

September 15, 2003

Answer: The Great Fall Get-Together Question: What is the ICI Kickoff?

The Institute on Community Integration's Kickoff committee is excited to present to you this year's Fall ICI Community Kickoff, U-Games 2003 with "Wink Westbank," on October 8 at 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Kickoff is the one time during the year for all ICI staff to spend time in one place to become reacquainted, to learn about how we are interconnected and how we can work together to reach our goals, and to start the year in a fun and informative way. The Kickoff can only be successful with your participation. Please RSVP to Kristin Liu by October 1 (kline010@umn.edu or 6-9061).

This year's Kickoff will include:

- **Less Paper:** In an effort to be more cost-efficient and to save a few trees, there will be no paper Kickoff packet this year. Everything that used to be in the Kickoff folder can be found on ICI's new Intranet site, Orpheus (<http://ici.umn.edu/intranet>).
- **Poster Sessions:** Enjoy a snack and beverage while you browse a myriad of educational and inspirational displays and poster sessions presented by your fellow coworkers.
- **What's My Line?** Once again, Jerry Smith, ICI's award-winning videographer, will wow us with his cinematic expertise. We can't tell you any more than that, partly because it's a surprise, and partly because it isn't done yet.
- **Lingo Bingo!** RTC, NCSET, NCEO, CEED, ECRI-MGD, UCEDD, NICHCY, NIDRR, OSEP, OSERS.... What is this secret code, this secret language muttered in the offices and cubicles of Pattee Hall, Elliott Hall, Burton Hall? Culture shock for the new, a comfortable old friend for the seasoned employee. What's a new employee (and some old employees) to do? We have the answer! Alleviate all your acronym woes at this year's Kickoff with an exciting round of Lingo Bingo! Win prizes and have fun learning the secret language of ICI.
- **Great Food!** Snacks and lunch will be catered by D'Amico & Sons. Remember last year's decadent chocolate cake?
- **All-Star Kickoff Jeopardy:** Have you ever dreamed about being a contestant on one of TV's most popular game shows, Jeopardy? Three lucky ICers will get that chance to battle it out in a grueling game of All Star Kickoff Jeopardy, starring Wink Westbank. Play along (in silence, people) and test your knowledge about ICI and its affiliated centers.
- **Awards Recognition:** This year we will review awards, recognitions, and elections awarded to ICI staff and its affiliated centers throughout the past year. Recipients are encouraged, but not required, to sport their best formal wear. We also suggest that recipients jot down a few words on an ATM receipt, crumple it up, and stuff it in their pocket until their name is announced.
- **Our Host, Wink Westbank:** We are thrilled to have 70's game-show host sensation, Wink Westbank, as this year's host of the ICI Community Kickoff. Wink is best known for his role as host of TV's "Let's Make an Accommodation." Speaking of his invitation to host this year's Kickoff, Wink recently remarked, "I'm proud and honored to be a part of this special day."

Staff Update

- **Staff Arrivals.** Kentaro Kato, Research Assistant, NCEO; Amanda Petri, Research Assistant, Administration. **Staff Departures.** Krishna Iyer, Student Web Tech, Administration; Judy Swanson, Community Program Specialist, CEED; Carolyn Sorenson, Coordinator, NCSET; Ali Glynn, Principal Administrative Specialist, Adult Services.
- Pam Stenhjem has been appointed to the University Grievance Board for a three-year term.
- Michael Moore was in the cast of "The Mikado" at Theatre in the Round, July 18-August 17.
- Pat Salmi won the 2003 American Society of Interior Designers Educational Foundation/Joel Polsky Academic Achievement Award for her thesis, "An Exploration of Critical Factors for Accessibility and Wayfinding for Adults with Mental Retardation." The award includes a certificate, a monetary award, and recognition at next year's national conference in Savannah, GA.

Dates to Remember...

- **September 16: Community Supports Public Policy Forum, 12:15-2:00 p.m., Roseville Public Library.**
- **September 17: HR Workgroup Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 118 Pattee Hall.**
- **September 26: Pizza Forum, 12-1 p.m., 118 Pattee Hall.**
- **October 8: ICI Kickoff, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Al Johnson Great Room, McNamara Alumni Center/University Gateway.**
- **October 13: ICI Council, 10-11:30 a.m., 118 Pattee Hall.**

From the Front Office

News from ICI's Administrative Staff

- **Phone List/Mailboxes Update.** Updates to the ICI phone list and mailbox assignments will be made by the end of this month. Please send any changes/corrections to kuro0008@umn.edu.
- **2003-04 Student/Staff Directory.** The deadline for updating your personal information for the Student/Staff Directory is Sept. 17. To update your home address/phone info, go to <http://hrss.umn.edu>. To update your campus address/phone info, email to kuro0008@umn.edu.
- **Employee Self-Service (ESS) Web Site.** Remember, you can view your pay statements online, as well as make changes to your W-4, direct deposit, and many other features at <http://hrss.umn.edu>. All you need is your internet ID and password.
- **CEHD 2003 Community Fund Drive.** The CEHD 2003 Community Fund Drive will take place October 1-31. Look for more info coming soon! ICI's Community Fund Drive Coordinator is Beth Nelson. The CEHD Lead Fund Drive Coordinator is Julie Rebeau.
- **Attention P&A Staff and Faculty.** It is time for P&A staff and faculty to complete an end of year REPA (Report of External Professional Activities, formerly the AREPA) form for the 2002-03 reporting period (9/1/02-8/31/03). P&A staff and faculty must complete these forms by Oct. 15, even if they have no activities or interests to report. General info and instructions have been sent to P&A staff and faculty via email from the CEHD Dean's Office.
- **Attention GRAs and Their Supervisors.** Letters of appointment have been given to supervisors. If you haven't already done so, please sign your letter and return it to Amy in 102 Pattee Hall.
- **ICI's Community Advisory Council.** ICI's Community Advisory Council will meet September 25 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Metrodome. This meeting will focus on projects related to supporting direct support professionals and will include a demonstration of the College of Direct Support Internet-based curriculum. For further info about the meeting or to RSVP, please contact Julia Socha at 4-2008 or wash004@umn.edu.

Miscellaneous

- **Brain Injury Association of Minnesota's "Walk for Thought."** On Sept. 27 at 9 a.m., the Brain Injury Association of MN will hold its 2nd annual "Walk for Thought" around Lake Phalen in St. Paul. For info about walking or to donate, contact Sue McColley at 4-9722 or mccol010@umn.edu.
- **History of Eugenics Lecture.** The U's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies is co-sponsoring a free, public lecture by Edwin Black, author of New York Times bestseller *IBM and the Holocaust*, Thursday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m. in D-2530 Moos Tower. Black will make references to the history of eugenics while talking about his new book *The War Against the Weak*, which chronicles an American campaign to create a white, Nordic master race through eugenics.
- **New Publication from the RRTC on Blindness and Low Vision.** The RRTC on Blindness and Low Vision at Mississippi State University has a new report: "The Impact of the ADA on the Employment of Individuals Who are Blind or Have Severe Visual Impairments, Part I: Elements of the ADA Accommodation Request Process." To purchase the report (\$20), contact Kelly Schaefer at 662-325-7825 or schaefer@ra.msstate.edu.
- **Birthdays.** Ann Clapper (9/22), Christopher Watson (9/23), Jennifer Hall-Lande (9/26), Liudmila Mikhailova (9/28), Kristin Kline Liu (10/7), Mary Hayden (10/9), Manuel Barrera (10/9), Julie Davis (9/12), Ana Pratt (10/14). Did we miss your birthday? Let us know! Call 4-6300 or email kuro0008@umn.edu.

Bits & Pieces

Information from the Institute's Web Development Team (11 Pattee, 6-8649) and Publications Office (109 Pattee, 4-4512)

- **New on the Web from NCSET.** Now, you can learn more about adolescent literacy at by visiting <http://www.ncset.org/topics/>. This new Web Topic from the Institute's National Center on Secondary Education and Transition explores approaches to improving the literacy skills of adolescents so that they can succeed in content-area classes and enjoy reading. Like all of NCSET's Web Topics, it includes an introduction, frequently asked questions, related research, emerging practices, Web sites, and additional resources.
- **Upcoming NCSET Teleconference Call.** On Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 1:00-2:00 p.m., the Institute's National Center on Secondary Education and Transition will present a teleconference call on "High Schools of Authentic and Inclusive Learning." Presenters will share research from the Research Institute on Secondary Education and Reform for Youth With Disabilities (RISER), discussing how inclusion and teaching of high intellectual quality can be integrated, and to what ends, for students with and without disabilities; the extent to which authentic and inclusive practices at the secondary level relate to post-school outcomes for students with and without disabilities; the ways in which external standards and assessments influence practices; how schools facilitate career development and postschool planning for students with and without disabilities; and the nature of school organizational capacity in schools with authentic and inclusive practices. Presented by Cheryl Hanley-Maxwell and Allen Phelps, Co-Directors of RISER. To join this call, please dial 703-871-3021 a couple of minutes before the call begins, and refer to the "NCSET Teleconference Call" if asked by the operator.
- **FYI Deadline.** Items for the next *FYI* should be submitted to Chris in 109 Pattee or e-mailed to opsa1001@umn.edu by Monday, October 13.