

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY *Associates*
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 to Christian Education

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DROP US A LINE

Do we have your correct contact information — especially your email address? Send us a quick note: associates@fhu.edu.

Do you have the new number for our office at the Hardeman House? 731-435-1091.

SPRING CALENDAR

April 13

Princess Tea Party (Huntsville)

April 22-27

Rummage Sale (Chester Co.)

May 4

Victorian Tea Party (Chester Co.)

May 10

Appreciation Lunch at the Hardeman House (includes Advancement Awards and new officer installation)

May 30-June 1

AWCE Conference @ FHU



Like us on Facebook and be sure and post upcoming events for your chapter at www.facebook.com/FHUAssociates. Share the page on your wall and invite your friends to "like" us. It's a great way to keep our communities updated on Associates' events.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What an amazing group of women you are! When we announced we were trying a new national project this year (a pancake breakfast at Homecoming) you stepped up, provided workers and products, and we made several hundred dollars and had a great first event. You continue to love Freed-Hardeman University and you work hard supporting our goal of raising funds for scholarships.

We have about two months left to make our goal of giving \$65,000 to our annual scholarship fund and then an additional \$5,000 to our endowed scholarship.

Remember to send us whatever money you have in your treasury before the last week in May.

I hope to see you all at our Appreciation Lunch May 10 and I hope you will join me in nominating our fellow workers for the Advancement Awards you will read about in this newsletter. I already have some nominees in mind — don't you?

The AWCE Conference will be a highlight of your year and I hope that many of you will attend. We've worked out a special price just for FHU Associates. Please send us your registration forms and make plans to be with us May 30. Blessings on you and your fundraising efforts!

Debbie McLaughlin, President, FHU Associates



Associates Sylvia Scott and Diane Smith showcase our products at a local Holiday Expo.

2013-2014 NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the 2013-2014 school year. Other nominations will be accepted during our May 10 meeting and we will vote on officers then.

- President: Debbie McLaughlin
- Vice-President: Sylvia Scott
- Secretary: Martha Alls
- Treasurer: Lana Pirtle

MEET EMILY

Emily Harris, our Endowed Scholarship Recipient

Hometown: Ramer, Tenn.

Major: Arts and Humanities

From Emily: "I just wanted to thank you so much for all that the Associates do. I loved getting to know a few of the women when I was helping with lunches during Lectureship week. It is wonderful to have Christian women to look up to! All of the ladies have such big hearts and I thank you for supporting me!"



APPRECIATION LUNCH

To thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year, the Executive Committee invites you to an Appreciation Lunch (and our last national meeting of the year) at 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 10, at the Hardeman House. We would love for every Associate from every chapter to come! The FHU Advancement Awards will be announced and you'll enjoy a scrumptious lunch! Contact Doris as soon as possible to reserve your seat — 731-435-1091 or dmaness@fhu.edu.

**WHO AM I?
 I'M AN FHU ASSOCIATE!**

Now you can be "official" at events where you represent the FHU Associates. If you would like to order an FHU Associates Nametag to wear during events, conferences, and visits to campus, just contact us and we will order one for you. The cost is between \$10 and \$11 — a pretty good deal!



FHU ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

The FHU Office of Advancement recognizes the valuable contribution of the FHU Associates over the years. Because of hard work and selfless attitudes, the Associates are directly responsible for more than \$3 million given to the university over the past 50 years.

This year, at our year-end national meeting May 10, the Office of Advancement will present two very special awards—the LaVonne B. Scott “Heart of a Servant” Award and the “Leap of Faith” Award. The “Heart of a Servant” award is named in honor of our LaVonne Scott who continued to work tirelessly for the mission of the FHU Associates until she was in her 90s. This award will be given to an Associate who exemplifies the heart of a servant—who is happy to work at our projects (even in the thankless jobs), who is excited about our mission, who does not ask for recognition but who deserves our honor.

The “Leap of Faith” Award will be given to an Associate who is an innovator, an encourager—an Associate who, perhaps, is responsible for getting a new project off the ground or who came up with a “big new idea” and had the courage to follow it through. The Associate who says, “We can do that!”

As you read these award descriptions, do names of Associates from your chapter pop into your mind? The Office of Advancement has asked us to nominate our fellow workers for these awards and I know we will be happy to do that. Write a paragraph or so explaining why the Associate you are nominating should be given one of these awards and send your nominations to David Newberry at dnewberry@fhu.edu. You can also send a paper copy to David at:

David Newberry, Office of Advancement
Freed-Hardeman University
158 E. Main St.
Henderson, TN 38340

The advancement team will read the nominations and pick the award winners. If you are nominated for an award, you will be notified before the Appreciation Lunch where the honorees will be presented. National officers are ineligible to win these awards; please nominate workers from your local chapters.

ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE MAY 30-JUNE 1 AT FHU

The AWCE conference is the weekend where we gather with Associates from other Christian universities and visit with each other, encourage each other, and share fundraising ideas. It's a wonderful time together! Usually we take a vanload of Associates from multiple chapters to

this conference and this year it will be much easier for many of our members to attend since it's in our own backyard and WE are the hostesses.



Our conference will focus on fostering relationships “all around our neighborhoods”—how we can encourage, cooperate, and grow within our own organizations and chapters and then within our universities and surrounding areas. Along the way,

we'll treat our members and our visitors to some nifty things in our own small-town Tennessee neighborhood.

Please consider attending the conference and encouraging your other chapter members to attend. We will only charge a nominal fee to FHU Associates who come—a dorm fee (if you stay in the dorm) that the university is charging us and only \$10 to help cover food costs. Your chapter presidents have been sent registration forms to share with you. Those of you who receive the emailed version of this newsletter will receive a registration form on page 3. If you have any questions after reading the registration information, please let us know—feel free to contact either Doris Maness (dmaness@fhu.edu, 731-435-1091) or Debbie McLaughlin (dmclaughlin@fhu.edu, 731-435-9315).



HIGH-FIVE!

Congratulations to these chapters for winning the first-ever High-Five Awards—Chester County, Crockett County, Huntsville, Jackson, and Mayfield-Graves! The High-Five Awards were given to the chapters who INCREASED the amount of their fundraising from the year before! Congratulations to these five chapters! There's still time to make sure YOUR chapter is one of the award winners in August—it's not about how much you give, it's the increase that is important!

2011-2012 CHAPTER DONATIONS

Alcorn County	\$6,250.00
Booneville	\$10,153.23
Chester County	\$27,641.99
Crockett/Haywood	\$1,925.00
Huntsville	\$795.00
Jackson	\$1,144.00
Mayfield/Graves	\$1,000.00
Murray/Springville	\$668.25
Music City	\$452.37
Perry County	\$1,125.65
Sharon	\$610.00
Sitka-Milan	\$2,027.00
Tippah/Benton Cty	\$2,300.00

**THESE ARE YOUR NUMBERS
TO BEAT TO WIN HIGH-FIVE
AWARDS IN AUGUST!
YOU CAN DO IT!**



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MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2013**



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UNIVERSITY HOMETOWN ASSOCIATES CHURCH

FHU ASSOCIATES' REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

FHU Associates' Chapter _____

Your Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Best Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

HOUSING AND REGISTRATION — SPECIAL PRICING FOR FHU ASSOCIATES ONLY:

The regular conference registration fee is \$85. Because we love and appreciate all of our FHU Associates and because you may be called upon to help work during a part of the conference, we have set up this special pricing. All other fees and costs will be covered.

Dorm Housing (fee set by FHU): 1 night (\$15) 2 nights (\$30) I will not stay in the dorm (\$0)

Registration Fee: \$10 (special price for FHU Associates only to help cover food costs) — This applies if you attend all or part of the conference.

MY TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE IS: \$ _____ (Add dorm fee and registration fee above)

Our conference guests will be housed in Sewell Hall — Two rooms are connected by and share a bathroom. The dorm has an elevator.

ROOMING PREFERENCES: Two people in room **OR** One person in room

Roommate preference: _____

Special housing needs: _____

Food allergies or other health concerns: _____

FINANCES

You may register for the conference by emailing your completed registration forms to associates@fhu.edu or dmclaughlin@fhu.edu or you may send us your forms and payment to FHU Associates, FHU Box 114, Henderson, TN 38340. If you email us your registration, you may either mail your payment or bring it with you to the conference.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A FEW THINGS WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO:

1. Our dinner meal Thursday night will be outdoors, unless it's raining. Dress is very casual.
2. We will have dorm devos each night so pack your fuzzy houseshoes.
3. As an ongoing activity in our dorm, we will host a Jewelry Silent Auction (just because it'll be fun and you KNOW we all love a bargain). Please bring jewelry that you don't wear anymore (costume, fancy, whatever) and we'll combine it with the donations from other schools and display all of the pieces for auction. Each of you will be given a bidder number and throughout the weekend you can check on the pieces you've got your eye on and "up" someone else's bid to make sure you go home with your favorite "new-to-you" pieces. Friday night the auction will be closed out and you pay for what you've won. Now the best part: The proceeds from the auction will be evenly divided amongst the associate organizations that donate jewelry. So, you donate a few pairs of earrings and you might earn your group some \$ for scholarships or projects! THE FHU ASSOCIATES' PART OF THE AUCTION PROCEEDS WILL BE CREDITED EQUALLY AMONGST THE CHAPTERS THAT BRING JEWELRY ITEMS TO DONATE.
4. Dig out your cat-eye glasses, bouffant hairstyles and pumps and pearls! In 2013, the FHU Associates will celebrate their 50th anniversary and we're going to "Party Like It's 1963!" The evening will feature foods and music popular in the early 1960s and we invite you to dig through closets or thrift stores and dress up to match the theme! To help you get in the right frame of mind, you might watch Bewitched, the Dick Van Dyke Show or Mad Men or conjure up images of Jackie Kennedy.

We look forward to receiving your registration forms!