Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Snow, snow, and more snow! It’s pretty, but I believe most folks are starting to itch for Spring. It can’t be far away!

Thanks for your continual excellent programs. In talking to Vice President Bruce McPheron recently, he commented, “Extension does amazing things!” He is so right!

Patty and Carol and their committee are working hard to make our support staff in-service very special. I hope all our Support Staff can attend on March 17.

Have a great week! I’ll be busy working on performance evaluations all week.

Best Regards,
Barb
Thoughts to Ponder

WEEKLY QUOTES:

"The key to successful leadership today is influence not authority."
~Kenneth Blanchard

"Keep in mind that neither success nor failure is ever final."
~Roger W. Babson

"Truth is not diminished by the number of people who believe it"
~Anonymous

"Success seems to be connected to action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." ~Conrad Hilton

"Don't talk, just act. Don't say, just show. Don't promise, just prove"
~Anonymous

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:  
Three Rules to Change your Life

If you don't do these now, you'll regret it ten years later

1. If you do not go after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ask, the answer will always be no.
3. If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place.

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Leadership Ohio

Leadership Ohio is recruiting applicants for 2015. The application is attached. I encourage you to identify individuals from your program area or region who would be good candidates for this opportunity to learn more about various aspects of Ohio’s culture, history, economy, industry and government. It would be especially beneficial to those who are relatively newcomers to the state. OSU Extension Administration will cover half of the registration cost for those accepted into the program.

If you have interested candidates with questions, they can contact graduates of the program: Jackie Wilkins, Barb Brahm, Lisa McCutcheon, Kate Shumaker, Mike Lloyd, or me.

Ken Martin
Travel Grants for the Scholarship of Engagement Available . . . (Source: OnCampus Today)

Small grants are offered to offset the cost of travel or expenses related to presenting at conferences or participating in workshops associated with advancing the scholarship of engagement across teaching and research activities. Funding is offered for meetings that include the Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference, the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, and the IUPUI Service-Learning Research Institute. Apply by Friday (3/20). Contact: outreach@osu.edu Read more: go.osu.edu/travelgrants15

Boot Camps Schedule – 2015

To: Extension Educators
The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). Sign up soon--- space is limited!

Testimonials from Boot Camps:
• "Really helped pull back the veil on promotion and tenure and undusted – what can be a complicated & nuanced process."
• "This series of lessons was very helpful, well-organized and geared towards helping the participants."

Boot Camps Schedule – 2015*

*Dates subject to change with advanced notice
Best Wishes,
Jackie

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Congratulations!

Congratulations also to Greg Davis on his reappointment for another four-year term as Extension’s Assistant Director, Community Development.

OSU Extension County Websites – Upcoming Training Opportunities . . . (Source: Cheryl Buck)

As you may know, the OSU Extension county websites are now based in the Drupal 7 content management system. The county website structure and content types are unique to the county sites. CFAES Communications has added monthly Drupal training sessions in 2015 for the OSU Extension county websites. This training is open to new Extension employees, those who will be handling website responsibilities for their county, or those who would like a refresher. This training will cover the basics of Drupal 7: how to create and edit pages, news items, events, people, and the general guidelines for content placement. Any Extension employee who will be adding or updating content on your county website is required to attend a training session before he or she is given access to the county site. The Extension county website training sessions will be held on the fourth Friday of each month from 9am to 1pm, starting on February 27. Space is limited and the sessions will be filled on a first come, first-served basis, so email Bonnie Scranton at scranton.9@osu.edu about which session you would like to attend and which county site you will be editing after training. Visit go.osu.edu/training for more information.

REMINDER

This month’s reallocation deadline comes on March 30.