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COABE/VAACE 2012 Conference
Website! Check early and often
for updates!

www.COABEinVirginia2012.org

VAACE Facebook page!

www.Facebook.com/VAACE

Hotels for the 2012 Conference:

Norfolk Marriott Waterside,
Norfolk VA – conference
headquarters and location of
workshops

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside,
Norfolk VA – additional rooms.
(Visit COABEinVirginia2012.org
and click on the "Hotels" link)

The President's Corner

It's ALL about the 2012 Conference!

Yes, this edition of *Voices of VAACE* is dedicated entirely to the 2012 COABE/VAACE conference in Norfolk! What a great event for our association, for Virginia adult educators and their educational partners, and the national COABE membership!

The theme – "*Changing our Latitudes, Changing our Attitudes*" – reflects the current transitions at every level in adult education, and will be present throughout the conference. Our profession is undergoing many changes – some profound – as we meet the changing needs of our growing adult learner population in these difficult times. What better way to come together as a profession than at a national conference right in our own backyard!

VAACE and COABE are already hard at work planning an outstanding 2012 conference that will exceed your expectations. Over 150 pre-conference and conference workshop proposals have been received, and you will love the high-quality presenters and offerings! As if that weren't enough, we've also planned excursions and activities highlighting all that the Hampton Roads area, including Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg has to offer – so come early and/or stay late, and bring the family, because there will be something for everyone!

Just for you, VAACE members, see the sneak preview of the tentative conference schedule below!

Be on the lookout for the early-bird registration notification in early January 2012!

All the best,
Don Finn
VAACE President



WE HAVE A WINNER!

**Lois Davis of New River Community College,
congratulations! You have won the complimentary
COABE/VAACE 2012 Conference Registration! Make
your plans, pack your bags – see you there!**

2012 Conference Workshop Strands

(A tentative Agenda will be available after January 15 on www.COABEInVirginia2012.org)

Workshops and presentations will be offered in the following topic strands:

- GED
- ESOL
- Advocacy
- ABE – Adult Basic Education
- ASE – Adult Secondary Education
- Community Education
- Correctional Education
- Distance Education
- Family Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Marketing and Outreach
- Numeracy
- Professional Development
- Program Improvement
- Program Management
- Public Policy
- Special Learning Needs
- Technology
- Transitions
- Tutor Training/Volunteer Management
- Workforce Development

What To Do in Norfolk? A LOT!

Arrive early and take advantage of Monday and Tuesday to visit local attractions and to attend outstanding pre-conference workshops. Conference-sponsored excursions will include a “Welcome to Norfolk” tour, as well as an outing to nearby Williamsburg and Jamestown. For you museum-goers, take in the Mariner’s Museum and the Virginia Living Museum. Later in the week, enjoy a bus trip to Virginia Beach and its fabulous Boardwalk, or maybe take in a Norfolk Tides baseball game at beautiful Harbor Park. Save Wednesday night for our Dinner Cruise aboard the *Spirit of Norfolk!* You’ll be able to register yourself and/or your family for all these fun and interesting activities when you receive your registration materials.

Dining and Shopping

For that lunch or dinner that is “on your own”, never fear. Many fantastic lunch and dinner options are within just a short walk from the Norfolk Marriott and the Sheraton. There’s a great mall just a couple blocks away, too, and many shops and boutiques for you to stop in on your way to lunch, dinner, or mall shopping!

Tentative Conference Schedule

(visit www.COABEinVirginia2012.org for updates)

Monday, April 9

Preconference excursion (pre-paid event) 1:00—5:00 pm “Welcome to Norfolk” tour
Preconference workshops—afternoon (pre-registration required) 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 10

Preconference Jamestown/Williamsburg excursion (pre-registration/paid event)
Preconference VA Living & Mariner’s Museum excursion (pre-registration/paid event)
Full day Preconference workshops (pre-registration required) 8:30-3:30
Half-day Preconference workshops (pre-registration required) 8:30-11:30 & 1:00-4:00
Conference Opening/Welcome 4:15-5:30
President’s Reception/Conference 2013 Event 6:00-9:30 (pre-registration required)
Enjoy refreshments until 7:30 & cash bar/music/dancing until 9:30.

Wednesday, April 11

Vendor Sponsored Continental Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45
Morning General Session 9:00--10:00
“Parade” to Exhibit area & morning break (coffee) 10:00--10:30
Concurrent Session I 10:45—12:00
COABE Awards Luncheon (ticketed event) 12:00—1:30
Concurrent Sessions II-IV 1:45—6:00
Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise (ticketed event) 6:30—10:00

Thursday, April 12

COABE Regional Meetings 7:30--9:00
Morning Breakfast (ticketed event) 8:45 – 9:30
Morning General Session 9:30-10:30
Concurrent Session V 10:45—12:00
VAACE Lunch (ticketed event) 12:00—1:30
Concurrent Sessions VI-VII 1:45—3:00
Explore the Virginia Beach Boardwalk
(pre-purchased bus tickets & dinner on your own) 5:15-10:30

Friday, April 13

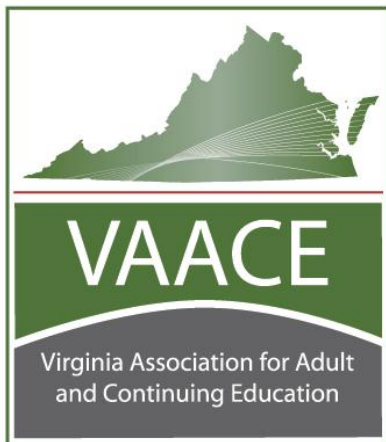
Vendor Sponsored Continental Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45
Morning General Closing Session 9:00--10:00
Colonial Williamsburg/Yorktown excursion
(pre-registration /paid event) 9:00—5:50
Busch Gardens Old Country excursion
(pre-registration/paid event) 9:00—7:30
Concurrent Session VIII 10:15—11:30



VAACE, in conjunction with the Virginia Office of Adult Education & Literacy is pleased to offer a \$100.00 scholarship to the first 300 Virginia-based adult education practitioners who register for the 2012 COABE/VAACE national conference in Norfolk—this only applies to full conference registrants.

This is what you need to do:

1. Verify that the program for which you are employed receives funding from the Virginia OAEL.
2. Renew your VAACE membership (this year your membership includes a membership in COABE)—this will entitle you to register at COABE member rates: Visit www.VAACE.org and click the “Membership” link.
3. Visit: www.COABEInVirginia2012.org and click on the “Registration” link.
 - a. Enter “GRANTVA” in the discount code box.
4. Print your receipt for your records.



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