Dear Southwest Region Extension Co-workers:

Happy Spring! It has finally officially arrived. The coming week is a special one with rich spiritual meaning for many. May you have a wonderful time of celebration and reflection with family and friends.

I look forward to more visits this week in Clermont, Champaign, Butler, Darke and Preble Counties, and Adventure Central. It will be great to spend time with our support staff on Wednesday at their conference.

Don’t forget some of our dates and deadlines:

April 1       Signature Program applications due.
April 4       A & P Promotion materials due for spring review.
April 13      State CED meeting on Campus
April 26      Legislative Luncheon, State House Atrium
April 29      Spring Conference for Educators and Program Staff (not EFNEP or SNAP) – Note: Free biometric screenings will be offered at spring conference. Carol Bottoms will be sending out registration information soon.

Have a wonderful Easter with family and friends!!

Best Always!

Barbara
Happy March Birthdays...

- March 3 Suzanne Mills-Wasniak - Extension Educator, Montgomery County
- March 4 Nancy Lyons, Program Specialist, Montgomery County
- March 10 Patti Holbrook - Office Assistant, Clark County
- March 16 Christy Leeds - Educator/Director, Union County
- March 21 Jenny Even - Extension Educator, Hamilton County
- March 25 Brenda Sandman-Stover - Program Assistant, Greene County

"Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever"  
~ Walt Disney Company

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery." ~ James Joyce

"Build trust with your audience by using your voice to offer a unique perspective and eliminate the predictable." ~ Anonymous

"If you can’t explain it to a six year old, you don’t understand it yourself."  
~ Albert Einstein

"Your future depends on your ability to bring value to others." ~ Anonymous

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate
To celebrate the end of a project and before starting another one, individual team members choose a “different” team to visit for a day. This will provide a time to explore and learn about other aspects of the organization.

Let’s Maintain Extension’s Reputation for Generosity! Join In to Make Campus Campaign a Success!

Many of us have heard our leaders proudly proclaim that Extension personnel are typically the most generous group when it comes to supporting our college and university. We need you to help carry on that tradition! Our Campus Campaign goal is to reach 45% participation within CFAES this year – right now, we in CFAES are at 26% and we need 326 more participants to reach our goal.

Your participation counts! Remember, it is your participation, not the amount you give that matters. A one-time contribution of $1 counts toward the overall percentage. You can give $1 in cash or check, $5 by credit card, or why not make an ongoing contribution that is automatically deducted each pay period? Just click here https://www.osu.edu/giving/assets/downloads/CC/blank_pledge_card.pdf to find a gift form.

And don’t forget – you get to select the fund you’d like your contribution to support. If you are a current faculty or staff member, you can search for funds to support by logging into the Campus Campaign online giving site at https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/ - just click on the big red rectangular button that says, “Give Online or Search for Funds.”

Thank you for supporting OSU Extension and Campus Campaign!
Margaret Jenkins has served as a Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension Educator in Clermont County for 10 years. She specializes in financial wellness programming contributing to the Strengthening Families and Communities OSU Extension Impact Area. Her work focuses on developing youth leadership skills, promoting healthy living and wellness strategies, addressing food insecurity and managing family resources. She teaches both youth and adult audiences. Both her youth leadership and adult food insecurity curriculums have been offered at state and national conferences.

Margaret began her career with Cincinnati Public Schools teaching middle and high school Family and Consumer Sciences. While teaching at Purcell-Marian High School she was identified as a FCS Work and Family Teacher Leader by the Ohio Department of Education. As a result of her ODE curriculum development work she embraced creating programming that addresses the ever-evolving “work of the family”. The “work of the family” is messy work: managing work and family responsibilities, solving personal and family problems, relating to others, and assuming leadership roles. Margaret has not shied away from leadership roles. She served as President of the Ohio Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Chairperson of the CPS Career and Technical Curriculum Council and certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

The transition from teaching classroom-based secondary education to OSU Extension community-based education was a natural extension for her. She continues to address the “work of the family” today by working with Extension teams to develop curriculum and teaching resources for FCS programs such as LOOK to Clermont, Homebuyer Education, Do You Have Food Sense and Homemade in the HEART of Clermont. She serves on the Connect Clermont Board, Agenda for the Future Co-Chair Health & Wellness, Clermont Chamber of Commerce Work Readiness Executive Committee, Clermont Coalition for Activity and Nutrition, SafetyNet Alliance of Clermont County Emergency Assistance sub-committee and the Family and Children First Council.

Margaret and her family moved to their home in Batavia Township 35 years ago this coming September. Her three sons are indeed Clermont County born and bred or to use county fair term “home grown”. Her three sons still all live within 10 miles of the family homestead. She enjoys carrying on family traditions revolving around her Polish heritage and exposing her 1 granddaughter and 2 (soon to be 3) grandsons to fun. Family holidays are special times and usually involve floating on or walking near large bodies of water.
CFAES Finance Training – 2016 . . .
Instructor Led Courses scheduled for April and May 2016.
Travel - Mileage, Overnight Travel - Pre-trip training, Overnight Travel - Post-trip training,
Sales Tax, New Employees

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Travel- Mileage
From calculation to submission we will cover submitting for mileage reimbursement under the new Travel
guidelines.
Method: Adobe Connect
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 1:30 – 3:00pm

Overnight Travel –Pre-trip training
This course will cover everything you need to know before you travel; including what is a T number, how to get
one and how to prepay expenses.
Method: Adobe Connect
Date: Friday, April 15, 2016 1:30 – 3:00pm

Overnight Travel –Post Trip training
This course will cover everything you need to know after you travel, including how to submit receipts on travel
cards, how to get reimbursed for personal expenses and how long you will have to wait for reimbursement.
Method: Adobe Connect
Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016 1:30 – 3:00pm

Sales Tax on University sales
Is your unit selling items that require you to collect and report sales tax? This will cover the process for collecting,
reporting and reconciling sales tax when items are being sold via University funds or checking accounts.
Method: Adobe Connect
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 1:30-3:00pm

New Employee Overview
This course will cover the basic topics for new finance employees including support staff, unit leaders and finance
managers. We will cover things like terminology, training requirements, who to contact for help and for what areas
finance employees are responsible.
Method: In Person, Columbus, Location to be determined
Date: Friday, May 13, 2016 9:30-3:30