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While preparing for the month's issue of the e-Newsletter I came across some listings of community and sustainable development conferences throughout the world. I don't know about you but while focused on Ohio I often forget about Community Development activities in other parts of the U. S. and the world. As I scanned the list I was reminded that sustainable community is a goal of people all over the globe. Renewable energy, as you might expect, was also a hot topic. I wonder when the use of water will be as big a topic as renewable energy. In the U. S. we already pay more for water, at a \$1.29 for 8 oz., than we do for a gallon of gasoline.

As I scanned the list of conferences I also wondered what answers people in far away places have created? How does a community act sustainably in Greece, Pakistan, or New Delhi? What kind of relationships lead to community sustainability? How does the desire to "End Poverty" as they are trying to do in San Diego overcome power politics? And what will "A New Paradigm of Work: from Survival to Fulfillment" look like in the Netherlands?

Example of Community and Sustainable Development Conferences Worldwide in August 2007

## **LETTER FROM JOHN CONGLOSE AND GREG DAVIS, INTERIM CO-ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, CD**

If you are reading this now, chances are that you've skimmed the monthly CD newsletter before. If you are looking over this for the very first time, hopefully you find it of value and will tell a co-worker.

This electronic newsletter was originally conceived by a handful of CD Specialists as a vehicle for effectively and efficiently communicating activities, program accomplishments, and collaborative opportunities with stakeholders of CD programs throughout OSU and the state. Stakeholders, in the broadest sense, includes you and the folks with whom you might work.

Aside from a couple of months taken off over the past two years or so, the monthly newsletter has been produced with the help of rotating volunteer editors, and its dedicated and able publishing crew: Don, Shirley, Kathy, and Kim in the State CD Office.

Formal and less formal evaluation efforts have been conducted over the past couple of years to assess the value you place on this monthly communication tool, and overall, comments have been very supportive. However, since (as they say) its only as good as what you put in it, we'd really like to encourage you to more actively share via this monthly newsletter.

Look for the call for submissions toward the end of each month. Think about recent and/or upcoming programs that others might find of value. Jot down your thoughts related to a resource you've recently come across. Shorter is better, but be sure to include contact info or a URL for more information. Send your short pieces to the rotating editor, or to Shirley Cook at [cook.22@osu.edu](mailto:cook.22@osu.edu)

CD Newsletter Editor Rotate:

Aug- Bowling	Sept-Heimlich	Oct-Conglose	Nov-Konen	Dec-Davis	Jan-Grunkemeyer
Feb-Fox	Mar-Thomas	Apr-Moss	May-Boulay	June-Blaine	July-Davis

For folks that prefer to do such sharing in person, note the many opportunities to do so described in this and future newsletters. Two such venues require proposals by mid-August: the All Extension CD Conference held Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - proposals due Aug 15; and the Extension Annual Conference held December 12-13<sup>th</sup> - proposals due Aug 21. See the articles below for more information.

For folks desiring a more intensive venue, consider attending the Multi-State Study Tour to be held in western Pennsylvania Sept 18-20<sup>th</sup> (see article below). You will also want to note a CD Program Retreat is scheduled for January 30-31, 2008. Details are not yet finalized, but hold the dates!!

If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or suggestions, please let us know. As always, we appreciate your input!

### **WANT TO BUILD INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORKS WITH OHIO COLLEAGUES? REGISTER TO ATTEND THE ALL EXTENSION CD PROGRAM ON SEPT. 25, 2007**

Do you conduct programs involving the development of community resources? Are you looking for an opportunity to share with others how you use, implement, and/or evaluate such programs? If so, submit a roundtable presentation proposal by August 8, for the "Building Community Through Multi-Disciplinary Approaches: A Foundation of Extension Work" to be held on September 25, 2007 in the Agricultural Administration Auditorium in Columbus.

Your afternoon roundtable presentation will inform participants of: how to implement the program, expected program impacts, potential partnerships, and how the program relates to the seven Extension themes.

To be included, remember to forward your presentation proposal to [cook.22@osu.edu](mailto:cook.22@osu.edu) by August 8!

Review the proposal format at:

[http://comdev.osu.edu/rfp\\_all\\_ext\\_cd\\_event.html](http://comdev.osu.edu/rfp_all_ext_cd_event.html)

Conference registration is \$20. Look for registration materials to be posted soon! To learn more about the conference, go to:

[http://comdev.osu.edu/docs/sept\\_cd\\_program\\_agenda.pdf](http://comdev.osu.edu/docs/sept_cd_program_agenda.pdf)

### **SHARE, LEARN, AND COLLABORATE MULTI-STATE! THE OH/PA/WV STUDY TOUR: SEPT 18-20, 2007**

Participants from Extension systems in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia will be coming together to learn more about programming strengths, needs, and potential opportunities for interstate collaboration throughout western PA Sept 18-20. A registration fee of \$60.00 covers lunches on all three days and dinner Tuesday evening. Overnight accommodations are \$60/night. State CD funds will be available to help offset costs (amount yet to be determined).

Depending on the number of Ohio registrants, group transportation may also be available. To view a

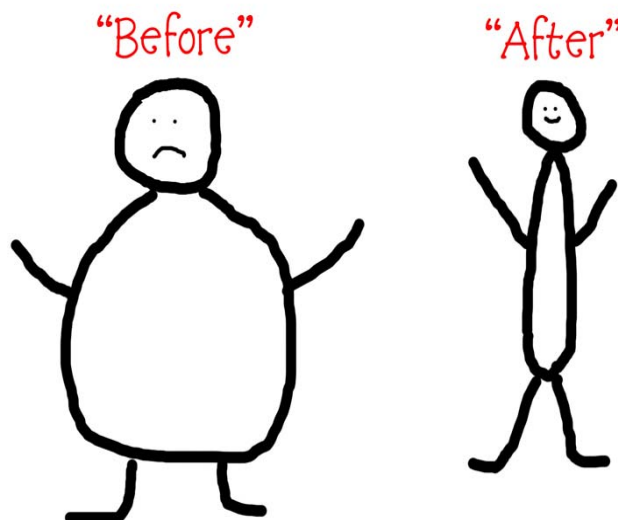
detailed agenda and/or to register, go to <http://www.economicdevelopment.psu.edu/> **NOTE: The registration deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## **EXTENSION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: NEW LOCATION, NEW FORMAT, PROPOSALS DUE AUG 21!**

Extension Annual Conference will take on a new look and feel as we focus on three specific content areas in a variety of presentation styles. Workshops, Interacts, Computer Labs, Seminar, and Poster presentations are being sought that offer concepts, programs, and models that can increase our awareness of and enhance our professional impact with Extension programming successful across the state. Please note that special consideration will be given to engaging, experiential learning opportunities. The purpose of these sessions is for participants to leave with a product, plan, idea, and/or resources in hand at the conclusion of the session. For more details, look for an All-Extension posting you should have received on July 27<sup>th</sup> from Tricia Callahan, Annual Conference Co-Chair. Proposals should be sent to [callahan.149@cfaes.osu.edu](mailto:callahan.149@cfaes.osu.edu), no later than **August 21**.

## **VAN WERT – THE BIGGEST LOSER**

A new cross-programmatic effort of OSUExtension-VanWertCounty, named the "New Year-New You Program," has received enormous response with 936 people committed to lose weight and live healthier. Local sponsors include Eaton Corporation, Central Insurance Companies and the Van Wert County Hospital, who with contributions of \$1,000 each, made it possible to provide financial incentives to teams and individuals at the end of the 12 week program. Educational sessions were held twice each week on a variety of health topics. The program finale was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> to recognize successful teams and individuals. For more information and results, check out our web site at <http://vanwert.osu.edu/>.



## **OSU SOUTH CENTERS STEPS UP THE PACE— A PROGRAM FOR ACQUIRING COMPETENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Through an OSU CARES grant, the OSUSouthCenters and the Center on Education and Training for Employment updated the contents of PACE. This curriculum is a modularized competency-based program of instruction for entrepreneurship first developed in the 1980s. PACE offers 22 modules on every facet of entrepreneurship and can be taught individually or as a comprehensive course.

Technical writers and subject matter experts worked closely through the details of each of the 22 modules to update content, clarify language, add new resources for the modules, and develop an entirely new module on the subject of e-commerce.

As a result of this project:

An updated competency-based entrepreneurship curriculum was produced to address the flexibility necessary for various student requirements, educational settings, and individual career development.

The team identified a gap in the curriculum and developed a new module that addresses e-commerce.

Through the train-the-trainer program, Extension educators will become familiar with using PACE and establish methods to integrate PACE curriculum into their community initiatives.

Additional versions of PACE are under consideration, such as an interactive CD.

If you are interested in learning more about PACE, contact David Boulay at OSU South Centers Business Development Network at 800-860-7232 EXT 228.

## **FOUNDATIONS OF PRACTICE**

**Want to better understand how communities work, your role in your community and how to make a greater impact?**

The **Foundations of Practice - Understanding Communities and their Dynamics** is a distance education program that will focus on understanding community, the dynamic components of community, Principles of Practice, community demographics, community economics, power structures, situational analysis and roles of Extension, community sustainability, and community development processes.

Seven 1.5 hour sessions are offered on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Central Standard Time using Breeze technology and a phone line.

- Tuesdays, September 18 - October 30
- Wednesdays, September 19 - October 31

Sessions will be archived and can be retrieved if a session is missed. The fee for the series is \$150, and scholarships may be available. For scholarship information, contact Shirley Cook at 614-292-6232. For more info, go to <http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/projects/corecomp/index.html>

## **WILL THE 2007 FARM BILL CHANGE THE WAY OSUE CD**

## **PROFESSIONALS WORK?**

Farm Bills are the major legislative vehicle for addressing rural development issues and have done so for the past 24 years. What does this mean for Extension? Consider the following two examples of provisions in the 2007 Farm Bill:

- Create a new Rural Entrepreneur and Microenterprise Assistance Program to provide technical and financial assistance to micro-enterprises and small businesses in rural areas with less than 10 employees.
- Extend Rural Business Opportunity Grants for job training in rural areas.

To see a full listing of provisions that might impact the work you do, check out the two page fact sheet at <http://agriculture.house.gov/inside/Legislation/110/FB/Rural%20Development%20Title.doc>

## **WHO GETS GRANDMA'S YELLOW PIE PLATE?**

### **Estate Planning Resources:**

A series of twelve different fact sheets are available that introduce the basic concepts of estate planning, with the following topics: 1) Introduction, including objectives such as treating children equally or equitably, continuing a viable business, liquidity needed, preserving equity and investment or using up assets during retirement, 2) Costs Involved in Transferring Estate, 3) Tax Basis for Transferred Property, 4) Wills, 5) Letter of Instruction, 6) Life Insurance, 7) Trusts, 8) Giving, 9) Sale of Residence, 10) Nursing Home Dilemma, 11) Medicare and Medigap, 12) Generation-Skipping Trusts, Limited Liability Companies, Conservation/Agricultural Easements.

The fact sheets which total over 100 pages can be downloaded for free from the OSU Extension web site, <http://ohioline.osu.edu/> by clicking on the “fact sheet” link on the left side of the page, then on the “Basic Estate Planning Series” link, the 11th link from the top. The direct link to the fact sheets is: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/ep-fact/index.html>

Another excellent workbook to help with the allocation of sentimental items is “Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” The workbook has 95 pages. For a description and ordering at a price of \$16 go to : <http://shop.extension.umn.edu/PublicationDetail.aspx?ID=1002>

If one wants hard copy, such can be ordered from OSU Extension Office, Hocking County, 150 N. Homer Ave., Logan, OH 43138. Send address with check for \$30 for the fact sheets in a 3 ring notebook and an additional \$8 for Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate Workbook.

