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President's Perspective from Sandi Smick

Your 2006 Conference Committee has chosen an energizing location and planned a very exciting program for the 34th Annual OCEA Conference. Please mark April 27 and 28 on your calendar and plan on joining the OCEA Board at Eagle Crest in Redmond.

The Conference Committee has invited two of the foremost Community Education authors (Larry Decker and Steve Parson) as our keynote speakers. Both have also agreed to present during the breakout sessions. What a wonderful opportunity to interact, learn, and network with two outstanding Community Education professionals!

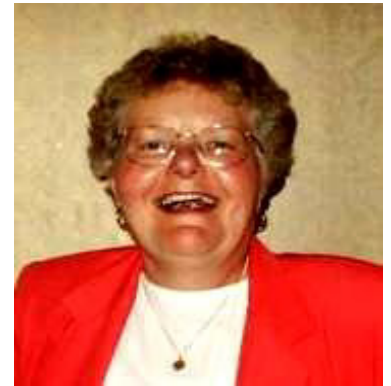
Your Conference Committee has planned a stimulating array of breakout sessions that will expand your knowledge of Community Education concepts and will provide you with new ideas to take back home to your communities. Breakout sessions have been designed for Community Education newcomers and veterans alike.

The OCEA Conference is a fantastic place to connect with other Community Education practitioners. It is a time to reconnect with peers, meet new professionals, share ideas, and to gain a friend that you call in the future. Because OCEA members have told the OCEA Board that they want more networking time, your Conference Committee has restructured the program to better accommodate our members desire to network. In addition, the Birds of a Feather program is designed to help Conference attendees meet others with similar issues and interests.

On page 9 of this OCEAN, you will find an OCEA Awards Nomination Form. I strongly encourage **YOU** to nominate someone for an OCEA award. Each Community Education program has outstanding staff, volunteers, instructors, or community partners who are making a difference in their communities. This is a terrific occasion to tell someone that **YOU** appreciate their efforts and to say thank you for a job well done.

A good conference provides good ideas, good food and drink, and good conversations. I think you'll find "Passion, Partnerships, Possibilities" is all of that and more. I look forward to seeing **YOU** in Redmond on April 27 and 28!

Sandi Smick
President, OCEA



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2006 OCEA Conference Keynote Speakers

We hope you will join us to hear these invigorating and thought-provoking speakers!

Larry E. Decker is the Charles Stewart Mott Eminent Scholar in Community Education at Florida Atlantic University, an endowed chair he has filled since June 1995. Before moving to Florida, Decker was the Associate Dean for Administration in the Curry School of Education, University of Virginia. He also served in UVA's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and for over 20 years was the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Center for Community Education.

Dr. Decker is the author of Home, School, and Community Partnerships, Engaging Families & Communities — Pathways to Educational Success, Grantseeking: How to Find a Funder and Write a Winning Proposal, and Educational Restructuring and the Community Education Process.



Steve Parson is the Executive Director of the National Community Education Association (NCEA). A native of Des Moines and a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, he first entered the field of Community Education as an administrator in the program at Iowa Central Community College. During the more than thirty years since his work there, he has served in a number of leadership positions in Community Education and in NCEA, has served as a consultant to many communities involved in developing community schools, and has written several books and articles. He was Director of the Center for Community Education at Virginia Tech and director of a regional graduate center prior to becoming Executive Director of the National Community Education Association on January 1.

Dr. Parson's presentation will be a discussion of how the major principles of Community Education, applied properly, will lead to sustainability. These principles apply very effectively to afterschool and continuing education programs. This will not be a discussion of "how good things used to be." It will be a chance to review the foundations of community education that have sustained the modern movement for over four decades.

Dr. Parson is the author of Transforming Schools into Community Learning Centers and Journey Into Community: Looking Inside the Community Learning Center.

Passion, Partnerships, Possibilities

This year's conference theme was submitted by Nelli Douglas. The conference committee felt that it was a short and sweet synopsis of the community education movement and a wonderful tag line for why we were gathering together.

We sincerely hope to recharge your passion for our work, introduce you to partners who share your mission, and set forth at least some of the possibilities available to you. We sincerely hope you find the 2006 conference to be highly beneficial.

— The 2006 OCEA Conference Committee —

Time to make those Nominations!!

If you watch the Academy Awards, you know how exciting it is when folks get their deserved recognition. Well, at our OCEA Conference, we have a similar feeling when we bestow awards for those hardy souls who labor among us! Don't let this opportunity slip by. Be thinking now about whom you would like to recommend to receive recognition. (A listing of categories is in this issue for your review). So don't delay....send in your nominations now!

See page 9 for your nomination form!

OCEA Conference 2006 Social



Bring your banjo, guitar, flute and voice (or tuck in a piano if you can spare the room in your luggage)! This year's social is going to be an old-fashioned sing along and ice cream social. If you play an instrument and/or can carry a tune, plan on sharing your talents. If you croak like a frog then join me in lip-syncing along. Song lyrics will be provided so all can join in.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to create your own delicious ice cream sundae from an array of scrumptious toppings and everyone's favorite ice cream!



Plan on joining us for this year's social event of the year on April 26, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Eagle Crest in Redmond, Oregon. For more information, contact Sally Carlson at sally.carlson@wesd.org.

◆ Newsletter Articles ◆

All OCEA members are encouraged to submit articles for our Association newsletter, the OCEAN. The OCEAN is dedicated to providing members with information on programs, resources, updates on board activities, highlighting members, partnerships, and community education activities. The OCEAN is the communication hub for the Association and is a great way to highlight one of your special events, a special instructor, a resource you found very helpful, or an agency that you have partnered with. For the next issue, articles are due to Sue Surratt, the Newsletter Coordinator, on May 15, 2006. Just write up your article and send it to Sue by the due date. You can e-mail your article to Sue at surratts@gladstone.k12.or.us, or mail to Sue at Gladstone Community School, 17789 Webster Road, Gladstone, OR 97027.

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Conference Volunteer Opportunities

There are several volunteer opportunities for conference participants. We need people willing to work at the registration desk (between sessions) to sell raffle tickets, sell OCEA-wear, and answer general questions. We also need four or five volunteers to hand out registration packets on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

Moderators are needed for each session. Moderators are responsible for introducing the session speaker, distributing evaluation forms, collecting completed evaluation forms, distributing tickets for completed forms, and presenting speakers with a thank you gift. Pick a session you plan to attend and offer to be the moderator!

Meal tickets will be required to enter the dining room during meal times. We need two volunteers for each meal to collect tickets.

If you would like to volunteer your time for any of the above opportunities, contact Alice Brooks (brooks_a@4j.lane.edu) and she will confirm with you your time and place.

Become a Conference Mentor

Join us in welcoming new conference attendees by volunteering as an OCEA Conference Mentor.

What does a mentor do? OCEA Conference Mentors will help us welcome new conference attendees by making contact with them via e-mail or phone before the conference, offering to answer questions that may arise or address other needs. Then the mentor will meet and greet the new attendee at the opening social on Wednesday night. Again, your main goal is to make the new attendee feel welcome and comfortable, giving them any special insights you might have about how to get the most out of the OCEA conference experience.

Sound easy? It is! And you'll get to meet some wonderful people.

You can volunteer to be an OCEA Conference Mentor by e-mailing Carol Moorehead, OCEA Conference Committee at cmoorehead@cooc.edu.

Silent Auction News...

We have a great silent auction planned for our conference and hope that you have all started to prepare your donation by "gathering great items for your gift baskets", thinking of that unique auction item made or grown in your area, or just still thinking of that special item you want to bring. Remember that there is not an item too large or too small to add to our auction table! (Well almost :)

**Remember Your
Silent Auction
Items**

I would also like to offer my assistance to any of you who would rather send me your donation money and I will be happy to put a basket together for you. I will mail you the receipt after purchase so please let me know if I can assist you in any way.

We will once again have Visa and MC available for you to use for your auction purchase.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Eagle Crest as well as the sunshine that I am sure will be awaiting all of us.

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2006 OCEA Conference at a Glance

Wednesday, April 26

7:00-8:30 pm **Early Registration & Welcome Social**
All OCEA Conference Attendees Invited!

Thursday, April 27

7:30-8:30 am **Registration**
Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 am **Welcome – *Dr. James Middleton***,
President, Central Oregon Community College
Introductions, Board Awards and General Meeting

9:00-9:45 am **Keynote Speaker – *Larry Decker***
*Topic: “The State of Community Education:
Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Going”*

9:45-10:00 am **Break**

10:00-11:30 am **Sessions:**

1. **“Community Education Talking Points”**
Steve Parson, NCEA
2. **“Successful Certificate Programs (CEUs)”**
Tsipora Dimant, Portland CC
3. **“Moving From Community Service to
Service Learning”** *Karen Grimm and teacher
team from Astoria SD*
4. **“Grant Development is not a ‘Money
Chasing’ Operation”** *Lori Steger, Lane CC*

11:45-12:45 pm **Buffet Lunch – Birds of a Feather Discussions**

1:00-2:30 pm **Forum Meeting and Continuation of Birds of a
Feather Discussions**

2:30-2:45 pm **Break - Beverages and snacks**

2:45-4:15 pm **Sessions:**

1. **“Sisters’ Community Education Program
Insights”** *Carrie Ward, SOAR*
2. **“A Marketing Plan Hits Its Mark – or Does
It?”** *Carol Moorehead, COCC*
3. **“Lessons Learned from Oregon’s 21st
Century Community Learning Centers”**
Janet Bubl, Oregon Department of Education
4. **“Art For Community Building”** *Sharon
Morgan, Oregon Alliance for the Arts*
5. **“Senior Projects and Community Ed: A
Win Win Partnership”** *Janine Saxton,
Nathan Etzel, and Elise Taennler, Newberg
Community School*

4:15-5:30 pm **Free Time**

5:30 pm **Silent Auction**

7:00 pm **Awards Banquet**

Friday, April 28

7:30-8:30 am **Registration**
Continental Breakfast
Birds of a Feather

8:30-10:00 am **Sessions:**

1. **“Lessons Learned in Leadership and
Community Education Development”**
Larry Decker, Florida Atlantic University
2. **“Building Pathways to Advancement
Approaches that are Working in Oregon’s
Community Colleges”** *Eileen Casey White,
Ed.D, OCCWD & Chemeketa CC*
3. **“Parents as Partners: Recruiting and
Training Volunteers”** *Julia Muñoz, Parent
Center Coordinator, Ontario Middle School*
4. **“Organizing and Sustaining Service
Learning Projects”** *Janet Bechtold, and
teacher team from Sherwood School District*

10:00-10:15 am **Break**

10:15-11:45 am **Sessions:**

1. **“Learning Communities: An Investment
in Sustainability”** *Teresa Hogue, Deschutes
County Extension*
2. **“Coping with Cost Recovery, Self
Support Programs.** *Janine Moothart,
Chemeketa CC: Facilitated round table
discussion*
3. **“Academy of Young Ambassadors: A
New Approach to Developing Youth
Leadership”** *Xóchitl Fuhriman-Ebert,
Director of Special Projects at Ontario Middle
School and a Team of Youth Ambassadors*
4. **“From Cooperation to Cultivation: The
Community-Based Organization as a
Partner in Service Learning”** *Susan
Abravanel, SOLV*
5. **“Graduation Requirements Through
Service Learning”** *Tami Volz, Mid-
Willamette Education Consortium,
Chemeketa CC*

11:45-12:00 pm **Check Out**

12:00-2:00 pm **Lunch**
Closing Keynote Speaker – *Steve Parson*
*Topic: “Returning to our Roots for
Sustainability”*
Raffles and Drawings

Session Descriptions

Thursday: April 27th

10:00–11:30 am

1. **“Community Education Talking Points”**: *Steve Parson, NCEA*
How often do we sense ourselves hemming and having around when we are trying to explain what is community education and what is it we do? It is important that we become comfortable enough with who we are and what we do to be able to explain it to anyone. The real test comes when we have the opportunity to craft our message to the particular interests of the person we are addressing. Political categories are a good example. How would you explain community education to Rush Limbaugh one day and Hillary Clinton the next?
2. **“Successful Certificate Programs (CEUs)”**: *Tsipora Dimant, Portland CC*
The presentation will focus on identifying what certificate program will best serve your community. We will look at finding your niche, how to package the program, the role of an advisory board, ways to promote the program and how to manage the ongoing needs of the program.
3. **“Moving From Community Service to Service Learning”**: *Marilyn Lane and Karen Grimm, Astoria SD*
In its 4th year of service learning, Astoria School District will feature presentations on several successful Service Learning activities highlighting community partnerships. Ways to start small and grow a district-wide Service-Learning program will be shared.
4. **“Grant Development is not a ‘Money Chasing’ Operation”**: *Lori Steger, Lane CC*
This is NOT a Grantwriting 101 workshop. Instead this presentation will focus on ways to leverage grant funds for Continuing Education, to craft competitive grant proposals and to get support for the grant development process. Participants will have an opportunity to pitch project ideas and ask questions.

2:45-4:15 pm

1. **“Sisters Community Education Program Insights”**: *Carrie Ward, SOAR*
The Sisters Organization for Activities & Recreation (SOAR) program, started on a shoestring before the 21st Century Community Learning Center grants were available. With an infusion of federal funding and (later) some support through the tax base, SOAR developed a wide range of programs including art, athletics, academic assistance programs, and a teen center. This presentation will provide insights as to how they were able to grow and sustain their program.
2. **“A Marketing Plan Hits Its Mark – or Does It?”**: *Carol Moorehead, Central Oregon CC*
COCC developed a new brand image for its community education program that included a new name, increased multi-media marketing efforts and an effort to reach out to a new “emerging” market. We’ll share the results of these efforts and results for Community Learning’s on-line opinion survey.
3. **“Lessons Learned from Oregon’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs”**: *Janet Bubl, ODE*
Current Oregon 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs will discuss their successes and barriers around implementing a quality out-of-school time program with a focus on academic achievement, enrichment and family literacy.
4. **“Art For Community Building”**: *Sharon Morgan, Oregon Alliance for the Arts*
Often a resource for main street revitalization and community beautification projects, the arts also offer unique and meaningful ways to bridge interpersonal gaps within communities - between generations, between new comers and life-long residents and with Oregon’s growing ethnic and culture specific populations. This session will also explore the economic development potential that the arts offer directly and as a community enhancement component. Success stories, challenges and action steps will be solicited from participants.
5. **“Senior Projects and Community Ed: A Win Win Partnership”**: *Janine Saxton, Nathan Etzel, Elise Taennler, Newberg SD*
High school seniors in many districts are required to complete a senior project. We’ve found that Community Education can benefit greatly by partnering with these students in their projects. From the coordination of a Family Math Night to Greenhouse Project oversight, both the students and our community are richer for having developed this mutually beneficial, team approach.

Session Descriptions

Friday April 28th

8:30–10:00 am

1. **“Lessons Learned in Leadership and Community Education Development”**: *Larry Decker, Florida Atlantic University*
Reflections on 40 years of gains and pains from his start at Lane County and the U of O across America to Florida Atlantic University.
2. **“Building Pathways to Advancement Approaches that are Working in Oregon’s Community Colleges”**:
Eileen Casey White, Ed.D, OCCWD & Chemeketa CC
Education pays — connecting that education to living-wage jobs and opportunities for advancement is the basis of the Career Pathways strategies being implemented in Oregon’s community colleges. Learn about how community college faculty, staff, and administrators all over the state are working together with education, industry, and workforce partners to increase the number of adults who successfully complete post-secondary credentials. This session will include examples of pathways roadmaps and the processes these colleges used to create campus-wide implementation of Pathways strategies.
3. **“Parents as Partners: Recruiting and Training Volunteers”**: *Julia Muñoz, Ontario Middle School*
This session will demonstrate how the very same parents who “never come to school, never volunteer and never take classes” can fill your programs to capacity! Ontario Middle School’s Parent Center Coordinator talks about how a rural, community school program finds volunteers and program participants - helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.
4. **“Organizing and Sustaining Service Learning Projects”**: *Janet Bechtold, Sherwood SD*
Teachers from the Sherwood School District will share how their service learning program has evolved over the past five years. They will discuss how it is organized, how they cultivated partnerships, what elements presented the most challenges, and highlight projects ranging from environmental education to literature to filmmaking to shop class.

10:15–11:45 am

1. **“Learning Communities: An Investment in Sustainability”**: *Teresa Hogue, Deschutes County Extension*
For years teaching environments have been plagued by challenges such as financial shortfalls and access to teaching resources and innovative practices. This workshop unveils a model for cultivating learning communities – a culture where teachers, parents, businesses, community and students work to continuously enhance the environment in which they learn.
2. **“Coping with Cost Recovery, Self Support Programs”**: *Janine Moothart, Chemeketa CC*
Facilitated round table discussion. Many colleges have designated programs, or courses or departments as “Cost Recovery” or “Self Support” in nature. However, there are many different interpretations and directives among the schools, administration and business office. This will be a facilitator-led discussion so bring information from your school for sharing how you do business, how you cost your courses, how do you meet community and institutional needs to make it all work.
3. **“Academy of Young Ambassadors: A New Approach to Developing Youth Leadership”**:
Xóchitl Fuhrman-Ebert, Ontario Middle School
The Academy of Young Ambassadors was developed for youth who are in-between the 6th and 7th grades. Which youth were selected? Those teens who would not have typically been thought of for any leadership program. The results have been dramatic! Come and hear about the program, get ideas for replication and become inspired about what can happen “when you believe”.
4. **“From Cooperation to Cultivation: The Community-Based Organization as a Partner in Service Learning”**:
Susan Abravanel, SOLV
A variety of interactive simulations and best practice examples are offered for creating local service-learning champions. The workshop will provide specific strategies and tools that can be applied to working with community-based organizations and school-community partnerships.
5. **“Service Learning and High School Grad Requirements”**: *Tami Volz, Mid-Willamette Ed. Consortium, Chemeketa CC*
The participants will understand the 2007 graduation requirements and hear how many schools are working toward implementation of the ‘07 requirements through some sort of project-based experience.

Raffles & Drawings

Quilt – A beautiful quilt has once again been donated to OCEA. A special “thank you” goes out to Suzanne Burd and Alice Brooks for coordinating and completing the quilt, and also to everyone who worked on a square. Hours of love and care have gone into making this priceless quilt. This year’s quilt is yellow, orange, and green. It is very striking!! It will be on display at the registration desk. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the Friday luncheon.

Daily Drawings – Every time you turn in a session or keynote evaluation form, you will receive a ticket that allows you to become eligible to win a prize. There will be lots of chances to win, so remember to turn in your evaluation forms and listen for your name to be called during group gatherings throughout the conference.

Free Conference Registration Drawing – One LUCKY WINNER will be drawn at Friday’s lunch from the overall conference evaluation forms that are turned in. You will receive a ticket when you turn in your overall conference evaluation. Don’t miss this opportunity to be the recipient of a free conference registration for 2007.

Free 1 Year Membership to OCEA Drawing – Get your creative minds in motion and come up with a theme for the 2007 or 2008 OCEA Conference. If your theme is chosen you will receive a free membership for one year to OCEA. Entry forms will be in your registration packets. Additional forms will be available at the registration desk.

OCEA Merchandise for Sale

The Resource Development Committee will have OCEA clothing items for sale including: sweatshirts, T-shirts, and polo shirts. All proceeds go to OCEA. There are a limited number of items for sale so be sure and shop early for best selection. OCEA thanks you for your support.

Member Survey

Over the last two years, a member survey has been conducted to help guide the OCEA Board of Directors in their efforts to shape a strategic plan of action. In order to increase the participation in this survey, the board and the conference committee have decided to distribute it during the conference as part of your packet.

Those members who are unable to attend the conference will receive their copy either via email or snail mail.

Birds of a Feather

This year the OCEA conference will be offering Birds of a Feather (BOF) sessions. BOF sessions provide a gathering place and discussion forum for those interested in the same issues and concepts. For example, someone may want to talk about the success or difficulty they have had offering a particular class. That person would ask to schedule a BOF session and lead the discussion with anyone else interested in talking about the same topic. BOF gives participants an opportunity to have informal discussion around a topic of common interest.

If you would like to schedule a BOF session to discuss a topic of interest to you, send your request to sally.carlson@wesd.org. BOF sessions will take place mid-day on Thursday and early Friday morning at the conference.

2005-2006 Oregon Community Education Association Annual Awards Nomination Form

Each year, the Oregon Community Education Association honors those individuals and organizations that significantly contribute to the field of community education. Any OCEA member or representative of a member organization may submit nominations for these awards.

Nominees do not have to be OCEA members. Think of the people with whom you work and consider recognizing their work with a nomination. It is as easy as submitting their name and telling us what they do that qualifies them for the recognition. Although nominations can be accepted throughout the year, the **deadline for this year is March 17**, 6 weeks prior to the annual conference. The awards ceremony takes place at the annual conference of the Association, this year on April 27 and 28 at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon.

Please feel free to copy and use one form for each nomination.

Name and address of nominee: _____

Select a category:

- _____ **C.S. Mott Award for Community Educator of the Year.** Presented to a community education administrator or volunteer from a school district, community college, or agency for outstanding service or professional achievement.
- _____ **Business-Education Partnership Coordinator of the Year.** Presented to a partnership coordinator at a school, college, or agency for outstanding professional achievement.
- _____ **Community College Community Educator of the Year.** Presented to a community college administrator for outstanding professional achievement in the field of community education.
- _____ **Community School Educator of the Year.** Presented to a community school coordinator or director for outstanding professional achievement.
- _____ **Volunteer Coordinator of the Year.** Presented to a volunteer program administrator for outstanding professional achievement.
- _____ **Service Learning Educator of the Year.** Presented to a service learning director or coordinator for outstanding professional achievement.
- _____ **Award for Contributions to the Field of Community Education.** Presented to an individual for outstanding service to the field of community education at a state or national level.
- _____ **OCEA Service Award.** Presented for outstanding service to OCEA.
- _____ **Award for Cooperation by a Community Member.** Presented to a volunteer, school administrator, college administrator, agency administrator, or other individual for outstanding service to a local school, college or community program.
- _____ **Business Partner of the Year.** Presented to a business or agency for outstanding service as a partner with a school, school district, or college.

**Please use reverse or separate sheet for a statement of support of your nomination, not to exceed 500 words.
Additional support materials such as letters of recommendation or news clippings may be attached.**

Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Statement of Support for _____

Please return the nomination by March 17, 2006 to : Peggy Goergen, Awards Chair, Southwestern Oregon Community College, 420 Alder Street, Brookings, OR 97415, fax to 541-412-0150 or email an equivalent form to pgoergen@socc.edu.

Nomination forms are also available at the Association website, www.ocea-or.org, as well as listings of former award winners in each category and conference information.

Eagle Crest

Eagle Crest is a full-service destination resort located just outside the city of Redmond on 1700 acres in the high desert of Central Oregon. The inviting 100-room Inn overlooks the 16th green and 17th tee of the Resort golf course. You will find the accommodations here spacious and relaxing. All golf side rooms have a deck or patio to view the progress of the golfers, take in a breathtaking view of Smith Rock State Park to the north, or during the summer evenings you can enjoy an evening serenade by our resident bullfrogs. The Inn is conveniently located next to our 10,000 square foot conference facility. Our cozy Birdie's Café is located in the lobby of the Inn and makes for a great way to enjoy a lazy, relaxing morning. All lodging rooms at the Inn come with complimentary access to all three of our sports centers, on site shuttle service, airport shuttle service and free wireless internet access.

For more information, please see their website at
<http://www.eagle-crest.com>

The Inn has a mix of standard rooms and spacious one-bedroom suites. All rooms have HBO, 25" TV's with DVD players, a microwave, mini-refrigerators, coffeemakers, hairdryers, and air conditioning. In addition hotel guests have full access to our Ridge Sports Center and Spa. Our comfortable one-bedroom suites have a separate bedroom with king or queen size bed, living area with queen size sofa sleeper and a kitchenette, which includes a microwave, mini-refrigerator, toaster, coffeemaker and place settings. A limited number of suites also have a cozy gas fireplace, great for snuggling up next to on a brisk evening.

<u>Room Types</u>	<u>OCEA Rates</u>
Queen Room.....	\$ 66
Double Queen Room.....	\$ 66
Suite.....	\$ 90
2 Bedroom Condo.....	\$165
3 Bedroom Condo.....	\$195
4 Bedroom Condo.....	\$235

Member Rates

The conference registration form asks if you are a member of OCEA, ORPA, OSAC, or Youth. If you are a member, you are able to participate in the conference at a reduced rate. Oregon Community Education Association has an affiliate membership relationship with both the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association (ORPA) and the Oregon School Age Coalition (OSAC). We allow their members to attend our conference at the member rate; and, in return, we are able to attend their conferences at the member rate. In addition, the OCEA Board of Directors has extended the member rate discount to students (youth).

While You're in Central Oregon

When you visit Central Oregon you can count on experiencing the sun-drenched days for which our high-desert climate is renowned. Central Oregon averages 155 clear days per year with an additional 105 days that are mostly sunny. The closeness to the mountain peaks vastly contributes to the weather and climate.

With a population of 20,500, Redmond is the second largest city in Central Oregon and is just minutes away from the conference site at Eagle Crest Resort. Redmond's elevation is 2,985 feet contributing to the cool evenings and moderate daytime temperatures you are likely to experience in April. The closest natural attraction is Smith Rocks State Park. A world renowned rock climbing area, it is also a lovely hiking destination whether you want to experience a leisurely stroll along the meandering Crooked River or take on the heart pounding ascent over Asterisk Pass.

In addition to spectacular mountain vistas, sparkling lakes and forests, while you're here don't miss out on a bit of indoor fun, too. Just west of Eagle Crest you can visit the western themed town of Sisters for some fabulous shopping or enjoy world-class dining in nearby Bend. The High Desert Museum just south of Bend and the Museum at Warm Springs boast nationally acclaimed and interactive exhibits for all ages.

For more information on what to see and do while in Central Oregon call the Redmond Chamber and Convention Bureau at 541-923-5191 or Central Oregon Visitors Association (COVA) at 800-800-8334. COVA's website is <http://www.VisitCentralOregon.com>.

**OREGON COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Passion, Partnerships, Possibilities**

April 27 & 28, 2006 Pre-Conference April 26 (RCSP only)

Eagle Crest

1522 Cline Falls Highway, Redmond, Oregon 97756

www.ocea-or.org

Registration: Full registration fee for OCEA members is \$150. Send a copy of the completed registration form to Alice Brooks at the same time you submit it to your business office for payment. You will receive registration confirmation via e-mail as soon as we receive your form. If you do not receive a confirmation, your registration has not yet been received by OCEA. OCEA Affiliated Members (ORPA and OSAC members) can register for the conference at the OCEA member price.

Conference registration due by April 13, 2006

(After April 13, 2006: Full reg. fee=\$170/Thurs=\$130/Fri=\$80

Non-Member full reg. fee=\$215/Thurs=\$170/Fri=\$100)

Make checks payable to OCEA (Federal ID 93-0646992).

E-mail or mail to: OCEA Conference Registration
c/o Alice Brooks (e-mail: brooks_a@4j.lane.edu)
1036 E Street, Springfield, OR 97477.

Accommodations: Reservations must be made directly with Eagle Crest. The OCEA conference room rates are \$66 per night (queen or double queen) plus tax. Condos are also available for \$165 (2 bedrooms), \$195 (3 bedrooms), and \$235 (4 bedrooms), plus tax. For reservations, call 1-800-682-4786. Room rates are guaranteed through March 25, 2006 only. Reservations after the cut-off date will be accepted at the group rate if rooms are available. Payment accepted in cash, check, credit card, or purchase order.

Cancellations & Refunds: A full refund will be given if you cancel at least 30 days out. A partial refund will be given

(excluding meal costs listed below) if you cancel less than four weeks out. No refunds will be given if you cancel less than a week out.

OCEA Membership Fees: The annual membership fee is \$45. A Non-Member full registration fee (\$195) includes a one-year (through June 30, 2007) membership to OCEA.

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Is this your first OCEA Conference? Yes No

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	TOTAL
Wednesday Pre-Conference lunch-----	\$ 18 (RSCP grant recipients only)		\$
Full Registration	\$150	\$195	\$
(Includes welcome reception Wed evening, breakfast, lunch, and sessions Thurs/Fri and Banquet Thurs evening)			
Thursday, April 28 ONLY	\$120	\$160	\$
(Includes sessions, breakfast, lunch, banquet)			
Friday April 29 ONLY	\$ 75	\$ 95	\$
(Includes sessions, breakfast, lunch)			
Additional Meals: Please indicate the number needed for each meal			\$
Breakfast: \$12 each	# _____ Thursday	# _____ Friday	
Lunch: \$18 each	# _____ Thursday	# _____ Friday	
Banquet: \$35 each	# _____ Thursday evening		
Special Dietary needs: (Please write in needs) _____			
One Year OCEA Membership Renewal	\$45 (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007)		\$
Total Amount Enclosed			\$

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About Briefly

OCEA recently began publishing an e-newsletter called **Briefly**. The purpose of **Briefly** is to provide resourceful information to anyone with an interest in community education. Each edition includes information about job openings, available grants, and other useful resources. We will also include brief stories about how community education is making a difference.

Community education is starting to take off in Oregon. OCEA has had conversations with the Governor's office and various state agencies to assist in the goal of making every school a community school. This is an important time for us to reach out to people and agencies throughout the state. It is hoped that **Briefly** will provide one avenue of connection between OCEA and others who are not only involved in community education but who also support our efforts.

Be sure to pass your **Briefly** along to people outside of OCEA who may be interested such as your mayor, chamber of commerce, superintendent of schools, or chief of police. Anyone can subscribe by contacting Sally Carlson with the Rural Community School Partnerships program at sally.carlson@wesd.org. Subscription instructions are provided at the bottom of each issue.

If you are not receiving the **Briefly** or if you have a story or information you would like to share through the **Briefly**, e-mail Sally Carlson at sally.carlson@wesd.org.

THE EFFIE-2006

featuring

Sally Sheklow

Founding member of *WYMPROV!* Improv Comedy Troupe

Friday May 5, 2006

9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Oaks Amusement Park in Portland

TAP INTO COURAGE is about breaking down social barriers and connecting with others. Release self-consciousness and build the confidence to step up, speak out, and express yourself. Explore and step over obstacles that keep us from savoring the fullness of our experiences. Practice dipping your toe into the uncomfortable zone and learn to support others to take risks. This session gives us tools for encouraging others and ourselves to step out of the rut and break into a new dance.

- *gain insight into your thinking and how you work with others;*
- *practice your communication skills and abilities;*
- *identify how to be more effective with subordinates and supervisors.*

* Sally is the first speaker/facilitator in the sixteen-year history of THE EFFIE to be invited back. Attendees rated her workshop so positively that the Board felt it essential to have her do another. She holds a Master's Degree in Leisure Studies & Services from the University of Oregon. She teaches health and well-being classes at Portland State University and has a syndicated column that appears in several newspaper publications around the country. We are delighted she agreed to return to THE EFFIE. If you missed her before, don't miss her this time, and if you were there last time, she has a new professional development topic lined up for this year.

This workshop is another in a series called THE EFFIE, an annual leadership development workshop for professionals that honors the spirit and work of Dr. Effie Fairchild. It is sponsored by the Arts & Administration Program at the University of Oregon and is facilitated by a statewide Advisory Board of professionals working in parks and recreation, community schools, and event management. ***Come Dressed to Participate!***

Registration For "THE EFFIE" 2006-includes lunch & .5 CEU included & scholarships available.

Before April 26* Professionals \$35 each
Groups 3+ = \$30ea./5+ = \$25ea
Students \$15 each

After April 26* Professionals \$40 each
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Please make your check payable to the University of Oregon Foundation and mail with this form to THE EFFIE-2006 %: Dr. Gaylene Carpenter, Arts & Administration Program, 5230 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-5230.

Anyone can nominate an individual for THE EFFIE LU AWARD and this is how: Send a letter that includes your nominee's name, job title and organization, and a brief explanation of why you are nominating the individual. All nominations must be postmarked April 1.

Mail your nomination by April 1 to:

The EFFIE LU AWARD

Attn. Dr. Gaylene Carpenter, Arts and Administration Program

5230 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-5230

or by e-mail at gcarpent@uoregon.edu

See <http://aad.uoregon.edu/effie/> for more information about the award.

About OCEA

The Oregon Community Education Association was founded in 1973 to provide a forum for educators and citizens to advance the community education concept. OCEA's membership is as diverse as the challenges we address. The work of the Association includes: Providing professional development opportunities, advocating for the concept and practice of community education, developing and expanding community education resources, and providing networking and mentoring relationships.

Members may join one or more Forums. The four current OCEA forums are Community College, Community Schools, Community Volunteers and Partnerships, and Service Learning. Forums meet 3-4 times a year to network, receive training, and discuss current issues related to "job alike" interests. Forums also meet at the annual conference after lunch on Thursday. Join the group that best meets your job and interests.

Mission Statement: OCEA is a non-profit Oregon corporation for strengthening community education programs at schools and colleges, and for promoting lifelong learning, school volunteerism, mentorships, youth service learning, and public involvement in schools and community planning.

Goals for the Association:

- To promote education and information sharing.
- To aid in the coordination of Community Education programs and resources for the state of Oregon.
- To provide information on available training events and professional growth for community educators.
- To provide a support network for community educators.
- To provide an opportunity for OCEA members to discuss mutual concerns and propose solutions to such concerns.
- To promote the value of community education for personal, professional and community growth.
- To participate in public events and distribute information about community education opportunities.

The history of the Association shows a wealth of involvement, trainings and leadership opportunities for members and communities for the past 32 years in Oregon.

In 1973 OCEA became an affiliate member of the National Community Education Association. OCEA also has current affiliation with the National Council for Continuing Education and Training and a past partnership with the National Association of Partners in Education. On a state-wide basis, OCEA networks with the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, the Community Services Commission, and the Oregon State Extension. Community to community, OCEA members partner with businesses, service agencies, counties and cities and a host of volunteers to connect needed services to the children, youth, adults, and senior citizens who live in their communities.

In 1973-84 OCEA co-sponsored every Community Education training event held in Oregon with the Northwest Community Education Development Center (U of O) and the Oregon Department of Education. In 1974 OCEA was one of three Oregon state associations to host a workshop targeted at disabled and handicapped participants. Members of the Oregon Park & Recreation Society, Oregon Health, Physical Education & Recreation Association as well as OCEA held a 2-day conference targeted at this groups.

OCEA also played a significant role in the Mobile Training Institute programs that took place from 1978 to 1983. These were organized and funded through a special CS Mott Foundation grant administered through the Northwest Community Education Development Center. The Mobile Training Institute provided community education training six times a year across the United States and Canada. During those five years Oregon hosted 10 training events and OCEA contributed to each workshop.

About OCEA, cont.

In 1976 OCEA member Guy Faust wrote a grant to the CS Mott Foundation to host a meeting of all the known state community education associations at that time. The grant was funded and OCEA held a one-week meeting in St. Paul, MN. From that first meeting grew the National Council of State Community Education Associations (NCSCEA). The NCSCEA is still in existence and provides a week long summer training workshop for state association leadership to meet excellent trainers, discuss the latest technology and hold in-depth conversations about the newest trends and issues facing community education. Oregon was the host of the NCSCEA Institute in 1997 and 2005. OCEA has had six members who have served as co-chair of NCSCEA. In 1985 OCEA hosted the NCEA conference in Portland, Oregon for five days. More than 100 OCEA members served on ten committees. The conference attracted more than 1,100 participants. At the time, it was the largest convention NCEA had ever held.

In 1986 OCEA entered into a contract with the American Heart Association-Oregon Affiliate to host 10 workshops around the state to introduce AHA's "Heart Healthy curriculum" to K-12 teachers. OCEA completed all the workshops and introduced approximately 100 teachers to this new, outstanding curriculum.

OCEA has participated in every northwest 21st Century Community Learning Center Regional training (1999-2001). OCEA represents itself with a resource table staffed by OCEA members.

IN 2000 and 2001 OCEA hosted the 21st Century Community Learning Center Bidder's Conference in Eugene, Oregon for the Department of Education. These one-day grant writing information workshops provided information to over 120 potential grant applicants each year for the federally funded 21st CCLC grant program. OCEA was responsible for all aspects of the Bidder's Conference except for one session presented by the Department of Education representative. OCEA partnered with the Northwest Regional Education Lab, Oregon Dept. of Education and the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) to provide a well rounded, informative and helpful conference to attendees. The success of these Bidder's Conferences is reflected in the success of Oregon communities who received 21st CCLC grants.

In 2002 OCEA partnered with The Ford Family Foundation and Willamette ESD to establish 16 Community Schools in rural areas of Oregon through a 3 year grant program. The Rural Community School Partnership program has successfully established programs that benefit the communities and the schools through working together in true community education fashion.

OCEA training has been one of the springboards for a wealth of national leaders in Community Education. Three OCEA members have served as President of NCEA (Larry Horyna, William "Skip" Liebertz and Dan Kuzlik). Guy Faust, a founding and current member of OCEA, was the director of Affiliate Relations for NCEA for four years. Other OCEA members have served NCEA in leadership roles as Board Members and NCSCEA state liaisons. Starla Jewell-Kelly, retired NCEA Executive Director and continuing OCEA member, was Assistant State Superintendent of Schools for Oregon, Commissioner of the Oregon Community Colleges and State Director of Community Education before she went to work for NCEA.

OCEA members have routinely been session speakers and trainers at the annual NCEA conference, annual state conference, and at related organization conferences and workshops sharing programs and resources in the areas of community education, community building, running effective meetings, organizing community advisory councils, establishing business partnerships and recognizing community volunteers. Current OCEA members Peg Zander, Ellen Montague, Guy Faust and Linda Gray Mitchell are recognized nationally for their training expertise and leadership abilities. Several OCEA members have participated as peer review readers of the 21st CCLC program grant over the past four years. Peg Zander received the first APPLE award from NCEA in 2003.

OCEA has a rich and strong history in training and national leadership; be it quarterly events, mobile training at various locations or leadership roles. OCEA has an exemplary record in working cooperatively with state level organizations and institutions in similar fields and/or neighboring states. OCEA is also considered a leader among state community education associations nationally.

OCEA has a long and proven record in providing training. Recent history in providing organization for the RFP process for grant writers and readers has been a key factor in helping to create strong community education programs through invaluable "collective experience and knowledge" through its members both current and past.

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April 26, 2006	OCEA Board Meeting, Eagle Crest, Time TBA
April 27-28, 2006	OCEA Annual Conference Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon
May/June TBA	OCEA Board Meeting

*NCSCEA	National Council of State Community Education Associations
*NCCET	National Council for Continuing Education and Training
*NCEA	National Community Education Association
*NCEE	National Center for Community Education

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