Barb’s Notes and Quotes...

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Mid May Greetings to you!
We had an exciting time at the Innovate Conferences last Wednesday and Thursday! What an inspiring and challenging two days! Check out the pictures Patty took that day.

Congratulations to Mary Griffith who was married last Saturday!

Summer is coming! Please make your plans to take some time off to relax with family and friends over the next few months.

Until next time...Live Your Life with Passion and Hope!

Best Always,
Barb
Thoughts to Ponder

Happy May Birthdays…
• May 1 Stephanie Sommers, Program Assistant, Montgomery County
• May 8 Jo Brown, Office Associate, Clark County
• May 12 Tracy Bedford, Program Assistant, Hamilton County
• May 13 Patty House, Extension Educator, Clark County
• May 31 Demetria Woods, Extension Educator, Miami County

Movement. It is easy to forget that exercise and movement actually increase our creativity and attentiveness. Long meeting: plan a stretch. Cleaned out your in box: get up and touch your toes. Finished that memo: shake your body! Model movement. It’s brain food!

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate
Celebrate the organization’s or team’s founding (birthday). Team members could exchange names and give cards and inexpensive gifts to each other. Cake, ice cream and humorous speeches always add to the celebration.

Conflict of Interest Clarification . . . (Source Cindy Buxton)
Provost Bruce McPheron sent out an email regarding the 2016 Conflict of Interest Disclosure (e-COI). Many CFAES employees received this email and must complete the e-COI. There was a travel section added last year which caused confusion. This question is only asking about travel which was reimbursed to you by an outside entity, external to OSU. If your travel was submitted for reimbursement through OSU or OSP, this does NOT qualify to be included on your e-COI.
Questions? Contact Angie LeMaster (LeMaster.124@osu.edu or 614-292-6470.

Barb Brahm’s Schedule
• May 16 Campus
• May 17 Delaware
• May 18 Miami/Clinton
• May 19 Campus
• May 20 Vacation
Hello All,
Since the Southwest regional meeting, I have met many of you. For those of you who still do not know me, my name is Brian Kleinke; I am the new Greene County ANR educator.
A little about myself, I was born in Ohio, but spent much of my childhood with my father in Ormond Beach, Florida. I returned to Ohio my sophomore year of high school and completed my studies at Bexley High in Columbus. I played soccer most of my life which allowed me to travel the U.S. and also play over-seas in several countries.
I completed both my undergraduate and graduate degrees from The Ohio State University in Crop Science and Plant Health Management.
Besides plants, I have many hobbies (Motorcycles, biking, fishing, camping, industrial art) but what I like most is spending time in the woods with my closest friends riding bikes and motorcycles.
I grew up in the city and this is where my pursuit of urban agriculture began. I have an indoor greenhouse in my loft where I grow food hydroponically. Mostly greens, peppers, strawberries, tomatoes, and radishes, but I do not shy away from any challenge and have tried to grow just about anything. I have a strong passion for urban food production and as student first and foremost, I am excited to be incorporated with so many people with such diverse backgrounds and specializations.
I look forward to meeting you if we have not already met, and I am very excited to work with all of you.
Brian Kleinke
Dine to Make a Difference
Bob Evans hosts a community fundraiser today (5/16) and tomorrow (5/17) to increase awareness of the importance of agriculture education programs supported by Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio 4-H and Ohio FFA. To fulfill this goal, simply present this flyer (note it must be printed and not electronic) and Bob Evans will donate 15 percent of sales on these dates to the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, Ohio 4-H Foundation and Ohio FFA Foundation. Carry out orders count toward the fundraiser. If you need a copy of the PDF please let me (Patty Corfman) know and I will forward on the email to you.

Children in the Workplace: A Reminder
With the constant changes in weather bringing on a variety of illnesses and the summer upon us, when children are not able attend school, it is a good time to remind everyone that children are not to be accompanying you to the workplace. The workplace should never be used in lieu of having regular child care arrangements. The workplace should not be a place where children are brought before or after school, camp, or on holidays when school in not in session or children are home for the summer. Bringing children to the workplace is a significant distraction for office colleagues and for the parent and can present safety and liability risks to the organization.

Parents are responsible for having regular childcare and should plan alternative care well in advance for situations that might require backup care, such as a sick child. If you are experiencing circumstances where you need to identify alternative care, please do not hesitate to talk to your regional director or to OSU’s Employee Assistance Program personnel.

Additional Resources:
OSU Employee Assistance Program
https://www.osuhealthplan.com/members/ohio-state-employee-assistance-program-eap

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services: Finding Child Care
http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/families.stm

Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association (OCCRA)
http://www.occrra.org/

Child Care Resources, Inc.
http://www.childcareresourcesinc.org/