Procedure:

1. The Nomination form may only have one nomination office per person per form.
2. Nominations shall be submitted to the Nomination Chair at least 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting with a copy sent to the SCFCL President.

Name of Nominee _____ Address _____ Phone Number _____
 Name of Nominee Address Phone Number
 Office for which Nominated Age Range of Nominee 20-35 () 51-65 ()
 (check one) 36-50 () 66+ ()

Offices and/or Committees Held	Local	County	State

Community and Church Organizations in which nominee has served as an officer

The nominee should attach a statement of her/his qualifications and why she/he would like to serve in this position.

 (Signature of Nominee)

 (Signature of Club President needed for County Nomination)

 (Signature of County President needed for State Nomination)

12/24/2017



State Officers to be elected for 2021

President (3 year term)
Secretary (3 year term)
Treasurer (3 year term)

Coastal District Director (3 year term) Only one county representative per county in the Coastal District can vote for Coastal District Director. Vote will be October 1-15, 2020 by internet vote. (refer to page 10 "Voting" for more info)

If you are interested in serving this organization, fill out the Officer Nomination Form on a previous page or download from the SCFCL web site then mail completed form to SCFCL President who will forward to the Nomination Committee Chair, Bobbie Earle. Please respond as soon as possible.

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OFFICERS

- A nominee for any elective state office must have previously served as a county officer or a member of the SCFCL Board.
- Each candidate for office must have agreed in writing to his/her nomination and have the written endorsement of his/her county association.
- A candidate shall be nominated for only one position in a given year.
- An elected officer may not resign from a presently held position in order to run for a full term position. An elected officer may resign to be appointed to fill a vacancy that has occurred during a midterm resignation or death.
- A candidate for Secretary should understand the importance of preserving the official records of SCFCL, have the ability to write accurate minutes, and provide a safe repository for official records.
- A candidate for Treasurer shall be eligible for bonding, knowledgeable in bookkeeping, and familiar with long and short term investments.
- A candidate for any elected state office shall have access to electronic communication.

Duties of the President (complete list of duties are in SCFCL Handbook and at: scfcl.com)

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings, district meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Serve with vote in an event of a tie.
- Study and become familiar with SCFCL Bylaws and Policies/Standing Rules.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Preside at Annual Business Meeting, meetings of The Board and Executive Committee.
- Represent SCFCL at meetings of other organizations, or delegate this duty.
- Verify that state education lessons as determined by the State Education Committee, are carried out.
- Appoint all special committees (Tellers, Nominating, Financial Review, Policies/Standing Rules, and Bylaws) and Project Chairs, as needed, for a one year term, subject to approval of The Board by November 1 to be included in the handbook. Appoint Annual Meeting chairs three years in advance.
- Send notices of all meetings in writing (e-mail) at least two weeks prior to each meeting. Notices should be sent to the Executive Committee, SCFCL Board and Committee Chairs, and SCFCL Advisors.
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.



Duties of The Secretary (complete list of duties are in SCFCL Handbook and at: scfcl.com)

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Serve with vote.
- Study and become familiar with SCFCL Bylaws and Policies/Standing Rules.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Keep records of all meetings of SCFCL, the Board, and Executive Committee and submit copy, including the treasurer's report, to the President for approval to print within two weeks of the close of the meeting.
- Call the roll to determine the number of voting delegates present at all Business Sessions to determine if a majority of voting members are present to establish a quorum.
- Maintain a complete file of SCFCL and Board activities to include a copy of each newsletter, meeting program, handbook and SCFCL minutes to be placed in the archives.
- Serve as contact with Archives Director and when vacating office prepare and arrange for SCFCL historical documents to be delivered to: Gina White, Director of the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections, Winthrop University, corner of Cherry Blvd. and Charlotte Ave., Rock Hill, SC 29733.
- Perform any other secretarial duties as assigned by the President.



Duties of the Treasurer (complete list of duties are in SCFCL Handbook and at: scfcl.com)



- Attend all SCFCL board meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Serve with vote.
- Study and become familiar with SCFCL Bylaws and Policies/Standing Rules.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Receive and keep records of all funds of SCFCL and deposit as directed by The Board.
- Pay authorized expenses of SCFCL upon receipt of a signed voucher with receipts from the President.
- Present a statement of accounts at all meetings of The Board, and at such other times as the President may request.
- Receive membership lists, dues and any other contributions from each county and keep the E-Membership list accurate and up-to-date on Google Sheets.
- Make a full report at the Annual Meeting.

Duties of the District Directors (complete list of duties are in SCFCL Handbook and at: scfcl.com)

- Attend all SCFCL board meetings, district meetings and Annual Meeting.
- Serve with vote.
- Study and become familiar with SCFCL Bylaws and Policies/Standing Rules.
- Have access to electronic communication.
- Serve as a representative of District on The Board and coordinate activities in District.
- Serve as a member of the State Education Committee.
- Hold at least one meeting annually of each district. When possible hold a Spring and Fall Meeting to include agenda items with input from SCFCL Board, coordinated by SCFCL President.
- Preside at District Meetings





Proposed changes to the BYLAWS
SOUTH CAROLINA
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
(Revised October 28, 2014)

ATTENTION: (Writing in *****RED***** are changes to the bylaws, **Bold** is why changes are being made.) **ATTENTION**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be South Carolina Family and Community Leaders. SCFCL when used hereinafter shall be defined to mean South Carolina Family and Community Leaders, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. To strengthen, develop, coordinate and extend education through 4-H, human sciences, community development and agriculture, in cooperation with South Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

Section 2. To provide opportunity to youth and adults for the improvement of home and community life.

Section 3. To provide a means by which members and/or clubs may understand and promote programs.

Section 4. To offer opportunities for international friendship and understanding through communication and working to improve the quality of life for all people worldwide through Country Women's Council USA (CWC) and Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. SCFCL is a non-profit organization. Any funds received by the organization for carrying out its purposes shall not accrue to the benefit of individual members.

Section 2. SCFCL shall meet annually to conduct business of the organization.

ARTICLE IV - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. The Board in office at the time of the dissolution will make recommendations to the membership of such South Carolina tax-exempt organizations for selection. Final disbursement will be made based upon vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. SCFCL shall be composed of all members who conform to rules, regulations, and meet all financial obligations.

Section 2. Voting membership shall be by county organization with each member county having one vote.

Section 3. Membership is open to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The Board

A. The elected officers shall be a President, President-Elect (when applicable), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect (when applicable), and a District Director from each of the districts. The voting members of The Board shall be the elected officers.

B. Of the elected officers, the District Director will be elected from their respective district and installed at the Annual Meeting.

C. A District County Agent/Advisor will serve as Advisor to the district and as an ex-officio, non-voting member of The Board.

Section 2. Term of Office

A. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of three years each, or until their successors are elected. *****if there are no nominees running for an office at the expiration of their term, that officer may serve an additional term.*** (This sentence was added just in case no one steps up to fill a state officer position)**

B. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve consecutive terms in any office, with the exception of the Treasurer. The Treasurer may serve two terms consecutively.

C. Newly elected and appointed officers shall take office on January 1 of the year following the Annual Meeting at which they were elected.

D. Vacancies among officers shall be filled by appointment by the President, with approval of The Board until an election can be held at the next Annual or District Meeting.

Section 3. Board duties.

A. The Board shall hold at least three meetings at intervals during the year.

B. Special meetings of The Board may be called by the President and/or at the request in writing of at least two members of The Board when deemed necessary, stating the purpose of the meeting. Requests for special meetings of The Board must be received by the President at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

C. At meetings of The Board, a majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum.

D. The Board shall have supervision of all affairs of SCFCL, shall actively promote its objectives, and shall have control over the disbursement of its funds. The Board shall not have authority to incur any indebtedness on account of SCFCL other than as provided in the Bylaws or by vote of SCFCL voting delegates.

E. The Board shall require a full and complete record of all proceedings, which shall be published and made available to all counties.

Section 4. Duties of board members.

Duties of board members are described in Policies/Standing Rules.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect (when applicable), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Treasurer-Elect (when applicable). The SCFCL State Advisor shall serve in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

Section 2. At meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to The Board for action.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President and/or at the request in writing of at least two members of the committee when deemed necessary, stating the object of the meeting. Requests for special meetings of the Executive Committee must be received by the President at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - SCFCL STATE ADVISOR

The SCFCL State Advisor shall be an appropriate Clemson University professional recommended by the Director of Extension and approved by the Board. This person shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee and The Board.

ARTICLE IX - BUSINESS MEETING

Section 1. The Annual Business Meeting shall be held to elect officers, adopt a budget, hear reports, and address such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 2. The voting delegates at a Business Meeting shall be the elected members of The Board and one delegate from each member county in attendance. Only voting delegates shall have the privilege of making motions, debating, making nominations from the floor, and voting.

Section 3. A majority of eligible voting delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Election shall be by printed ballot unless there is only one candidate, then election may be by voice vote. A majority vote of those present and entitled to vote shall constitute a decision.

Section 5. The Annual Business Meeting shall be open to all members upon payment of registration fees.

ARTICLE X - DISTRICT MEETING

There shall be at least one meeting annually of each district at a time and place to be designated by the District Director with approval of The Board.

ARTICLE XI - FINANCES

Section 1. Membership report forms shall be completed and submitted with dues on or before January 15 in order for a County FCL organization to be a voting member in good standing. (See SCFCL Web Site for ~~***the County Treasurer Report***~~ Form) **(This is just a name change to the form)**

Section 2. Annual dues shall be \$4.00 per member. Dues shall cover all county financial obligations to the state association from January 1 to December 31. ACWW/CWC Pennies for Friendship and Nickels for South Carolina Youth shall be voluntary contributions in addition to dues.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall serve as Budget Committee with Treasurer as Chair. This committee must adhere to financial policies in SCFCL Policies/Standing Rules,

Section 4. The Budget Committee will submit a proposed budget and any other financial recommendations to The Board at least 60 days prior to the SCFCL Annual Meeting. The proposed budget when accepted by The Board will be sent to counties with members prior to Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XII - EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A. The Education Committee shall consist of the Vice President and District Directors.

B. The State Specialist Advisor, SCFCL State Advisor, and SCFCL District Advisors shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.

C. The Vice President shall serve as chair of committee.

ARTICLE XIII - SCHOLARSHIPS

Section 1. The Johnson-Walker and the Landrum-Layton scholarship funds, originally administered by the former South Carolina Council of Farm Women, are deposited with Winthrop University and are administered as trust funds. The principals will be maintained and interest awarded to students on the basis of need and achievement.

~~***Section 2. The Marian Baxter Paul scholarship fund, originally administered by the former Palmetto Home Demonstration Council, is deposited with South Carolina State University and is administered as a trust fund. The principal will be maintained and interest awarded to students on the basis of need and achievement.***~~ **(This scholarship cannot be located at SCSU and there has not been any money added in a very long time so it is being removed from this bylaws article due to inactivity.)**

Section 3. The Buff-Swicegood Travel-Study Award is administered as a trust fund with the Clemson University Foundation. Donations to the award will be added to the principal and will be maintained with interest awarded to recipients to provide opportunities for personal, professional, or organizational development through informal self-study in chosen areas that will benefit and meet the needs or objectives of SCFCL.

Section 4. Additions of organizational funds to these accounts shall be made at the discretion of The Board.

ARTICLE XIV – BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

SCFCL Bylaws may be amended during the final year of the President by a two-thirds vote of voting delegates present at the Annual Business Meeting. A notice of proposed amendments approved by The Board must be sent to the County Presidents sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XV - PARLIAMENTARY LAW AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief" (latest version) shall govern SCFCL as applicable, and which are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

If you have any questions about the changes to the bylaws, please give me a call or email me or Bobbie Earle, Chair, 864.984.4088 bearle@prtcnet.com, Eva Manigault, 803.245.4319 eva1mid@bellsouth.net, Miriam White, 843.875.6929 miriamwh4@gmail.com

Kershaw County

Kershaw County FCL currently has two clubs, Mt. Pisgah and Parker, with a total of 21 members. We gained two new members this year.

For the Kershaw County Fall Council Meeting, our guest speaker was our very own Gwen Shannon who spoke on the topic of mental health. Members gained valuable information and a greater understanding of mental illness. At Thanksgiving, both clubs united and celebrated with a thankful luncheon. Each club celebrated Christmas with a gift exchange and luncheon.

The Parker Club donated socks, lotions, and throws to a local nursing home. As a donation to Birthright of Columbia for newborn babies, the Parker Club crocheted 82 hats, 15 blankets, 17 bibs, 2 sweaters, 15 pairs of booties, and 15 head bands for the baby girls.

To help free up medical masks for critical needs due to Covid-19, face masks were made and dropped off at Palmetto Stitches and Quilts for a special project to benefit Kershaw Health Hospital and physicians' offices in the community. Members from both clubs sewed and gave masks to family members, neighbors, friends, and anyone needing a mask. Masks were even mailed to others outside the county and state. During the pandemic, members also volunteered to run errands for home bound shut-ins and anyone needing assistance.

Lexington County

Our seven clubs have not been able to meet regularly for a while because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, we all are practicing good hygiene by washing our hands often, wearing face masks in public and social distancing.

We are still collecting money and goods to support the children in Foster Care in Lexington County as well as collecting personal care items for recipients of Domestic Violence against Women.

Since the 2020 SCFCL Annual Meeting was cancelled, Lexington County members have agreed again to host the 2021 Annual Meeting in our county. It will be the same location as previously arranged, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1500 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, October 12, 2021.

Not being able to meet like we once did is a real challenge for everyone. It is quite lonely too, to not be able to be as social as we once were. All of us ladies (and a few gentlemen) are precious so please take good care of yourselves!

I am making face masks for anyone who wants one. They are made out of cotton and can be stuffed with coffee filters. They are free. So, if you or your neighbors or members need face masks please have them call me at 803-356-2170. Leave a message if I do not answer.

Dot Tunstall, Lexington County President



Kershaw County members of the Mt. Pisgah Club have a gift exchange at their Christmas Luncheon.

Seated: (LtoR) Doris Horton, Walter Baker, Nancy Hilton
Standing(LtoR) Kay Vincent, Mary Joe, Maxine Baker, Elizabeth Pate, Eather Evans, and Louise Brister



Dot Tunstall (r) of Lexington County FCL donated 12 large wheelchair pillows, 25 neck pillows to Dorn VA. She also donated 7 crocheted wheel chair throws and 2 shawls, 26 arm rest pillows and 150 squeezeys in six sizes to help stroke victims hand recovery to the Tucker Center as part of the VA system in Lexington.

Orangeburg County

Our membership is decreasing and our members are ageing but we still feel this is a worthwhile organization and we want to be involved. In 2019, we had two clubs and twelve members who gave approximately 239 volunteer hours.

As a county fund-raiser, members sold tickets for a meal at a local barbecue restaurant. This effort raised \$272.00. We donated \$350.00 to five community agencies serving the public and also to the Orangeburg County 4-H program.

Our county made and donated 48 pads and 53 diapers for our state project. All of the materials used were donated by members and one fabric store.

The Southern Applique Lovers Club made 10 comfort bears and gave them to people in need of comfort. They enjoy quilting and other craft projects as well as some of our education lessons. They won second place at the Orangeburg County Fair for the quilt they made and displayed.

The Providence Club had an education lesson at each club meeting. In December we went out for lunch and made a monetary donation of \$105.00 to Hebron-Grace, a nearby substance abuse facility for women. This year we collected \$11.60 for Nichols for Youth and \$11.60 for Pennies for Friends.

At our spring county council meeting we had a delicious luncheon with an array of dishes provided by members. Lovely table decorations were done by our Southern Applique Lovers Club. Eleven members and our advisor, Christine Patrick, were present.

Refreshments were enjoyed at our fall council meeting. Our guest speaker was Phyllis Parker (pictured below) from Grove Park Pharmacy who gave an informative talk on the many services available through the pharmacy from a medical clinic to hospice care. She also gave a "goody bag" to all present.

Some Orangeburg County FCL members attended our Central District spring and fall meetings and one member represented our county at the SCFCL Annual Meeting in Greenwood.

We looked forward to participating in all of our 2020 activities. However, coronavirus has curtailed our plans. We have made and donated masks to groups cleaning up following tornado damage and are making bags filled with necessary items to be donated to a local shelter for the SCFCL Gives project.



2020 Fall News and Views

Richland County

SCFCL's Oldest Member

Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Jordan Lambert, age 102, entered her Heavenly home on Thursday, April 9, 2020, after a short illness. She was born November 15, 1917, in Savannah, Georgia. After graduating from Columbia High School in 1934, she completed the "Stenographic and Dictaphone Course of Study" at Bowen's Business College in August 1935.



Beth cared for her mother following an accident, and began work as the first employee of the Employment Security Commission. She taught 3-year-old Sunday School at Shandon Methodist Church and volunteered at the VA Hospital as a Red Cross "Gray Lady" during WWII.

Soon after her mother's death in 1954, she met Robert D. "Bob" Lambert, Jr., the chief engineer at WCOS Radio. Bob and Beth married in 1956, living in the house built by his parents in North Columbia.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing and other handwork, and she loved the beach. She was a member of the USC Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, a member since 1956 of Richland County Family and Community Leaders (formerly Extension Homemakers) and delivered Meals On Wheels for many years. At the age of 90, she joined a group at Drew Wellness Center several days a week for water aerobics and exercise classes. She was a member of Eau Claire Presbyterian Church, serving in many capacities, including Vacation Bible School teacher, Brownie leader, and nursery worker.

She enjoyed the BEES seniors' group meetings and trips. She was Treasurer of the Women in the Church for many years, and kept the books, as well as her own finances, without the use of a calculator, though when she was nearly 101, she acquired her own laptop, e-mail address (MissBeth100@outlook.com) and Facebook page (Miss Beth). She enjoyed an occasional game of Solitaire, but preferred to use the computer and her time for activities with more of a purpose! She was known for her faithful ministry of sending cards and notes, remembering birthdays of family and friends, as well as sending other cards and notes to loved ones and acquaintances in times of grief, discouragement, and celebration.

As long as she was able, she provided comfort and support for many friends from the church and the community, giving rides to meetings and errands, or visiting in their homes or hospital. She liked to stay busy and lamented not being able to do as much as she used to, in her home and in her community. In her last months, she enjoyed lacing yarn around holes that were punched for her in seasonal paper plates, and she signed and gave away at least 100 of those decorations.

Like Bob, her husband of 47 years, Beth was a prayer warrior for her family and friends. She appreciated good food and all of God's blessings great and small. She would quickly tell of God's care for her for 102 years, and how thankful and blessed she was. She will truly be missed♥



Proposed Budget for 2021

South Carolina Family & Community Leaders
As of August 11, 2020

Expenses/Categories	Proposed Amount
Awards/Certificates	\$25.00
Delegates (ACWW/CWC/NVON)	\$400.00
District Directors	\$300.00
Dues – ACWW	\$165.00
Dues – CWC	\$75.00
Dues – NVON	\$100.00
News & Views – Mail/Print/Supplies	\$1565.00
Nickels for SC Youth (Scholarships)	\$2,000.00
Officers/Committees (Supplies & District Meeting Travel)	
President	\$600.00
Secretary	\$150.00
Treasurer	\$236.00
Vice President	\$200.00
Sales	\$100.00
SCFCL Handbook/Postage	\$400.00
Treasurer – Bond	\$260.00
Website	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$6,616.00

Budget based on 795 members

October 1, 2020 VOTING

Due to meeting cancellations, a link will be e-mailed to all voting delegates* for an online voting of State Officers, Budget and Bylaws on October 1.

Please cast your votes by **October 15**.

Cell phones, tablets or computers can be used in casting votes.

Votes will be automatically tabulated.

Information needed for voting will be:

Name

County Position

County

E-mail

(Only one vote per item)

****If you are unable to use a cell phone, tablet or computer to vote, Call Pat Breznay @ 803-736-6535 by **October 15** and she will fill out your ballot on her computer to make sure your vote is counted.*



*Voting delegates are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 District Directors and one vote per county.



2020-2021 STATE PROJECT



“SCFCL Gives Hope” brings awareness to our members of the need for domestic violence shelters and gives hope to those who enter them by showing them that they are not alone and that there are those who are willing to stand by them and help them in their time of need. We are collecting and giving needed items to domestic violence victims in our state through local women’s shelters. Visit scfcl.com for more details and to download the report form.



*Think about if you were to leave your home on the spur of the moment, what necessities would you need? Other items can be added to the basic list above, anything that will fit in the supplied bag.



As a volunteer, we touch lives with educational information each day in our circles of influence. To continue as a viable organization, we MUST enlarge that influence to include a more diverse population that is currently being overlooked. Add To/2 is a project in common with NVON targeting increased membership – adding new members and new clubs. Think about beginning special interest groups that do not use the standard “club program”.

We are all different, but we all have the same mission. So, think about our state’s mission statement: Improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities through fellowship, education and service.

Let us not miss opportunities to make a difference in someone’s life with the resources we have and can share.

A report form is on SCFCL’s website. Let us know what influences you have made in 2020.

Water Around The World

We have all heard the advice to wash our hands and social distance in the midst of this global pandemic, but one critical resource is needed to do this. That resource is clean water. Some of us may live in a part of the world where we can just turn on the tap and use the water to clean our hands, but others still lack this important resource.

Covid-19 is a respiratory virus that spreads when droplets containing the virus get into our body through eyes, nose and throat. Most often, we bring the virus to our body with our hands. Hands are also one of the most common ways that the virus spreads from one person to the next.

We are still accepting donations to this project. Go to SCFCL’s website to fill out a form and help make a difference one drop at a time.



A note from SCFCL Advisor

It has been wonderful to see how even though we are staying at home, we are still making a difference. Many of you, including myself, have made masks to protect our loved ones and individuals we do not even know. Helping others is what the FCL organization is all about. Continue during this time of change to help others.

The Clemson Extension offices will soon be back open. You will see a change with the agents wearing their masks and the shields in front of the reception areas. At the present time, there is no face to face meetings. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel many plans. It is for your safety and ours.

2020 will be remembered as a year that was different. It is the year we stayed home. William J. Bennet once wrote. "Home is a shelter from storms-all sorts of storms." For some of us this COVID-19 is a storm. We have a new norm where we wear our masks and stay six foot apart. We are practicing social distancing. Because of this storm, we stay home in our shelter to protect the ones we love and to protect ourselves. Keep up the good work FCL members. We will see each other soon.



Connie Lake



Bobbie Earle of Laurens County crocheted wheel chair covers, pillows and masks using leftover yarn to stay busy while social distancing at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Dot Tunstall of Lexington County made and gave 50 face masks to the Presbyterian Center for employees to use. She also made 210 masks that she is willing to give to anyone in need (Free), just give her a call to make arrangements for pick up.



Kershaw County made personal masks to share with those in need to help stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

a message from the President



I guess not many of us were around during the 1918 Influenza Pandemic. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population at that time became infected with this virus, The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States. Mortality was high in people younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years and older. The high mortality in healthy people, including those in the 20-40 year age group, was a unique feature of this pandemic. It was caused by a H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919. Over the last 100 years there has been many viruses effecting the worldwide population like the influenza A (H1N1) pdm09 virus in 2009. The CDC estimated there were 60.8 million cases, 274,304 hospitalizations, and 12,469 deaths just in the United States. Now we're in another pandemic, the COVID-19. The CDC estimates 5.6 million cases (ranging from minimal symptoms or sickness to severe hospitalization) with 176,000 deaths for the group 65 years old and older with health conditions being the most vulnerable. I know that is why most people in these age groups are nervous to socialize or leave the security of their homes. We must stay safe but life goes on with COVID-19. We're lucky we have internet, cell phones and smart devices making it possible to be connected with family and friends.

The SCFCL Board used Zoom for the April and August Board Meetings. At the August 11th meeting, it was voted to cancel the fall district meetings as well as the Annual Meeting October 13. We do have business that needs to be completed before December 1: Election of officers for 2021 - Terms expire for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Coastal District Director December 31, 2020. It's important for any organization to have leaders and these officers have worked in their capacity for 3 years and need for members to step forward and apply for these positions. If you know of someone in your club or county that might be interested or you think might be a good candidate for these positions, please let me or Bobbie Earle know so we can setup for an election. Contact information is on the back page of this newsletter.

1. **September 30, 2020** a packet will be mailed from Advisor, Connie Lake which will include:

- **2021 Education Lessons** - each county president will receive the lessons. Make sure the Education Lessons are distributed to the person who handles the presentation of lessons in each club.
- **County Membership Database Lists** - The County Membership Database List should be given to the person who pays the dues and updates the county membership list. Please make corrections on the list and mail it to the State Treasurer along with the dues check. Fill out the County Treasurer's Report on the back of the database List: Number of new members, regular members, deceased members, Voluntary donations - Buff Swicegood Travel Study Award, Pennies for Friends, Nickels for SC Youth, Water Around The World. Mail the County Treasurer's Report form to: State Treasurer, Linda Westbrook, 2975 Westbrook RD, Edgemoor, SC 29712 between January 1-15, 2021.
- **State Project "SCFCL Gives Hope" Report** - the completed form of activities should be mailed to Silvertown Mitchum by September 30.
- **Individual Membership and New Member Certificates** - Certificates will be enclosed in the packet to county presidents. Please make sure certificates are presented to these deserving recipients.

2. **October 1, 2020** an internet ballot will be emailed to each voting delegate which will include several items:

- **Vote on changes to the Bylaws.** The committee has suggested minimal changes to the bylaws which requires a vote of SCFCL Board and one vote per county (official county representative either president or designated person). Bylaws have been placed in this newsletter, please read over the changes in *****red*****.
- **Vote on new state officers.** We will take a vote by internet October 1-15, 2020 on office of President, Secretary, Treasurer. Only Coastal District counties will vote for Coastal District Director which will be by internet at the same time as other internet votes (one form per voting delegate.)
- **Vote on 2021 SCFCL Budget.** The budget is the guideline for how we will use our funds to run our organization and will be an internet vote.

Since the spring and fall district meetings were cancelled for 2020, we have asked the district directors to contact the 2020 meeting hostesses to see if they will be hostess next year for the respective meetings. A calendar is on a previous page so you will be able to mark your calendars for 2021 meeting dates. Remember hostesses are selected in alphabetical order in each district. If you are unable to host the meeting for your counties turn, you might partner with another county. District Director contact information is on the back page of this newsletter.

2020 has been postponed until 2021, at least that is what it seems like. We hope that 2021 will be filled with comfort, safety and prosperity. We hope we can get back to what has been our focus: Improving the quality of life through fellowship, education and service. As always, feel free to give me a call if you have concerns about SCFCL.

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