

**KEAFCS Winter Business Meeting  
December 1, 2016  
President's Report – Vicki Wynn**



“Leadership across Generations” was the theme of the 2016 Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference I attended February 10-11 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Keynote speaker, Jones Loflin, and concurrent sessions such as, “Dealing with Difficult People” and “Git-r-Done”: Harnessing Mental Energy and Focus to Improve Work Productivity and Life-Work Balance” focused on enhancing professional leadership skills. The NEAFCS association meetings provided networking opportunities for affiliate members from across the country.

On March 21, I brought greetings to those attending the annual meeting of Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) at the Signature Club in Lexington. “Soaring to New Heights” was the theme for the meeting. ESP also sponsored the next day’s in-service, “Helping Extension Soar: Using Data to Communicate an Effective Success Story”. Robin Adams-Cheeley facilitated a very informative session that stressed the importance of communicating our public and private value to stakeholders. Activities included effective strategies to write more impactful success stories.



I was a first-timer to the **Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD)** conference held April 10-14 in Washington, D.C. “Innovation: The Story of Extension” was this year’s theme. The conference was

designed to challenge participants to examine the approach to decision-makers. PILD objectives include: 1) broaden the understanding of public policy issues that impact Extension and Extension clientele; 2) enhance advocacy and public policy education skills; 3) learn how the changing political environment affects support for Extension; and 4) strengthen existing partnerships and explore new linkages with local, state and federal agencies. In addition, the Hill visits were a highlight of the conference. Sharing the Extension story with legislators and staff was a meaningful and exciting experience. NEAFCS association night out also gave us the opportunity to network and have fun while exploring the sights of our nation’s capital.

I appreciate Kenna Knight, who graciously agreed to represent KEAFCS at the **Kentucky Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA)** annual meeting held in April in Northern Kentucky.

On May 3, I brought greetings to **Kentucky Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (KAFCS)** members attending their annual meeting in Lexington. The theme, “Unmasking Technology through Family & Consumer Sciences” included sessions that explored



technology through education, physical activity and personal security. This organization brings together a variety of FCS professionals to address critical topics challenging society and promote research-based life skills education.

I would like to thank Eugenia Wilson for the outstanding job representing KEAFCS at the **Kentucky Association of County Agricultural Agents (KACAA)** in Pike County in June 2016.

It was an honor to serve as a member of the **2016 HES Hall of Fame Committee** in July. It was our role to review the nominations received, and assist with selection of inductees.

I attended the annual session of **NEAFCS** in Big Sky, Montana in September. I represented the Kentucky affiliate at the Leadership Event, and attended business meetings as a voting delegate. I also attended NEAFCS affiliate webinars. I participated in several concurrent sessions that were very informative and motivational. KEAFCS had 61 delegates plus guests in attendance.



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JCEP Chairman Charles Comer extended the invitation to assist with the **2016 County Judge Executives' Annual Retreat luncheon**. This year, it was held at the Boone County Extension Office in Burlington on September 22. I extend thanks to KEAFCS members Donna Fryman and Judy Hetterman who graciously represented our Association at this event.

I participated in the **KEAFCS budget committee** meeting in October. I appreciate Sally Mineer and Lora Lee Howard for their dedication in constructing a budget to meet the needs of KEAFCS for the coming year.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) board and participate in their 2016 Spring and Fall Board meetings.

