



# Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees News & Views

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Linda Smith being installed as NCDEA Treasurer during Partnership Luncheon



John Redding pauses for a moment with (left to right) Mendal Wade, Brian Hacker, Stephanie Young, Connie Richmeier (NCDEA Pres), Cindy Moon (NCDEA Past Pres), Martha Newby, and Linda Smith.



Krysta Harden pauses for a picture with KY officers.



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## 2009 NACD Convention Highlights

What an overwhelming experience for this country boy to be a part of the grandness of a national convention. Having a chance to see "behind the scenes" gives me a greater appreciation for those who have blazed the trail before us.

We have great teams working at the national level to make sure you and I have a job — and believe me, those folks sure like to brag on District Employees. I lost count of how many times that leaders like John Redding and Krysta Harden spoke of the necessity of well trained employees to see that conservation efforts were put into practice. Kentucky District Employees were even seen in a "Year In Review" slide show presentation during the convention! (Kentucky *really did* shine!)

It was also great to be a part of NCDEA meetings throughout the week. Yet, the highlight was when our very own Linda Smith was sworn in as Treasurer of the National Conservation District Employee Association. Linda will be a great asset to NCDEA and will continue to prove Kentucky's professionalism to the rest of the nation. Congratulations to Linda.

While it was my first National Convention, I definitely hope it's not my last. Many new connections and partnerships were formed which may prove invaluable in the months to come. These partnerships may be vital as we endeavor to propel KACDE to the forefront of Conservation District Employee Associations.

Thank you for allowing me the experience of representing you during the 2009 NACD Convention. I promise to use all that was gained to make our Association stronger!

*Brian D. Hacker*

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**KACDE's Vision is to promote our natural resources through education and to encourage professionalism of all Conservation District Employees**



## Officer Nominations Needed

Have you ever thought about giving back to your Association? Have you ever thought of getting more involved in the development of ideas which will benefit District Employees across KY? If you have, KACDE needs you! Whether you volunteer to serve on a standing committee or you are willing to serve as an officer or board member — your Association needs you!

Please consider serving fellow District Employees by becoming involved in KACDE. If you ARE willing to serve as an officer, please send your letter of intent for officer nomination to Linda Smith, KACDE Past-President and Nominating Committee Chair. Elections occur during our Business Luncheon held during the KACD Convention in Louisville this July.

Become involved — volunteer to serve!

### Proposed KACDE Board Meeting Schedule

- February 10th**
- Woodford County**
- March 13th**
- Allen County**
- April 17th**
- Russell County**
- May 8th**
- Boyd County**
- July 10th**
- Woodford County \***
- July 19th**
- KACD Convention**
- August 2009**
- To Be Announced**
- September 14th**
- KACDE Convention**
- November 10th**
- SECDEA Conference**
- December 11th**
- Jefferson County**

\* denotes a work day



## KACDE Benevolence Committee Fundraiser

Recently, Stephanie Young (Vice Pres and Benevolence Committee Chair) began making “phone jewelry” to sell as a fundraiser for the KACDE Benevolence Committee. The jewelry project was her idea — and she enjoys making them, especially for this cause.

As you may be aware, the KACDE Benevolence Committee will make donations to any District Employee in need of financial help.

Each donation will also be made anonymously. However, we cannot begin making donations until we have raised at least \$500.

The Benevolence Committee acquires funding by auctioning one item during our Annual Convention in September, by gifts and personal donations, and through special fundraisers - like “phone jewelry”.

Please make plans to buy yours today. You or one of your best friends may be the one who needs the help!

Call or email Stephanie today to purchase your “phone jewelry”, or stop by our booth during the 2009 KACD Convention this July!

[bconserveration@gmail.com](mailto:bconserveration@gmail.com) or call 606-928-8027

*Make plans to attend KACDE's Business Luncheon during this year's KACD Convention in Louisville, KY!*





## Awards Committee Reports

According to Ms. Wanda Gilbert (Awards Committee Chair), we have had the following nominations for KY Shine Awards throughout the entire year:

For the month of October—Mr. Tom Wagner from Christian County

For the month of November— Ms. Shelby Kelly from Todd County

For the Month of December—Ms. Charlotte Lawson from Meade County

For the month of January — Ms. Stephanie Young from Boyd County

Nominated by Area 5 Representative (Tracy Yocum) is Ms. Mary Kathryn Dickerson from Boone/Kenton Counties. She has been working with the District since 1989. She has always been eager to help District Employees further their training and assist in KACDE activities. Congratulations to February's Kentucky Shine Award winner!



Mary Kathryn Dickerson  
(Boone/Kenton Counties)

February KY Shine Nominee

## Fundraising Committee Report

Good afternoon everyone!

I think that everything has finally been worked out on the Page's Seed Fundraiser. First of all each county will be responsible for mailing their order and money to me by Monday, March 23. Since cash is not supposed to be sent through the mail I think that a check or money order for the total amount due should be sent with the order. You could deposit the money into your personal checking account and then write a check to KACDE for the total amount due or go and purchase a money order. It will be left up to each county as to whether or not they will accept checks.

On the envelope order form I would like for you to list your conservation district and area on the name line. Under coordinator please list the person who will receive the credit for the sells. Now on to the fun part of the fundraiser. We will be holding a competition throughout the entire state to get your KACDE 1-year membership paid and also the top seller in the state will win an additional prize provided through KACDE.

In order to receive a FREE 1-YEAR MEMBERSHIP for KACDE you must have a \$225 order. We are doing this as an incentive to boost sales and boost the KACDE membership. If you are not a member yet, here's your chance to get you 1st year free! Again orders need to be to me no later than Monday, March 23. The address is

Allen County Conservation District  
Attn: Shelley Isenberg  
77 Woodland Circle Drive  
Scottsville, KY 42164

If you have any question or need an order envelope, please do not hesitate to call or email me. You can reach me at 270-237-3189 ext. 109 or [accd1949@windstream.net](mailto:accd1949@windstream.net).

Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Shelley Isenberg

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## Conservation T-Shirts

Once again, T-shirts are available to Districts in Kentucky to promote or award those who have participated in District Programs throughout the year. The process continues to be the same as last year. You may contact Valley Apparel to place orders, then an invoice for the shirts and shipping and handling will be sent to the District by our Treasurer, Valorie Floyd. Please do not send any payment until you receive your invoice! This year's theme is "Working Trees: Kentucky's Renewable Future".

All Youth Sizes are \$7.00 each, as well as all adult sizes except XXXLarge (\$9.00) thru XXXXLarge (\$14.00)



Mail or Fax your order to:

Valley Apparel & Signs  
1353 Plum Creek Road  
Taylorsville, KY 40071  
Contact Pam @ 502-477-5444

Fax: 502-477-5896

Need an Order Form?

Contact Valorie at

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## KACDE Governing Board

### Executive Board:

*Brian D. Hacker, President*

*Stephanie Young, Vice President*

*Linda Russell, Secretary*

*Valorie Floyd, Treasurer*

*Martha Newby, Reporter*

*Linda Smith, Past President*

*Ruth Pike, Advisor*

### Area Representatives:

*Leslie Fourqurean, Area 1*

*Debbie Eubank, Area 2*

*Shelley Isenberg, Area 3*

*Joy Edwards, Area 4*

*Terri Shaw, Area 6*

*Wanda Gilbert, Area 7*

*Stephanie Young, Area 8*

*Sandy Gay, Area 9*