



2023 Advanced Year
Alumni Gathering (Year 3 completers)
Tuesday, August 14 – Wednesday, August 15
Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, IL

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

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| 9:30 – 10:00 am | Registration |
| 10:00 – 10:15 am | Greetings and Introductions |
| 10:15 – 11:45 am | “Power of Popups” <i>Pam Schallhorn, University of Illinois Extension</i> |
| 11:45 – 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:15 | “Housing Basics” <i>Craig Smith, City of Paris, Illinois</i> <i>Jayne Lourash, Laborers Home Development Corporation</i> |
| 2:15 – 2:35 pm | Break |
| 2:35 – 3:45 pm | “Libraries as Catalysts for Economic Development in Local Communities” <i>Dan Bostrom, Reaching Across Illinois Library System</i> |
| 3:45 – 5:00 pm | TBA |

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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| 8:30 – 8:45 am | Greetings & Announcements |
| 8:45 – 10:00 am | “Disaster Preparedness” <i>Resa Shaner, Crawford County Development Association</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:30 noon | Break |

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| 10:30 – 11:45 am | Rural Transportation Opportunities” <i>Dave Patton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs</i> |
| 11:45 – 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:15 pm | Building Momentum: Recent Child Care Successes <i>Joshua Laraby, Grow Fairfield</i> |
| 2:15 – 2:30 pm | Break |
| 2:30 – 4:00 pm | Relief. Recover. Refinance <i>Angela Gardner, USDA Rural Development</i> |