

January Newsletter

Message from the President

Happy New Year!

What will happen in the field of nutrition in 2012? The future is difficult to predict, but one of the trends for the last several years has been in increase in participation of supplemental food programs. Food security is a real concern for millions of Americans. In 2010, 48.8 million Americans lived in food insecure households, including 32.6 million adults and 16.2 million children (USDA, 2011). Unfortunately, Ohio (16.4%) was one of nine states that exhibited higher household food insecurity rates than the US national average, 2008-2010 (US Census Bureau). The number of people using food pantries, food kitchens, and homeless shelters has increased during this same time.

Many professionals in our field are working hard to provide everyone with access to nutritious foods and offer nutrition education to help individuals make the most of their resources. This February's meeting will focus on food security and the complicated issues involved in providing effective support to low-income populations. Please join us on February 3rd at LifeCare Alliance!

Best Wishes for a productive and peaceful 2012,

Julie



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**Check out our
website!**



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Action Items

Legislation Update

OHIO NUTRITION COUNCIL
Legislation Report – January, 2012



Federal News

Dietitians have been concerned with the recent ruling by CMS regarding obesity counseling. Medicare will cover nutrition counseling, but it is only in the primary care setting and, although the dietitian can be the provider, it is to be billed by the primary care provider. A petition, signed by 25,000 people has been sent to CMS asking them to revisit this rule. Dietitians are also encouraged to contact their Members of Congress to ask for help in this issue.

The American Dietetic Association has officially changed its name to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. A big change that will take us time to adjust to and get our colleagues to recognize.

We are still waiting for more details on the Farm bill and the Older Americans Act reauthorization.

State News

The Ohio Dietetic Association will hold its annual Policy Day on Wednesday, March 21st at the Vern Riffe Building in Columbus. The registration information is posted on the ODA web site – www.eatrightohio.org. ONC members are encouraged to attend. The Policy Day is a good way to increase your comfort level about working with legislators :)

Remember that there are new State legislative districts as well as new Congressional districts, so check with your County Board of Elections to see whose district you are in when it is time to vote in the fall. It is VERY possible that it will be different from your current districts.

House Bill 259, the bill that would allow the unrestricted practice of most of the health professions – no education, no training, no licensure, no standards remains in the House Health Committee. The Ohio Dietetic Association and the Ohio Board of Dietetics testified in opposition to the bill in December. We do not know if additional hearings will be held --- we hope not !!

House Bill 255 – the breakfast bill, continues to be of interest to us and we need to help Children's Hunger Alliance and Representative Gonzales convince the members of the Education Committee to move this bill. If you have not already done so, call your own State Representative and ask for his or her help in getting this bill moving. This is certainly an issue of importance to nutrition professionals.

As always, if you have questions or concerns related to legislation, please contact Pat McKnight, Legislation Chair, mcknightp@aol.com

Volunteers Needed

State Science Day—Saturday, May 5, 2012

The Ohio Nutrition Council and the Ohio Dietetic Association co-sponsor the Human Nutrition awards at the State Science Day every year. This event is organized by the Ohio Academy of Science for students in grades 7 – 12. It is held at the St. John Arena on The Ohio State University's campus. Monetary awards are given to outstanding projects based on originality and creativity that demonstrate understanding of human nutrition and its relationship to good health. Awards are given in each grade categories (7-8, 9-10, and 11-12). We are looking for nutrition professionals, dietetic interns, and students majoring in nutrition/dietetics to help with judging.

If you are interested in being a volunteer judge for the Human Nutrition projects at this year's State Science Day, please contact Heather McCormick at 614-580-3991 or hmccorm@lifecarealliance.org.

Data & Dates

Treasurer's Report

Assets:

Cash & bank accounts

CD 41432251	\$11,246.99 (as of 6/30/11)
Union Savings Checking	\$11,211.00
Total	\$22,457.99

Total Assets \$22,457.99

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	\$0
Equity	\$22,457.99
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$22,457.99

Shannon Amos
Director, Afterschool Nutrition & Education
Children's Hunger Alliance



Media Awards

Calling all ONC members! Nominate your favorite nutrition writer or reporter for 2011 for the Ohio Nutrition Council's Media Excellence Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual (s) who has demonstrated outstanding coverage of nutrition related issues for the public produced between January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012. ONC members can submit their own material if it fits the criteria. Syndicated materials will not be accepted. The application and criteria are on the ONC website. Deadline for the application is **February 1, 2012.**

**Hope to see
you there!**

Meeting Topic and Speakers

February 3, 2012

LOCATION: LifeCare Alliance www.lifecarealliance.org 1699 West Mound Street, Columbus, OH 43223

9:30-10:00a Registration and Networking

10:00—2:00p Programs and Speakers
“Current Issues in Food Security”

Speakers:

Dan Remley, OSU Extension Educator
Nancy Parkinson, Clinical Faculty, Miami University

CEUs: 3 (Certificates of Attendance will be available)

ATTENTION!

Seeking Leadership for 2012-2012!

- President –Elect
- Program Chair
- Membership Chair

Begins in June 2012 with Summer Meeting!

Please Note



ONC Scholarship

ONC Scholarship: Last Call! Submissions for awarding the \$1000.00 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year is winding down.

Application forms were e-mailed to food and nutrition educators, ONC members and others as requested. If there are others who would like to receive it they may contact the ONC office or go to the ONC web-site.

Completed applications must be completed, mailed and post marked by **February 1, 2012**

Save the Date

**31st ONC Biennial Conference
Building a Healthy Community
Thursday, April 19, 2012**

The ONC's 31st Biennial conference will be held on Thursday, April 19th at:

The Educational Service
Center of Central Ohio 2080
Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH
43219



Scheduled as a single day conference, topics to promote wellness throughout the life cycle will be presented during five informative sessions. A great list of speakers has been confirmed!

**Dates to
Remember!**

From the Board...

- ONC meeting dates are set: **February 3** , and **April 19 (biennial)**
- Remaining board conference calls: **April 6**
- Deadline for the Media Excellence Award is due **February 1, 2012**
- Completed applications for the ONC Scholarship must be completed, mailed and post marked by **February 1, 2012**
- ONC will help sponsor awards and provide judges for the State Science Day **May 5, 2012**