

Fall greetings to Ohio Council on Family Relations Members:

I wanted to keep members apprised of recent advisory board information because we will be asking for input from our state membership. The following topics were discussed at our fall phone conference:

- ✓ The board provided a travel stipend of \$200 to Jin-Kyung Lee, an Ohio State University graduate student, to help with the cost of attending the NCFR annual conference in Vancouver. Her poster is entitled Fathering. If you are going to NCFR, stop by her poster session which is on Weds. Nov. 11 from 12:15 -1 p.m. (131-13 RT). Watch for the blog regarding Jin and her research which will be posted on the website in early December. We appreciate the time taken by six other graduate students who applied for the travel stipend.
- ✓ Congratulations to Maureen Blankemeyer, Ph.D. who received a Distinguished Teaching Award recently from Kent State University. Maureen has served on the OH CFR board for a number of years, currently as Secretary-Treasurer.
- ✓ Board members will be designing a survey to be emailed to CFLE members later this year.
- ✓ Advisory Board members who will be attending the NCFR conference plan to meet during the conference to brainstorm tasks/goals for OHCFR. Any Ohio members who would like to participate are also invited to attend. If you are interested contact President-elect, *Joan Jurich*, at jurich@ohio.edu. Use the subject heading Recruitment/Membership.
- ✓ **Call for nominations:** We will need to elect several advisory board members for the January 2016 to December 2017 term, two people to serve in the professional capacity and two at the student level. Joan will be assuming the role of President so we will need someone to step into the President-elect position. Audrey will serve in the past president's position. *Nominations which can be either self-nominations or nominations by another member should be sent to Kyle Bartholomew in care of <http://goo.gl/forms49cZWq25Fp>, by November 2, 2015.* Ballots will be sent to members in early November and the election will close on Nov. 20. We hope newly elected members will participate in our December meeting on December 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Union County Extension Office.
- ✓ Take time to check out the new Infographic designed by Rachel Brown and Kyle Bartholomew. This will serve as OH CFR's brochure and will be posted on the OH CFR website and used at sponsored events to promote membership in OH CFR.
- ✓ Board members are planning our second media campaign during

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#FamilyWeek which is the week of Thanksgiving. Carmen Irving is spearheading this project which is designed to collect photographs of family traditions. A call will be sent out in November with more details.

- ✓ We are also asking members to let us know about any activities in their communities that promote family. Recently in the Akron area, there was a half-page announcement in the Akron Beacon Journal (Oct. 6, p. A6) of a contest for students regarding “What Family Means to You”. Summit County students in grades K-5 can draw a poster and complete the phrase “A Family is...” while students in grades 6-8 can create a storybook depicting family life that uses the slogan “A Family is an Apple.” If interested in more information check out <http://www.summitkids.org/CommunityEducation/ChildandFamilyAwarenessMonth/tabid/94/Default.aspx>.

We are indebted to our graduate student members, Kyle Bartholomew, Rachel Brown, and Courtney Walsh as well as our new professional, Carmen Irving, for their expertise with media and willingness to tackle projects with media!

Safe travels to all of you heading to Vancouver.
Audrey Kraynak, President, Ohio Council on Family Relations