For those of you who are interested, I have repurposed some of my comments from Extension Annual Conference last week and posted them to Conspectus. As I mentioned at the conference, look for the phrase “bringing people and ideas together” being used more frequently as an official tagline for OSU Extension.

Here is a link to the latest post.
https://u.osu.edu/conspectus/2016/12/13/bringing-people-and-ideas-together/
Congratulations! . . .

We’d like to take a few minutes to congratulate those who were recognized by their peers at last week’s Extension Annual Conference.

**Friend of Extension Awards:**
- Hugh Earnhart – Mahoning County
- Shelen Stevens – Wood County
- Ashtabula County Farm Bureau

**Ruby Award Winner** – Graham Cochran

**ESP Retiree Service Winner** – Susan Crusey

**Extension Support Staff Excellence Award** – Teresa Funk (ANR)

**Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award** – Jill Stechschulte (FULT)

**Steve D. Ruhl Outstanding Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Educator Award** – Bruce Clevenger (DEFI)

**Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award** – Eric Romich (Field Specialist)

**ESP Excellence in Extension Award** – Pat Brinkman (FAYE)

Thank you to those who participated on the Conference Planning Committee: Lisa Barlage, Brad Bergefurd, Christy Clary, Marianne Guthrie, Pam Montgomery

**Breakout Sessions:**
- Making the Case for Extension: The Message and Messengers – Cynthia Torppa and Colleagues
- 4-H CARTEENS: A Team Approach to Teen Safety in Your Local Community – Judy Villard Overocker (RICH) and colleagues

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**Happy December Birthdays ...**

- December 2  Joe Lucente – Educator, Lucas County
- December 3  Carol Bottoms – Information Associate, Northwest Region
- December 14  Tammy Spillis – Program Assistant, Henry County
- December 15  Rhonda Mahaney – Office Assistant, Ottawa County
- December 16  Judy Villard Overocker – Educator/Director, Richland County
- December 18  Suzanne Saggese – Program Assistant, Lucas County
- December 19  Susan Shickley – Program Assistant, Erie County
- December 20  Kelly Coble – Educator, Allen County
- December 21  Angie Holmes – Educator/Director, Erie County
- December 24  Sarah Noggle – Educator/Director, Paulding County
- December 26  Erin Riegel-Mancuso – Office Associate, Seneca County

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Congratulations!...

Posters:
- Capturing Impact of Fertilizer Certification Training – Ed Lentz (HANC) and colleagues
- Keep Calm and Have Some Fun – Bruce Clevenger and Teresa Johnson (DEFI)
- Connecting National Resources to Local Consumers – Patrice Powers-Barker, Suzanne Saggese, and Amy Stone (LUCAS)
- 4-H Cutting Board Challenge – Kelly Coble (ALLEN), Jason Hedrick (ALLEN/PUTN) and colleague
- Opportunities and Resources for Conducting On-Farm Research with OSU Extension – Bruce Clevenger (DEFI) and colleagues
- A Summary of Three Years of Corn Nitrogen Rate Trials in Fulton County – Eric Richer (FULT)
- Opportunities for Extension with Farm to Preschool – Suzanne Saggese

Congratulations to the members of **Chi Epsilon Sigma** (CES) on the 30th Anniversary of their organization.

**Chi Epsilon Sigma Awards** -
- Newsletter: Jenny Lindimore (MORG)
- Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award: Lee Ann Johnson (SERO)

Congratulations to the **new officers of CES**:
- Emily Cordes (HENR) – Northwest Region Director
- Carol Bottoms (NWRO) – Southwest Region Director

**JCEP/ESP Awards** -
**Scholarships:**
- Bruce Clevenger (DEFI) $500; Jason Hedrick (PUTN) $400; Donna Green (ERIE) $250

**Team Teaching Awards:**
- **Multi-Disciplinary – All Extension members (2 or more program areas)**
  - 1st place – Adding a Youth Flavor to Extension’s Signature Program – Local Foods – Patrice Powers-Barker (LUCAS) and colleagues

- **One Program Area – All Extension members**
  - 1st place – Live Healthy Live Well Spring Email Challenge – Cheryl Barber Spires (NWRO), Donna Green (ERIE), Melissa Welker (FULT) and colleagues
  - 2nd place – Ohio 4-H CARTEENS County Coordinator Training – Judy Villard Overocker (RICH) and colleagues
Congratulations! 

Creative Works Awards:
- Personal Column – 1D – 2nd Ed Lentz (HANC)
- Periodical Publication – 1E – HM Cassie Anderson (HANC)
- Radio Interview – 2A – 2nd Ed Lentz (HANC)
- Educational Exhibit – Professionally Assisted – 4B – 1st Mary Beth Albright (ERIE) and colleagues; 2nd Jason Hedrick (ALLE/PUTN) and colleagues
- Promotional Flyer – Internally Produced – 6A – 2nd Angela Holmes (ERIE)
- Promotional Package (Team) – 6D – 2nd Patrice Powers-Barker (LUCAS) and colleagues; 3rd Donna Green (ERIE) and colleagues
- Curriculum Package (Team) – 7B – 1st Cheryl Barber Spires (NWRO), Susan Zies (WOOD) and colleagues; 2nd Patrice Powers-Barker (LUCAS) and colleagues
- Fact Sheet – 8A – HM Donna Green (ERIE)
- Blog – 9C – 2nd Susan Zies (WOOD), Melissa Welker (FULT), Cheryl Barber Spires (NWRO), Donna Green (ERIE) and colleagues
- Social Networking Medium – 9D – HM Susan Zies (WOOD), Melissa Welker (FULT), Katie LaPlant (OTTA/SAND), Cheryl Barber Spires (NWRO), Patrice Powers-Barker (LUCAS) and colleagues

ESP Chapter Awards:
- Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Individual) – Angela Holmes (ERIE)
- International Service Recognition – Alan Sundermeier (WOOD)
- Creative Work—Follow-Up News Story Press Release 1st place Jenny Morlock (WOOD)
- Meritorious Support Service Recognition – Lee Ann Johnson (SERO)

2016 ESP Regional Award Winners:
- International Service Award – James Hoorman (PUTN)

Service Awards (Program Area Winners):
- Mid Career Service (10-20 years) – 4-H Angela Holmes (ERIE)

National Association Awards:
- NAE4-HA Distinguished Service – 2017 – Cassie Anderson (HANC)
- TERSSA – Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award – Vickie Snyder (SERO)
This year’s deadline to enter all Real Money. Real World. survey results into the online database system is end of day, Sunday, December 18, 2016.

If you have RMRW programs scheduled after December 16, 2016, please immediately send an email to me, Kim Showalter (showalter.56@osu.edu), so I know to delay creation of your 2016 summary reports. The data entry deadline date was determined in order to provide the Program Development and Evaluation (PDE) unit time to generate RMRW summary reports for you to use as you enter information into RiV by January 15th. Please bear in mind these reports are NOT generated automatically, and do require PDE staff time to create. For 2015 RMRW programs, over 550 discrete documents were created for RMRW counties (one “long” report, one “short” report, and one “qualitative” report for each county, in addition to those three reports for each school / location).

Below are the data entry links:
- The Participant Self-Assessment (pages 59-60 in curriculum) data entry link is: [http://go.osu.edu/2013RMRWde](http://go.osu.edu/2013RMRWde)
- Long term evaluation data (*3-6 months following RMRW lessons/simulation) is called the “Follow-up Participant Assessment.” (pages 104-105 in curriculum) It has its own survey link: [http://go.osu.edu/RMRWfollowup](http://go.osu.edu/RMRWfollowup)
  - The long-term follow-up data entry site works in the same manner as the self-assessment data entry site (and it’s pretty self-explanatory) … one form entered at a time, following the prompts for each field.

As in recent years, your summarized data reports will be uploaded to BuckeyeBox, and a link to the folder will be made available to all of you who have reports to be viewed. Please be on the lookout for a follow up email next week – I need to determine a list of email addresses for those who should have access to BuckeyeBox. I’ll be sending out targeted emails to counties who already have data entered or have entered data in past years to verify the names and emails of those in the county who should be granted access to view the 2016 summary reports in BuckeyeBox.

The projected timeline for completing your summary reports is the last week of December (PDE is targeting the week of December 26 to have your reports in BuckeyeBox). This timeline is for those who finish their data entry by December 18.
Happy Holidays to our Extension partners

Did you know?

The primary goal of The CFAES Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) is to partner with faculty and staff to develop and enhance the overall quality of competitive external grant proposals. Preparation is key to writing a successful proposal! Our team will offer guidance to researchers in planning, preparing, and editing proposals.

By collaborating with the Office of Sponsored Programs, we provide budget support and timelines to address solicitation requirements. Other resources available include templates and materials that will be helpful in writing a successful proposal. We aim to increase the competitiveness of your proposal by submitting well-crafted and responsive applications. By utilizing these services, investigators will have more time to concentrate on the development of high-quality research initiatives.

Contact Pam Schlegel.33@osu.edu to see how she can assist with your next proposal. There is no charge for this service.

Using Google Efficiently (Source: Allen November)

Allen November gave a presentation during lunch at Annual Conference discussing how to make web searches more efficient. I recognized this to be an important topic, as we all need tools to save time. I approached him after his presentation to inquire about resources we could use. Below are two web sites he suggested we start with.

The first is a guide constructed by Google which outlines all 15 or so search commands, and the second is a link to a self-paced tutorial of how to correctly use power searching as a tool. I hope this helps anyone who wanted more information about this topic.

2) Tutorial: http://www.powersearchingwithgoogle.com/
The deadline for the reallocators is December 29. Please keep in mind that many of our staff will be on vacation that week between Christmas and New Year’s Day so please do not wait to enter any of the charges into eRequest. As the entries will also need that next step of approval (and your approver may be planning to be off then), even if you, the PCard Manager/User are not.) If that is the case, please notify the region office because we may be able to approve from here. As previously noted by our BOC, the entries should be posted within 48 hours of the purchase. Thank you for your help in keeping to these deadlines. If you have any questions, please contact Patty at corfman.4@osu.edu (Maumee Valley EERA) or Sarah Mays at mays.201@osu.edu (Erie Basin).

Visit the EdTech blog for information shared at Annual Conference:

- Extension and the Maker Movement: Events ideas and Collaborative Partnerships for Every Impact Area
- OSU Extension Annual Conference 2016: Your Posts

Distinguished Staff Award nominations accepted to January 13
Nominate staff members to be recognized for the impact they make at Ohio State. The Distinguished Staff Awards recognize and celebrate staff for their significant achievements, leadership, dedication and service to the university. It is the highest honor for Ohio State staff members and 12 recipients are selected annually. Each recipient receives a $1,500 cash award, an increase of $700 to his or her base salary and a commemorative trophy, along with being honored at a spring luncheon and on the field during an Ohio State football game. Nomination deadline is Friday (1/13) at 5:00 p.m. Read more  Contact

Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award Nominations
The Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award celebrates diversity and rewards individuals and groups for their commitment to diversity. Faculty, staff, students, student organizations and alumni can nominate their colleagues and peers. Five recipients receive a commemorative certificate and $1,200 cash award, along with being honored at a spring luncheon and on the field during an Ohio State football game. Honorees are recognized for making diversity and inclusiveness a part of university best practices. Deadline for nominations is Friday (1/13) at 5 p.m. Read more  Contact
Important Dates and Deadlines . . .

If there are dates that apply to many that you would like to see included in this section of the newsletter, please send them to Carol at bottoms.6@osu.edu.

DECEMBER:
12 – RiV Information – New Employees, PM (Connection info TBD)
13 – RiV Refresher, PM (Connection Info TBD)
23-26 – Christmas Holiday

FEBRUARY:
7 – 4-H Professionals In-service
15 – CFAES Research and Extension Legislative Luncheon (Ohio Statehouse Atrium)
16-17 – Tri State Diversity Conference, Cincinnati Airport Marriott, Hebron, KY
27 – RD Meeting

MARCH:
27 – RD Meeting

APRIL:
2-5 – PILD Conference (Crystal City, VA)
24 – RD Meeting

MAY:
22 – RD Meeting
29 – Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE:
11-14 – NACDEP/CDS National Conference, Big Sky, Montana
27 – RD Meeting

JULY:
4 – Independence Day Holiday
9-13 – NACAA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
19 – CED Meeting (Online)
31 – RD Meeting

Blog Links . . .

- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- Community Development – http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/
- Ag Law – http://aglaw.osu.edu/blog

2017 Dates

JANUARY:
2 – New Year’s Holiday
16 – Martin Luther King Holiday
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F or online)
24 – SEAC & OARDC Annual meeting (TBD) (snow date Jan. 31)
27 – Promotion Workshop, hosted by A&P Committee, 4H Center
30 – RD Meeting