



Galaxy III Gazette

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Introducing JCEP President Carol C. Schlitt

Monday, September 15 Schedule:

- **8 am:** Registration, Welcome Tables open, Volunteers room open, Life Members/ Retirees room open, Auction Item Check-In
- **10:30 am—6 pm:** Cyber Café Open
- **12:00 pm—5 pm:** Exhibitor Registration and move-in
- **4 pm—5 pm:** First-Time Attendees Orientation, Family and Friends Networking
- **4 pm—6 pm:** National 4-H Council Curriculum Showcase
- **6 pm—10pm:** *Galaxy III Opening Event* (Indiana State Museum) sponsored by American Income Life Insurance Company, Special Risk Division



By Katherine Kuykendall

Carol C. Schlitt, the current president of the national Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP), serves many different roles. Not only is she a nutrition and wellness educator with University of Illinois Extension, she is also a Certified Family and Consumer Scientist, a certified HACCP Manager, associate regional director for the Southern Region for University of Illinois Extension, and a Food Safety Instructor with the Illinois Department of Public Health.

As the immediate past-president of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), Carol served on the JCEP board since 2005. JCEP is composed of the president, past-president and president-elect of the six member organizations (ANREP, ESP, NACAA, NACDEP, NAE4-HA, NEAFCS). Each year one of the past-presidents of the 6 associations is elected President of JCEP and Carol was elected as president in 2007.

As president of JCEP, Carol organizes the monthly conference calls and the two face-to-face board

meetings held each year. She is responsible for furthering the mission of JCEP and is the official spokes-person.



JCEP President Carol C. Schlitt

"I have tried to bring the six organizations together to think as one and to provide an atmosphere that encourages collaboration and cooperation that not only enhances JCEP but each of the member organizations," Carol explained. She also has enjoyed working with the fantastic group of professionals from the JCEP member organizations from across the US.

In addition, Carol is actively involved in planning the Galaxy III Conference, which she describes as her most memora-

ble experience while serving as JCEP president. Galaxy III will serve as a joint meeting of the six associations in JCEP and expects 2500 attendees.

To others seeking advice about leadership opportunities and national organizations, Carol says that working on issues that affect a large number of people is exciting and enhances your leadership skills and ability to communicate effectively.

"Serving on national boards is a mind-expanding experience and broadens one's perception of the world and how it works," Carol explained.

Carol earned her bachelor's degree in home economics at the University of Illinois and her master's degree in adult education at SIU-Edwardsville. As a nutrition and wellness educator, she helps individuals acquire the skills and knowledge to improve and maintain their nutritional well-being. She also provides food safety education for consumers and certified food professionals.

Join Us For The Galaxy III Opening Event!

When: Tonight, 6-10 pm

Where: Indiana State Museum—a short walk west of our hotels

What: The opening event will start with heavy hors d'oeuvres available throughout the museum from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. You can also enjoy the jazz music of the Mark Buselli Quartet.

Super Speedway will be showing in the IMAX theater at 6:15, 7:30 and 8:45 pm. Free tickets are

available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Museum. The theater will seat 400 for each showing.

If you prefer to ride to the museum, green Cavallo buses will be making continuous loops between the hotels and museum.

Bus 1—Hyatt and Embassy Suites (stop at Embassy Suites on Washington Street)

Bus 2—Westin and Marriott. (stop on Maryland St, Convention Center side, across from Westin)

The primary sponsor of the opening event is American Income Life Insurance Company, Special Risk Division. We would like to thank AIL and all of our sponsors!





Galaxy Participants

Who's a part of the Galaxy III Conference this year? Six professional associations representing Extension professionals from all program areas and from all states in the nation! Over 2,400 people are registered to attend Galaxy III!

Galaxy III is sponsored by the Joint Council of Extension Professionals, with representatives of the six professional associations listed on the next column.

Welcome one and all!

- Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP)
- Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP)
- National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA)
- National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP)
- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA)
- National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS)



Life Members, Retirees, Friends, & Families

An orientation will be held for Retirees and Association Life Members on Monday, September 15, 4-5 p.m., in the Hyatt Hotel, Cosmopolitan C/D Room. A Family & Friends networking opportunity will be held at the same time in the Hyatt, Regency E/F Room.

Connect with old and new friends and others who may share similar interests as yours. Visit with representatives of the Indy Convention & Visitors Association and learn of off-site tours you can schedule on your own throughout the week.

1st time Attendees

Galaxy III is excited to welcome nearly 500 first time National Conference attendees to Indianapolis!

A special orientation will take place for first time attendees on Monday, September 15, 4-5 p.m. The orientation will be located in the Hyatt Hotel, Regency A/B.

Join us for general information about the conference, a chance to meet Extension professionals from across the country, and win door prizes!

We will also be laminating business cards as luggage tags.

We hope to see you there!

UPDATES:

- Check your registration packet for an addendum to the Galaxy III program booklet, including recent schedule changes and additions.
- Have an auction item to check-in? Visit the Wa-bash Ballroom from 8-4.
- Tuesday volunteer door greeters: please meet in the Volunteer Room (CS01) at 7:15 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

Galaxy III still has several opportunities to volunteer. If you find that you have some open space on your schedule this week, we could use your help!

Please stop by the Volunteer Room on the second floor of the Convention Center, Room CS01 to see where you can help. Thank you in advance!

Volunteers are needed to assist with the following for the Galaxy conference:

- Decorations
- Volunteer Office
- Operations Room
- Door Greeters
- Concurrent Session Room Hosts

Additional Information

• Cyber Café

Want to check e-mail? Interested in sharing electronic files from your presentation? Visit the Cyber Café in Conference Room West, on the lower level of the Indiana Convention Center. Monday's hours are 10:30 a.m.—6 p.m.

• On your own

Indianapolis has wonderful places for you to visit on your own. From local eating establishments and a downtown shopping mall, to museums and the greatest number of monuments outside of Washington, D.C., Indy offers something for everyone. Check with the Galaxy Welcome Tables or hotel lobbies for more information.

• Welcome Tables

Have a question about the Galaxy Conference or the Indianapolis area? Visit one of the welcome tables in each of the conference hotels and at the Convention Center. You'll find helpful volunteers available to offer you their assistance!

• Operations

The Galaxy Conference headquarters is located in the Operations Room, on the second floor of the Convention Center, Room CS04. The Operations Room will be open 8-12 and 1-5 daily. Officer mail boxes and lost and found are among the services provided in the Operations Room.

