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Archived MG Coordinators' webinar for April: <http://breeze.wsu.edu/p75832224/>

Click on the link to hear our discussion on April First. Two clarifications....the MG Campaign is for \$1,900,000. That's the end goal, but we can use funds for Advanced Training options and resources before the end goal is reached. Also, found out we can have a state Facebook Fan page with all of you as administrators so we can put information out there without me having to direct questions back to each county. More on this later.

Radiation Information Sources

Please make the following links available to MGs for responding to questions about the effects of radiation levels on gardening. Both are official sites and are updated regularly. It would be a good idea to bookmark these sites for reference during the coming months.

EPA: <http://www.epa.gov/japan2011>

FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm247403.htm>

Dr Linda Kirk Fox Announces Move to University of Georgia

Perhaps you saw her email to the All Extension list. Here is her first paragraph:

There is no easy or gentle way to announce a major change that many will find startling news. Having said that, I am writing to say, Yes, I accepted the job at University of Georgia effective July 6th. I accepted a dean's position at UGA, Athens, Georgia. This was announced yesterday by the UGA President and Provost. I am very excited to be tapped to lead Family and Consumer Sciences, the 5th largest college at UGA (by undergraduate enrollment figures). UGA is a flagship land grant and sea grant research university which delivers on the promise of public service.

And here is her last paragraph:

I have been honored to learn and grow professionally and personally with such a committed group of faculty, staff, and friends of Extension. These have been challenging times, no doubt, and we haven't turned the corner in the economy yet. But Extension personnel have pursued

*excellence in every undertaking and have strong support from county government, stakeholders, and the university administration. Having earned the place of number one in the university last year in awards in competitive grants and contracts (\$52 Mil) demonstrates to many the return on investment is evident in WSU Extension. **With 14,000 well training and dedicated volunteers our reach into every community is a powerful educational engine and force for change.** I urge you to keep up your spirits and your quality work – the state, region and country needs Extension now more than ever!*

While it is a blow to lose her steadfast support of the WSU MG Program, I echo her charge that our work is needed more now than ever in our communities. The MG program is solid with state leadership. There will be an interim Associate Director of Extension to work with Dean Bernardo (Dean of CAHNRS and Extension) in moving through budgeting and restructuring ahead. Stay tuned to All Extension announcements and webinars for the latest.

Linda trades her Cougar duds for U of G Bulldog stuff on July 7th. She'll be wrapping up things here in the next few months. Wishes of gratitude and congratulations for Linda may be directed to extension@wsu.edu or Dr. Linda Kirk Fox, WSU Extension, PO Box 6248, Pullman WA 99164-6248

MGs can see separate totals for volunteer and continuing education hours on the Volunteer Database

There's a new report added to the Volunteer section. The report is "MG – Hours". It totals the volunteer hours by continuing education and all other hours for the dates selected. Now, volunteers can see clearly how many hours of volunteer work they have for any time period and how many hours of continuing education they have. (If they are reporting them!)

Next National Extension MG Coordinator discussion

"Marketing Your Programs on the Local and State Levels" on April 20th at 11 am Pacific Time

Go to the on-line meeting space at <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/hortcop>

Enter as a guest, and provide your name and what state you are from in the provided box.

When you are in the system you will see instructions for having the system call your phone (or you may need to place a call to the system if your phone is on a line extension--instructions are provided as well as a help number if you encounter problems).

WSU MG Coordinators' Webinars First Friday of every month, 10 am.

The URL will always be <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg>

Watch for agendas and additional information a week prior to each webinar. **Next one is on May 6th!**