

Community Development e-Newsletter

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From the Desk of Dr. Ken Martin, AD/Community Development

OSUE CD was well represented at the 2nd annual conference of the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP), held February 13-16, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. The 15 attendees were Tom Blaine, Pat Brinkman, David Civittolo, John Conglose, Greg Davis, Bill Grunkemeyer, Joe Konen, Nancy Kukay, Joe Lucente, Ken Martin, Myra Moss, Mary Roenker, Sharon Strouse, Jerry Thomas, and Cindy Torppa. The conference provided an opportunity for service to the profession through participation on the planning committee (Nancy Kukay) and in reviewing proposals for the various education program tracks: Economic Development (Greg Davis and Jerry Thomas), Community Decision Making (Sharon Strouse), Education and Workforce Development (Nancy Kukay), Information Technology Literacy (Jerry Thomas), and Land Use and Natural Resources (Nancy Kukay and Joe Konen).

Specialists and educators shared their educational program resources and experiences, and results of their research through 3 poster sessions (Blaine, Brinkman, and Lucente), and 9 concurrent session presentations (Civittolo-3, Conglose-2, Davis-2, Grunkemeyer-2, Konen-1, Kukay-1, Lucente-3, Moss-2, Strouse-2, Thomas-3, and Torppa-1). Their presentations covered topics under each of the eight tracks. In addition to the five tracks mentioned above, the three additional tracks were Local Government and Community Services, Leadership Development, and Developing Successful Community Initiatives.

This level of participation in the conference reflects the depth and breadth of our Community Development program resources in Ohio. OSUE CD participation in NACDEP is helping this newest national Extension organization and conference develop into a respected and proactive resource for Community Development professionals. NACDEP is planning on becoming a member of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) later this year. This will further solidify the role and importance of Community Development nationally as we gain an official seat in Washington when JCEP represents Extension professionals at the federal level.

For those of you who have not joined NACDEP, I encourage you to do so. If you have not attended a NACDEP conference, plan now on attending next year when the event will be held in Philadelphia. There are opportunities to get involved in peer review of

proposals for conference presentations and poster sessions as well as opportunities to share the good work you are doing in Community Development here in Ohio.

Setting the Stage for a Strategic Research Agenda for the DESD

We have just begun the second year in the United Nations' *Decade on Education for Sustainable Development*. The Secretariat for the Decade charged UNESCO with looking at the educational programs for sustainability and moving them forward. In response, UNESCO and the United Nations' University have collaborated to hold a workshop in which 20 researchers from around the world will build a research agenda for Education for Sustainability/ Education for Sustainable Development. The goal of the workshop is to create a clear framework so individuals can see how basic and applied research efforts "fit together" to address bigger questions that then in turn, drive future research.

Joe E. Heimlich, Leader, Environmental Science and an Associate Professor in the School of Natural Resources was invited to engage in this process. The justification for his invitation is the work he has done both in research and in application in communities that focuses on adult learning in free-choice learning settings. During the intense workshop in Paris, Joe's role is to bring the voice of adult learners in non-school, non-university, non-training to the table. He has also been asked to serve as a rapporteur for one of the four working groups. The workshop is in Paris February 20-22.

Conferences and Workshops

Appalachian Studies Conference, March 17-19, 2006

The Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) announces its 29th annual Appalachian Studies Conference to be held March 17 – 19, 2006 at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. This is the first time that this conference has been held in Ohio.

This year's theme—Both Ends of the Road: Making the Appalachian Connection—provides an opportunity to explore both urban and rural Appalachia in today's society. Selecting among 297 presentations, academics, community workers, educators, public officials and others will be introduced to Appalachian history, culture, planning and service initiatives. There will be displays and exhibits including about a dozen university presses. This provides a good opportunity to talk about manuscript/publishing possibilities with editors.

Regular registration is \$125; student registration is \$75. A limited number of conference scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. To register for the Appalachian Studies Conference or for more information, please visit www.appalachianstudies.org or contact Mary Kay Thomas at 304-696-2904. Or locally, contact Deanna Tribe, OSU South Centers, tribe.1@osu.edu; 740.289.2071.

The Appalachian Studies Association was established in 1977. Its mission is to encourage study, advance scholarship, disseminate information and enhance communication among Appalachian people, their communities, governmental organizations and educational institutions. Its office is located at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator's Workshop

Want to conduct high-impact programming that provides you plenty of opportunities for formal evaluation? Learn more about the program leadership role you can play with the Ohio Business Retention & Expansion Initiative at the Task Force Coordinator's Workshop to be held from 9:30-3:00 on March 7th in 114 Kottman Hall. Contact Greg Davis for more info (davis.1081@osu.edu or 614-292-6356)

Want to learn more about BR&E but prefer to do so from your own office? Beginning March 6th, learn about BR&E via an online course from The University of Minnesota Extension Service. Offered since 1998, the course involves a business visit, reading & writing, e-mail discussions with your fellow participants and instructor, case studies, etc. Also included: the BR&E coursebook, online learning technology, instructor interaction with a 'real' person (Patricia Love), a DVD, and a certificate of completion from the University of Minnesota. More details and registration information are available at www.bre.umn.edu/coursesConsult.htm Program cost is \$550.

The 2006 Jennifer McSweeney Ohio Land Use Conference

The Jennifer McSweeney Ohio Land Use Program will be held March 31, 2006 at Fisher Auditorium on the OARDC campus at Wooster. Please see the attached "pdf" file of the brochure for details of the program.
<http://woostercenter.osu.edu/jmcsbrochure.pdf>