



Message from the Chair

WHAT do you get if you take a question, an answer, more than a year of meetings and mix well with a chapter of hardworking, dedicated WiNUP members.

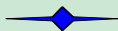
You have what it takes to plan and host an annual conference.

It's been an exciting and intense year for the Ohio Chapter as we've prepared for next week's 2005 annual International WiNUP Conference. Our various committees have reached into their individual pools of resources, garnered tremendous support and pulled out a great compliment of insightful speakers and industry-related tours. And there will be time for networking, socializing and relaxing after the conference sessions end each day.

Our companies, our bosses, our business associates, the vendors with whom we work, our sister chapters and even our conference hotel have supported our efforts with donations of money, in-kind services and items for door prizes.

And now after all this, the conference is just a few days away. It may be too early to celebrate, but it's not too early to say thanks for your dedication. The work you have done on this conference -- in addition to conducting regular chapter business and activities -- is indicative of the caliber of people who make up this organization. I am proud to be associated with the Ohio Chapter.

-- Vikki



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It's really all about ducks and alligators

Keeping your ducks in a row when there are hungry alligators in the water was the topic of the third quarter meeting, with Terry Trimper Jones, owner of J2 Consulting LLC. J2 provides project management and professional organizing services. Jones's key points includes:

- Set some big picture priorities
 - Recognize time as a precious resource.
- Work on your priorities daily by using good time management skills.
 - break priorities and projects into bite-size piece
 - use only one calendar
 - make sure ALL tasks associated with your priorities have a home on your calendar
 - keep purging "to do's" from your list, as if you were trying to purge things you don't need from a closet
 - "routine-ize" as much as possible
- Keep your space & resources organized to lessen the time it takes to do things.
 - establish "Activity Zones" to determine what goes where
 - remove everything from the space you're organizing, eliminating duplicates, broken items and things no longer used or needed
 - group similar items and "containerize" them before putting them back in their "custom" homes
 - use an organizing buddy for a reality check and to help the time move faster

Watch out for those bees – fall makes them aggressive

Fall seems to be a time when there is an increase in insect aggressiveness. Bees (and bee stings) are a constant hazard throughout spring, summer and fall but seem to be more aggressive in the fall when food supplies diminish. Be alert to swarming activity around boxes, crates, transformers, pipes, light brackets or any recessed place -- these are good nesting places. Be prepared to treat stings when they occur, seek first aid or medical attention if necessary. If you have allergic reaction to stings, let co-workers know.

WiNUP Mission

The Women's International Network of Utility Professionals provides a link for developing and recognizing professionals involved with utility business trends, issues, products and services.

WiNUP Objectives

To provide opportunities for professional development of members.

To provide networking and mentorship among members.

To provide recognition and visibility for members and business partners.