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## Goal achieved & moving forward ...



The Spring Workshop in Lawrence was great, I would like to thank everyone who attended, and especially Shelly Soverns for her assistance and dedication. I would also like to thank everyone who helped and volunteered, especially the vendors who made the event so special with their company samples and advice — THANK YOU!

During the workshop, several people thanked me for encouraging them to continue their involvement in ANFP through mentorship and our newsletter. Their kind words meant so much to me and created a moment I will never forget. I hope we all continue to support and inspire new members as we pass the torch to the next generation.

During the Spring Workshop, Janice Hemel and I announced that this would be our last workshop serving as officers, but we will always continue to support ANFP Kansas. Janice is staying busy with her family, her horses, helping at the floral shop and pantry in Dighton, KS and hopes to do more traveling as well.

Gil and I will be moving to the Four Corners region of Colorado, where I plan to continue developing my photography and creating recipes. Who knows — I may even find a kitchen that needs advice or mentoring. I also plan to remain an ANFP retired member as I work toward my 30-year milestone in 2027.

Although this chapter is ending, it does not mean we will disappear completely. We may pop in as visitors from time to time, and we are always only a text or phone call away.

*Leonard Turpen, CDM, CFPP  
Communications Chair*

## ANFP ANNOUNCEMENT

## NEWS FLASH!

**Congratulations!** We are excited to announce that your chapter has received the following awards:

- Communications Award**
- Government Affairs Award**
- Membership Award**
- Diamond Award Nominee & Finalist (Winner announced at the banquet)**
- Platinum State Achievement Award**

Kind regards,  
Abigail Solazzo, CAE  
She/Her/Hers  
Director of Chapters & Leadership  
Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals

**Meet the new officers**



**Your 2026-27 Executive Committee:**

- Sue Newcome - *President*
- Linda Paris - *Vice President/ Brands Ambassador*
- Michelle Smith - *President Elect*
- Andie Randall - *Treasurer*
- Brenda Dole - *Secretary*

**New Committee Chairs:**

- Donna Bateman - *Ways & Means*
- Communications - *Jennifer Bradley*
- Sunshine Committee - *Mary Lang*

**President**

*Sue Newcome, CDM, CFPP* [bsnewcome1@gmail.com](mailto:bsnewcome1@gmail.com)

**T**hank you to those who attended the Spring Meeting in April in Lawrence Kansas. Leonard, Shelly and the East district worked diligently to get this meeting together. There were approximately 50 who attended. I am looking forward to the serving as your President again for the 2026-2027 term. And I know that your board is honored to continue to serve as you as well. Remember to fill out those I Will Serve Forms so maybe you can get to be apart of the opportunities. I have put in the second bi-annual report and we received the rebate related to this report.

Your board has held zoom meetings and conference calls through the winter. I look forward to continuing representing the state of Kansas and our membership. I look forward to going to ACE this year and hopefully coming home with awards for us. I also encourage anyone that can, go to an ACE for the experience, the learning, and the CEU's.

I have been mentoring a student for the Johnson County Community College. I am also mentoring another Medicalodges dietary manager whom is newly enrolled in the UND program. I encourage them to join our association as student members. I also encourage each of you to give this opportunity a try.

I also have had two surgeries to remove two different skin cancers this past winter. I can say I fought and won. I hope everyone gets their skin checked.

Now as we move into summer season don't forget to keep up the great work we all do and what we represent as CDM, CFPP's.

*"Learn, Teach, Live, and Be Better"*

**President Elect**

*Michelle Smith CDM, CFPP* [michol4@yahoo.com](mailto:michol4@yahoo.com)

**I** look forward representing Kansas ANFP and will do my best to be the next president under the guidelines with the mentorship that now represents Kansas. I look forward getting to know the members and how they work to keep this organization alive and honorable.

**Past President**

*Linda Paris, CDM, CFPP* [lparis@lrmutual.com](mailto:lparis@lrmutual.com)

**I** attended the Spring workshop and really enjoyed my time there. Lots of great speakers, food, and company. I look forward to working with Sue and Michelle in the upcoming year.



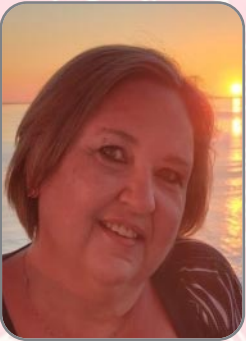


## Secretary

*Brenda Dole, CDM, CFPP* [bdole@ntcohosp.com](mailto:bdole@ntcohosp.com)

I attended the Spring workshop in Lawrence and really enjoyed my time there. Lots of great speakers, vendor show, and meeting the new members and students. I look forward to working with new committee members and going to ACE in the Summer of 2026.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2026 - Fall workshop!**



## Treasurer

*Andie Randall, CDM,CFPP* [andieanfptreasure@gmail.com](mailto:andieanfptreasure@gmail.com)

**As of the end of the Spring 2026 meeting, the organization's financial balances are as follows:**

State: \$10,028.17

East: \$1,990.83

West: \$6,197.24

Central: \$1,072.49

Total Funds across All Accounts: \$19,288.73

Budget Report Meeting was held on April 22 and the budget has been finished for the 2026-2027 year. **We are sending President, Sue Newcome and Secretary, Brenda Dole to ACE in Orlando Florida - June 2026.**



## Brand Ambassador

*Linda Paris, CDM, CFPP* [lparis@lrmutual.com](mailto:lparis@lrmutual.com)

**W**e have had some success in getting Representatives to our meetings! At Pratt we had **Representative Brett Childs** attend. He called another representative from the Pratt area, **Kevin Schwertfeger**, and had him join us also!

We did have "Day at the Capital" this year (right to left). *Andie Randall, Governor Laura Kelly, Sue Newcome and Leonard Turpen.* They met and spoke with **Governor Laura Kelly** and had a picture taken with her.

I have us enrolled in the fall KHCA meeting in Mulvane, KS again. Hope we have a good year with more involvement with other representatives from our state.

*Day at the Capital in Topeka, Kansas - March 23, 2026.*



## Membership

*Dana Tinkler, CDM, CFPP* [dtinkler@ruraltel.net](mailto:dtinkler@ruraltel.net)

*Since the Fall membership meeting, I have sent:*

- 2 letters to Allied Professionals
- 5 letters to Professional/CDM's
- 6 letters to Professional/non-certified
- 5 letters to Pre-Professional
- 9 letters congrats on passing exam

**Sent 76 letters to inactive members.**

**Responses back:**

- 3 retired
- 3 paid dues late
- 2 letters returned

**Member count as of  
April 19, 2026**

11	Allied Professional
20	Pre Professional
331	Professional
2	Retired Professional

**Total 364**



## Ways and Means

*Janice Hemel, CDM, CFPP* [jancdm@yahoo.com](mailto:jancdm@yahoo.com)

I have added about paying mileage for any officer that has to travel for business outside of our meetings to the best practices. While doing that I found 2 places that needed to have "this is to be paid out of the professional development fund." That has been done.

As I have been saying this will be my last state meeting. I may pop in for one sometime but won't be here regularly. Donna Bateman has graciously volunteered to take my place as Ways and Means chair. She will do a good job.

I want to take this time to tell all of you thanks for the memories. I have some wonderful best friends in this association. We have had a lot of fun. I could not have done all that I had the privilege of doing without all of your support. *Kansas ANFP rocks!*

*You are all special. I will miss all of you. Keep Kansas ANFP strong. You can do it! - Janice.*

**Donna Bateman has volunteered to take over Ways & Means.**



## Sunshine Committee

*Diana Riner, CDM, CFPP* [dianariner561@gmail.com](mailto:dianariner561@gmail.com)

I have sent out many cards since our last meeting. Lots of Birthday's, over 300 over the last year, (if you have your birthday on our web site) Thinking of You, and to New Students. **Mary Lang will take over Sunshine in the Fall.**

*"I have really enjoyed sending out all the cards the past several years"*

If you know of someone who needs a card. Please let me know, my e-mail address is [dianariner561@gmail.com](mailto:dianariner561@gmail.com)



## Communications

*Leonard Turpen, CDM, CFPP* [foodpaws@gmail.com](mailto:foodpaws@gmail.com)

This will be the last newsletter I will be fully editing, because Jennifer Bradley has offered to take over as the Communications Chair, I will be plan to mentor her as needed as she becomes acquainted in this new role. Andie Randall is going to help with the FaceBook and social media postings as well.

I took over the newsletter in 2018, and since then it has been recognized nationally as a model for other chapters seeking guidance in content and design. Thank you to everyone who has contributed articles and photos to help make our *Across the Prairie* newsletter such a success. It has been an honor to serve Kansas ANFP.

Debra Lowry plans to have registration and agenda out for the Fall Workshop in Mulvane, KS. Oct. 21-23, 2026. **Please Save the Date!**

## Fundraising, Donations, Food Show committee

*Paula Bradley, CDM, CFPP* [paulaspoppersdma@yahoo.com](mailto:paulaspoppersdma@yahoo.com)

*Diana Riner, CDM, CFPP* [diananriner561@gmail.com](mailto:diananriner561@gmail.com)

If anyone has a purveyor they would like to have us invite to the *Spring Vendor Show 2027*, please send us the information.

**Please remember to thank your vendors for supporting ANFP- KS!**

## Hospitality

*Debra Gohl, CDM, CFPP* [dsgo79@gmail.com](mailto:dsgo79@gmail.com)

West District hosted the *Fall State Meeting in Pratt, KS on Oct 22, 23, & 24 2025*. Paula, Stacy, Gail and Diana had worked very hard to prepare an amazing venue for Rolling with the Oldies. However, Diana did not get to attend due to a broken arm, but her pre-meeting efforts did not go unnoticed. Approximately 40 members were in attendance, and it was a great meeting. Many wonderful speakers shared their knowledge with us, and great vendors showed us new innovations, and let us taste some of their goods!

Janice Hemel announced that her last meeting will be the spring state meeting. Everyone should attend that meeting to say their farewell, as she will be greatly missed! Thursday evening after the speakers were finished, we had a delicious light supper and game night. Staying with the theme, we played 50's and 60's Rock n Roll Bingo. Wow, did we have fun! Lot of prizes, some useful, some fun and some just downright funny. One lucky person walked away with the \$38 pot at the end of the night.

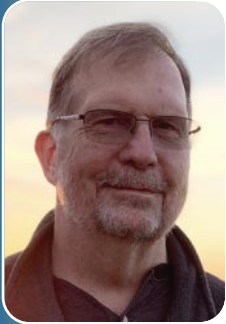
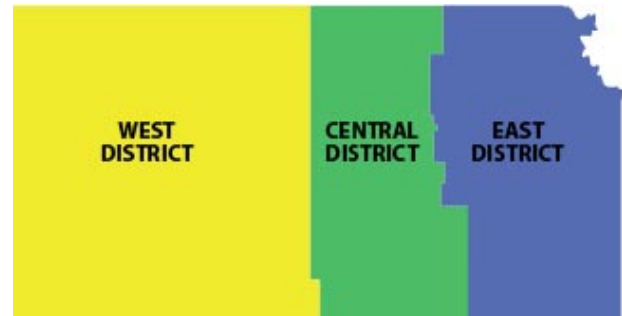
I hope to see all of you at the next meeting. (Fun fact: the first state meeting I ever attended back in probably 2007 was attended by like 200 CDM's) ((Let's try to break that record))



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# DISTRICT NEWS

## East District

*Leonard Turpen, CDM, CFPP* [foodpaws@gmail.com](mailto:foodpaws@gmail.com)

We held our Spring District Meeting at US Foods and we had 18 in attendance. Our Fall District meeting will be in September, Mark N. will be hosting our meeting in Hiawatha, Kansas. We are looking for officers for this next year and Shelly Soverns will take over as president. *Donna Bateman will remain Treasurer.*

*New Members: Mr. Kelly Shane Risley, Mrs. Darlene Sue Dillner-Cashman CDM, CFPP  
Danielle Pendergraft CDM, CFPP, Miranda Moody, CDM, CFPP, Kristin Guy, CDM, CFPP*



## Central District

*Debra Lowry, CDM, CFPP* [dlowry56@yahoo.com](mailto:dlowry56@yahoo.com)

We had a spring meeting in Wichita on March 13 and we had 15 in attendance. We will be hosting the **Fall State Workshop in Mulvane on October 21, 22, & 23 2026**. Our next Fall District Meeting will be held on Friday, September 18th, 2026 at Sandstone Heights in Little River, KS, the registration is at 7:30 am. We plan on 4 speakers and brunch will be provided.

*New Members: Tabitha Sheldon, Michelle Williams, Brenda Sue Lelevier, CDM, CFPP  
Scott Miller, Christopher Ewing, Kelcee Elizabeth Sullivan, Shanelle Stowell,  
Cameron J. Macpherson, MiKayla Perez, Wendy Sharp, Michelle Obermeyer, David Jones  
CDM, CFPP*



## West District

*Debra Gohl, CDM, CFPP* [dsgo79@gmail.com](mailto:dsgo79@gmail.com)

West District held its spring meeting in Colby, hosted by Jeri Jacobs, with the theme "Beef...It's What's for Dinner." Members toured McCarty Dairy and learned about dairy operations, including the milking carousel that serves 120 cows at a time. After returning, attendees enjoyed a charcuterie class and presentations on the beef industry.

A farewell cake and photo book were presented to Janice for her final formal district meeting. The next meeting will be hosted by Dalene Babcock in Hoxie in September. The Spring State Workshop is planned for Hays on April 7-9, 2027.

*New Members:*

*Carrie Sue Melgoza, Robert Harley Vasquez Sr.,  
Kassy Lapaille, DeAnn Miller, Jennifer Patterson, April Sheets*



# Upcoming ANFP National Events 2025

EVENTS



For more details on these events go to: [anfponline.org](http://anfponline.org)

## 2026 Annual Conference & Expo (ACE)

JUNE 15 - JUNE 17, 2026

ORLANDO, FL

ADDRESS:

9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL

2026 Annual Conference & Expo

June 15-17, 2026

Rosen Centre Hotel - Orlando, FL



## 2026 Fall Regional Meeting - St. Louis, MO

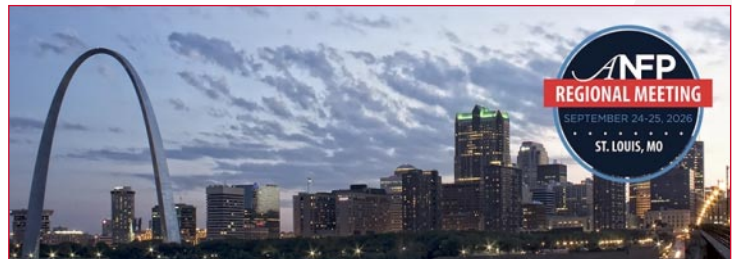
SEPTEMBER 24 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

ST. LOUIS, MO

September 24-25, 2026

St. Louis, MO

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac



## Upcoming State Workshops



**Kansas ANFP Central District is hosting  
Fall State Workshop - "Turning Over a New Leaf"  
Oct 21-23, 2026 in Mulvane, Kansas**

**Kansas ANFP West District is hosting  
Spring State Workshop and Vendor  
April 7-9, 2027 in Hays, Kansas**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Happy Birthday  
to you - Happy Birthday  
to you - Happy Birthday  
dear ANFP Member

Happy Birthday to you -  
and many more!

If you don't see your  
name listed, let us know!  
- Cheers

## February

Sandra Tate  
Jennifer Patterson  
Katherine Hauck  
Desiree Shelite  
Vickie Combes  
Kristin Haimowitz  
Tim Sullivan  
Jennifer Harris  
Nancy Pate  
Jessica Goodwin  
Tabitha Shelton  
Arietta Nightingale  
Elizabeth Kirkland  
Ancira Hemmen  
Cheryl Poston  
Sara Horinek  
Christina Smith  
Michelle Williams  
Keith Brown  
Shanelle Stowell  
George Dupree  
Debra Lowry  
Kristi Dodds  
Tammy Simpson  
Diane Walters  
Carla Smith

## March

Thelma Leitch  
Theresa Meade  
Kacy Fairhurst  
Mary Lang  
Sonia Pierce  
Angie Zaragoza  
Tracy Myers  
Katrina Reed  
Anna Molina  
Ryleigh Busta  
Pamela Malloy  
Teresa Austin  
Darcy Weninger  
Crystal Collins  
Amanda Monteleone  
Heather Hayes  
LaTica Lax  
Lisa Wold  
April Kadel  
Jessica Norton  
Jennifer Bradley  
Amanda Logan  
Krisinda Hankins  
Mary Dunn  
Linda Salcido  
Melissa Pennington  
Brian Buck

## April

Josie Crisp  
Lori Foster  
Emily Ramsdell  
Trent Robertson  
Theresa Schmidt  
Jaime Priddy  
Mark Cook  
Christina Cole  
Courtney Thurston  
Janice Hemel  
Phillip Domann  
Diana O'Hara  
Deborah Harris  
Christopher Ewing  
Heather Turner  
Amy Springer  
Ashley Barnett  
Cynthia Woodruff  
John Hoyt  
John Geiger  
Michelle Bryan

## May

Christy Gonzales  
Patrick Eagan  
Jodie Wapp  
Carl Hobi  
Lynnda Pappan

Debra Gohl  
Homero Cruz  
Steven Barnes  
Lynette Delaney  
Heather Amack  
Kristen Kaufman  
Johnathon Ricketts  
Brenda Dole  
Christopher Jarred  
Kyle Coppola  
Nathan Pollina  
Jessica Meadows  
Jennifer Holt  
Kimberly Cooley  
Michael Tryon  
Christa Brown  
Shawn Meier  
Sheila Jones  
Danna Taylor-Dryer  
Vickie Frank  
Michelle Smith  
John Tadlock  
Teresa McComb  
Johnathan Watts  
Noretta Hesslink  
Dana Robb

## ANFP Kansas Mission

### ANFP Kansas

#### • Purpose •

*The Certified Dietary Manager is the cornerstone of the collaborative Dietetics profession.*

#### • Mission •

*Position the Certified Dietary Manager as the expert in food service management and food safety.*

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1. Food Drive
2. Suanne Memorial Tee - Shirt Group Picture
3. New Professionals
4. Linda MowBray KCHA - Speaker
5. Steven Belgeri Jr. - CMS - Speaker/Vendor
6. Students and Professionals
7. Sgt. Jered Hedge - LKPD

8. Lori Trojan - Herbalist KSXT
9. Ken Hanson - ANFP Speaker
10. Leonard Turpen - Host and ANFP Speaker
11. Rev. Dr. Kristie J. Engel
12. Steve Engle - Methodist Church Operations Manager
13. Food Show



*Thank you to the vendors*

- BEN E KEITH
- CMS FOOD SERVICE
- CREATIVE HOSPITALITY SOLUTIONS
- GENERAL MILLS
- BREAKBUSH CHICKEN
- ECO LAB - KEYSTONE
- EVCO
- ALLADIN TEMP-RITE
- HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES
- US FOODS
- SYSCO



# WILL SERVE FORM

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Mr. Mrs. Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print \_\_\_\_\_

Address City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Area code/Number Area code/Number \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Managers Course or Program from which you graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been a member of DMA \_\_\_\_\_

List National Meetings attended \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you worked in food service \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any special honors or recognition in food service \_\_\_\_\_

Describe briefly \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve as a State Officer Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which office or offices \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve on a State Committee Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which committee interests you \_\_\_\_\_

List offices held Years Served Year Served Year Served

President National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

President-elect National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

List Committee Appointments held:

Nominating National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Education National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Historian State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Special \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the form, scan (snap shot) and text it or email it to the president of Kansas ANFP or President of the District you are in.

# Congratulations

Years of Membership recipients **Class of 2025** in 5 year intervals. Awards will be emailed out, look in your inbox.

**Congratulations to everyone!**



## Class of 2025 “Years of Service”

### 5 Years

Christopher James  
Autumn Bassett  
Cameron Bryles –  
Ford  
Crystal Collins  
Stephanie Dick  
Whitney Dill  
Kristin Haimowilz  
Katherine Hauck  
Tonya Minick  
Anthony Mount  
Kimberly Neeley  
Dana Robb  
Jodie Wapp  
O’Leatha Wrenn  
Terri Ziegler  
Shawn Williams  
Rebecca Travelute

### 10 Years

Heather Hayes  
Denarae Pecha  
Sharon Schmidt  
Michael Tryon  
Victoria Wilder

### 15 Years

Sonya Cox  
Brian Buck  
Vickie Combes  
Nancy Pate  
Mark Sutton

### 20 Years

Linda Salcido

### 25 Years

Ladeena Burke  
Shannon Diemart  
Leslie Hamilton

### 30 Years

Michelle Cunningham  
Sue Newcome  
Maria Cox

### 35 Years

Paula Bradley  
James Evans  
Zella Johnson



## ANFP Kansas “of the Year” Awards

*Congratulations*

Vendor of the Year: Sue Wilde/Affinity Group  
Administrator of the Year: Sandra Cline  
Certified Dietary Manager of the Year: Donna Bateman

