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Deadline for the Fall Newsletter: October 16, 2009

Please submit articles on time, to Pamela Kirkley (pamela.kirkley@nicholls.edu), as late entries affect our ability to get materials organized and printed. Be sure you indicate IFHE Newsletter: Fall 2009 in your subject heading. Please indicate any change of address as: IFHE Change of Address. Thanks!

A Message from the President

Mary Warnock

Being able to represent IFHE-US at the 2009 IFHE Leadership Meeting held March 28-April 2 in Kingston, Jamaica was an extraordinary experience. Other members attending were Maria Canabal, Martha Dallmeyer, Mary Gilliland, Mary Miller and Joanne Pearson. Appreciation is extended to each of the attendees and to the IFHE-US members for encouragement and support.

Purpose of the 2009 IFHE Leadership Meeting was to develop a Strategic Plan for 2009-2012. This plan is to contain the major objectives and activities that will carry the Federation forward for the next four years. Dr. Nancy George, consultant, spearheaded the discussions that resulted in a draft of the IFHE Strategic Plan. After review by the Executive Committee this information is to be shared with all IFHE members. Watch your email for this document; review it and RESPOND with your comments. Donna Pendergast joined us by computer for a virtual presentation related to the IFHE Position Statement and Directions for the Decade. See www.ifhe.org for more information on this topic. James McIntosh presented "Digital Value" with explanations of how to use YouTube, Google, URL, Face Book, Twitter, Blogs, Linked In, etc. for the sharing of IFHE and Home Economics projects in our very global society. Excursions were taken to Grace Kennedy Ltd., a food processing plant that exports around the world, and to Mustard Seed, a community project enhancing the quality of life for children with exceptional needs. Dr. Geraldene Hodelin, IFHE President, hosted attendees at her home for a lovely reception featuring Jamaican foods and music. Yes, we all took a twirl at dancing!

Other items of interest include the following:

- www.ifhe.org – When you go surfing on this web site, check out the Centennial Fund. Gifts are being accepted in recognition of the Centennial Anniversary. Projects supported by this fund include the publishing of the IFHE written history, publishing a DVD history and establishing a digitalized IFHE archive. If you have not purchased your copy of the

history, this can be done on the IFHE web site.

- Carol Warren, IFHE-Australia, will be attending the AAFCS meeting in Knoxville, TN and has been invited to attend the IFHE-US business meeting to share information related to the 2012 IFHE World Congress to be held in Melbourne. Start making your plans!
- 2010 Leadership meeting is to be held February 5-9 in Munich, Germany at the Telekom Training Hotel.
- 2010 IFHE Council meeting is to be held in Sligo, Ireland.
- Elections regarding positions for Vice President of the Americas and the IFHE Executive Committee are to be conducted during the fall. September was mentioned at the Leadership meeting in Jamaica as a possibility. Watch your mail!

For those of you who do not have an email account, let me encourage you to obtain one. A free account can be obtained through gmail.com. Even if you do not own a computer and do not wish to purchase one, consider going to your local library, community college, university or anywhere that has computers for use. Because of the economy and our need to communicate faster, email accounts are essential. If you receive the IFHE-US newsletter and/or other IFHE publications by regular mail and have an email account, please share it with Juanita Mendenhall. She is Membership Chair and her contact is juanitam@usit.net.

The next IFHE-US Board meeting (June 23rd) and Business meeting (June 24th) will be held in conjunction with the AAFCS annual meeting in Knoxville, TN. Go to the www.aafcs.org web site for complete program and registration details. Do not forget to attend the IFHE-US tour to the Museum of Appalachia the evening of June 24th. This tour supports the IFHE-US Development Fund and has been organized by Sharon McManus, Chair.

See you in Knoxville, TN!

IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting, March 28-April 2, 2009 in Kingston, Jamaica

This first Leadership Meeting for the term 2008 – 2012 (and my first IFHE Leadership Meeting) was held in beautiful Jamaica, March 28- April 2, 2009. Approximately 66 members representing over 25 different countries attended and participated in a workshop to develop strategic plans for the future of IFHE. The strategic planning workshop was chaired by Dr. Nancy George and she encouraged us to reflect on the best of who we have been as an international NGO and to plan new and exciting programs that engaged all of us in our particular interest areas.

All of the committees had the opportunity to reexamine and redefine themselves in ways that will hold the interest of the current members and attract new ones. The planning process provided the opportunity for all groups within the IFHE to develop an achievable plan for the next 4 years.

This international meeting provided an opportunity to develop and renew collegial friendships and to learn about life in Jamaica and other regions of the world

IFHE Activities in the Region of Americas

Joanne Pearson, IFHE Member Representative Region of Americas

The month of April was a busy time in the Region of Americas for annual and biennial activities. The Annual Leadership Meeting of IFHE, normally held in February at a location in Germany, was held this year at the end of March in Kingston, Jamaica, the home city of the newly elected IFHE President Geraldene Hodelin. Two days after the close of that meeting the 18th Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) was held in St. Georges, Grenada.

The number of people from the Region of Americas at the Leadership Meeting this year was larger than at any meeting in recent history. There were a total of 22 people at the regional business meeting, including five people from Canada, ten people from five countries in the Caribbean region, and seven people from the USA. The main item on the agenda at the business meeting was a discussion of the process that would be used for conducting the election of new officers for the region. It was decided that the upcoming election would be held electronically with provision for mail ballots where necessary. The liaisons will get complete member rosters for their country or region and will

handle any paper ballots that are necessary. Balloting will take place in September. Complete minutes of the business meeting are posted on the IFHE website, members-only side.

The format of the Leadership Meeting was modified this year to include a day and a half Strategic Planning Retreat lead by a facilitator. The purpose of the retreat was to identify the directions for the Federation from 2009 to 2014 and to set a Plan of Action for that time period. A total of 65 members from 22 countries took part in this activity. Participants were lead through a series of four group activities resulting in an IFHE Vision Statement and a total of six strategic objectives within which IFHE will develop its programming and focus for 2009 to 2014. For each of the strategic objectives priorities, milestones, and activities were drafted. These were then formulated into a report prepared by the facilitator and presented on the final day of the Leadership Meeting. All attendees received an electronic copy of the DRAFT Working Document within several days of the meeting and were asked to read the report and send comments to President Hodelin within several weeks following the meeting. It is

hoped that each Region and each member country of IFHE will develop plans of action for the same time period that are consistent with those of the Federation. Refer to the IFHE webpage for additional reports from the Leadership Meeting.

Because the Caribbean Meeting was held directly following the IFHE Leadership Meeting a number of people who do not normally attend the CAHE meeting joined the group as visitors this year. In addition to seven people from the USA, nonmember attendees included two people from Australia, four from Sweden, and one from Ireland.

The theme for the three and one half-day meeting was "Social, Economic and Professional Empowerment for Sustainability in Home Economics". The meeting included a keynote presentation by Geraldene Hodelin, President of IFHE, a panel discussion on food security issues, concurrent sessions, in-conference workshops, and educational tours. Caryl Johnson from Eastern New Mexico University lead one of the concurrent sessions, and Joanne Pearson, Member Representative Region of Americas assisted in the awards presentations on the last evening.

Report from the UNITED NATIONS

Ruth Norman, IFHE-US UN Liaison

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN - CSW MARCH 2009

Theme: *Equal participation of women and men in decision making at all levels*

The 53rd Commission on the Status of Women, held during the first two weeks in March at the United Nations, New York, brought together over 5,000 representatives from 460 organizations, many of the non-governmental organizations (NGOs), from around the world. The participation of NGOs is critical to the commission's success as well as to follow-up action on its outcomes.

In addition to official CSW meetings attended by government representatives, 297 parallel events to commission meetings are organized by NGOs and UN country missions and agencies. These events are informal, lively and provide the opportunity for NGOs to discuss the differing views of the theme as well as their work related to the theme.

In addition the following official opportunities are provided NGOs: make oral statements during official meetings. These statements must be prepared and submitted earlier and approved by the Division of the Advancement of Women; in addition they allowed to advocate and lobby with governments on the major issues of concern to their organization. Through these means they are able to present their views and impact the outcome of the meeting

The official meeting is based on papers and discussions of an "Expert Group Meeting" organized in Switzerland by the UN Division of the Advancement of Women (DAW). NGOs do not take part in the meeting.

This is the first time that men have been a major part of the discussions of the CSW. Of interest to IFHE, whose major concern is that of the well being of the family as well as individual family members is that men are discussed within the context of problems of women.

The discussion of the Experts Group Meeting centered on the conditions that lead to uneven distribution of responsibilities of men and women in the context of care-giving to family members with HIV/AIDS. The most relevant causes were identified as:

- Patriarchal traditions which classify the role and contribution of women as inferior to that of men;
- Gender stereotypes, such as men being "natural" leaders and women, being "natural" caregivers...
- The result of domestic duties, including care for children, the elderly, the sick and disabled, is that women have less access to the resources...that could empower women, all..impact on the ability of women to contribute to decision-making;
- Within the paid-sector, opportunities to women to advance their position is limited due to the labor intensive nature of the work (i.e. paid child-care).

Included in the consequences of these factors are: the lack of education and literacy which would lead to more opportunities for women to work; and limited participation in public life leaving them with limited or no formal power.

All NGOs are invited to attend the CSW meeting but must follow the official procedure for registration and participation. It is a valuable opportunity to understand the role of NGOs at an official meeting, meet with NGOs from organization from all parts of the world and share concerns and unique ways of solving similar problems.

For further information on women's issues:

- International Women's Tribune Center, www.iwtc.org
- Women, Ink, www.womenink.org
- Women Watch, www.womenwatch.org

For further information and resources on this CSW meeting contact Ruth Norman, redla57@aol.com

AAFCS Conference

Looking ahead to AAFCS Conference Mary W. Covington and Mary Miller will be giving a joint presentation as IFHE NGO Representative at the United Nations on the Impact of Food Security on the Elderly and Families as a side event.

IFHE-US Development Fund

Sharon McManus, Director

Consider planning a contribution to the IFHE-US Development Fund by listing us in your trust or will and becoming a member of the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society. We are a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization. All contributions and gifts are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes. Planned gifts ensure your assets will work for many years. Please consult with your attorney and let us know if you have included us in your will or in another way.

We have sold most of our note cards and hope to sell the remainder while in Knoxville. If you would like some mailed to you, contact Sharon McManus at svmcmanus@aol.com or (616) 546-3394.

Beginning in January 2009, our list of contributors will be printed according to the calendar year. The current list is for nine months as we make this record change.

If you will be in Knoxville on June 24, 2009, we hope to see you at our annual fund-raiser. Information and a registration form for the Museum of Appalachia are included in this newsletter. You won't want to miss this fun evening. Encourage your friends and colleagues to attend.

IFHE-US Development Fund
P. O. Box 2403
Holland, MI 49422-2403

April 2009

Dear IFHE-US Member,

We ended 2008 with \$84,482.19 in total assets. Our new goal is to reach \$100,000 again by the IFHE Council in Sligo, Ireland in 2010. Your past contributions—large or small—have all been greatly appreciated. Each dollar helps us get closer to our goal.

Our 11th annual educational fund-raiser will be on Wednesday evening, June 24, 2009, at the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, TN. Registration information is elsewhere in this newsletter. Our note cards will be available for purchase at this event.

Your commitment to the IFHE goals and your monetary gifts help us achieve our global mission. We thank you for your ongoing support. All contributions are tax deductible.

With much appreciation,

Sharon V. McManus, Director

Committee Members: Talma Benavides (TX), Nancy C. Billings (AL), Carolyn Blount (WA), Mary Turner Gilliland (CA), Norma Maynard (St. Lucia), Gregg McCullough (OH), Marianne Calhoun McKeon (NY), Marguerite Scruggs (OK), Nancy St. John (VA)

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Yes, I want to support the IFHE-US Development Fund. Enclosed is my contribution of:

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Yes, I want to join the IFHE-US Global Legacy Society.

Please make checks payable to the *IFHE-US Development Fund*.

Name _____ Address _____

2009 AAFCS Pre-conference Educational Excursion

Sponsored by International Federation of Home Economics-US (IFHE-US)

June 24, 2009

5:45 PM (Bus will leave hotel at 6:00 PM)

EVENING TOUR - THE MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA - \$50.00 - After a short drive from the hotel, we will visit a Smithsonian Affiliate that was opened in the late 1960s by John Rice Irwin whose grandparents were descendants of early East Tennessee pioneers. He has sought to present a "living" picture of early Appalachian life, making the cabins appear as if the family has just strolled down to the spring to fetch the day's supply of water. This extensive farm-village complex encompasses dozens of historic log structures with period furnishings. Display buildings containing tens of thousands of authentic Appalachian artifacts, gardens surrounded by split rail fences, and a variety of farm animals in a traditional farm setting, including family cabins, a one-room schoolhouse, log chapel, sawmill, and several barns, cribs, smokehouses, outhouses, and other structures typical of mountain homesteads. Of particular interest is the Appalachian Hall of Fame, paying tribute to both the famous and the ordinary men, women, and children of Appalachia. After the self-guided tour we will enjoy a traditional Appalachian supper, featuring beans, potatoes, cornbread, and cobbler. This event will also include traditional southern folklore as told by native Tennessean storyteller Elizabeth Rose. A bus will be provided from the hotel to the museum for an additional charge. 2 PDU's approved. To register for the Museum of Appalachia tour, complete the form below and make your check payable to:

IFHE-US Development Fund.

MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA TOUR

Check Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Name of additional participant: _____

Please include address, e-mail, and phone in service through June 23, 2009.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone w/ area code: _____

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Send the completed form and check to the following address:

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If you have questions, please contact Sharon McManus at (616) 546-3394 or Svmcmanus@aol.com.

IFHE-US Development Fund Contributions

April 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

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REQUESTING BOOKS FOR TEACHING

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a teacher in a private school in a small village in Indonesia.

I have been teaching since 1986. For years, I have been dedicated to my students because most of them live in villages and education is very important for them. Sometimes it is difficult to obtain materials because there is no public library or bookstore which makes it difficult in preparing the quality material for them. You can see my activity as a teacher on my website www.bintoro.edutainment.blogspot.com

With the above reason, with all due respect I would like to beg you to donate your non-used books for my teaching. I am sure that there are so many books unused anymore in your home, office and library and if they are unused, I hope that you can donate to me for my teaching material. It does not matter if they are books, encyclopedias, magazines, novels, literatures, sciences, fictions, grammar, game books, English cassettes, etc. Frankly speaking, I am in lack of quality books.

I hope that you can consider my request of disposal books for teaching. If you are not able to donate such disposal books, I hope that you can give me the address of the institutions, NGO, books, donations and everybody else that can solve my problem. If you are ready to donate me, please send to my complete address to: BINTORO, Melati II Gang Kenari – Perbaungan, Serdang bedagai Sumatera Utara – INDONESIA 20986.

CORRECTION:

In the IFHE-US CONNECTION, Volume 10, Issue 2, Fall 2008, page 11, "Food and Culture of Switzerland," Expenditure for food was 13.5% (not 3.5%); the author regrets the error. Also, 42%, 35%, 4%, 2% and 17% were for Main Religions Roman Catholic through other or none (not for Major Languages as the print, due to spacing error, seemed to indicate).

IFHE Elections for 2010

The U.S. elections are upon us, but IFHE US elections will take place in fall 2009 for 2010.

Three positions will need to be filled at that time:

Professional Development

Treasurer

Newsletter/Communications: Pamela Kirkley

This notice reminds you of future opportunities for leadership in IFHE US. Let Carolyn Blount, Nominations Chair, <cblount@vondor.net> know if you would like to run for office, or have suggestions to make for nominations. The ballot will be included with the fall 2009 Newsletter.