A new year for new opportunities…

Every summer, I’m amazed at how quickly the days go by as we plan for the new school year. If you’re like me, you’ve attended SNA National Conference and refueled your excitement for your program and brought home several new ideas on ways you can improve it. That’s the beauty of working in a school system; every year, we can restart our programs and make the changes needed to best serve the students and staff of our districts.

Another great way to refuel during the school year is to attend the MSNA Annual Conference each fall. This year, we’re at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach November 2 – 4, 2018. Your incoming president, Gail Jones, has been working hard to line up some great speakers and scheduled the food show on Saturday this year to ensure everyone can attend! She also has a variety of classes you will be able to enjoy as you earn CEU’s to meet your professional development requirements for the year.

A sense of community and belonging is something we all search for and when we attend our Annual Conference each year, it gives us the opportunity to fill that need by meeting other school nutrition professionals from across the state. As we get to know one another, you quickly realize that we all share the same passion for Fueling Student Success and that most of us have the same obstacles that challenge us. I find it so refreshing that school nutrition professionals are always willing to share their great ideas with one another because we all know it’s about the student learners we serve!

Another great way to belong is by getting involved with the MSNA Board. The only qualification you need is a passion for school nutrition. When I joined the Board, I quickly found that it was also a great way to stay on top of all the changes that were heading our way from the USDA. The time commitment is reasonable, with only a handful of meetings to attend each year now that we host a couple of them online. You can contact me or any board member if you’re interested in finding a way to get more involved.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Tan-Tar-A in November. Until then, continue to Fuel Your Students’ Success, One Nutritious Meal at a Time!

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MSNA President 2017 -18
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In an effort to reduce the amount of food waste of school meals and keep hungry kids fed, SHARE TABLES have provided an opportunity to address both issues. Share Tables – conveniently located in the cafeteria- offer school children a place to put unconsumed food and beverage items they choose not to eat or drink during their meal periods. This provides other children the opportunity to take additional helpings of food or beverages at no extra cost. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Section Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) partnered with Team Nutrition and Department of Health’s Environmental Public Health to address and draft three new resources for schools:

- HACCP based Standard Operating Procedures to help standardize food safety practices in our Missouri schools.
- Share Table Guidance for Schools is a one-page fact sheet that can double as a training and communication tool for school personnel in and outside of school food service.
- Share Table Signage offers downloadable 8” x 11” signage in colorful format that can be laminated and posted to meet the needs of school food service.

All three materials are posted at the DESE, FNS food safety website: https://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/food-nutrition-services/food-safetyhaccp
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The Tablerock Region held their workshop on Thursday, September 13. Jo Haraldson, Ozark’s food service director, hosted this event. The night began with a meal, compliments of Springfield Grocer Company. The meal included salad, smoked pulled pork, baked potatoes and chocolate chip cookies prepared and served by Infused Catering of Springfield, MO.

Mike Burke was the first presenter of the evening. Mike spoke on events happening at the national level and of scholarship opportunities SNA has available for those interested in attending conference or continuing their education.

Robert Schade from APEX also spoke. He gave information on what APEX can do for our schools. He also introduced the presenter for the evening, Adam Klosterman, APEX Corporate Chef. Chef Adam’s presentation was on bringing excitement into our cafeterias and also on preparing fresh salad dressings in our kitchens. Chef Adam’s time featured hands-on demonstrations of both a ranch dressing and a balsamic vinegar dressing. Recipes were given to every participant. The evening concluded with door prizes! The Tablerock Region would like to thank some area businesses and our own Missouri SNA for their gracious donations. These local businesses include: The Branson Coasters, Meeks-Branson, Big Cedar Resorts, APEX, and Joe’s Crab Shack.
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Blue Springs School District recently purchased a Food Truck and is about to launch it throughout the district. This purchase was funded in part, by private donors. The district sees the truck, known as The Dish, as a way to enhance its food service program as well as provide a resource for the culinary arts programs in the district.

The vision is to have The Dish at schools serving breakfasts and lunches to PK-12 students on a weekly basis. Plans also include helping with after school events and catering. Serving PTA events, teacher appreciation celebrations and after hour extracurricular activities are a few examples.

The Dish will also be used for the culinary arts program at both high schools. This will give students opportunities to apply what they are learning in the classroom to “real-life” situations outside the classroom. The culinary arts team is hoping to promote interest and excitement for the program as well as provide real-world experience.
Please plan to attend the 2019 Missouri SNA Jefferson City Legislative Day to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Our goal will be to enlighten our Senators and Representatives about how the NSLP and SBP serve the students of Missouri and highlight some of our program achievements.

Participants will drop off the SNA issue paper and other pertinent information regarding Missouri School Nutrition Programs. We want to share with our Legislators our successes and make them aware of current challenges within the meal programs.

**Legislative Day Agenda**

10:30 a.m.  Assemble and Discuss Packet Information
Governor’s Office Building, Room 460
200 Madison St., Jefferson City, 65101

11:30 a.m.  Learn and Go Lunch

12:30 p.m.  Short Walk to State Capitol to Distribute Information

2:30 p.m.  Feedback from Visits and Program Wrap up

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