Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

November Greetings! It is hard to believe that holiday time is just around the corner . . . and then a new year!!

Congratulations to Dr. Brian Raison on his recent article published in the Journal of Extension!

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4 RIV Workshop – 9 am – 2:30 pm, Warren County Extension Office
- Nov. 6 County Highlights Due to Barb Brahm
- Nov. 11 Veteran’s Day Holiday
- Nov. 19 Faculty P & T Workshop – 10 am – 2 pm
- Nov. 19 Extension Faculty Meeting, 2:30 – 3:30 pm., State 4-H Center, Columbus
- Dec. 1 Planning for a Ph. D. - 9:30 am – Noon, Union County Office
- Dec. 2 RIV Workshop – 9 am – 2:30 pm, Champaign County Extension Office
- Dec. 8, 9 Annual Conference, Ohio Union, Columbus

Things to Remember

RIV – will be used as the OSU reporting system for the next 2 years.
When seeking approval for travel, please include the date, place, reason and estimated cost.
Hourly employees are encouraged to be sure their time worked is turned in on time. Rules are going to be enforced more. If you are late, you may not get paid on time!!!

Have a wonderful week! Live with intention!

Sincerely,
Barb
Happy November Birthdays…

- November 5 Courtney Michael-Program Assistant, Fayette County
- November 7 Linda Newman-Office Assistant, Clark County
- November 8 Godwin Apaliyah-Extension Educator, Fayette County
- November 9 Connie Veach – Office Assistant, Miami County
- November 11 Melanie Hart – Extension Educator, Greene County
- November 13 Rebecca Supinger – Educator/Director, Greene County
- November 15 Pat Holmes – Extension Educator, Montgomery County
- November 23 Pam Dixon – Program Assistant, Hamilton County

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." ~ Henry Ford

"A moment of patience in a moment of anger saves a thousand moments of regret." ~ Anonymous

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate

List team accomplishments on a flip chart. Each team member selects one accomplishment and depicts it visually on a page of newsprint. Hang newsprint pages in the workplace.

Reminder – Ed Tech First Friday Coffee Break . . .

This is a reminder that the Ed Tech unit has a new “drop-in” informal learning opportunity. The First Friday of each month (from 10-11 a.m.), Jamie and/or Danae will be hosting a virtual AMA (Ask Me Anything) session via Carmen Connect. Colleagues are encouraged to join the Connect sessions as needed throughout the hour to ask questions, get recommendations, offer suggestions, ask for resources…anything! This will be a regular opportunity to informally connect and get real-time feedback. Use This Link to Participate in each First Friday Coffee Break
Following my year in California, I served another year in Elgin, IL as a recruitment coordinator for Brethren Volunteer Service. I travelled around the country speaking in churches, retreats, and colleges about the benefits of volunteering. It was at this point in my life when I started developing a real passion for travel and immersing myself in cultures different than my own.

Following my time as a volunteer, I attended Bethany Theological Seminary to pursue a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.). While most of my classmates went on to become pastors of churches, I worked in local non-profits and governmental agencies doing diversity training.

Following seminary, I served in the Americorps*VISTA (Domestic Peace Corps) program and worked as the National Education Coordinator at the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington, DC. I travelled throughout the US educating youth and adults about the issue of homelessness. At each location, I would ask local persons who were homeless/formerly homeless to accompany me and share their stories.

After my time in Washington DC, I moved to Ohio (April of 2001) and started my work as a 4-H Extension Educator in Warren County. My hobbies include travel (visited 23 countries) and play a variety of sports (mainly Tennis and Basketball). I have a passion for working with youth in the areas around diversity and multi-cultural awareness. My wife is from Germany and we have two young daughters (8 & 10) and live in Lebanon, OH. We have travelled to Germany more or less every year since my girls were born.
OSU CARES GRANTS AND CONNECT AND COLLABORATE GRANTS AVAILABLE!!

OSU CARES grants, up to $25,000 each, are available to help you partner across Ohio State to enhance your community programs. Proposals are due February 3. Go to http://osucares.osu.edu/grantsprogram.htm for the RFP. You can learn more about the OSU CARES and other grants by attending one of the Connect and Collaborate Grants information sessions on November 12th (11 to noon ) or December 8 (9 to 10) in Hale Hall. If you would like to brainstorm ideas for grants, come see the OSU CARES poster at Extension Annual Conference, or contact Karen Bruns at bruns.1@osu.edu.

The OSU CARES grants are part of more than $675,000 of funding available through the University's Connect and Collaborate Grants Program. These grants from OSU CARES, Office of Outreach and Engagement, Office of Research, International Affairs and Service-Learning, provide funding opportunities to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and research aligned with the Discovery Themes and, in a broader context, the Discovery Themes Focus Areas. The grants seek to leverage university teams aligned with public/private sector and international partners to address compelling 21st-century challenges with the goal of enhanced impact through transformational change.

To learn more about all of the grants and to apply see https://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html.

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