



The Newsletter from Partners for Workplace Diversity

New Web Address: www.ysu.edu/workplacediversity

Meeting Corner

- **Meeting of the Partners to continue planning for Diversity Works 2008: TBA**
- **Planning for joint YSU and Kent Trumbull event: TBA**
- **Meeting of new Board: TBA**

Festival of the Arts Resource Room and Story Board

The materials assembled for the resource room will be shared this fall at our events as well. Not too late to add materials you want to get to Partners or to those who attend our events. The Story Board is being revised in an ongoing way. Please send me materials for it. We are adding info about Partners' anniversaries. Let me know, too, if our logo is not your current one. I will send you a copy of our last logo poster. We will be reprinting the logo poster in August.

Partners Diversity Survey:

We are developing a survey of Partners' diversity activities so that we can answer questions about our efforts. Data will be reported without identifying individuals or particular organizations.

Aggregate information only will be shared. You will receive a draft of the survey in the fall. Feedback or help on it would be WELCOME! Please fill it out when you get it.

Let McMahon know if you have an anniversary year this fall or spring.

Results of July meeting

General Motors has again offered to host our kick-off diversity breakfast; it is their 100th year as well as anniversary years for a number of partners. It is the 10th anniversary of the breakfast at GM and of Diversity Works. Please send me names and addresses of economic, civic and social leaders who want to attend this special year. Space is limited, so we can't have a large number of people from any one partner. Instead of a regular **poster**, the members decided to price a phone-book cover with our logo poster on the front and our "working together" poster on the back. The tentative **list of diversity works events** for 2008 is attached to this e-mail. The Sept. 13th event at the Base has been cancelled. There is **room to add programs and events for the fall agenda**. You can suggest something we should do, add one of your programs, or announce a new policy, practice or product that has diversity relevance. Your item need not be open to the public.

The members decided to focus our November meeting at the end of Diversity Works 2008 on "reports from the community." We will ask groups and Partners to make specific reports on diversity-relevant issues and achievements. It will be held on Veterans Day.

Deadline for new logos, name changes and adding new members to brochures: Aug. 5th.

Partners' New Board

Since McMahon will retire in 2010 and since she may have surgery between now and then, an Advisory Board is needed to shepherd the Partners through the transition. Volunteers with a long history with the Partners and who have a strong sense of its business focus included: June Johnson, Porfirio Esparra, Vicki Thompson, Susan Moorer, Sandy DeSantis, Kris Damigella. A volunteer from Kent Trumbull will be requested. Others are welcome, and all will be invited to Board meetings. The Board will not replace existing planning meetings for our activities. It will facilitate a continued relationship with YSU's College of Business, support the status of the Partners as an independent alliance, and help to communicate visions for the future. McMahon appreciates those who have offered to come up with extra time for this important task.

Fall Hispanic Heritage Program At YSU: 9/19/08

Again we will sponsor an ad in the program listing all the Partners and each student being honored. We will provide certificates and a gift bag for each student. If you have items for the gift bags, please let me know. The bags were a huge success last year. We will also have a resource table at the event. Can you help staff it? Have any resources?