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## Quest for Success Conference: 10th Anniversary Celebration

Cherry Valley Lodge Resort, Newark, Ohio, September 20 - 22, 2009.



Help us celebrate OPE's 10th year by marking your calendar now to attend our annual Quest for Success Conference on September 20 - 22, 2009. Anniversary plans for the conference include a new location and options for attendees and their families outside the traditional conference learning agenda. We hope old and new faces alike will join us at Cherry Valley Lodge resort and conference center in Newark to commemorate ten years of excellence in Ohio.

Cherry Valley Lodge is located 35 miles east of Columbus and includes the Coco Key Water Resort, Banyan Leaf Spa, a restaurant/lounge and nearby cycling paths and golf courses. Spouses and families are invited to join attendees to take advantage of non-conference activities at Cherry Valley Lodge or other activities in the area such as shopping in historic Granville and Newark. Room rates will run \$109 single/double and government rates are available.

Cherry Valley's unique L-shaped room layout offers dual private space for those who may wish to share a room. Spa packages and \$15 water park day passes will also be available.

A fundraising golf tournament will be hosted by OPE on Sunday, September 20 at the Granville Golf Course designed by legendary Scottish golf course architect, Donald Ross.

If you have a topic of interest you would like to hear about at the conference or know of a great speaker, the conference committee is seeking speakers for the 2009 conference. You can forward your ideas to Elaine Edgar at [elaine@partnershipohio.org](mailto:elaine@partnershipohio.org).

Core conference planning team members Sherry Burkett, KeyBank; Dale Chapman, Liebert/Emerson Network; Rose Katz, Aramark and Deb McBride of DM Consulting Ltd., are working hard to make this an event to remember.

This will be *the* event of the year. We will be releasing event updates as we move forward into 2009.

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## Examiner Learning Resource Center

Exciting News for Examiners: The Examiner Learning Resource Center (ELRC) is now the repository of all things needed by examiners in their evaluation process.

The ELRC was established late in 2008 and is the work of longtime OPE/MBNQA member/examiner/judge Mike Belter, APCo Generation & East Gas Turbines Financial Services of American Electric Power Company. Mike Belter assembled and edited the materials from many sources, and OPE webmaster Graham Lowe implemented the materials on OPE's website.



The 100+ resources on the ELRC are divided into categories of use: overall process, independent review, consensus review, before site visit and site visit. Included are guides, process maps, learning videos, templates, and forms. To take a first-hand look at the new information site, [click here](#).

### ***Calendar***

- March 9-31.....Applicant Site Visits
- March 13.....OPE Board of Trustees Meeting
- April 14.....PRO-TEC Seminar and Tour, Leipsic
- April 19-22.....MBNQA Quest for Excellence Conference, Washington D.C.
- June 12 .....Annual OPE Membership Meeting, Columbus
- September 20-22.....Quest for Success - 10th Anniversary Celebration

### ***Links***

- [Quest for Excellence](#)
- [OPE ELRC](#)
- [OPE "Start the Journey"](#)
- [PRO-TEC](#)
- [Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark, Ohio](#)