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To all Michigan Chapter Directors and Officers,

There seems to be a little confusion regarding the OCP/Officer Meeting being held at the Lexington in Lansing Michigan on April 17th and 18th. This is a District wide Spring Officer Meeting which is for all CDs, ACDs, CEs, so all should plan on attending. Because we are having this meeting, all section meeting are canceled and will not be rescheduled. The Transition Team felt that having both, the OCP/ Officer Meeting and continue with the Section meetings was asking too much, financially, and in time.

During this meeting in Lansing, we will be conducting an Officer Certification Program (OCP). The focus of this training covers all aspects of being an Operational Officer at the Chapter Level (CDs and ACDs) However, the majority of the training covers aspects that the Educator will also use like Team Building, Organizational structure and how it works, stress and time management, problem solving, etc. Educators will be given a Certificate of Completion, which can be used for a future appointment to the CD or ACD position. As for the CDs and ACDs, this is an excellent opportunity where everything regarding your appointment is covered. The purpose is to get all Operational Officers working from the same page. This will give you all of the tools to empower you to run your Chapter. It is also in line with the Transition Team goal of minimizing the role of the District Leadership in Chapter affairs, as outlined in our recent communication to the Michigan Officers.

GWRR deems this to be a necessary training experience for all Operational Officers. We are working to ensure that all of our Operational Officers have ample opportunity to participate in this. If the April 17th-18th date doesn't work for you, there are other OCPs currently scheduled.

Indiana has one scheduled on March 27th - 28th in Laporte, IN.

RSVP Required, Contact Karen Hunter for More Information: mocpath@comcast.net

Ohio has a Springs Officer's meeting/OCP Training on March 27th -28th in Columbus, OH

RSVP required, Contact John and Linda Frank (OH-DD) For More Information: dd@ohiogwrra.org

We need all MI Chapters to contact our District Trainer, Kathleen Heibel at khiball55@comcast.net or phone: (616) 560-7984. Please contact her ASAP; the RSVP deadline is March 26, 2010.

We need this for two reasons.

- 1st we need a head count for our meeting to get the required OCP training manuals printed for all attendees.
- 2nd we may need to look at additional dates for OCP training to cover those that will not be able to attend any of the currently scheduled classes.

Additionally, you will need to contact the Lexington Hotel (formerly the Sheraton) to reserve your room. Their number is (517) 323-7100. State that you are with GWRRA to receive the special rate of \$88.00 per night.

We have many non-officer Members that wish to take the training. Members are welcome to attend as space permits. They will be notified after March 26th, as priority for this OCP is being given to current officers.

Thank you for your assistance,
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