Leadership training to be offered

Community PRIDE leaders may be interested in participating in a Family Community Leadership (FCL) state institute which will be held in Wichita at the Kansas Air National Guard. The date for the first session is April 27-29, 1993. The second session is September 27-29, 1993. Both sessions must be attended in order to graduate.

This FCL training program includes 30 hours of instruction in the six areas of leadership and communication, working with groups, issue analysis and resolution, community affairs and public policy, volunteerism, and teaching methods.

The main purpose of the FCL Institute is to help citizens prepare to participate in public policy decisions which affect their families and communities. The institute is sponsored by the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service and the Kansas Association of Family and Community Educators.

Additional information on the institute and participant registration fee can be obtained by contacting Gayle Randel, 343 Justin Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506, (913) 532-5773.

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Everyone is a winner with PRIDE

Each year about this time the applause and cheers heard at the PRIDE Awards Banquet have died down, it is true, to reflect, regroup and recharge for the next push toward community improvement. For many who have worked so hard for so long, it is difficult to believe the PRIDE judges could have been so blind as not to recognize their program and their community as the very best, deserving at least first place. And for some, the thought may have even crossed their minds that it might not be worth all the time and effort for no more recognition than they received.

Reflecting upon the difficulties, problems and hard work arising from the PRIDE Program over the years, it is timely to ask ourselves: Has it been worth it?

It was over two decades ago when a group of Kanans met to discuss the possibilities of creating a program which would capture the interest of leaders and potential leaders in Kanans’ communities. Such a program was designed, aimed at focusing the attention of these leaders upon the problems existing and arising which collectively were impairing social and economic growth throughout Kanan.

1992 Annual Report released

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc., Board of Directors has released its 1992 PRIDE Annual Report. According to David Furnas, 1992 Board Chairman, “The Kansas PRIDE Program successfully completed its twenty-second year of responding to the needs of Kanans communities by providing educational and technical assistance for, and recognition of, their community improvement efforts.”

One hundred and three communities participated in the program during 1992 with fifty-six competing for the Community Achievement Awards. Although it is hard to allocate a monetary value to PRIDE’s 1992 endeavors, they are conservatively valued at $1,236,100. This represents the time expended by 2,006 volunteers contributing approximately 240,000 hours to achieve 2,278 projects. In addition, 165 PRIDE Blue Ribbon applications were processed for collection in local family and service areas. One Kansas community, Goodland, celebrated the coveted PACemaker designation to join a select group of 929 certified PACemaker communities in the State.

Those of you who have not already received a copy of the 1992 PRIDE Annual Report will find one enclosed with this newsletter. Additional copies are available upon request from Stan McCadoo, KSU Extension Services, (913) 532-5940, or from B.C. Wilbur, Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, (913) 296-5845.

Area workshops scheduled for February – April

Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing will sponsor a series of area workshops this winter and spring. Nine workshops are scheduled.

The forms of each workshop will be the sharing of PRIDE projects and ideas by area communities. In addition, each of the two PRIDE Program administering agencies will be present to offer training and answer questions. Bring the past year’s PRIDE project book to share with others.

The workshops are free and open to anyone with an interest in improving their community. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m.

Both enrolled PRIDE communities and communities interested in beginning a PRIDE Program are encouraged to attend. The scheduled dates, host communities and locations are listed below.

February 15 – Kinney City Hall, "Marsh Street" February 16 – Maize Community Building 403 S. Madison February 17 – Lyndon Carnegie Library 127 E. Sixth Street February 18 – Fall River Salvation Army Center On the main street February 23 – Holton Fair Building, 100 S. Dakota 1 block east of HWY-75 March 8 – Wakefield Community Center, HWY-82 March 9 – Fort Scott Senior Center, North Main St. April 19 – Colby Farm & Ranch Realty, Board Rm. 1420 West 4th St. April 20 – Leavenworth Middle School Grade School We can think, "I do my share," and be satisfied, or we can think, "I can do more" and become prosperous.

Commerce gets new CD director

Marty R. Miller has recently been named the new director of the Community Development Division in the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing. In this role, Marty will supervise the PRIDE Program for the State.

Marty comes to the department from Oral Roberts University (ORU) where he worked in administration. Prior to ORU, he served on the faculty of Friends University in Wichita where he taught Organizational Theory and Group Decision Making, as well as several other business courses. In addition Marty spent seven years in private industry. Marty also has public service experience while working with the District Attorney of the Eighteenth Judicial District and in both the Sedgwick and Johnson Counties Sheriff’s Department. On behalf of the PRIDE Program welcome Marty to the Department of Commerce & Housing.

Know your State PRIDE Board members

Kansas PRIDE Inc., is governed by an executive board of six officer members, five first place winners in the Community Achievement awards from the previous year, a PACemaker community, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce & Housing, and the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service. Your Board is as follows:

Chuck Stoner, Chairman Kansas Bankers Association
Loren Medley, Treasurer Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
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Judy Witters Shirley PRIDE
Bob Knight Alden PRIDE
Dr. Marc Johnson Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing

Interim Director, Cooperative Extension Service

State PRIDE Board elects new officers

Members of the State PRIDE Board of Directors elected Chuck Stoner as their 1993 chairperson. Chuck, who has been a member of the PRIDE Board for the past three years is Director of Research for the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA). He has been with the KBA for the past six years and assists in its lobbying efforts.

Loren Medley, Economic Development and Marketing Coordinator for the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCO) was elected PRIDE Treasurer. Loren has been on the PRIDE Board for the past two years.