Thank You . . .
The SE Region Director Search Committee would like to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedules earlier this week to participate in the candidate presentation process as well as completing the valued feedback survey. While the deadline has expired for your feedback, in case you missed the presentations, the links to the recordings can still be found at http://southeast.osu.edu/rd-candidate-presentations. These will remain on the Region website until later next week.

Birthday Wishes . . .
- October 3 – Jennie Shaw, Office Associate, Monroe County
- October 6 – Darlene Lukshin, Program Specialist, CD, Washington County

Welcome . . .
We welcome Sara Kroll, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed to Washington County. Sara started in the Southeast Region on September 19, 2016.

Congratulations . . .
We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our FCS colleagues who recently made presentations, posters and were award recipients at their national conference held in Big Sky, Montana.
Presentations:
**Lisa Barlage,** Extension Educator, FCS, Ross County (and colleagues) – Cooperative Extension and Health Literacy: A National Focus (Showcase of Excellence)
**Lisa Barlage** (and colleagues) – Connecting and Engaging Your Team to Be Successful in Social Media Programming (Concurrent Session)
**Carol Chandler,** Program Specialist, SNAP-Ed, Southeast Region (and colleague) – SMART START with Money, Teaching Preschoolers about Money (Showcase of Excellence)
**Lisa Barlage** (and colleague) – Build Positive, More Productive Team

Awards:
**Carol Chandler** – Early Child Care Training (1st Place National; 1st Place Region)

Leadership:
**Lisa Barlage** – Awards and Recognition Committee
**Carol Chandler** – Nominating Committee

Congratulations also –
to our Ohio 4-H professionals who have assumed leadership of five of the 13 NAE4-HA Task Forces:
- Kathy Bruynis (Highland) – Ag Literacy
- Kate Feldhues (Ross) – Camping and Environmental Education
- Andrea (Daubenmier) Rees (Knox) – Animal Science
- Laura Rohlf (Henry) – Communication and Expressive Arts
- Cassie Anderson (Hancock) and Jenna Hoyt (Ashtabula) – Youth Empowerment

Southeast Region Endowment . . .

It is time to apply for the Southeast Region Endowment Awards. Applications for these awards are to be submitted to Jeff McCutcheon at the SE Region Office by **November 30, 2016.** Applicants must be employees of the counties that comprise the Southeast Region. ALL program and support staff are eligible to apply for this award.

Applications can be submitted towards program support or professional development support (up to $500 per grant). The endowment guidelines and application for these grant funds are located on the SE Region website at [http://southeast.osu.edu/region-director](http://southeast.osu.edu/region-director) (Other: SE Region Endowment Guidelines and Application).
The endowment committee is comprised of personnel from the region, and they will serve as the review committee for grants submitted.
One of last year’s recipients submitted the following report about their grant:

**Proposal – “The Cook’s Shop Cooking Classes;” Award Received $500; Amanda Bohlen, FCS Educator, Washington County**

After receiving money from the Southeast Region Endowment, Cindy Styer and Amber Peck, SNAP-Ed Program Assistants and myself were able to take some cooking classes at a local business in town. We had the privilege of being able to watch different chefs in our area make recipes that we felt our clientele would be interested in. We were able to gain a deeper understanding of flavors, textures, technical skills and different cooking techniques.

Our first class we were able to explore “mother sauces” and how to change them to fit the recipes we were making. For the second class, we got a greater understanding of different types of fish and the different cooking methods we could use to enhance their flavor. The third class dealt with keeping the heat out of the kitchen and cooking on the grill. The flavor that a grill can give the food is nothing you can recreate in the kitchen. Ever tried to grill your lemons first before making lemonade? It will leave you wondering what’s that added flavor. The last class was all about knives. It was a hands-on approach to knife skills and learning the proper way to handle and take care of our knives.

These classes helped push us outside of our comfort zone and try new flavors and combinations that we may not have come up with ourselves. We were able to build a repertoire of recipes to use as a base in future classes. These classes helped us feel more confident and comfortable in the kitchen to better help our participants. Lifelong memories that will never be forgotten.

**Annual Conference RFP . . . (Source: Annual Conference Concurrent Sessions and Posters Subcommittee)**

Time, money, knowledge, research, and care – all things you can invest in people, your work, and your goals. As CFAES professionals in Extension, we invest much work every day toward a common goal: to positively impact the lives and communities with which we engage. That’s why this year’s theme is --- **Investing for Impact!**

No matter your role, what you do is essential to our Extension mission. Your work makes a difference in programming, applied research, relationships, operations, and outreach; and your daily investments can be very informative for fellow colleagues.
The request for conference presentations and posters is now open. **Proposals are due by October 19.** Four major focus areas have been identified this year, and more information is available on the attached RFP. How does your work enhance: partnerships? programming? practices? people? What can YOU do to build upon the investments of your Extension colleagues to ensure we make the greatest impact possible? Now is the time to share the passion you put into your work, new resources or ideas that have revitalized your programs, and inspiring ways you create or strengthen relationships and collaborations throughout Ohio and the country.

There are three proposal types: conduct a 60-minute presentation, submit one of four categories of posters, or the new opportunity to deliver a 5-minute Ignite session. See the attached RFP or visit [http://go.osu.edu/2016EAC](http://go.osu.edu/2016EAC) for more information. Then visit [http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2016RFP](http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2016RFP) to submit a proposal. Selection notices will be sent in early November. Contact one of the Concurrent Sessions and Posters Subcommittee co-chairs if you have questions. Lisa @ barlage.7@osu.edu, Patty @ house.18@osu.edu, or Debby @ lewis.205@osu.edu

**Faculty Request for Non-mandatory Promotion . . . (Source: Ken Martin)**

If you are considering submitting a dossier for non-mandatory (voluntary) faculty promotion during the 2017-18 review cycle, the first step is to discuss this with your Regional Director and/or Assistant Director. You are encouraged to initiate this discussion and provide your supervisor with a copy of your dossier so they can provide informed feedback regarding the potential for your success in this process.

To request a non-mandatory promotion review, submit a letter of intent no later than **Thursday, December 1, 2016**, to Department Chair, Ken Martin, martin.1540@osu.edu. Also, send a copy of the letter to your supervisor and the Extension Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair, Andy Londo @ londo.2@osu.edu.

Address the letter to:

- Ken Martin, PhD
- Professor, Chair and Associate Director, Programs
- College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Department of Extension
- 3 Agricultural Administration Building
- 2120 Fyffe Road
- Columbus, OH 43210

Note: The names of faculty requesting a promotion will be sent to the college. Faculty will receive dossier assistance with the transition to RiV to the Vita reporting system for the 2017-18 review cycle.
eXtension News...

Opportunity for Extension Professionals to Review Proposed Changes to Ask an Expert
Recently eXtension led a reassessment of Ask an Expert. While Ask an Expert is one of eXtension’s most valued assets with more than 321,284 questions answered by 6,474 experts since February 21, 2008, the steadily increasing volume of questions from 2008 to the present has posed challenges for the professionals and volunteers who serve as experts to answer the questions. To get your input, eXtension will be hosting a web meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at 3 p.m. Eastern to discuss the findings and recommendations for changes. Prior to attending the web meeting, we suggest that attendees review this document – Recommendation for Ask an Expert Changes. For more information, to register for this web meeting, and to add this event to your calendar, visit learn.extension.org/events/2853.

Professional Development Opportunities –
Begin your search for professional development opportunities with a new quick link on extension.org that allows you to view the whole range of offerings and begin looking for exactly what you need in just a few clicks. Included is a curated list of webinars, both recorded and upcoming, that are deemed to have professional improvement value for Extension educators, staff and administrators, along with a guide to online professional development courses. It also highlights competency frameworks developed for Extension professionals and links to the Extension professional associations. Try it out! And give us your suggestions for other professional development opportunities to include.

Intro to Health Reimbursement Accounts . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
One of the changes to 2017 wellness incentives is the introduction of Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA). An HRA can be used to pay for health care expenses such as copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. Participants will earn credits for their personal HRA as part of the Your Plan for Health (YP4H) incentive program. The Open Enrollment website provides additional details about HRAs and other benefits changes for 2017. Dates to enroll: Tuesday (11/1) through Tuesday (11/15). Read more Contact or 614.292.1050

Business Operations Center (BOC) Information . . .
Visit http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/ for latest news on
- Grants/Contracts Training, Navigating the PI Portal – Oct. 10 (Wooster) and Oct. 13 (Columbus)
- 4-H Volunteer Background Check Process

First Friday Coffee Break . . .
How might we use technology to improve our leadership skills, programming and impact? Join Brian Raison, Leadership Field Specialist, and the OSU Extension Ed Tech Team to discuss leadership and technology. Learn about the new national leadership network. And share your ideas on innovative approaches to discovering intersections of leadership and technology.
First Friday Coffee Break – Leadership and Technology
Friday, October 7 at 10 a.m.
Click here to join Coffee Break
To join by phone, dial 1.408.638.0968 or 1.646.558.8656, Meeting ID 620 577 110
This webinar will use the Zoom platform. Participants will automatically be joined into the webinar with webcam video (if applicable) and audio.

Where is Brutus? . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
While there is only one Brutus Buckeye, did you know that more than 30 life-size statues of our beloved mascot can be found on or near campus? Ohio Staters, Inc. invites you to visit http://go.osu.edu/wib and use the map to find these Brutus statues. Take pictures with the statues and post online using the hastag “findbrutus. The map is available in both a PDF and mobile-friendly format. Enjoy! Contact or 614-886-1476. As a side note – we’d also love to share your photos in This Week Southeast. Forward your photos to Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu

Miles Ahead of the Rest . . .

It's that time of year again — cheering crowds at The Shoe, dotting the "i" in Script Ohio, the Best Fans in the Land, and of course, the 7th annual Hit the Road with the Buckeyes team walking challenge. It’s no doubt that we are Miles Ahead of the Rest.

Join the tradition this year and be a part of the 7th annual walking challenge! Gather a team of 2 to 10 teammates and challenge yourselves to walk the distance to Ohio State's away Big Ten football games (about 3 million steps)!

Login to the YP4H portal to lead or join a team.

The challenge started on Monday, October 3 and ends November 20, 2016.

WIN! You’ll also be able to earn up to 500 YP4H points and entered to win SKicks*! Learn more at yp4h.osu.edu
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

Award Nominations... NEW SECTION!

Chi Epsilon Sigma – Due October 31
- Newsletter, Brochure and Website Contest
- Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award

Schindler Excellence in CD Award – Due November 1

National Meeting Information...

- October 24-27 in Cape May, New Jersey
- The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May
- Conference Brochure –

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 Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu.

OCTOBER:
- 2-8 – National 4-H Week
- 4-5 – Comm Dev Retreat
- 6 – Excellence in Extension deadline extended
  http://go.osu.edu/jcepawards
- 9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
- 12-14 – New Educator Workshop
- 15 – Chi Epsilon Sigma Membership Due
- 17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
- 18-19 – National TERSSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
- 20 – Introduction to Grant Writing (sponsored by Laura Fuller, Noble County)
- 21 – Buckeye Hills EERA All Program Meeting, Belle Valley
- 24-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ
- 26-27 – All FCS Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin
NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals In-service, 4-H Center, Columbus, register at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eFeyVbIJJ2t82Ult
18 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers
30 – Deadline for SE Region Endowment Award Applications

DECEMBER:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union
14 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, location TBD
16 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

Schedule (week of October 3, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)

M – Vacation
T – Vacation
W – Columbus Athens
T – Meigs (Fall Visit)
F – Lawrence (Fall Visit)