Friends,

As I approach my third year back with Extension and look forward to the next year, it strikes me that there is so much that has occurred and so much yet to be accomplished and discovered. During my recent tenure here, we have moved from 3 regional directors (and regions) to 5, said goodbye to 2 regional directors, gained a new university president, a new college dean, and offered Keith our best wishes for his retirement after 23 years at the helm. I have hired 24 educators and watched 5 educators move into the next stage of their journey after retirement. We have welcomed a new centralized business office model, a new HR structure, and the creation of education technology specialists. We have celebrated an historic anniversary (100 years) and begun planning around what comes next (Extension Reconsidered and the VP Conversations). There have been a lot of changes and there are many more on the horizon. This can seem scary for some, as we often like (or at least are most comfortable with) the status quo. But I know that if anyone can embrace change, identify opportunities, and make innovative progress toward a positive and engaging future, it is Extension. I look forward to the upcoming opportunities to catalyze our extensive college and university resources, our community partnerships, and our individual and cooperative strengths. Thank you for being such an appreciated part of my last three years. I am looking forward to what we can do together in the next three. You are a tremendous force for good and I am glad we are on the same team!

Best wishes,

Jackie

**In the News . . .**

A guide for enjoying the fruits of summer
*Canton Repository*
July 8, 2015
**Featured:** Yvette Graham, Program Specialist - EFNEP, OSU Extension Stark County

**Dean's Webinar . . .**

Dean McPherson’s monthly webinar is scheduled for this Friday, July 17 at 1 p.m. Please hold the date. More information will be sent this week about connecting to the webinar.

**Business Office Reminder . . .**

*Bank Reconciliation Form and June Bank Statement – Due 7/31/2015*

Please complete the June Bank Reconciliation Form: [http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/Forms/BankReconciliationForm%20July.xlsx](http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/Forms/BankReconciliationForm%20July.xlsx)

This form and your June Bank Statement should be scanned and emailed to Wendy Michel, CFAESBusiness@osu.edu or faxed to 614.688.0529.
Looking for Volunteers . . .
We have an opportunity in the Region and are looking for some volunteers.

Staff Advisory Council -
This fall, Cheryl Fischnich, will complete her term on the CFAES Staff Advisory Council. Cheryl has been our region’s representative on this council for the past four years.

Purpose: The Staff Advisory Council shall act in an advisory capacity to the Vice President of Agricultural Administration and Dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Providing a formal vehicle for staff participation in the betterment of the college by shaping an environment that promotes mutual respect, builds teams, and creates a compelling place to work and learn.

If you would like more information about the SAC, please contact Cheryl at fischnich.1@osu.edu. As a staff member, if you would like to volunteer to serve as the Northeast Region representative, please send your wishes to Jackie Kirby Wilkins at wilkins.201@osu.edu

If you haven’t already, please take a few minutes to visit http://cfaes.osu.edu/faculty-staff-resources/staff-advisory-council/staff-advisory-council-newsletter and read about the many items coordinated by your representatives of the CFAES Staff Advisory Council.

Save the Date . . . (Source: Ken Martin)
Candidates Presentations - Family & Consumer Sciences Assistant Director
Monday, August 3, 2015 – Campbell Hall

Please plan to attend the FCS AD candidate’s presentations. If you are unable to attend in person, videoconferencing will be available.

A formal email will follow with more details.

FCS All Program Conference Proposals . . . (Source: Jane Thoman)
We invite all FCS employees to submit a poster presentation for our Family Consumer Sciences All Programs Conference October 13 & 14 at The Ohio Union. Our theme this year will be: “Putting the Puzzle Together: Solidifying Our Purpose & Value for the Future,” so it is important to reflect on this in your presentation. We will have two categories for posters this year (i.e. program orientation and research). This opportunity is open to all FCS employees!

Please submit abstracts at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1ziSRi39Q5ED1lj by Friday, August 7. The committee will review the applications, and you will be notified of your poster acceptance no later than September 7. The application is set up so you are able to save and return later if you want to add information to your submission as you go along. Please note the character limits specified.

The conference planning committee has also developed a website where all of the conference materials will be posted, including registration, parking, hotel, and speaker bios. Be on the lookout for more information, but in case you lose any emails, all of the information will additionally be posted at http://fcs.osu.edu/fcs-2015-conference.

Newsletter Examples . . .
I just wanted to take an opportunity to highlight a few of the program area newsletters that are being produced in our region. We have some excellent newsletters that are timely, relevant, and educational. There are many more examples that could be shared (and I will do so in the future). These tools are critical in keeping consumers informed and sharing our successes. Well done!

Carroll County Agriculture & Natural Resources News and Views Newsletter

The Northeast Ohio Agri-Culture Electronic Newsletter is published by David Marrison for farmers in Ashtabula and Trumbull Counties.
Real-time Training Opportunities . . . (Source: Jackie Kirby Wilkins)
As Extension professionals, one of our key values is lifelong and continuous learning. The university is a partner in providing opportunities for trainings in a variety of areas that would be useful to us in our individual professional journeys and in our varying roles. Please take some time to review the offerings available through Carmen. Carmen is the university's course management and training system. To access the training, you will need your name.# username and password. Instructions for enrolling in each training are provided on the site. You can identify training through this source that can be completed at your convenience and around your busy schedule and then included in your portfolio meet some of your individual professional development goals. You can also talk to your regional director if you see a topic that is typically offered on main campus that you would like to bring to the region.

Self-Directed Learning Opportunities for Staff - https://hr.osu.edu/ole/SelfDirectedLearning

Staff Training and Development - https://hr.osu.edu/ole/StaffTraining

Professional Development Opportunities in HR - https://hr.osu.edu/ole/HRStaffPD

Face-to-Face Professional Development Opportunities across the University - https://hr.osu.edu/ole/UnivFacePD

National Meetings . . .
Many wonderful opportunities are coming soon for educators to attend their association's national meetings in South Dakota, Oregon and West Virginia. During the performance review process we are reminded that Service is an expectation of all educators and includes contributions to the University, profession and society. Educators are encouraged to have active participation in their professional associations, attend the meetings when possible and to take on leadership roles as well.

As many of you start to make plans to attend an upcoming national meeting, we thought it would be helpful to provide some travel reminders.

Several travel tips can be found on the Northeast Region webpage at http://northeast.osu.edu/node/556/travel-tips. If you have specific questions, please feel free to call Cheryl (fischnich.1@osu.edu).


VP Conversation Online Survey Open! . . . (Source: Greg Davis)

Tell us what you think...

VP Conversation on the Future of Extension

2035

The Online Survey is Available!

If you haven't had a chance to participate in one of our hosted conversations, please register to complete this brief survey so we can learn more about what you think! Already participated in a conversation? We also encourage you to register and complete the survey to provide any additional inspiration or thoughts you have.
ALSO
Please promote among your volunteers, clientele, and partners and encourage them to complete this survey!

The Survey will remain open until Friday, July 31, 2015.

Click Below to Take the Survey

Survey Link: [https://go.osu.edu/surveyohio2035](https://go.osu.edu/surveyohio2035)
If you have difficulties just copy and paste this URL into your browser

**PLEASE NOTE:** All responses will remain confidential. Responses will be de-identified and aggregated before analysis.

**Questions?** Please contact Graham Cochran at cochranch.99@osu.edu or Becky Nesbitt at nesbitt.21@osu.edu.

**CFAES Staff Advisory Council Awards . . .**
Now's the time to think about nominating an individual for the 2015 CFAES Staff Advisory Council Awards. The awards include:

- Shirley Brooks-Jones Award (Recognition of Staff Excellence)
- Key Values Award (Recognition of Staff with Less than 3 years experience)
- Innovation Award (Recognition of Staff for improvements to the workplace)
- Special Recognition Award (Recognition of Staff who offer special assistance)

Each of the individuals selected are honored with a luncheon, plaque and monetary cash award. To nominate an outstanding staff member, visit [http://go.osu.edu/SAC-recognition-awards](http://go.osu.edu/SAC-recognition-awards). Deadline for nomination is **August 31**. Contact Kelly Elisar @ elisar.1@osu.edu if you have questions.

Click [here](http://go.osu.edu/SAC-recognition-awards) for the 2015 Nomination Fillable Form.
Support Staff – Hold the Date . . .
TERSSA and the CES Connection –

In 2016, Chi Epsilon Sigma (the National Extension Support Staff Fraternity) and Ohio State University Extension have the honor of hosting the TERSSA (The Extension Research and Support Staff Association) National Conference. This will be the first time the conference is held in Ohio. We are excited to show affiliated TERSSA states our Buckeye Pride! Planning has already begun. **Mark your calendars – tentative date: October 18-20, 2016 in Columbus.**

Also, when the Chi Epsilon Sigma membership information comes out in the next few weeks, please consider joining CES and TERSSA. It is a wonderful way to be connected to support staff in Ohio and other states (current TERSSA states include Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia).