Barb’s Notes and Quotes…

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

School bells are ringing! Here at OSU this morning, hundreds of new Buckeye freshmen found their way to the Schott for Convocation. Another academic year is about to begin! It will also soon be time for autumn programming in OSU Extension! Are you ready? A personal change for me comes on August 31 when I will “officially” end my career as an FCS Extension Educator in Delaware County. I will then be working full time as Interim Southwest Region Director.

It has been fun to be out visiting your programs. Last week I was at the Mercer County Fair and the Fayette County Field Day. This week I will be in Greene, Butler, Darke, Delaware and Hardin Counties for various fairs, meetings and field days. Autumn visits start on August 31 in Clermont County. Please continue to send me dates when you are teaching so I can do an observation.

Educators, watch for your autumn self-review materials this week. CEDs I’ll be looking for your visit dates. Thanks!

Remember . . . *That which is used develops. That which is not used wastes away.* – Hippocrates
Are you developing or wasting away!!?

Best Always,
Barb
Happy August Birthdays…

- August 1 Pat Brinkman, Educator/Director, Fayette County
- August 2 Trevor Corboy, Program Coordinator, Clermont County
- August 3 Cindy Meyer, Educator/Director, Butler County
- August 4 Greg Meyer, Extension Educator, Warren County
- August 5 Jo Langenkamp, Office Associate, Darke County
- August 7 Judy Skidmore, Office Associate, Logan County
- August 11 Diane Barga, Program Coordinator, Darke County
- August 19 Betty Wingerter, Educator/Director, Montgomery County

Director’s Drop-In

As an organization that promotes lifelong learning, it logically follows that we not only provide learning experiences for others, but participate in the continuing education we need to be the best we can be on the job. In addition to the ongoing array of in-service education we offer on an annual basis, a special opportunity for support staff is coming to Ohio this fall.

Ohio is pleased to host the national conference of the Extension and Research Support Staff Association (TERSSA) in Columbus this October. This a unique opportunity for the individuals with critical task of the keeping our organization running smoothly to meet with peers from across the country and explore new ways to maximize personal and organizational effectiveness.

This year’s theme is One Voice – For Strength, Unity and Shared Vision. When individuals have opportunities to share their knowledge with others in a spirit of mutual exchange and learning, we all benefit.

If you haven’t already registered, I encourage you to view the agenda online. Come learn from other support staff professionals from across the state and nation. The TERSSA conference offers a great opportunity to strengthen existing relationships, make new friends, and gain skills you can use in your professional and personal life.

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- August 22 Campus
- August 23 Campus
- August 24 Greene/Butler/Darke
- August 25 Delaware
- August 26 Hardin/Miami Valley ANR

Write Winning Grant Proposals Workshop . . . (Source: Andy Londo)

Registration is now open for this workshop. Space is limited so register early.

Target audience: Faculty, postdocs, and senior research staff Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Blackwell Inn Ballroom, 2110 Tuttle Park Place at Woody Hayes Drive Registration and more information is now available.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9FxjNh8ae8m9XwN

This presentation is the cornerstone of Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC’s seminar programs. It comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to writing competitive grant proposals. Emphasis is given to doing the "extra" things that can make the difference between success and failure.
Take Time
   Eleven good goals, all starting the same way:
Take time to live. Killing time is suicide.
Take time to work. It’s the price of success.
Take time to think. It’s the source of power.
Take time to play. It’s the secret of youth.
Take time to read. It’s the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly. It’s the road to happiness.
Take time to dream. It’s hitching your wagon to a star.
Take time to love and be loved. They are Divine gifts.
Take time to laugh. It’s the music of the soul.
Take time to play with children. It’s the joy of joys.
Take time to be courteous. It’s the mark of a gentleman or lady.

Ohio Ethics Law
I recently attended a workshop on the Ohio Ethics Law. Here are some of the key points that were addressed:

Key Concepts –
- Conflicts of Interest
  Prohibits employees from accepting or soliciting anything of value that could have a substantial or improper influence.
- Public Contracts
  Prohibits employees from using influence to secure public contracts for themselves, family, or business associates.
  Prohibits employees from having a financial or fiduciary interest in a public contract.
- Supplemental Compensation
  Prohibits employees from accepting outside compensation for the performance of public duties.

Penalties – All provisions of the Ethics Law are criminal prohibitions. They include fines, a jail term, or both.

USDA State Fact Sheets
The USDA Economic Research Service has updated its data sets on population, income, education, employment, federal funds, organic agriculture, farm characteristics, farm financial indicators, top commodities, and exports for each state in the United States. Some county-level data also is available. See http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets.aspx
Rhonda Williams
Darke County
4-H Educator and County Director

My career with OSU Extension, Darke County began as a 4-H/FCS Program Assistant in 1995. In 1998, I was hired as the 4-H Educator and I became County Director in 2002. I earned my BS degree in Home Economics from OSU in 1981 and earned my Masters from OSU in Human and Community Resource Development/Extension Education in 2003. In addition to my Extension responsibilities, I am in the middle of my third term as a school board member for Ansonia Local Schools (my alma mater, as well as our daughters’ alma mater.) I am fortunate to be the 4-H Educator in the county where I grew up.

I met my husband Patrick while we were undergrads at OSU. We have been married thirty-five years and are the parents of two daughters, Meagan and Nicole, who are both graduates of OSU. Meagan (B.S. - OSU; M.S. – Tiffin) is married to Scott Caniglia (B.S -OSU) and they have a son, Jack (our first grandchild!), who will be two in October. Nicole (B.S. – OSU; MAcc – OSU) is engaged to Ben Klipstine (B.S. – Miami University -the only Redhawk in a family of Buckeyes!).

My career prior to coming to Extension included working in a fabric shop in Liberal, Kansas; managing a quilt shop and giving quilting lessons in Quincy, Illinois; working in a craft shop and giving lessons in Worthington, Minnesota; and working as a fabric buyer and sewing/craft instructor at a fabric shop in Warsaw, Indiana. Why so many different states? When Pat and I were first married we lived in five states in seven years (1981-1988), while changing locations due to his job progression. In 1988 we returned to Ohio and have been here ever since.

In our spare time, Pat and I enjoy spending time with our family, Buckeye football and traveling, often following the Buckeyes to away games. Our bucket list includes seeing the Buckeyes play in every Big 10 stadium.
Our Connection Page

JCEP Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Training

Now is the time to nominate your peers, community partner(s), and/or yourself for Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professionals Awards! For some of the awards, any employee can nominate someone, so PLEASE READ ON! Mark your calendars to turn in applications by October 1st!!

To assist you, the Scholarship, Grant, and Recognition Committee for JCEP is hosting a Carmen Connect Q&A session on Wednesday August 24th at 10:00 a.m. There will be a brief presentation and then the floor is open for your questions for the award entry and nomination process. We will visit the JCEP website, talk about the specific awards, any changes, and what is helpful to know when applying or nominating. You do good work, learn how to submit it for recognition that is beneficial to your yearly reviews and promotion process.

Please join me in an Adobe Connect Meeting.

Meeting Name: JCEP Recognition 101
Summary: One of the benefits of JCEP is recognition of your work. Award nominations and entries are due October 1st. Get a jump on the application process during this Q&A session.
Invited By: Cassie Anderson (anderson.3157@osu.edu)
When: 08/24/2016 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Time Zone: (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US and Canada)

To join the meeting:
http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/jcepsgr/

Award Categories:

• Team Teaching – single-program area or multi-disciplinary teams, and categories specifically for teams with non-Extension Collaborators! At least 50% of the team must be JCEP/ESP members.

• Creative Works – Do you have a great newsletter, website, TV program curriculum package, fact sheet, media production or other educational or marketing item you or your team created? This is the category to get those works recognized. All Extension Professionals (including non-faculty and non-ESP members) are eligible to enter their work in this competition.

• Friend of Extension – think volunteers, business leaders, organizations, elected officials and more.... up to 3 recipients will be recognized, with one being selected to represent Ohio through the National ESP award nomination process.

• Excellence in Extension - annual award recognizing a superior Extension educator; based on excellence in teaching, research and service. This is Ohio Extension’s highest honor! Any Extension employee who is a current member of Epsilon Sigma Phi is eligible. The award can be received one time only. The award includes a cash award of $1,000 plus the addition of $1,000 to the base salary.
JCEP Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Training... Cont’d

- ESP Special Chapter Awards – Nominees are eligible to receive an award in any one category only once. A complete list of previous ESP Award Winners is available on the site with the applications. Chapter winners will be asked to complete a Regional/National Award Application in January. Award nominations require a 60 word or less abstract about the nominee. Categories are listed below. See application for details on each award.
  - National DSA Ruby Award – Must be an OJCEP member
  - Administrative Leadership Award (must have 10 or more years of service)
  - Diversity Multicultural Recognition (Individual) – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  - Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Team) – At least 50% of team members must be current OJCEP members
  - International Service Recognition – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  - Visionary Leadership Recognition – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  - Continued Excellence Recognition - Must be an OJCEP member. Eligible for nomination five years after receiving chapter DSA. Minimum of 20 years in Extension
  - Meritorious Support Staff Service Recognition for support staff who have demonstrated excellence in supporting Extension programs.
  - Retiree Service Recognition given to a current OJCEP/ESP member who is an OSU Extension Retiree.

ALL applications are available at the site below. Applications are due (to the individual listed on each application) no later than midnight, October 1st! (*Creative Works must be mailed hard-copy and post-marked no later than Oct. 1.)

FOLLOW THIS LINK: http://go.osu.edu/ojcepawards

SEEDS Grants

The FY 2017 RFP for SEEDS: the OARDC Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program is now available on the OARDC website at: http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/seeds/images/FacultyRFP.pdf. Faculty, please note that this year’s program includes several significant changes made mostly in response to your recent feedback and recommendations. In particular, the SEED grant competition now includes a track restricted to Early Career Investigators, and a Team Science track replaces the former interdisciplinary grant competition. Also, the former matching grant and industry small grant categories have been merged to create a single Partnership Grant Competition. We hope these changes are consistent with your expectations.