

International Federation for Home Economics-United States

IFHE-US President's Report 2019-2020 Roxie V. Godfrey

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*Alone we can
do so little;
TOGETHER we
can do so much.*”
- Helen Keller

It has been my pleasure and a privilege to serve as IFHE-US President during the last four years. These years have been filled with new friends, national and international meetings, educational journeys, and challenging times. The opportunity to meet and interact with all of you has been something special that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I want to thank the Board members who served during my term: Carol Anderson, Sue Buck, Hazel Forsythe, Jacquelyn Warnock, Judith Breland, Deborah Tippet, Luann Boyer, Joyce Cavanaugh, Rachel Schichtl, Carmen Pedersen, Greg McCullough, Kim Kamin, and Cheryl Empey. Board service is one of the most challenging volunteer roles, and these Board members exhibited dedication, grace, and seriousness in their positions for 2016-2020.

It has been my pleasure to work with Gwendolyn Hustvedt, as Vice-President of the Americas and as IFHE Interim President.

One of our top priorities for the last four years has been planning and making preparations for the XXIV IFHE World Congress 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. I want to thank our members and colleagues who have diligently worked many hours making preparations for this World Congress. But because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congress was postponed to September 4-10, 2022. I hope many of you will continue contributing your time and efforts in making the World Congress 2022 a memorable one as we will welcome our international colleagues from around the world.

An extra thanks to Bev Card and Janine Duncan, World Congress Co-Chairs, for their leadership and endless work hours.

2019 Review

The IFHE Annual Meeting and Conference

- The IFHE Annual Meeting and Conference 2019 was held at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, and hosted by the Caribbean Federation for Home Economist Inc. (CAHE). The conference theme was "*Creativity and Innovation in Home Economics for Sustainable Development.*" Presentations were given by Carolyn W. Jackson, Irene E. Leech, Gwendolyn Hustvedt, Bev Card, Janine Duncan, and Roxie V. Godfrey gave presentations during the meeting. Countries represented at the conference were Antigua, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Jamaica, Japan, Nigeria, South Africa, South Korea, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, and Zambia.



IFHE-US Cultural Evening 2019

- The Cultural Evening was held on June 23 at the AAFCS Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.
- A Syrian refugee who owned her own catering business was the speaker and she graciously prepared a Syrian meal for the dinner. Approximately 50 members attended.

IFHE-US and AAFCS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Carol Anderson and Roxie Godfrey met with Carolyn Jackson, Executive Director, AAFCS, at the 2019 AAFCS Annual Conference to update the IFHE-US and AAFCS MOU. The new agreement will be valid for five years.

Other News

- Jody Roubanis joined the IFHE-US Board as the representative of the AAFCS Community of Global Perspectives. She replaces Deborah Tippet, who served with dedication and commitment. I thank Deborah for her leadership during her time as chair.

2020 Review

The year 2020 brought unprecedented change to the world. The first U.S. case of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was reported on January 20. In March, universities and colleges suspended classes and moved to online learning. Major sports leagues suspended seasons. Many states received a shutdown order from their governor. Stay-at-home orders, business shutdowns, and school closings were the hot news in March and April. In April, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended that people wear face masks in public settings and practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from other people) to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

IFHE 2020 Council Meeting

- In July, IFHE had a virtual meeting in which all international members discussed the election of new officers and other significant issues.
- IFHE-US had eight individual delegates, one alternate, and 13 organizational delegates.

IFHE-US Development Cultural Evening

- The Board voted to rename the IFHE-US Development Cultural Evening to the **Sharon McManus Cultural Evening**. Sharon served 15 years as the IFHE-US Director, Development Fund. Throughout those years, we all enjoyed the exciting and educational cultural evenings that Sharon organized at the AAFCS Annual Conferences.

Advocacy at the UN

Representatives of IFHE advocated for financial reform to alleviate women's homelessness at the **United Nations 58th Session of the Commission for Social Development** in New York City. Dr. Poirier, Dr. Remsen, Dr. O'Neil, and Dr. Hustvedt submitted a statement about homelessness on behalf of IFHE. The report submitted to the U.N. commission can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/s6ytb9a>



L-R: Dr. Sandra Poirier, Middle Tennessee State University, Dr. Mary Ann Remsen, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, Dr. Peggy O'Neil, Brescia University College, London, Ontario, Canada, and Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt, Texas State University, IFHE Interim President

Development Fund Grants 2020-2024

The IFHE Development Fund purposes are to:

- Collect, manage and disburse resources in the form of small grants to professionals in developing countries (World Bank definition)
- Advance the objectives and visibility of IFHE internationally
- Promote Home Economics related educational and development programs
 - for the purpose of improving the quality of life for individuals, families & communities and strengthens the profession's ability to advocate in behalf of families

This year, the Development Fund received fourteen grant proposals for the grant cycle 2020-2024. Grant reviewers were IFHE members from Malaysia, Egypt, Germany, and Australia.

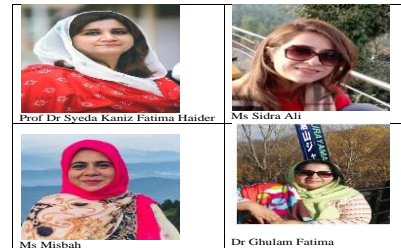
2020 Grant Recipients



Grant Proposal: *Enabling livelihoods and improved nutrition through micro solar hatchery enterprises for women empowerment and improved nutrition in villages of district Almora, Utrakhand*
From: Institute of Himalayan Environmental Research and Education (INHERE), Chinoni, Uttarakhand, India.

Grant Proposal: *Pathways to Pain with extra Chromosome: Relations between Societal Discrimination, Parental Functioning and Child Psychosocial Well-Being, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Districts, Pakistan*

From: College of Home Economics, University of Peshawar, Pakistan



IFHE-US had two virtual meetings this year due to the COVID-19.

- The **IFHE-US Annual Business meeting** was held on June 23, 2020. It was an exciting time to reconnect with members nationwide and to discuss IFHE-US business.
- The **IFHE-US Cultural Evening** was held on Friday, June 26, 2020. Joyce Cavanaugh, Director of the Development Fund, worked with Dr. Lurline Whitaker of Morgan State University (MSU) to facilitate a panel of former MSU faculty and students from the Bahamas. They shared their work and experiences during and after Hurricane Dorian.

IFHE-US releases statement on Diversity—July 2, 2020

- **IFHE-US Equity and Diversity Statement**

- IFHE-US values diversity, inclusiveness, sensitivity, and accessibility. We promote respect, dignity, and equality for all global individuals and families. We are committed to human well-being through education, health, safety, and sustainable living. As we act with integrity, respect, intercultural values, and ethics, we empower and improve daily life for all.

Alliance for Family & Consumer Sciences

- It is an exciting time for IFHE-US to partner with the Alliance for FCS. The vision for the Alliance for FCS is for individuals, families, and communities to achieve optimal quality of life assisted by competent, caring professionals whose expertise is continually updated through AAFCS. Monthly meetings are held with 26 organization representatives representing academia, industry, professional associations, and honor societies leading family and consumer sciences efforts worldwide.

In closing, I would like to wish the incoming Board members continued success and I would encourage all members to make the decision to get involved with the World Congress 2022. The World Congress is an experience that you will never forget.

Thank you!