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Countdown to Rendezvous '04, October 6, 7, & 8

With the 2004 Rendezvous quickly approaching, the final push is on! There is still time to turn in last-minute registrations and make room reservations. This year's conference is loaded with opportunities to advance professional development, including

- An in-demand pre-conference session, *The Radar Approach to Job Retention for Youth*, presented by Larry Robbin. (includes 10 free retention skill-building handouts);
- Contemporary breakout sessions with varied timeframes (some longer, some shorter!) provided by knowledgeable and experienced presenters;
- A tour of the Community Services Consortium in Newport
- A general networking session structured to enhance interaction and expand workforce contacts
- Nationally-recognized keynote speakers proven to inform, invigorate, and inspire
- Welcome message and special presentation by Tom Clancey-Burns
- NAWDP's Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) competencies to be earned in every session and CRC credits for selected sessions.

After-hours activities are all a part of the conference experience. Among the choices of optional activities, conference attendees can

- attend a festive, candle-lit awards banquet honoring our finest workforce professional peers, followed by an evening of dancing and an entertaining D.J.,
- participate in the annual Silent Auction fundraising event to benefit the OregonETA member scholarship fund,
- relax with a long walk along the beach,
- visit the waterfront at Newport or nearby coastal towns

To download a registration form, visit www.oregoneta.org/rendezvous.htm. Reservations can be made at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn and Conference Center by calling **1-800-547-3310**. Identify yourself as an Oregon Employment and Training Association (or OETA) conference attendee.

Can't attend the entire conference? Current OregonETA members can attend the 2004 Rendezvous for a single day at the registration price of \$100. For more information, contact us at info@oregoneta.org.

Check In

Conference attendees arriving early can check in and receive conference materials beginning Tuesday evening (October 5) from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration check-in will continue on Wednesday (October 6) from 7:30 a.m. until noon.

Pre-Conference Notes

If you haven't pre-registered for Larry Robbin's pre-conference session, email Donitta Booth at donitta@mccog.com to reserve your attendance. There is no additional cost for the workshop.

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He's Baa-aack!

The rumors you've been hearing are true.

Back by overwhelmingly popular demand, Dr. Door Prize (aka Ron "Wally" Wahlstrom) has been persuaded to lend his often-heralded, never duplicated talents to the 2004 Rendezvous for Workforce Development Professionals.

Wally will be at the conference podium of the Best Western Agate Beach Inn during meals and general sessions to deliver both prizes and fun. The intensifying, almost reverent chant of conference participants beckoning "waa-lee, waa-LEE, WAA-LEE!" to draw the names of door prize winners is a Rendezvous tradition not to be missed.

However...

We Need Your Donations

Dr. Door Prize can't operate a successful drawing without gifts and prizes to award. It's not too late to get creative, gather the group together for ideas, and take this opportunity to promote your organization.

To donate either a door prize or silent auction item, contact OETA board members Starla Clarke (starla.clarke@state.or.us) or Sue Niederwerfer (sue@uci.net).

The skills and expertise represented in OregonETA's membership is our greatest resource and asset as an Association.

We would love to help you showcase your talents! If you are interested in conducting training or volunteering to help on various OregonETA committees, please contact us at info@oregoneta.org

Annual Regional Training Program Slated to Begin

OregonETA kicks off its annual Regional Training events this November with the first workshop of the 2004-05 membership year.

Regions 2, 3, and 15 will host a *Career Development Workshop* directed by trainer William Sherman, Employment Specialist with the Oregon Employment Department.

The workshop will help participants define what career means to them and determine who and/or what contributes to their career success. Challenges will be identified and strategies for career enhancement will be developed. For those who seek to achieve a Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) credential, the training will help meet NAWDP Competency #2.

The workshop will be presented on November 17 at Goodwill Industries in Portland from 8:30 a.m. until noon with free admission to OregonETA and affiliate OCDA members. Watch for more information in coming emails. Flyers will also be made available at the registration desk during the Rendezvous.

Designed to bring timely and informative training to local areas of the State at little or no cost to members, OregonETA's Regional Trainings are an outstanding value in professional development opportunities. They fill the need for members to stay informed of the latest workforce issues, obtain competencies for workforce certification, or enhance existing skills.

See You at the 2004 Rendezvous!