September Social Media Workshops Rescheduled for October! . . . (Source: Jamie Seger)

Due to many scheduling conflicts with events such as Farm Science review and the NEAFCS conference, we have rescheduled the social media workshops set for September for the following dates:

- Just the Basics Workshop: October 22nd
- Content & Strategy Workshop: October 24th

Both workshops will be held on campus in Columbus.

Please save these dates if you are interested in attending either or both workshops. Registration information will come out the first week in October.

What’s new in your county?

In an effort to create more relevant news for the Heart of Ohio newsletter, we ask that you send in information regarding what is going on in your county! Send email with the subject line “Newsletter” to Stiving.3@osu.edu
In the next few days OSU Extension program staff will receive an email about an exciting opportunity to participate in the Extension Reconsidered initiative. This national initiative involving 13 state Extension systems and being led by Imagining America, “aims to reconsider dominant views of what Extension is and what it’s for, and to envision what it could and should be in the twenty-first century.”

Here in Ohio, we are doing just that through Extension Reconsidered, and also connecting the project with the Vice-President’s Dialogue on the Future of Extension and OSU Extension’s state-wide needs assessment.

Become involved in this opportunity to engage young people (under the age of 30) in a conversation about the future of their communities and Extension. Applications by local 4-person teams (consisting of a 14-19 year old, a 20 to 24 year old, an adult mentor and an Extension employee) will be accepted until October 6th. To learn more, click on this link http://northeast.osu.edu/sites/extne/files/imce/files/NEWS/Ext%20Reconsidered.pdf

You are invited to actively engage in the OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium on December 9-11 at the Ohio Union. As our organization looks to “The Next 100 Years,” all colleagues are encouraged to consider the research, skill sets, methods, trends, etc. that will drive our organization forward in service to all Ohioans. As the initial RFP announcement on August 26 said, “Dean McPheron wants Extension to take the gloves off and tackle the emerging Ohio trends of the next 20 years and what that means for Extension work.”

Anyone in OSU Extension is invited to contribute presentations and posters that will move us toward a stronger future. Proposals are due by 5 pm on September 26. Proposals may be submitted to present in one of the following formats: 45-minute presentation or poster. New this year: a special poster opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students. Visit http://go.osu.edu/2014EAC to view the request for proposal outline and directions.
2014 Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination Due October 20…

Once again it is time to make nominations for the Excellence in 4-H Award. This award honors superior accomplishments by an Extension Educator in developing dynamic, innovative, broad-based 4-H educational programs. The award, funded through the Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Fund, is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professionals who serve as examples in setting standards of excellence in ten major areas of the County 4-H program. A peer may nominate any Ohio State University Extension Educator who provides leadership to 4-H programs. Nomination forms are due to Lisa Jinks by October 20, 2014. Please nominate one or more individuals, whom you think are deserving of this recognition.

PHA deadline September 30!

If benefits-eligible faculty/staff have not completed the PHA in 2014, they need to do so by September 30 to receive 2015 medical plan choice and premium credit up to $480. NEW IN 2014! Faculty, staff and their spouses/same-sex domestic partners must know their health values (height, weight, blood pressure, total cholesterol, HDL and a blood sugar value (either glucose or A1C) and enter all of them in the Personal Health & Well-Being Assessment (PHA).

Top Five Reasons to Present at the Annual Conference & Research Colloquium

5. Presenters are more invested in the overall conference experience. If you hadn’t heard, this will be a great year to be actively engaged throughout our annual meeting.
4. You will receive a larger allotment* of celebratory birthday cake!
3. Why wouldn’t you take this opportunity to shape our future?
2. The Dean is watching. Let’s show him our best and brightest.
1. The poster sessions will be juried and offer large rosette prizes. This stuff is great for your vitae or to hang on your car’s rear-view mirror for all of 2015. Logistics: Visit http://go.osu.edu/2014EAC to view the Request for Proposal (RFP) outline and directions (also attached to this email). Visit http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2014RFP to register to submit a proposal; due not later than

OSUE Promotion Workshop – Save the Date

WHO: Extension faculty and A&P educators
WHAT: OSUE Promotion Workshop
WHEN: Session One - Wednesday, November 12, 2014
      Session Two - Tuesday, January 27, 2015 (repeat of November)
WHERE: Administration Building Auditorium, Columbus, OH

Registration information will be available in September. Questions, contact Lisa Dune, dune.2@osu.edu