The MAACCE 2011 Conference with a "Western" theme proved to be an educational, exciting, and entertaining experience! There was a full schedule of outstanding speakers, informative break-out sessions, great food, fun activities, and exciting entertainment-- plus plenty of time for socializing and for networking!

One pivotal moment at the conference was presenting a portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction (which raised over $1,000.00) to Joan Doner as a result of the devastation she experienced during the recent tornado in Joplin, MO. St. Joseph AEL contributed an additional $130.00 to the cause by auctioning off their conference decorations at the end of the conference. Current MAACCE President Stephanie Tolen commended the MAACCE members by saying, “Your generosity and willingness to aid a fellow member speaks to the core of this organization.” She summed it up with a comment by Albert Pike: “What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”
The 2011 Leadership Development Institute was a huge success! The group was led by Jimmy Reed with ten attendees from across Missouri. Guest speakers were Dr. Gina Bueneman-Cooper and Casandra D. Blassingame, who each gave informative and interesting sessions. Board and Planning Committee members introduced the group to the organization and shared with participants how to become an active and productive member of MAACCE. The LDI group, along with the Planning Committee and Pre-Conference participants shared an evening of a delicious BBQ dinner on the patio, a sunset cruise of the lake, and networking at the President’s Reception.

**LDI Class of 2011**

- Deborah Briggs  
  Independence Adult Education
- Bonita Copridge  
  Independence Adult Education
- Juli Denisco  
  Crowder College
- Jeannie Gilbert  
  Crowder College
- Gayle Jaynes  
  Independence Adult Education
- Mary Nastasi  
  Independence Adult Education
- Mary Reed  
  Pattonville School District
- Rita Shadeed  
  Independence Adult Education
- Kathy Stack  
  Independence Adult Education
- Kathy Stegman  
  Crowder College
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Registration and Opening Session
One of the important aspects of the annual MAACCE conference is to reach into the past and bring forward the treasure trove of information, encouragement and enthusiasm for our organization by our Past-Presidents.

Every year, the luncheon on Thursday is to honor those Past-Presidents who have served MAACCE and to introduce those who are able to attend. Past-Presidents arrive early for a reception hosted by the current president and to learn more about what has been happening during the current year. During this meeting time, so much good information is shared by the group and everyone learns from the past and from the current time.

Past-Presidents who attended the 2011 MAACCE conference luncheon are:

- Wendell Smith served 1976-1977
- Robert Weng served 1983-1984
- Nancy Wegge served 1989-1990
- Donald Claycomb served 1994-1995
- Sandra Eckert-Stewart served 1998-1999
- Sue Moore served 1999-2000
- Dale Carder served 2001-2002
- Diane Schroeder served 2005-2006
- Jimmy Reed served 2009-2010

A complete list of all past-presidents can be found on the MAACCE website at http://maacce.org/council.php.
The MAACCE Conference featured 48 informative breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Many of the presenters have made their materials available for download on our website at http://maacce.org/conference.php.

Join the Fun and Get Involved in the Planning!

All members are welcome to join the MAACCE 2012 Conference Planning Committee. It is a great way to get involved and contribute to the organization.

The next Executive Board Meeting and 2012 Conference Planning Committee Meeting will be held September 15-16, 2011 at Tan Tar A. Contact President-Elect Dana Thorp-Patterson at 417.447.8888 or pattersd@otc.edu for information on how to participate on this important committee.
Wednesday Night Wild West Shindig!
MAACCE 2011 Award Recipients

Hovland Award -- “Moving On Up to College by Kathy Stack and Gayle Jaynes; Independence AEL

Don Fancher Outstanding Instructor – Don Johnson; Crowder College

Distinguished Service Award – Diane Covell; Missouri Afterschool Network

Special Achievement Award – Samantha Johnson; Independence AEL

Award of Merit – City of Seligman, MO

Newcomer Award – Colene Wilson; Moberly Area Community College
Wild Western Costumes and Karaoke!

Thursday evening’s entertainment included a costume contest along with a dance featuring Karaoke. The Best Dressed (Western Attire) Award was given to five members who will receive a free registration for next year’s conference:

Sandy Gummersheimer  University of Missouri-Columbia  
Mary Nastasi  Independence Adult Education  
Pam Olender  Independence Adult Education  
DeDe Rogers  Kansas City Missouri School District  
Lindsay Woods  St. Charles Community College
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Thursday Night Hoedown!
Target goals for FY12 have been increased from 45 to 50%.

Three pilots are currently in process:
- Teaching Excellence in Adult Literacy, or TEAL to foster the development of students’ writing skills;
- Career Awareness to assist students in the transition from GED and ESL classes to post-secondary education or training; and
- WorkKeys to assess students for workforce capabilities and aid employers in identifying qualified job candidates.

STudent Achievement in Reading (STAR) is already in place and programs feel it is a great tool to help intermediate readers improve their reading skills.

Three scholarships for directors to attend this MAACCE Conference were supported by MAACCE category funds and supplemented by MAELAA funds.

MAELAA has established a website with information for relating to:
- GED Testing
- Classroom resources
- The MAELAA scholarship foundation and donations to the foundation,
- . . . and links to
  - GED Online,
  - The PDC
  - Missouri’s AEL programs
  - MAACCE
  - COABE

Five-year program reviews now include a director whose program will be reviewed the following year, allowing the guest director to observe the process and to prepare appropriately for it. Input from directors indicate that this change in procedure has been beneficial.

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About MAACCE

The Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education furnishes you an important link with other disciplines concerned with community development and lifelong learning. From the annual meeting with opportunities for professional development and discussion of current topics in the field, to publications that keep you informed of adult and community education activities in Missouri, MAACCE is your link to professionals in practice.
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- Extension services
- Human resources development managers/trainers
- Job training and manpower employment
- One-stop career center professionals
- Private consultants in education & training
- Public/private universities, community college, and public school continuing education
- School-age child care
- Volunteer programs

MAACCE Membership is included with your Conference Registration!

If you are not attending the conference and would like to join MAACCE, simply print and complete the form from the MAACCE website or the Membership form link below (Ctrl+Click), write a check payable to MAACCE, and mail to:

Amy Whittaker, St. Joseph AEL, The Webster Learning Center, 1211 N. 18th St., St. Joseph MO 64501

Membership fees are as Annual -- $25.00 or Lifetime -- $250.00