



Teaming up for tomorrow

27TH ANNUAL OAMR CONFERENCE "TEAMING UP FOR TOMORROW" SEPTEMBER 16 – 19, 2009 VALLEY RIVER INN, EUGENE, OREGON

2009 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Our Annual Conference will be held from September 16-19 at the beautiful Valley River Inn in Eugene. The Conference will begin with an informative Academy session on Wednesday, September 16, and will be followed by two days filled with general and concurrent educational sessions. It will conclude with the Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers on Friday, September 18. New Board members and Committee Chairs will hold a short transitional meeting on Saturday morning, September 19.

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE! Return your completed registration form by **Friday, August 28**, and save \$25. Pre-registration helps the Conference Committee coordinate the appropriate number of meals and conference materials.

CANCELLATIONS. Conference registration cancellations and meal changes will be accepted until 5:00 PM, August 28. A cancellation fee of \$10 will be assessed on any changes received by August 28. No refunds will be given after August 28.

REGISTRATION. Registration will be located in the lobby of the Valley River Inn. Conference Committee members will be available each morning and during breaks to answer your questions or assist with purchasing additional raffle and meal tickets.



NAME TAGS. Your registration packet will include a name tag lanyard, which should be worn for all Conference functions. Name tag ribbons indicate new members, Honored Guests, speakers,

vendors, Board members, Past Presidents, and Conference Committee members. At the end of the Conference, please leave your name tag at Registration.

MEALS. Meals are included in the full conference registration fee. It includes a light breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the President's Reception on Thursday, September 17; and breakfast, lunch, and the Annual Banquet dinner on Friday, September 18. Meal tickets will be included with your name tag; please have them ready at your meal table.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided for those attending the Academy session on Wednesday, September 16, as part of the Academy registration fee.

Please indicate on the registration form your dietary needs and your banquet entrée choice. Guests are welcome to join you for Conference meals. Please select those meals under "Guest Event Registration" on the registration form and include payment.

BREAKS. Conference breaks will be held in the Willamette ballroom foyer. Take these breaks and visit vendors, network with your peers, purchase items from the OAMR Store, and view/bid on auction items.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE AND DANCING. Conference attire will be "business casual." The Friday evening banquet is "semi-formal." After the banquet, the fun continues with dancing!



ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PACKET. The business packet will be available on the OAMR website. Please print your packet and bring it to the annual Business Meeting. If you cannot access the packet on-line, please indicate on the registration form that you need a paper packet; one will be mailed to you. A few extra copies of the packet will also be available at the registration table.

OAMR LOGO PINS. You may order a permanent OAMR logo name tag for \$10 by completing the appropriate section of the registration form. When ordering your logo pin, please specify if your logo pin should have a name other than the one under which you register for the Conference.

ACADEMY SESSION. We encourage you to register for and attend Yvonne Lewis-Day's Academy Session entitled, "**Write to the Top.**" The Academy will be held Wednesday, September 16,



from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. A light breakfast and lunch are included in the \$150 registration fee.

MEET-N-GREET SOCIAL. All Conference attendees are invited to attend this casual event shortly after the Annual Academy on Wednesday, September 16, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in President Kathy Louie's suite at the Valley River Inn. We will honor new OAMR members and first-time Conference attendees. Mentors are asked to attend with their mentees to help them get acquainted. Light refreshments will be served.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION. We will honor President Kathy Louie with an evening in downtown Eugene at LaVelle Wine Bar & Bistro located near Eugene's famous Sixth Street Public Market. Dress casually for this fun and relaxing evening. Transportation will be by carpool with details to be announced during the Conference. Additional tickets to this event will be available for purchase at the registration table.

10TH ANNUAL KATHY ISHIARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WALK. The Kathy Walk will be held Friday, September 18, at 3:45 pm. Spend time with your friends on this walk along the Eugene walking path as



it meanders next to the beautiful Willamette River. All proceeds from the Walk benefit the Kathy Ishiara Memorial Scholarship Fund. More information about Kathy Ishiara, former Medford City Recorder, is available at the registration desk. The fee is only \$25 and you may include your Walk registration on your Conference registration form or register at the Conference up to the last session on Friday. For additional information, call Amy Sowa, CMC, Springfield, at 541-726-3700 or e-mail asowa@ci.springfield.or.us.



SILENT AUCTIONS. All OAMR members are asked to support our scholarship programs by bringing at least one item for the auctions. Auction items will be collected adjacent to the registration desk and may be dropped off beginning Wednesday, September 16. The first auction will start on Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. The second auction will be held on Friday, with items on display throughout the day; however, bids will only be accepted during the "social hour" (6:00 to 7:00 pm) prior to the Banquet. Bid cards will be collected promptly at 7:00 pm, and winners will be announced during the banquet. This is an

exciting event, with enthusiastic bidding to the last moment ... You don't want to miss the fun!

RAFFLES. Two raffles will be conducted during the conference, with all proceeds funding education scholarships for our members. There will be seven "theme" baskets full of desirable items. And then there is the new cash card raffle with three chances to win with every ticket purchased. Please turn in your ticket sales money, ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets at the registration table. Any available tickets will sold during the Conference.

VENDORS. Please take time to visit with Conference vendors in the Willamette Ballroom foyer. Ask vendors to sign your door prize sheet for entry into a drawing to be held during the Banquet. All vendors are invited to the Thursday luncheon, so please welcome them and tell them you appreciate their support of OAMR.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS. Please consider serving on one of next year's OAMR committees, which form the backbone of our Association. Your assistance and input on committees are greatly valued and appreciated. You may sign up by using the form in the Newsletter or at the Conference registration table.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the Valley River Inn at 800-543-8266. Be sure to identify yourself as part of the OAMR Group. **Reservations must be made by Thursday, August 6.** A selection of room types has been set aside for the OAMR room block that includes Deluxe rooms for \$109 per night*; Riverview rooms for \$119 per night*; and Concierge floor singles for \$119 per night* or doubles for \$139 per night*. Concierge floor rooms include access to a private hosted lounge featuring upscale continental breakfast and evening beverages and hors d'oeuvres. (*Plus occupancy tax.)



CONFERENCE EVALUATION AND PLANNER FORMS. Take a few minutes and complete these forms to ensure another successful conference next year. The 2010 Conference Committee will take your input and plan a Conference that best meets everyone's needs. Please leave your evaluation at the registration table as you leave Friday's last Conference session or mail it to Ruth Post after the Conference.

THANK YOU! Please thank your 2009 OAMR Conference Committee for their many hours of hard work to support this year's Conference.