

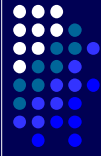
# MOWAA Annual Conference 2010

## Town Hall Meeting: Launch of a Professional Community for Program Leaders

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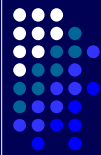
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# Welcome!!!

## Launch of YOUR Professional Community

### Connecting & Engaging



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Today we want to identify and explore the possibilities.

What are the gifts you hold that can be shared? What are your needs and dreams?



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Imagine this working for you....



A new kind of ongoing community where people collaborate with colleagues, stakeholders, business partners, competitors to share what they know, achieving results far beyond what any one person can accomplish alone.



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- Commit to building a set of relationships and maintaining them for the long term.
- Participate in the Professional Community to:
  - ✓ Share Information. Connect. Communicate.
  - ✓ To find Safety. Honesty. Insights. Support.
  - ✓ To increase your voice.



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How do we realize the Vision of Ending Senior Hunger by 2010?



We can't possibly succeed without you!



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Leaders go first!

Leaders are the example.

Most people are so busy “doing” that they don’t have time to.....

THINK! WHO HAS TIME FOR THAT?



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Each person’s knowledge and expertise is part of a big puzzle.

- One person or one organization can’t hold all the expertise.
- The group will achieve far more than the sum of its participants.



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Reinventing the wheel or starting from scratch has no place in today’s 24/7 time and resource deprived society.



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## Professional Community

No Homework. No tests. No Grades.  
Only the pure joy of learning.  
Of exchanging ideas.  
Of solving problems together.  
Of seeking new opportunities.



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### How does a Professional Community become YOUR Third Place?



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### Who else looks like me?



How do I find like minded people?

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## Panel Members

Steve Griffin  
*Foodnet Meals on Wheels*

JoAnn Nenow  
*Meals on Wheels of Northampton County Inc.*

Liz Seman  
*Meals on Wheels of Greenville Inc.*



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## Your Turn

- Think back to a time when you had an extraordinary experience that helped to build a Professional Community.
- Describe the situation.
- What made this such a great experience?
- What are the words you would use to describe the experience?



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**Achievers are committed to continuous improvement. We need to ask :**

- How can I improve myself and my organization?
- How can I do my job and lead my program more efficiently?
- How can I do this more profitably?
- How can I do this with even more passion?
- What do I need to learn?
- What can I share?
- What can I gain from others?



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**Yes we can!**

Tell our story.

Make our movement look bigger.

Be part of a bigger picture.



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Looking ahead what are the most extraordinary results you could hope to achieve from a new community?



How can we make this happen now?



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If you had one piece of advice for MOWAA as we try to create a professional community what would it be?



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