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Going for the Goal 2026!



As we start out the New Year, your ANFP/Kansas Board and Committee chairs would like to wish you the best in 2026.

Lets reflect on 2025, we are proud to highlight two outstanding workshops: *Making Your Own Luck in 2025* and *Rolling with the Oldies*. Both events were met with very positive feedback from attendees and proved to be valuable experiences for everyone involved.

We were fortunate to have engaging speakers, well-organized vendor shows, comfortable venue spaces, and convenient hotel locations with great discounts. Most importantly, the participation and feedback from those who attended helped make these workshops a success and continue to guide us in improving future events. Thank you to everyone who joined us and shared your insights—we truly appreciate your support.

Now, we are excited to turn our attention to 2026 and kick off the year with our **Spring State Workshop and Vendor Show**. The event will take place *April 22–24, 2026, at the Celebration Center – First Methodist Church West, located in Lawrence, Kansas*. Host hotels will also be located in Lawrence, KS.

These workshops and district meetings provide more than just education—they offer meaningful opportunities for networking and connection. Stepping away from the technology bubble and engaging face-to-face allows us to grow, learn from others in our field, and build relationships that strengthen our community.

We look forward to another successful year and hope to see you in Lawrence in April 2026! Also celebrating the World Cup in Kansas City in June, this will be a good time for the food service industry.

Leonard Turpen, CDM, CFPP
Communication Chair

Save the Date!

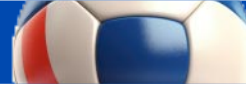
East District is hosting the **“Spring Workshop & Vendor Show 2026” in Lawrence, Kansas!**

April 22-24, 2026 • First Methodist Church West - 867 Hwy 40, Lawrence, KS 66049

The host hotels:
Tru by Hilton Lawrence 510 Wakarusa Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049 - 785-727-4244
King 115.00 - Queen 125.00
Cut off rate 3-23-2026



Hampton Inn - 785-841-4994
2300 West 6th Street, Lawrence, KS 66049
Queen or King 115.00
Cut off rate 4-2-2026



President

Sue Newcome, CDM, CFPP bsnewcome1@gmail.com



Hello and Happy New Year. Hope this newsletter finds everyone well and better than yesterday. As we move into the new year let's take a moment to be thankful for each other and our importance as CDM, CFPP's. It was nice to see everyone who attended the Fall Workshop in Pratt. Those of us "Oldies" had a great time. The speakers brought us information and challenges to get healthier, and to help our clients to be healthier.

The camaraderie we have within the group is amazing. I am thankful to have peers that I can call, text, or email for advice as well as being available to others for the same. I am looking forward to continuing to serve as your President of the Kansas Chapter of ANFP. I feel we are all just getting to know our positions and will better the membership in whole remaining in our positions for another great year.

We have all of our mid term reports coming due soon and also applications for the state awards. We hope to win the Diamond award this year and continue to bring home the Communication, Membership, and Government Affairs awards too.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Workshop in Lawrence in April. Remember to show your Pride in Foodservice in February. Invite someone to come to a meeting, or encourage a new student. Nominations for the 'Of the Year' awards are due Jan. 31, 2026. Sign up to serve on a committee or as a chair person.

"Learn, Teach, Live & Be Better"



President Elect

CDM, CFPP

This position will be determined from the Slate Ballot that the end of this newsletter.

Duties of the President-Elect: The President-Elect shall serve in the absence of the President, perform his/her duties. In the event of his/her temporary disability or absence from meetings, shall have such duties as the President or State Board of Directors may assign and shall have appointed by January 1st all standing committee members to serve during his/her term as President. He/she shall contact district in charge of hosting upcoming workshop to see if working on workshop and to see if workshop is progressing on time.



Past President

Linda Paris, CDM, CFPP lparis@lrmutual.com

Iattended ACE meeting and really enjoyed my time there. Lots of great speakers, food, and company. *Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to ACE, and represent our Kansas members.*





Secretary _____

Brenda Dole, CDM, CFPP bdole@ntcohosp.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. I hope that 2026 finds employees for all who need to fill positions in your kitchens.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2026 meetings!



Treasurer _____

Andie Randall, CDM,CFPP andieanfptreasure@gmail.com

Current financials as of Jan. 12, 2026

State \$10,437.42

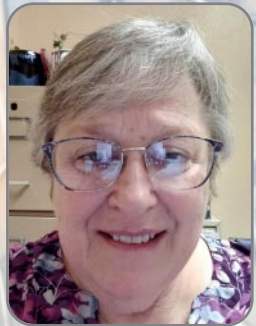
Central \$960.24

East \$1,680.78

West \$7,084.35

Total money in Crowded \$20,162.81

We did receive the \$1000 left to us from Suanne Hoffman's trust along with a very nice card and that we are very appreciative.



Brand Ambassador _____

Linda Paris, CDM, CFPP lparis@lrmutual.com

Greetings in this New Year! Hope everyone is doing well. Last year Deb Lowry and I attended the KHCA Trade Show, September 17, 2025, in Wichita. We had a good response to our booth, many questions about how to become a CDM from facilities that do not have one at this time. There were quite a few people in the process of the course. Deb invited them to contact her and she would give them the information about our meeting in Pratt at the time. We let them know they could attend our District Meetings and State Workshops for free while taking the certification class.

I have nothing new to report as Brand Ambassador other than I'm working on getting a "Day at the Capitol" set up. I have put in a request to have a photo op with Governor Kelly on Jan. 23rd, 2026. I'm waiting to hear back from her office, and if you would like to attend as part of our team please email me before the date to the email address above.

I have several Representatives I plan on reaching out to and hopefully have some at our Spring Workshop and Vendor Show in Lawrence, April 22-24, 2026. Hope we see you there.





Membership

Dana Tinkler, CDM, CFPP dtinkler@ruraltel.net

Since the Spring membership meeting, I have sent:

- 4 letters to Allied Professional members
- 16 letters to Professional/CDM members
- 2 letters to Professional/non certified members
- 6 letters to Pre-Professional members

Sent a student letter to the Univ. of Florida, Barton Comm. College, Neosho Comm. College, and the Univ. of North Dakota asking them to share it with their Kansas students informing them of the benefits of joining ANFP.

Member count as of October 21, 2025:

- 9 Allied Professionals
- 12 Pre-Professionals
- 300 Professionals
- 2 Retired Professionals

Total 323



Ways and Means

Janice Hemel, CDM, CFPP jancdm@yahoo.com

I have finished up all the binders and have handed them out to each board member. Each board member are to keep their binders up to date.

We need to find someone to take over Ways & Means. If you are interested in filling this position please let one of the board members know.



Sunshine Committee

Diana Riner, CDM, CFPP diananriner561@gmail.com

Since the first of 2025 I have sent out:

- 309 - Birthday cards, with 6 being returned.
- 4 - Retirement cards and 1 Get Well card.

If you have received a birthday card please update your mailing address and you can put in your month and date and not the year, I cannot update you nationals account.

If you know of someone who needs a card. Please let me know, my e-mail address is diananriner561@gmail.com



Communications

Leonard Turpen, CDM, CFPP foodpaws@gmail.com

We are looking to fill the position of "Across the Prairie" Editor by June 1, 2026, we are also looking for a social media person to take over the ANFP Facebook Page. Please let me or Sue Newcome know if anyone would like to step up.

Our Spring newsletter will be out mid-Feb, please send information on officers for the next 6 months.

We plan to have registration and agenda out soon for the Spring Workshop and Vendor Show in Lawrence, KS. April 22-24th, 2026. **Please Save the Date!**

REMINDER :

"Of the Year Awards" nominees for - CDM, Administrator, Dietitian, Employee and Vendor are due by January 31, 2026! SEND TO THE PRESIDENT - bsnewcome1@gmail.com

Fundraising, Donations, Food Show committee

Paula Bradley, CDM, CFPP paulaspoppersdma@yahoo.com

Diana Riner, CDM, CFPP diananriner561@gmail.com

If anyone has a purveyor they would like to have us invite to the Spring Vendor Show 2026, please send us information.

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

Hospitality

Debra Gohl, CDM, CFPP dsgo79@gmail.com

The State Spring Meeting 2025 for Kansas ANFP was held in Mulvane at the American Legion Bldg. and hosted by Central District. It was a great meeting with approximately 50 in attendance. There were opportunities to do some networking in small groups, and a lot of learning and laughter. We welcomed 4 new CDM's and had 3 students joining us. They received welcome gifts such as note pads, pens, aprons, and their own KS sunflower. We had several great speakers, and enjoyed spending time with our peers, in and away from the meeting.

I want to continue to encourage everyone to attend these meetings. The networking knowledge shared, and new friendships formed are so important and useful, especially to new CDM's. On that note, the Fall State meeting was hosted by West District in Pratt in October, 2025 and the theme is Rolling with the Oldies. Next, we head to Lawrence for the Spring Workshop and Vendor Food Show 2026. Hope to see you all there.



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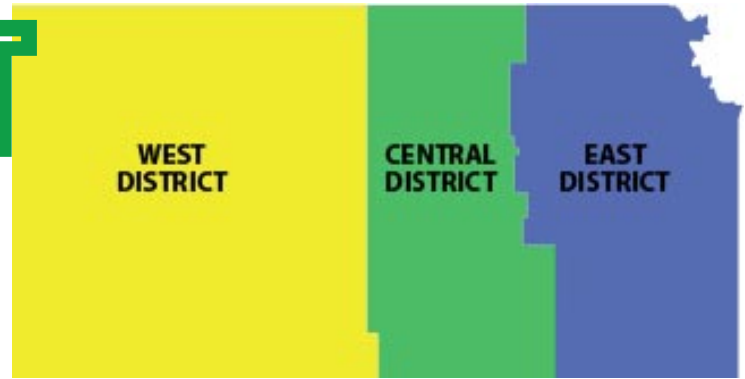
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DISTRICT NEWS



East District

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Our officers are: Past President, Leonard Turpen; President, Shelly Soverns, and Secretary/ Treasurer, Donna Bateman.

We are working on our **Spring Work Shop 2026**. Thanks to the **Lawrence Visitor Center (Unmistakably Lawrence)** on hotels and space information for this upcoming meeting. *Our next district meeting Feb. 20th 2026 - TBA!*

*New Members: Darlene Sue Dillher-Cashman CDM,CFPP Whiting
Danielle Pendergraft CDM, CFPP Levenworth
Kelly Shane Risley Allied Member Lawrence*



Central District

Debra Lowry, CDM, CFPP dlowry56@yahoo.com

Our Spring District Meeting is at:

**Adorers of Blood of Christ in Wichita • Registration 30.00
March 8th, 2026 - 1165 Southwest Blvd.
Wichita, Kansas 67213**

*New Members:
Brenda Sue Lelevier CDM,CFPP, Wichita
Scott Miller Pre-Professional, Hesston
Shanelle Stowell Pre Professional, Wichita
Christopher Ewing CDM,CFPP, Wichita
Kelcee Sullivan CDM,CFPP, Wichita*



West District

Debra Gohl, CDM, CFPP dsgo79@gmail.com

*Our district meeting is in
**Spring Meeting Colby, Kansas
March 13, 2026***

*Host is Jeri Jacob's
New Members:
Camie Melgoza Allied Professional, Quinter*



Upcoming ANFP National Events 2025

EVENTS



For more details on these events go to: anfponline.org

Pride in Foodservice Week 2026

FEBRUARY 02 - FEBRUARY 06, 2026

Celebrate Pride in Foodservice Week February 2-6, 2026! Pride in Foodservice Week applauds nutrition and foodservice professionals and

other members of the nutritional team for their hard work and dedication on the job. Pride in Foodservice Week will be celebrated in facilities across the country in various inventive ways.



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 Virtual Winter Workshop

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CT

As has become crystal clear in the past ten years, supporting and aligning a multigenerational workforce is imperative to establish and maintain a terrific work environment. But each generation is different. Without understanding and recognizing this phenomenon, problems are sure to arise: miscommunication, frustration, anger and conflict, to name a few. It is critical to not only recognize that there are differences among generations, but to also dispel stereotypes and preconceptions that have been established among colleagues and customers.

Unlike any other multi-generational course you have experienced before, this course goes way beyond the “what” and examines the “how” to assure generations in the workforce do well together and begin understanding how to build products and services for a multi-generational customer base.

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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

October

Whitney Dill
Tracy Jones
Patricia LaVergne
Rebecca Keller
Clariessa Tompkins
Jessica Simmons
Jamie McConnell
Justine Sullivan
Anita Rose
Kelly Risley
Thomson Garvin
Maren Matlock
Lois St. Clair
Barbra Berry
Lisa Piersall
Jill Stevenson
Leslie Hamilton
Michele Hixenbaugh
Joshua Anderson
Norma Meza
Michael Copeland
Leonard Turpen
James Evans
Teresa Williams
Lori Knight
Michelle Gaddis
Mary Ubel

Anna Fulls
Lori Barnett
Kimberly Neeley

November

Barbara "Sue" Newcome
Lauren Kupersmith
David Cherry
Brenda Baugh
Dori Weber
Jacqueline Riddle
Diana Cecre
Debra Newport
Brennen Burks
Cody Pennington
Julia Rhodenbaugh
Danielle Pendergraft
Sharee Jantz
Jason Watts
James Ledbetter
Carolyn Coulter
Patricia McMillan
Dawne Falk
Autumn Bassett
Cherrie Doggett
Matthew Schlagel
Jeff Vogelmeier
Traci Rodgers

December

Donna Bateman
Alexis Trail
Cheryl Correll
Andrea Davison
Dina Garza
Elizabeth Ravenkamp
Clinton Litherland
Cameron Bryles-Ford
Kylie Nichols
Rebecca Pickel
Leanna Hency
Carol Grant
Lisa Schweigert
Jamie Balthazor
Samantha Edens
Shawn Williams
Dan Brown
Kalisha Fisher
Christie Hogleund
Andrea Randall

January

Lisa Montoya
James Gilmore
Ashley Price
Becki Sporing
Holly Kyle

Kimberly Melton
Paula Bradley
Britney Carrillo
Diana Riner
Jeremy Ling
Janelle
Bennett
Michelle Byers
Stephanie Johnson
Sherry Griffith
Andrea Rogers
Mary Bremerman
Napanee Powell
Claudia Alvarado-Enriquez
La Michael Williams
Kelly Holden
Kelli Willis
Amanda McCune
Crystal Quint
Joyce Butrick
Stephanie Bess

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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Rolling with the Oldies Fall Workshop & Food Show in Pratt KS 2025



1.

1. Pratt Rock & Rollers Group
2. Ben E Keith provided lunch
3. On the way to Pratt for the Workshop
4. Janice Retirement Cake Celebrating 30 years
5. Posing with the theme
6. Raffle winner



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.

Let the good times roll...

Thank you to the vendors

- BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- BEN E KEITH
- BRADY INDUSTRIES
- CMS FOOD SERVICE
- CORE FOOD SERVICE
- CRE8TIVE HOSPITALITY SOLUTIONS
- McKee - A Family Bakery



Save the Date!

Orientation Station ANFP KANSAS FALL WORKSHOP 2025	CRU'S BLUES ANFP KANSAS FALL WORKSHOP 2025
Work Schedule Book ANFP KANSAS FALL WORKSHOP 2025	Budget Shuttle ANFP KANSAS FALL WORKSHOP 2025
Prairie News Polka ANFP KANSAS FALL WORKSHOP 2025	Menu Tango ANFP KANSAS FALL WORKSHOP 2025

ROLLING

with the *Oldies*

Join us for our Fall Workshop
Oct. 22-24, 2025 • Pratt, KS

ANFP KANSAS
Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals



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.

