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## President's Perspective from Ed Armstrong



As President of OCEA, I'm pleased to be able to work with a terrific organization that serves as the linkage between the community and education. I truly believe in today's educational climate, that OCEA can offer leadership and hope to communities throughout Oregon.

At the OCEA Board Retreat this year, the board dedicated itself to providing a new vision and an active leadership role for our organization. The board will be exploring expanded funding opportunities and developing new ways to serve our membership throughout the upcoming year. We are in the process of creating membership surveys and outreach to hear the most critical needs of schools and local communities. After gathering this information from a variety of sources, the board hopes to put in place resources that would promote the work of our organization.

As your President, it is important to me to help our Board of Directors and Committee members meet the needs of OCEA membership. I encourage you to make a personal commitment to join a forum or become involved in a committee this year. One of the greatest strengths of OCEA is the talents of our members. As your President, I want to involve more members in the great work of this organization. Please contact Alice Brooks or visit our website ([www.ocea-or.org](http://www.ocea-or.org)) to see the areas that you might have an interest in becoming more actively involved.

I look forward to serving OCEA as President and I look forward to expanding and enhancing the fine work that all of you do in your individual communities.

## Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership in OCEA! This is the first year that we have our membership renewal date of July 1st. Invoices were sent to all current members in June. If you have not sent in your renewal payment, please use the form in this OCEAN and send in your membership renewal TODAY.

This is also a great opportunity for you to tell the Board of Directors where you would like to become involved in the Association. There are several committees that work during the year to do the work of the Association. Consider signing up for one of those committees and the chairperson will be in touch with you soon. Members who have not renewed by the end of October will be dropped from the membership lists and will no longer receive mailings or the OCEAN. Don't miss a single opportunity....RENEW NOW.

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## NCSCEA Annual Summer Workshop



Florida in mid-July - "We're havin' a heat wave, a tropical heat wave..."

The National Council of State Community Education Associations (NCSCEA) held its 28<sup>th</sup> annual summer workshop, July 20-24 at the Harborside Inn at Ocean Hammock Resort in Palm Coast, Florida. Twenty people representing 14 states had a great time! Participating this summer were: Carol Achziger (UT), Jim Boswell (KY), Valorie Boyd (FL), Rock Boyer (UT), Cheryl Davidson (OK), Melanie Deluca (MN), Sandy Grant (UT), Mary Kay Gray (MI), Linda Gray-Mitchell (OR), Karen Jackson (OH), Starla-Jewell-Kelly (VA)(NCEA Executive Director), Joyce Kitka (AK), Kevin Koester (IA)(NCEA President), John Leininger (ND), Nikki Lovell (UT)(NCSCEA Jr. Co-Chair), Kim Olive (IN), Pam Shelton (OK), Kenny Steinfort (KS), Michelle Temeyer (IA), Peg Zander (OR)(NCSCEA Sr. Co-Chair).

The workshop was hosted by the Adult and Community Educators of Florida, Inc. (ACE of Florida) and they did a tremendous job! Our group took a few breaks in the training/networking schedule to visit beautiful, historic St. Augustine and relax with some free time in the pool or on the golf course.

Dr. Debra Hargrove presented Leadership and Management Training, Technology Training and was able to spend some time with our group. Nikki Lovell and Sandy Grant presented True Colors, Bafa Bafa, and Who Moved My Cheese. Ron Froman presented an Overview of the Political Climate. Valorie Boyd and Starla Jewell-Kelly presented Legislative information from the state and national levels. Crystal Green presented Marketing in a Tough Economy. Linda Gray-Mitchell presented Recognition/Teamwork. Separately, these sessions were excellent. Scheduling allowed for the grouping of sessions that gave our group some in-depth information and the opportunity for group discussion.

Part of the workshop is NCEA Board Interaction, so having Kevin Koester, NCEA President and Starla Jewell-Kelly, NCEA Executive Director present gave the group an opportunity to get updates from the national level.

NCSCEA is an active committee of NCEA and is charged with being the conduit for state community education associations to NCEA. The annual silent auction at the NCEA conference is a fundraiser for NCSCEA and for the state associations. This group continued the custom of having a small silent auction at the summer workshop. This year, the silent auction brought in \$556.00. Also, at the summer workshop, participants are encouraged to bring quarters..... lots and lots of quarters! During the workshop week, 2 fine masters keep an eye on folks and assess fines for all sorts of things; "returning late from a break", "everyone who isn't from Florida", "everyone who helped put treat wrappers in Kevin's treat bag" (he didn't catch us...a fine master did), etc. Fines are assessed several times each day. Fines brought in \$181.00.

Traditionally, there is a suite that is used as a meeting place in the evening. This year, "The Suite" was used for several lunches and lots of networking each evening. Some great discussions and sharing of program information and contact information occurred.

OCEA has sent a liaison to the NCSCEA summer workshop all but one year since it began in 1976 in St. Paul, MN. That first summer workshop and much of the organizational development of NCSCEA was done by OCEA with the help of a small grant from the CS Mott Foundation.

The next NCSCEA summer workshop will be held in Newport, OR, July 19-23, 2005. You will see more information in upcoming OCEAN newsletters. OCEA will be hosting the event!

*Submitted by Peg Zander*

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## Community College Forum

The Fall Community College OCEA meeting will take place November 4th and 5th on the Umpqua Community College campus. This meeting will be designed for program managers, as well as front line programmers. Community College Community Educators, please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

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# NCEA 2004 Conference

39th Annual Conference

November 10-13, 2004

San Diego, CA

If you work to improve education, health and social services, and cultural and recreational opportunities for all members of your community - from infants to seniors - this two-and-a-half day conference is for you. NCEA hosts the largest international gathering of community educators. It is designed to help you create comprehensive community education programs, including community schools, for the 21st century. Whether you're a newcomer or a veteran, experts in the field will fill you in on the latest - the latest issues, model programs, best practices, and services and products to support your efforts. Come to learn about community education management and professional development, community education programming and after-school programs. For more conference and registration information go to [www.ncea.com](http://www.ncea.com).

## Community Education Day

This year Community Education Day will be on October 14, 2004. The theme will be "*Creating a Future without Boundaries*".

## ◆ Newsletter Articles ◆

Please send newsletter articles to Sue Surratt at [surratts@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:surratts@gladstone.k12.or.us). You can also mail information to Sue at Gladstone Community School, 17789 Webster Road, Gladstone, OR 97027.

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## Community Tuesdays: Bringing Field Trips To Kids

When I first signed up for this AmeriCorps position back in September 2003, I thought my entire job would revolve around recruiting, training, and appreciating volunteers for helping students with homework during our After-School Program. That in itself sounded like a great job. But before the school year even began I was in a meeting with School Improvement Coordinator Dr. Deborah Weiner, Fifth Grade Teacher Steve Tillery, and Educational Assistant Joyce Gower and they told me about a project they had been thinking about and I was hooked. This was the project I needed to get me truly excited about this job. This idea blossomed into a project known as *Community Tuesdays – Bringing Field Trips to Kids*.

*Community Tuesdays* occur every Tuesday at all six elementary schools in the McMinnville School District. We have opened up a 45 minute time period every Tuesday so that members of our community can come and share their knowledge, experience and passion with the students of the After-School Program. Since November, we have had 68 community members from 35 organizations actively participating and partnering with our schools every week to present 84 presentations during *Community Tuesdays*.

The businesses in McMinnville have been extremely generous with their time and talents on Tuesday afternoons. Brian Thomas from Chuck Colvin Auto Center played a game of “True and False” with students and shared the importance of car safety. McMinnville Water and Light showed the students why it is not a good idea to touch downed power lines!

Meeting and working with all of the Community Tuesday presenters, I’ve learned some amazing things about McMinnville along with the students. We learned that Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District has a poster contest each year, so the students created posters. Brad Howard from Willamette Valley Catering showed us that he uses a lot of math when he bakes large batches of his famous chocolate chip cookies. The News Register opened up the world of careers and let us know that they have job opportunities for people as young as eleven years old. David Larmouth from Western Oregon Waste, who has presented at 10 Community Tuesdays this year, has worn socks made from recycled soda bottles!

The intent of this program was simply to give students a broader view of our community. We anticipated that students would learn about careers, hobbies, and events in our community. Our community partners have taken that a step further. They enjoy sharing what they do, but they have taken the extra step to tie that to what the students are learning at school. The postmaster had the students write letters to friends. A local plastic tubing manufacturer had the students measure tubing. A retired meteorology professor shared his knowledge about all of the different clouds that are in our sky. The local historical society shared information about the namesake of one of the elementary schools.

The response from the community has been phenomenal with 145 volunteer hours contributed in six short months. The McMinnville Chamber of Commerce has been an active partner in this program and has helped excite the community and involve it in partnering with the schools. The businesses and organizations have found that the commitment level is manageable. It gives them a chance to be creative and make an impact.

The students enjoy what the community members have to offer and the community members have been pleasantly surprised by the eagerness and sincere interest of the students. This project has introduced many people to our After-School Program and has involved many people who do not have students in our elementary schools. I have enjoyed meeting all of these talented people and look forward to meeting more next year.

The McMinnville School District, McMinnville Chamber of Commerce, and the greater McMinnville area hope that the program that originated here can be shared with other communities. In this way, the bonds between schools, businesses, individuals, students, and organizations across the nation can grow stronger and lead to communities with vitality and strength that yield productive responsible citizens of the future.

*Submitted by Kathleen Fraser  
McMinnville School District  
AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator*

## Driver and Traffic Safety Education

Welcome to Driver and Traffic Safety Education. I'm Judy Ode, the Driver Programs Coordinator for Umpqua Community College, the President of the state Driver Education Association (OTSEA) and the Secondary Chair for the National Driver Education Association (ADTSEA).



Life is too short for many teens in Oregon. In 2002 fifty-nine 15 – 19 year olds died on our highways. From January 1 to December 1, 2003 fifty-one 15 – 19 year olds died on Oregon highways. Community Colleges can be a driving force in Driver and Traffic Safety. Many of the high schools in our state have dropped their programs. Who better than the Community Colleges to pick up the slack? Within the next 3 years ODOT-TSD will propose to the Legislature that Driver and Traffic Safety become mandatory to get a license in Oregon for teens, with a follow-up bill asking for all new drivers to have a Driver and Traffic Safety course before getting their license. Yes, funding will be addressed as part of the bill. For more information on considering, implementing or starting a driver education program please contact John Harvey, Program Manager of Driver Education with the Transportation Safety Division of ODOT 503-986-4413 or 800-922-2022 ext 564413 or Judy Ode at Umpqua Community College 541-677-3259.

*The new Oregon Driver Manual is out. You might want to take a look. Here are just a few changes.*

- It now costs \$9.00 to take a drive test
- \$5.00 to take a permit test (knowledge test)
- Passenger restrictions do not apply while driving with an instructor as part of a certified traffic safety education course or with a parent or stepparent who has valid driving privileges.
- School zone changes are on page 18 and will go into effect on July 1, 2004.
- Maximum speed limits page 30. Interstate maximum speed limit will vary on interstate highways, but may be up to 70 MPH.
- Pedestrians: Drivers must stop and remain stopped when (page 73):
  - A pedestrian crossing on a green light (unless prohibited by other traffic devices) or WALK signal and the pedestrian is within the intersection or crosswalk.
  - You are stopped at or approaching a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection with no traffic control devices. You must remain stopped when the pedestrian is in the same lane or in the lane next to your vehicle.
- Oregon law requires you to file a crash report with DMV if the is more than \$1500 worth of damage (was \$1000) for more info page 98 in the handbook.

Oregon hosted the National Driver Education conference this year, July 25 – 29 in Jantzen Beach. This was an excellent conference for anyone involved in Traffic Safety. The State Driver Education conference will be held October 8, 2004 at Clackamas Community College, Gregory Forum. If you have a Traffic Safety/Driver Education Program or if you are starting a program please be sure you and/or your instructors attend. If you have any questions, please contact me, [Judy.Ode@Umpqua.edu](mailto:Judy.Ode@Umpqua.edu). or Kim Holmes at [KIMH@clackamas.edu](mailto:KIMH@clackamas.edu).

### Volunteer & Community Partnership Forum

#### Proposed Schedule for 2004-2005 School Year

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October	Woodburn	Parent Involvement
December	Beaverton	Effective Written Communication
February	McMinnville	Cultural Diversity

\*\*Please look for exact dates in upcoming additions of the OCEAN.

## Mini-Society

Curriculum training for Mini-Society was held on August 9, 10, and 11th at the Willamette ESD. The training was offered free of charge by the Kauffman foundation. They provided a trainer, Abbejean Kehler, as well as all the books and materials necessary for the trainees to be able to immediately use the curriculum in their classrooms.

Participants included three elementary teachers from the central Linn area, an elementary teacher and community volunteer from Butte Falls, the community education coordinator and a retired educator/volunteer from Coburg, a community college instructor and a volunteer from the Lincoln City area, a small business owner/volunteer from the community education program in Newberg, a volunteer from the community education program in Canby, three educators from Tennessee State University, a community education volunteer from Port Orford, the community education coordinator from Powers, as well as Steve Lamb, the RCSP team leader, and myself.

Mini-Society is entrepreneurial training focused on youth ages 8 - 12. Just about all of the participants left the training with ideas about how to use it in their communities and schools. The four elementary teachers from the central Linn district and from Butte Falls were very excited about the prospect of implementing the curriculum in their classrooms. The volunteer from Port Orford was hoping to be able to interest the public school teachers in the curriculum by offering it initially as an after school program. The volunteer from Butte Falls wants to use it as a bridge between the school and home-schooled students.

*Submitted by Sally Carlson, AmeriCorps\*VISTA - Entrepreneur Corps  
Willamette Education Service District*

## OCEA Conference at Salishan in 2005

Mark your calendars now to attend the OCEA Annual Conference at Salishan Lodge in Lincoln City April 28-29. It promises to be another great conference with many opportunities for professional development. Registration forms will be in the December OCEAN.

### Chair/Co-Chairs Needed for the Volunteer & Community Partnership Forum

As my job changes, I need to step down as the Chair for the Volunteer & Community Partnership Forum. Becoming involved with the OCEA as a Forum Chair is a great way to learn more about the organization, is a great networking opportunity and is a lot of fun. I jumped into this role after my first OCEA meeting and it has helped me grow with the organization and in my job. I learn something new and exciting at each meeting.

If you're interested and would like more information, please give me a call at 503-591-4443 or email me at johanna\_shrout@beavton.k12.or.us.


### Dennis Morrow to Facilitate Workshop on Organization Development

Plan now to attend THE EFFIE-2005 which will be held May 6 at the Hilyard Community Center in Eugene. The all day leadership development workshop will feature regionally recognized Executive Director of Janus Youth Programs, Inc. The agency has an \$8 million budget, employs a staff of 150 at 20 locations in Oregon and Washington, and provides a wide array of services to high-risk adolescents. Dennis is a founding partner of the Federation for Children and Youth, a unique interagency collaboration that is now the largest single provider of services to children in Oregon. In addition, he is a management consultant working with both nonprofit and for profit businesses, and services as an instructor at Portland State University in the Institute for Nonprofit Management.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 8, 2004	OCEA Board Meeting in Salem, 10 am-2:30 pm
October 14, 2004	Community Education Day
October 17-19, 2004	NCCET Conference, Portland
November 4-5, 2004	Fall Community College Meeting, Umpqua Community College
November 10-13, 2004	NCEA Conference, San Diego, CA
November 19, 2004	OCEA Board Meeting in Salem, 10 am-2:30 pm
February 18, 2005	OCEA Board Meeting in Salem, 10 am-2:30 pm
April 27, 2005	OCEA Board Meeting at Salishan, 1-5 pm
April 28-29, 2005	OCEA Annual Conference at Salishan Lodge in Lincoln City
May 19 & 20, 2005	Leadership Retreat, Location TBA

*NCSCEA	National Council of State Community Education Associations
*NCCET	National Council for Continuing Education and Training
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