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President's message -
Susan Seidman

University of Toronto Chapter Phi Delta Kappa presents an exciting blend of professional, social, new outreach and more traditional activities for the fall/winter season.

Activities

The Law and You

Our November session, *The Law and You*, was an extremely timely and informative session as more and more parents and schools experience the involvement of the legal system. This can be a difficult process for all concerned.

The audience took the opportunity to continue the dialogue with the panelists

Hearing the experiences of some parents and students, as well as the perspectives from teachers, principals, and representatives of the legal system, provided a lot of food for thought. Helene Jacobs, (parent), John Schuman (lawyer), Siobhan Belanger (special education method and resource teacher), Bonnie Inglis (principal of Scarborough Village Alternative Public School), Shayne Goldberg (secondary student), Reva Schafer (PDK member and Resource Parent for the Toronto Family Network), and John Stewart (Area Liaison Coordinator). Thanks to Stephanie Fetterolf, Reva Schafer, and Carolyn Moras who put in a great deal of work to make this evening a success.

Trinity Chamber Ensemble.

On Sunday, December 14, Phi Delta Kappa is co-sponsoring a delightful evening of music with the Trinity Chamber Ensemble. Longtime PDK member MaryEl Milosh introduced some of us to the pleasures of this concert series. They are held at the Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road between Mt. Pleasant and Bayview Avenues, starting at 7:30 p.m. The flyer accompanies this newsletter. Come, bring friends, support the Arts, and have a good time!

Kappan Discussion Group

Continuing a group that uses Kappan articles as a springboard for discussion of local perspectives, Bob Hookey is facilitating a session on Tuesday January 13, 7:00 p.m. at Rebecca Ullmann's, 247 Bedford Road, near Dupont and Davenport. In past sessions, this has proved to be a stimulating evening. The flyer with registration information accompanies this newsletter.

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A Gift Suggestion

As the holidays approach, many people start thinking about presents for family, friends, and colleagues. Giving a membership in Phi Delta Kappa is a very meaningful gift. Remember that PDK now has three categories of membership.

Professional

Professional members (the traditional category) are in the field of education, or studying to be in it. For those of you with children in education, this is a perfect opportunity to introduce them to a wide range of topics that will affect them once they begin their professional lives and to begin networking with other professionals.

Associate

This new category opens membership to parents and other individuals. It will give them access to people and issues at all levels of education, both locally and internationally.

Institutional

This new category, whose members can be single or collective, includes non-profit or for-profit organizations, schools, districts and colleges. These memberships give a way for organizations that have benefitted from PDK's many resources to demonstrate their support, as well as maintain liaisons.

The "Gift of Support"

Please alert your favourite educational institution about the newly-expanded access to professional library support via the Reavis Program. See International's website at www.pdkintl.org for how to write a letter to apply for the funding.

50th Anniversary

We are currently making plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of University of Toronto Chapter of PDK.

If you can give some time and energy, or if you have some ideas for the celebrations, please call Susan Seidman at 416-656-6929. We really want to reconnect with all our members.

RESOURCES FOR NEW TEACHERS

New Teacher Connection is a PDK web page with articles and an advice column written by both new and veteran teachers.

Check it out at

<http://www.pdkintl.org/ntc/ntchome.htm>

Contact Susan Seidman if you know someone you would recommend as a contributor.

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