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Membership News

• Earn FREE Membership!

Now you can earn rewards by helping OregonETA grow.

As a current member, when you recruit and register five new members, you'll get your own membership FREE for one year. That's \$40 in savings to your pocketbook! Just print out and distribute the **attached** application form to anyone that has not been an OregonETA member in the past year and would benefit from membership. Don't forget to write your name on the forms so you can get credit for the referral.

• 2005 Membership Fees Due

If you haven't had a chance to send in your dues for 2004-05, the application is **attached** to this file for your convenience. Membership expires June 30 each year.

To renew your membership, print out the form, complete it, and send it with your membership dues to:

OregonETA, PMB #173

16409 SE Division, Suite 216,
Portland, OR 97236.

At just \$40 for full-time, individual membership, OregonETA is an outstanding value.

Rendezvous 2004 Update

• Pre-Conference Offering and Evening Agenda Changes

Adding to this year's agenda of outstanding keynote speakers, breakout sessions and events is a FREE pre-conference offering from trainer Larry Robbin: *Youth - Radar Approach to Job Retention*.

Also, changes have been made to the agenda for evening events. The awards banquet has been moved to Wednesday evening (October 6). Dinner begins at 6:30 followed by awards and festivities. Thursday's dinner (October 7) begins at 6 with a roundup of the Silent Auction at 7:30. The remainder of Thursday evening is unscheduled.

Watch your email for the pre-conference flyer and the new Rendezvous Agenda.

• Conference Registration Savings Options

A great value in professional development opportunities just got even better. Any agency sending four or more staff members to the 2004 Rendezvous gets the fifth registration at half price. In fact, you can register every fifth person from your agency at half price. Register five, pay for 4 1/2. Register 10, pay for 9. With early-bird registration, your Agency will save over \$140 for every five people attending the Rendezvous. You'll find additional Rendezvous registration forms on our website (www.oregoneta.org).

Can't attend the entire conference? New for 2004, 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.

• Registration Scholarships Available

OregonETA is awarding a limited number of early-bird 2004 Rendezvous registration scholarships valued at \$245 each. The cost of lodging is not included. A scholarship candidate must be an OregonETA member for at least two years in order to apply. All scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. You'll find a scholarship application form **attached** to this eStar.

Talent on Display: Donations Needed

Here is a meaningful way to participate in OregonETA while helping your organization grow.

We need donations for the **Silent Auction** and for **Door Prizes** awarded at the Rendezvous. Members, member organizations, and partners alike have traditionally pulled out all the stops to donate an abundance of creative and delightful gifts to benefit what is *the* OregonETA fundraising event of the year.

Will there be recognition for donations? But of course! Door prize donor names will be announced at the time of distribution, and the names of Silent Auction donors will be prominently displayed.

The Rendezvous is a great showcase and opportunity for someone who has a special talent, is an amazing artist, or provides an in-demand service. Perhaps this year you might even invite a little "friendly" competition among others to meet-or-beat your contribution. Whatever the means, donations are the heart and soul of any successful Rendezvous. To make your donation, contact Starla Clarke (starla.clarke@state.or.us) or Sue Niederwerfer (sue@uci.net). **WE CAN' T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

Donation Ideas:

* Offer to cook for a party * Provide musical entertainment * A sailing excursion on your boat * Go in with others and host a party * A round of golf or golf lessons * Vacation home rentals * Wine baskets * Theater, concert, sporting event, or movie tickets * Hand made or hand painted items * Certificates for fine dining * Quilts, needlework or craft items * Health and Beauty services and supplies * Memorabilia * Tees, sweatshirts, or logo items * Hats, visors, sunglasses, umbrellas * Coffee, wine, teas, gourmet cocoa * Specialty goodie baskets with a theme* More...?

What is a Silent Auction Anyway?

You say you' ve never experienced the fun and excitement of a silent auction fundraising event? Never heard of an auction without a fast-talking auctioneer, noisy bidding, hand waving and gavel pounding?

Don' t let the "silence" part fool you -- the bidding process is equally competitive and interactive. Here' s how it works: Rows of tables display donated items up for bid. As you stroll among the aisles browsing the goods and services offered, you will see a bid sheet located next to each item. The bid sheet has columns of blank lines for writing bidder names and bid amounts. When you see something you' d like to bid on (that certificate for bed-and-breakfast at Mt. Hood caught your eye?), you simply add your name and your bid to the list.

You can bid on as many items as you like, as many times as you like. At the end of the auction, bidding stops and the items are deemed "SOLD!" to the last and highest bidder on each list.

Professional Development News

In addition to offering regional trainings, OregonETA is working to keep you informed of professional development opportunities in your area.

From time to time, we get notices about trainings, conferences, workshops, networking opportunities and the like. OregonETA will compile that information into calendar format and forward it on to you.

Watch your email for *What's Happening Around the State*, a listing of events geared toward workforce professionals. The e-calendar will be distributed for informational purposes only and as a service to our members.

OregonETA will not endorse, promote, or recommend any of the offerings listed.

Know A STAR When You See One?

Do you know someone remarkable in the field of workforce development? A "partner" and "team member" who personifies those terms?

Then you know an OregonETA **All-Star!** Why not honor him or her with an All-Star nomination?

The Board of Directors selects honorees from nomination forms submitted by current OregonETA members. Then, each year at the Rendezvous for Workforce Development Professionals, OregonETA recognizes these outstanding individuals at an awards banquet held in their honor.

An All-Star Nomination Form is **attached** to this eStar issue. Fill out the form, send it in, and give someone wonderful a well-deserved pat on the back.

The deadline for 2004 nominations is September 3.

The Toiletries Drive for Troops was such an overwhelming success at the NAWDP conference in May that the Drive has been extended through the 2004 Rendezvous. Bring your unopened hotel soap, shampoo/conditioner, or lotion to the conference registration desk and drop them into the donation box on display throughout the Rendezvous. Volunteers will pack up all donations and send them to our troops in Iraq with your best wishes.