

Southeast Area Newsletter

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome to the Southeast Area! My name is Melissa Carpenter and I am serving as your Southeast Area director and Special Projects Chairman. We had a great Winter Board meeting in Nashville, TN and are looking forward to Kansas City, Missouri in July. Southeast Area now has a page on the NAEOP Website at www.naeop.org/area_southeast. Please check it out!

Thank you for becoming a member of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals for the 2009-2010 association year. If you have not renewed your membership, I would like to encourage each of you to renew your membership with NAEOP and recruit new members to join our wonderful organization.

SOUTHEAST AREA OFFICERS

Melissa Carpenter, CEOE, MS - Director
Mimi Pike, CEOE, KY - Secretary
Pat Whitley, MS - Treasurer
Ida Brown Philson, CEOE, LA - Professional Development Seminar Chairman

SOUTHEAST AREA STATES

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
Tennessee
Africa
Bermuda
Caribbean Areas

SOUTHEAST AREA SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight a Member or an Affiliate in the next newsletter! If you have a member or an affiliate who you would like to be highlighted in the next

Newsletter, please submit information to melissa.carpenter@usm.edu by March 30 for consideration.

DATES AND DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

February 15, 2010 – *Keeping Affiliates Active* Newsletter deadline and National Office closed for President's Day
March 15, 2010 – NAEOP scholarship and awards deadline
March 19-21, 2010 – Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar in Baton Rouge, LA
April 9, 2009 *NES Connector* Summer issue deadline "Change/Motivation"
April 21, 2010 – Administrative Professionals' Day
May 3, 2010 – Affiliate renewal deadline
May 14, 2010 – *Keeping Affiliates Active* newsletter deadline
May 15, 2010 – PSP filing deadline
May 17, 2010 – National Educational Bosses Week
July 5-9, 2010 – NAEOP Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joyce Holmes, AR
Kathleen Jackson, CEOE, AR
Enola Strang, AR
Elizabeth Wirges, AR
Helen Edwards, FL
Catherine McClain, FL
Linda McCoy, FL
Marilyn Dillard, MS
Jennifer Gatlin-Barnes, MS
Susan Renea Hurt, MS
Denise Johnson, MS
Dorothy Little, MS
Beverly Nobles, MS
Pauline Smith, MS
Joyce Thompson, MS



Mark your calendars!

Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar will be hosted by the Louisiana Association of Educational Office Professionals March 19-21 at the Sheraton in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Deadline to register for the hotel is Friday, February 19 and seminar registration Sunday, February 28. Registration information attached.

PSP/CEOE RECIPIENTS

Joy L. Conaway, AR – Advanced I, Option I
 Jewel Adams, MS – Bachelor Degree, Option II
 Sarah L. Foote, MS – Master Degree, Option II and CEOE
 Denise M. Johnson, MS – Bachelor Degree, Option II
 Beverly N. Martin-Bruce, MS – Basic, Option I
 LaTrice MacDonald, MS – Associate Degree, Option II
 Pearl Woulard Simpson, MS – Bachelor Degree, Option II
 Charlette Willis, MS – Bachelor Degree, Option II

Let's see who will be featured next!

SOUTHEAST AREA AFFILIATES

Arkadelphia AEOP
 Arkansas AEOP
 Duval AEOP
 Florida AEOP
 Hardin County AEOP
 Hattiesburg AEOP
 Hinds County AEOP
 Kentucky AEOP
 Louisiana AEOP
 Mississippi AEOP
 Mississippi AEOP Past Presidents
 MS Gulf Coast Community College AEOP
 NAEOP Past Educational Office Professionals
 North Little Rock AEOP
 Oak Ridge AEOP
 Ozark Unlimited Resources AEOP
 Sarasota County AEOP
 The University of Southern Mississippi AOP

AFFILIATE NEWS FLASH

We want to hear from all affiliate presidents. To affiliate, go to <http://www.naeop.org> and download the forms and check out what is available to you as

a member and affiliate. Affiliate early so you can receive all the many wonderful benefits NAEOP has to offer its affiliates. Affiliates can send articles to Linda Sockwell, CEOE, at linda.sockwell@risd.org NES Connector Editor, and articles for *Keeping Affiliates Active* to Lola Young at lyoung5@unl.edu.

SOUTHEAST AREA AFFILIATES NEWS

Louisiana Association of Educational Office Professionals will be hosting the Southeast Area Professional Development Seminar March 19-21 at the Sheraton in Baton Rouge, LA. LAEOP Annual Conference will be held at the Sheraton March 18-20 in Baton Rouge, LA. Contact Joyce Jones at joyce_jones@sus.edu for more details.

Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals annual conference will be held June 10-12 at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center in Olive Branch, MS. Contact Jewel Adams, Vice President at jewel.adams@usm.edu for more information or checkout www.usm.edu/maeop for registration information.

The University of Southern Mississippi Association of Office Professionals held its 16th Annual United Way Mega Garage Sale Saturday, December 5, 2009. AOP members braved the cold and a light blanket of snow in order to make this community service event a prosperous one. The garage sale is an integral part of the university-wide United Way Campaign. Once again, the association's hard work and commitment to this cause was successful. AOP members who participated were Jewel Adams, Patricia Brewer, Melissa Carpenter, Dianne Coleman, Tina Griffin, Dale Hill, Susan King, Connie Knight, Connie Lang, Kathy Oliver, Pam Posey, Joyce Sanders, Susan Seal, Eric Sumrall, Mary Sumrall and Jeannie Watson.

Our success, however, comes with support and contributions from local businesses and several university entities. Toby West, owner of Trailerental, donates a trailer that is used to hold garage sale "items" donated from people across the campus and the community. In January, a \$1965 check was presented to Dan Kibodeaux, Executive Director of the United Way of Southeast Mississippi.

A "TRUE OFFICE PROFESSIONAL" RETIRES

As of January 31, Joyce Sanders retired from the university after 31 years of service. She has been a member of USM AOP and state (MAEOP) and national (NAEOP) associations since her career at Southern Miss began in 1979. She served as USM AOP president in 1988 and has served on the board and several committees throughout the local, state and national levels. Pam Posey, national president and Tina Griffin, local president, along with the USM AOP membership presented Joyce a proclamation and an honorary membership at the January meeting. We will miss her."

If your affiliate did not appear in this issue, then let us hear from you soon so you can be featured in the next edition.

SPECIAL PROJECTS



As Special Projects chairman, our battle cry is "show me the green" to assist in raising funds for NAEOP. Special Projects committee functions to provide the mechanics necessary to carry out any special projects as approved by the Board of Directors. Please consider volunteering for this committee by submitting your contact information to melissa.carpenter@usm.edu.

The Committee is working on items to sell during the Kansas City Conference in July and we need your help. Chris Walsh has graciously agreed to make an afghan for us to auction during the conference. If you would like to participate, please send knitted and crocheted squares to Chris so she can assemble it prior to the conference. Standard size is 7" x 9" – and large size is 12" x 12". This conglomerate of colors and styles will make an unusual and beautiful afghan from donated pieces from many states. Chris is looking forward to putting it all together! Please send them to her at 14925 Mockingbird LN E, Clearwater, FL 33760. We are encouraging states and affiliates to bring a basket for us to take chances during the conference (please be mindful of those who win the basket that travel by air). The Special Projects Committee is also looking at holding a silent auction in July. If you have an item to donate, please contact the chairman at melissa.carpenter@usm.edu.

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

The Southeast Area has 521 members. Let's have an increase by the next edition of the newsletter!

Remember to affiliate with NAEOP and continue to recruit new members!

Remember to keep Butch Bender, the Haitian community and all those who are sick and in bereavement in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Melissa Carpenter on being approved for a Habitat for Humanity House. Construction begins Friday, March 5!

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

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