

Headquarters' News February 2002

A monthly newsletter from GSFSA Headquarters especially prepared for:
Executive Board, House of Delegates, Supervisors and State Staff

The mission of GSFSA is to advance the availability, quality and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education.



...From the President

Hello GSFSA Family:

Happy Valentine's Day! What a great Food Assistant's training in Macon, Valdosta, and Gwinnett County. We learned so much and had a ball at the same time! Thank you to all the presenters for your hard work: June Thomas, Cindy Ham, Rhonda Cooper, Janet Mitchell, Jan Arms, Beth Mills, Jeri Wiseman, JoAnn Kilby, Lora Novak, Gretchen Schulz and Jim Holvey. We had wonderful evaluations from all of the training sites.

We had a great Executive Board meeting in Macon. I want to personally thank my executive board for all of their hard work and support this year! We still have more miles to travel and goals to complete!

With the March 1st deadlines approaching, local and district chapters are dashing around making things happen, preparing those Public Relations Portfolios and completing those documentation notebooks for the scroll awards. I am so proud of your commitment and dedication to GSFSA and Georgia's children. You all truly make me look good!

I have heard great reports about your district visits to the state capitol. We still need to hand write those cards to get our goals passed. Thank you to Mary Frances Williams, our GSFSA Legislative Consultant for meeting our groups at the capitol. I hope you have registered for LAC in Washington, D. C. March 3-6, 2002. Joyce Akins and Peggy Chaney are working on making this the best LAC ever! I want to thank our Industry Partners for going with our members to our state and national capitol. Your support of GSFSA means so much to all of us!

At this time of the year, do you ever long for a quiet weekend away from the traffic, phones and those pesky "To Do" lists? Well, there is a place you can visit where there are forests so quiet you can hear yourself breathe. You can hear the gentle splash of water moving through the salt marsh. You can see sunlight so blinding on the water and the sand as you emerge from the shadows of the live oaks, that you have to shade your eyes. Easily seen from the south end of Jekyll, this is Cumberland Island, Georgia's southernmost barrier island, and today, a National Seashore.

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(From the President Continued)

For thousands of years people have lived on Cumberland, but never in such numbers as to permanently alter the character of the landscape. Spanish soldiers and missionaries occupied the island in the mid 1500's even though no signs remain of Fort Williams and Fort St. Andrews. Revolutionary war hero Nathaniel Greene (no relation to Larry or me) purchased land on Cumberland in 1783. The First African Baptist Church established in 1893 and rebuilt in the 1930's is one of the few remaining structures of the black settlement on the island. Thomas Carnegie built Plum Orchard, a Georgian Revival-style mansion, for his son and his wife in 1898. Although now owned by the National Park Service, the mansion is still pretty much intact today.

If you've never been to Cumberland Island, it is well worth the trip. You can ride the ferry over just for the day, or for more adventure, you can backpack and camp overnight. For a more upscale visit, you can stay at the Greyfield Inn, the luxurious bed and breakfast where the late John F. Kennedy Jr. was married, and experience the tranquil surroundings. Either way, you'll be glad you made the trip!

Remember registration for annual conference is in the winter issue of Georgia Gems. It is only a few months away and you don't want to miss all of the fun and exciting events planned just for you! I want to pack the house, as they say! Keep on Growing and Growing and Growing!

May God Bless,

Karen Green, GSFSA President 2001-02

A Message from the Executive Director

Hello GSFSA Members,

I am very sad to say that I am on my way to the funeral of Karen Green's sister, Cindy Davis, who died last Saturday after a long battle with leukemia. Most of you know that Cindy had a bone marrow transplant in the fall, and was doing quite well until recently. I know you join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Karen and her entire family. The family has requested memorial donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Georgia Chapter. The address is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We just completed the third and final session of the "Food Assistant's Training" at Gwinnett Tech, and what a grand training it was! All of the sessions were outstanding, thanks to Cindy Ham, our Professional Development and Certification chair, and the presenters who worked very hard on excellent lesson plans. Thanks to those presenters: Jim Holvey, Carman-Girard; Rhonda Cooper, Pierce County; June Thomas, Appling County; Janet Mitchell, Glynn County; Jan Arms, Associated Paper/SFS Pac; Laura Novak, Gwinnett County; JoAnn Kilby, Cobb County; Jeri Wiseman, Cobb County; Beth Mills, Gwinnett County; and Curley Nelson, Gwinnett County.

Now, it is time to focus on Conference in April and the LAC (Legislative Action Conference) in March. We have about 25 people attending LAC and look forward to a productive visit to Washington to work on School Nutrition issues, under the leadership of Public Policy and Legislation co-chairs, Joyce Akins and Peggy Chaney. For the latest state legislative news, check our web site: www.gsfsa.com and click on legislation.

We have included in this newsletter a partial list of the workshop sessions that will be offered on both Friday and Saturday at Conference. Remember that District Dinners are on Friday night, and that the exhibit schedule has been changed to allow more time for workshops.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Susan

Dates & Deadlines

March

- 1 Deadline for submitting applications for Scholarship or Grant-In-Aid to GSFSA Headquarters.
- 1 Deadline for sending names and addresses of new officers to GSFSA Headquarters Office for President's Handbook.
- 1 Deadline for sending list of members who have passed GED, received high school diploma or degree during the year to be sent to State Certification Chair.
- 1 Deadline for sending in Charitable Events Form
- 1 Deadline for sending applications for Gold, Silver, and Bronze Scroll and President's Awards to Headquarters.
- 1 Deadline for sending the names of deceased members during the year to the Memorial Chair.
- 1 Deadline for submitting applications and documentation for:
 - Ann C. Smith /Hall of Fame Award
 - Heart of the Program/Golden Leaf Award
 - Josephine Martin Award
 - Lucille T. Watson Award/ Louise Sublette Award
 - Central Office Support Award
 - Public Relations & Marketing Award
 - 3% or More Increase Awards
 - Certification Award
 - Consistently High Participation Award
 - Web Page Design Award
- 3-6 ASFSFA Legislative Action Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 4-8 National School Breakfast Week
- 10 Deadline for locals to send Public Relations Portfolio to District for judging.
- 10 Deadline for Districts to submit District Culinary Arts winners to Headquarters
- 15 Deadline for ALIRT applications to State Legislative Chair
- 25 Deadline for PR Portfolio and local winner from district to be submitted to Headquarters for judging.

April

- 11-13 GSFSA Annual Conference, Jekyll Island

Membership Totals

(as of 1/31/02)

District 1	678
District 2	585
District 3	638
District 4	1110
District 5	60
District 6	626
District 7	915
District 8	810
District 9	671
District 10	292

Total - 6,385

GSFSA Memorials

Please send memorial notices to GSFSA Memorial Chair Nancy Rice so that she can add them to the Memorial Book that will be on display at the Annual Conference on Jekyll Island.

Please send your information to:

Nancy Rice

Griffin-Spalding County School Nutrition

PO Drawer N

Griffin, GA 30224

Fax: 770-229-3784

E-mail: nrice@spalding.k12.ga.us

Cindy Davis Memorials

Please send donations in memory of President Karen Green's sister - Cindy Davis-to:

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of GA

2625 Cumberland Parkway

Suite 205

Atlanta, GA 30339

2002 Conference Update

WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY: 8:30 - 11:00 AM

Kitchen Design with Bobby Land

Bobby Land - Consultant, Foodservice Design Concepts

This session will provide valuable information for ensuring your kitchen design is practical and profitable.

Let's Look at a Book and Cook

Robin Shaver-Teacher, Thomas Co. BOE

Learn how to partner with teachers to provide lasting nutrition education to your students.

Sharing with Jeri and Jo

Jeri Wiseman and JoAnn Kilby - Managers, Cobb Co.

Have fun while taking part in a sharing rally of best practices with people who know - your peers.

Walking For the Health of It

Rob Sweetgall

Learn how walking can be used as a fun and easy way to improve your health.

Walk-a-Weigh

Debbie Wilburn - Family & Consumer Science Extension Agent, Hall and Forsyth Counties

Learn about a new and exciting wellness program that you can share with faculty, staff and the community.

SATURDAY: 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Budgeting for the Future - What Teacher's Retirement System Means to You

Linda Starr - Manager, Office of Retirement Services, Gwinnett Co.

Learn about planning for your retirement and what the Teachers' Retirement System can do for you.

Making Nutrition Education Fun

Juanita Maddox - Single Unit Chairman

Learn fun and innovative ways to teach your students about nutrition.

Update from the State Department

Annette Hopgood - Director, GDOE School & Community Nutrition Program

Get caught up on the latest news from the State Department and how it may impact your local programs.

Conflict Resolution

Jimmie Barnett - Assistant Director, Muscogee Co.

Do you ever have to deal with conflict in your kitchen? Learn how to handle conflict using a positive team building approach.

The Ins and Outs of Office Life

Nancy Rice - Director, Griffin-Spalding Co.

Learn how to deal with the daily challenges of working in a school nutrition central office by using communication skills and humor.

Understanding Single Inventories

Elaine Freeman - GDOE School & Community Nutrition Program

Understand the implications of a single food inventory system.

Bring Your Training into the 21st Century with Technology

Jane Wiggins - Director, Columbia County

Learn innovative ways to train your employees using today's latest technology.

Expanding your Breakfast Program

Molly Szymanski - Southeastern United Dairy Industry Association

Learn proven ways to increase your breakfast participation.

Know Your Numbers: How Diabetes Monitoring Will Give You Control.

Sue Tocher, M.S.,RD,CDE, Children's Health Care of Atlanta

GENERAL SESSIONS

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

"Get It Together and Remember Where You Put It"

Mamie McCullough reveals how to build a personal action plan for creating a fulfilling life of happiness, success, and excellence.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

"Be The Best"

Hear from a remarkable communicator and one of the most in-demand speakers, **Harvey H. Alston**.

Alston's unforgettable words of individual responsibility for achievement have improved spirits, spurred growth, and changed lives.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

"The Fruits of Our Labor"

(The Awards Session)

Come see your peers as they are rewarded for all of the "Planting" and "Harvesting" they worked on this year.

ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY

Get out your western wear for Karaoke & Line Dancing with a DJ and line dancing instructors.

FRIDAY

"Jukebox Saturday Night"

Wear your best 50's outfit! Join us Friday night for this rockin' celebration! **Jukebox Saturday Night** is a rock and roll show featuring songs and dances from the 50s and 60s. With a cast of 30, a live band, exciting costumes and audience participation, you will have two hours of non-stop entertainment that will rival anything you've ever seen.

2002 NAC Art Contest Winners

K - 4th Grade: Zenda Smith, Catersville, GA- Emerson Elementary

5th - 8th Grade: Cameron Jeffery, Columbus, GA- Arnold Magnet Academy

9th - 12th Grade: Jacob Jackson, Wrens, GA - Jefferson County High School

GSFSA will present each winner a certificate and \$25.00. The winners of the state NAC Art competition have been sent to ASFSA to participate in the national competition. Congratulations to the winners and their NAC advisors/cafeteria managers.

We thank our Sponsors To Date (2/02):

2002 Annual Conference Sponsors

General Session Sponsor - Gilardi Foods

Gold Sponsors - Gold Kist, Inc., Mayfield Dairy Farms, Inc. and Meridian Beverage Company

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Mayfield Dairy Farms, Inc.

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2002 CONFERENCE HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

The Conference Steering Committee has carefully selected the following properties to host our Conference. Only those hotels listed below have reserved a block of rooms at these special rates.

Please make your own room reservations by **March 10, 2002**. All facilities require a deposit of one night's lodging at the time you make your reservations. **BE SURE TO NOTE WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS BY PHONE THAT YOU ARE WITH THE GSFS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.** Georgia Sales Tax Exemption form must be furnished on check-in.

FACILITY	ROOM SIZE	RATES (Plus Tax)
Headquarter's Hotel Clarion/Buccaneer 85 S. Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527 (912) 635-2261	Single/Double Islandside	\$89.00
	Single/Double Oceanside	\$99.00
		<i>\$10 per person charge beyond 2 people</i>
Comfort Inn 711 N. Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527 (912) 635-2211	Islandside Bedrooms	\$75.00
	Ocean Mini Efficiencies	\$85.00
	Ocean Full Efficiencies	\$95.00
	Lanai Suites (Hot tub rooms)	\$119.00
		<i>* Includes deluxe complimentary breakfast</i>
Holiday Inn Beach Resort 200 S. Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527 (912) 635-3311	Single/Double/Triple/Quad	\$103.00
	Deluxe	\$113.00
	1 Bedroom Suite	\$150.00
	2 Bedroom Suite	\$250.00
Jekyll Inn 975 N. Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, GA 31527 (912) 635-2531/1-800-736-1046	Islandside	\$69.00
	Oceanveiw	\$79.00
	Oceanfront	\$89.00
	One Bedroom Villa	\$119.00
		<i>Additional person \$5.00</i>
The Jekyll Island Club 371 Riverview Drive Jekyll Island, GA 31527 (912) 635-2600	Clubhouse Double	\$139.00
	Clubhouse King or Twin	\$149.00
	Traditional King or Double/Double	\$179.00
	Deluxe Traditional	\$199.00
	Suites	\$209.00-239.00
		<i>\$20 per person charge beyond 2 people</i>
Villas By The Sea 1175 N. Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527 (912) 635-2521 Toll free in GA 1-800-342-6872 Outside Ga 1-800-841-6262 * Note: Maid service on every 3rd day.	One Bedroom Islandside	\$119.00
	One Bedroom Oceanside/Poolside	\$139.00
	Two Bedroom Islandside	\$189.00
	Two Bedroom Oceanside/Poolside	\$209.00
	Three Bedroom Islandside	\$219.00
	Three Bedroom Oceanside/Poolside	\$259.00
The Beachview Club 721 N. Beachview Dr. Jekyll Island, GA 31527 (912) 635-2256 (Two night minimum)	King/ Double Efficiency	\$99.00
	2 Queen Bed Efficiency	\$129.00
	Kitchen Suite	\$149.00
	Luxury Suite	\$149.00
	Grand Luxury Suite	\$159.00
Day's Inn 60 S. Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, GA 31527 (912) 635-9800	Islandside Room	\$84.00
	Oceanside Room	\$94.00
	Oceanfront Suite	\$149.00

Nutrition Advisory Council EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 16, 2002

Join us for a celebration that is "FOCUSED" on your NAC members!

Have fun on Saturday, March 16, 2002 designated "Karen Green" Day, at GEORGIA AGRIRAMA, the state's living history center.

If you have an affiliated Nutrition Advisory Council and would like to show your appreciation to your N.A.C. student members and your teacher and parent advisors please consider joining us for the 4th annual

End of Year NAC Celebration

March 16, 2002

9:00am to 2:00pm

at the

Georgia Agrirama

PO Box Q

Tifton, GA

Phone: 229-386-3344

Exit # 63 B off I-75

Agrirama consists of four distinct areas. Traditional farm communities of the 1870's, progressive farmstead of the 1890's, industrial sites complex, and a rural town.

- Explore the farms...listen to the mixture of barnyard sounds...see bacon and ham curing in the smokehouse... and vegetables preserved in the canning shed.
- Ride the logging train into the woods and enjoy the view of the museum site.
- Stroll up Main Street of the rural town to the feed and seed store, the print shop, and drug store. Get a taste of how customers shopped 100 years ago.

Register now! Your registration fee is reimbursable. Lunch will be included and it's guaranteed to be fun for all! Any further questions or requests, please contact **Jeri Wiseman at 770-319-3919.**

Please return the enclosed registration form and your refundable registration fee to the GSFSA headquarters office post marked no later than March 8, 2002

Please check out the web site at www.agrirama.com for further information and directions.

GSFSA
N.A.C. END OF YEAR FUNCTION
REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by MARCH 8, 2002

Refundable* Registration fee required: \$25.00 per group (Up to 25 students)

Each N.A.C. group attending must complete this form.

Name of N.A.C. _____

GSFSA District # _____ Chapter Name _____

School Name _____ Number of N.A.C. members and advisors attending _____

N.A.C. Advisors Name _____

School Address _____
Street City State Zip

Work Phone _____ Fax _____

GSFSA is committed to making all meeting activities accessible to all attendees. For special needs, including dietary, call the GSFSA office at 770-934-8890 or 800-543-2023 (inside Georgia).

REGISTRATION RATES:

Registration per NAC Group \$25
(Up to 25 students)
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Return registration form and check
or credit card for total amount due
by March 8, 2002 to:**

Georgia School Food Service Association
2372 Main St.
Tucker, GA 30084-4456

Phone: 770-934-8890 or 800-543-2023
FAX: 770-934-8917
Web site: www.gsfsa.com

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

1. **MAIL** Registration Form and Check or VISA/MasterCard information to GSFSA.
2. **FAX** Registration Form with VISA/MasterCard information to GSFSA at 770-934-8917.
FAX will not be processed without credit card information.

Check enclosed, payable to GSFSA
 Master Card VISA

Card No. _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*** All cancellations must be in writing and received by March 11th. No refunds after March 11, 2002. We encourage you to send your group. Registered attendees who fail to show up and do not cancel will be charged the full cost of the registration. This function is complimentary to all AFFILIATED N.A.C. groups and those attending will receive a refund.**

Silent Auction Silent Auction

We are going to have a SILENT AUCTION at our Annual Conference in April at Jekyll Island! Have you ever been to one or been involved with a Silent Auction? It's lots of fun, but FIRST we have to have some items to sell. That's where you fit in. We need each and everyone to participate in the auction.

Anything you want to contribute to the Auction will be great. The dates for the auction are April 11-13, 2002.

So now is the time to get started on your projects. The more we have the more money we will make. We would like for each District to have at least one item (they don't have to stop at one) and then as many local chapters in each District to have several items also.

Get to work! It'll be here before you know it!!

Shhhhhh!

Peggy Chaney
Sherrill Lahr

Shhhhhh!

Please send a copy of this form to Peggy Chaney or the GSFSA Office.

County / District Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Item(s): _____

Item Value: _____

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REMINDER

DEADLINE
FOR
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

MARCH 1, 2002

GSFSA Scholarship applications are now due, with a deadline of March 1. Seven Georgia School Foodservice Foundation scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are awarded annually to GSFSA members and their children. Check the SY 2001-2002 President's Handbook or the GSFSA website for applications and qualifications.

For more information contact Lynda sue Trice, Scholarships Chair at 770-358-1159 or email at lstrice@lamar.k12.ga.us.