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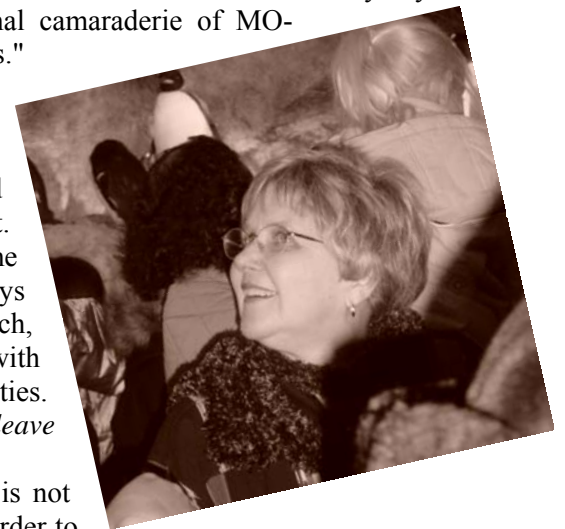
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Making History with an Historian!

Linda "Lindy" Mullins has accepted the recent appointment as the MO-AHEAD 2004-2005 Historian. Her enjoyment of photography and her own new digital camera make her a likely "match" to the task of capturing current MO-AHEAD visual moments. "Lindy" (a nickname first given to her when she pitched softball) has worked in Missouri at the post-secondary level for approximately 20 years. She is currently a Counseling Specialist, working in the ACCESS Office on the Meramec Campus of St. Louis Community College. Lindy has been active in MO-AHEAD since starting her current job in 1997. She was instrumental in bringing the speaker, Jeanne Kincaid, ADA Legal Counsel to Tall Oaks in 2000. Lindy says "I've always enjoyed the professional camaraderie of MO-AHEAD, especially the annual events."

When asked about personal stories of interest, Lindy replied that over the holidays she planned a four-day virtual cruise for her extended family. They boarded "ship" in St. Louis from places all over the continent. They "cruised" for five days in four languages: Spanish, French, Arabic and American Sign with accompanying foods and activities. Lindy asserts, "It is not necessary to *leave* home in order to *travel*".

About her current job she says, "It is not necessary to *leave* a difficult job to order to *succeed*, when you have the support of MO-AHEAD".



An Impact That Lasts a Lifetime

Hi, my name is Mary Rutherford, the second newest member of MO-AHEAD as the K-12 Liaison. Presently, I'm a secondary Special Education teacher in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, which is in the southeastern part of the state. Prior to becoming a teacher I was a hairdresser for 16 years, and after I began teaching, I continued to cut hair part-time for another 13 years. I became interested in education when my daughter started school. I saw children in her class, and in others, who had difficulty in school. It was great to see what a little encouragement and some extra help could do to make them successful. It was then that I decided that those kids needed my help more than my customers needed a haircut. After all, a haircut lasts only 4-6 weeks, but a teaching a child to read or to do math lasts a lifetime. I've been teaching for 23 years now and it has, for the most part, been an extremely rewarding experience - a career change I have not regretted. I have one daughter who is married and lives in Athens, Georgia. She recently graduated with a Master's degree in Public Administration and works for the Red Cross. Her husband is still in school majoring in Chemistry with an emphasis in Research, so it looks like it will be a couple more years until I'm a grandma. Oh well, I'm really TOO YOUNG to be a grandma anyway!

"Growing Together"

Great Plains Regional Conference - April 13 - 15, 2005

Looking for ways to enhance disabilities services on your campus? Want to network with other professionals in the field? Struggling with difficult disability issues? Then we have just what you need - you won't want to miss the upcoming Regional AHEAD Conference this year. Come join us in **Growing Together!**

Great Plains Regional Conference will be held at the Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, Kansas. The conference sessions start on Wednesday at 1 P.M. and end on Friday at noon. There are no membership requirements for the Great Plains Regional AHEAD. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Only 6 more weeks before the Great Plains Regional Conference. Be sure to register! Contact Janna Willnauer at 913-469-8500, ext 3159 or e-mail at jwillnau@jccc.net, fax 913-469-2503 for registration materials. **Registration forms must be received by March 23, 2005.**

The Great Plains Regional AHEAD Conference is designed to be very informative, yet affordable. This year's keynote speaker is **Sue Kroeger**, Ed. D., Director of Disability Resources at the University of Arizona. Sue will present an intriguing topic: "*Disability Services: Leading In The New Millennium.*" She will also facilitate a workshop on "*Reframing Disability and Redesigning Services.*" Other session topics include universal design, faculty perspectives, psychiatric disabilities, transition planning, and advice for new DSS providers, distance education, housing issues, and technology such as audio texts.

Conference fees include registration, lodging, meals, snacks, and conference materials.

Two housing options are available and a day rate option:

- Conference Center Housing (\$230.00).** This option includes 3 people to a room. Each room has a set of bunk beds, two single beds, and a bathroom. The Conference Center will hold 36 people, so space is limited. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis by the date your registration form is received. Bedding and towels are provided in this facility.
- Cabin Housing (\$185.00).** This option includes three sets of bunk beds in each room of the older cabins. Bedding and towels will be included in this option.
- Day Rate (\$135.00).** This option includes Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and Friday morning. *In choosing the Day Rate option, please be advised that this option includes **one meal only (Thursday lunch)**.* Daily complimentary snacks are included.

DONATION IN MEMORY OF MARTHA GREGORY-WILLE

At the January Board Meeting, the MO-AHEAD Board voted unanimously to make a donation of \$500 from the general funds to Martha's children's college fund in her memory. Martha was a hard-working member of MO-AHEAD, who will be missed by the members who knew her.



2005 Tall Oaks Scholarship awards will be made in memory of Martha Wille Gregory

TALL OAKS SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Again this year, the Executive Board of MO-AHEAD is making scholarships available to cover the Great Plains Conference lodging and food. This year's awards will be made in memory of Martha Wille Gregory, a former MO-AHEAD member.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please send your request to Jan Eudaley at the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College: 3400 Pershall Rd., St. Louis, MO 63135-1499

Please include, with your request, a letter from your dean, which validates the unavailability of funds for this staff development activity. If you have further questions, please contact Jan Eudaley at jeudaley@stlcc.edu. See you in Linwood!

Reward for What We Do

Feedback from students:

She has been a role model to me. She has truly helped me through this semester. I look forward to her class the most. She is the best teacher I've ever had.

Anonymous

He takes the time necessary to make sure each student is taken care of.

Anonymous



NOBODY LIKES A NAG!

If you have not updated your college's information for our MO-AHEAD Transition Guidebook, we are begging you to take a minute to correct this situation. Review your listing in the Guidebook at <http://www.stlcc.edu/fv/MO-AHEAD>.

If any changes are needed please email Sue Matthews at smatthews@stlcc.edu. We'll be your best friend!

MO-AHEAD TRANSITION TRAINING COMMITTEE PLANS

The Transition Committee has two charges:

- 1) To maintain the Missouri College Guidebook
<http://www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/fv/MO-AHEAD/index.html>
- 2) To plan and conduct transition-training workshops in the state of MO

Guidebook News:

The guidebook college profiles can now be updated any time. Any college or university that wants to change information can simply e-mail Suelaine Matthews at smatthews@stlcc.edu. The Transition Training Committee is in the process of adding technical colleges to the Guidebook profile list. Anyone with suggestions of colleges that need to be added should contact Sue.

In February 2006, the Committee will formally campaign MO Higher Education Institutions to update profiles. The Committee will review the introduction and front portion of the guidebook in Fall 2006.

Transition Training Workshop News:

The goal of holding two training sessions has been met for the year 2004. One was held in Kansas City, facilitated by Julie Edwards; and the other in St. Louis, facilitated by Sue Matthews and Debbie Shores of Maryville University.

A Transition Training Workshop is in the planning stages for Southeast Missouri. The date is set for **April 1, 2005, from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m** and will be facilitated by Maureen Ottenlips. More information will be available soon.

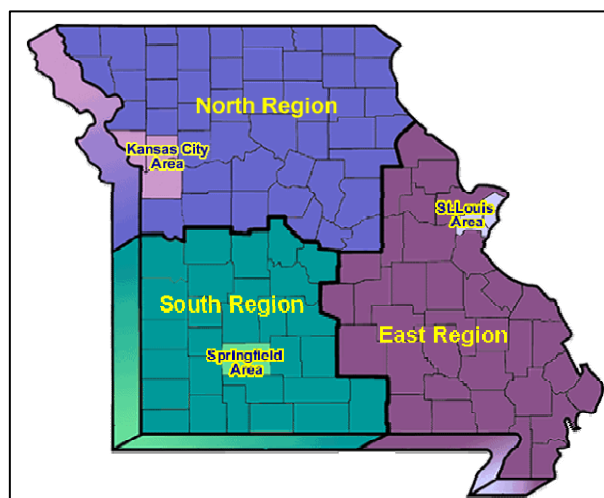
Two more workshops are planned for **March 10 and April 12, 2005** at the **University of Missouri – Columbia**. These will be facilitated by Suelaine Matthews and Julie Edwards. For more information contact Lee Henson at (hensonl@missouri.edu).

If you are interested in facilitating a Transition Training Workshop, attendance to at least one workshop is required. These are great opportunities to gain experience, expertise, and expand your network. Transition Training equips High School Teachers and Counselors with the information to best equip students with disabilities entering higher education. We all benefit from these workshops.

Sue and Julie are currently updating the Transition Training Workshop Presentation. In addition to the current presentation intended for High School Teachers and Counselor audiences, Sue and Julie will create one for students & parents. Future plans include working toward a system where we have yearly transition trainings in four regions. The committee will work on identifying key people in these regions and develop subcommittees to try to

get workshops started. The following areas have been identified for this purpose: East, St. Louis, North, and South (diagram is approximate divisions).

The idea is to identify school districts and 'contact people' in each region in order to get the word out about training. If you are interested in participating please contact Sue Matthews (smatthews@stlcc.edu).



Regional News and Activities

NEXT ISSUE – MAY

Look for these great articles in the next issue of MO-AHEAD Newsletter.

- Book & Magazine reviews
- Website resources
- Tall Oaks Revisited!
- Preparing for National AHEAD conference

The MO-AHEAD Newsletter can be shared with others within your institution. Share information, resources, events, and news to promote your affiliation and professionalism!

MO-AHEAD = YOU

Do you have a website you use or consider a 'must have' resource? Share it with others in the profession by sending the link to Tammy Pratt (tpratt@umr.edu). Websites will be listed as a feature in the next newsletter.

Many MO-AHEAD members have published articles, presentations or research. As a resource to our members, we are asking for contributions to be submitted to the MO-AHEAD Newsletter to be recognized and made available to other professionals in the field.

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PEPNET Teleconference – Teaching English to Deaf Students

February 17th – St Louis Community College – Florissant Valley

Due to a satellite breakdown at the Cosand Center, the teleconference could not be downloaded - hopefully there will be a tape of the teleconference available if anyone is interested.

Postsecondary Issues for Deaf Students

February 25th – Tom Thompson, Harper College

Tom Thompson, Director of Disability Services, Harper College, Palatine, IL included a stop at St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley on a recent trip to Columbia, MO. He met with seven members of St Louis AHEAD to discuss postsecondary issues for Deaf/Hard of Hearing students. Concerns discussed were the decreasing numbers of Deaf students enrolled and the lack of skills to be successful in postsecondary arenas. Those who attended had positive feedback about his visit. Thanks are extended to Tom and to our Illinois constituents for making the discussion positive.

As a reminder, MCPO (<http://www.mcpo.org/>) and PEPNET (<http://www.pepnet.org/>) will come to your campus as a resource to disability service providers. This is a valuable source of knowledge regarding Deaf and Hard-of-hearing and is free.

St Louis AHEAD Meeting

March 18, 2005 – University of Missouri – St. Louis at the MSC Building, Room 313, 1:00 – 3:00p.m.

For more information contact: Marilyn Ditto-Pernell 314.516.6238
Maureen Ottenlips 314.513.4583

Workshop on Learning Disabilities and ADHD

MO-AHEAD will be sponsoring a one-day workshop on Learning Disabilities and ADHD. Dr. Heather Noble Staff Psychologist and the Coordinator for the Assess for Success program at UM-KC is the presenter for the workshop. **This is FREE and open to everyone.** Come see old friends or make some new ones.

The workshop will be held **Friday, October 28, 2005 at University of Missouri-Kansas City campus from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Registration is required.** Please call (816) 235.5672 to register for this workshop and let us know of any accommodations you may need. If you have questions about the workshop or topics you would like covered during the workshop email Scott Laurent at laurentr@umkc.edu.

Topics covered will include understanding learning disabilities, reviewing documentation, with the afternoon focused on answering your questions and discussing the unique issues you're facing in the real world. This is an opportunity to get the training you need to handle learning disabilities or as a helpful refresher course!

Lunch is on your own. The UMKC campus is located just blocks from the historic Country Club Plaza a premiere shopping and entertainment district featuring the best shops, the finest foods and the smoothest Jazz and Blues around. Plus the fall colors will be spectacular that time of year. Don't miss this opportunity to combine work and pleasure in Kansas City. A map to the workshop site with complete directions and parking information will be available soon.