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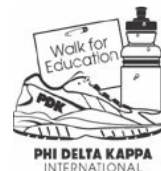
For pictures from the 50<sup>th</sup>  
go to [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A triumphant 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Great Event on October 19, 2005 was a time of rejoicing. 200 people filled the Great Hall of Hart House. Speakers concisely illuminated aspects of the past, the present and the future of our PDK chapter. People renewed their connections and made new ones. Snippets of Ontario's educational history emerged. Truly, it was a magical evening. Accounts from various perspectives illustrate the synthesis of thinking, of organizing, and of hard work that made the evening a success.

John Myers' summary for the newsletter and for OISE Online, reiterate PDK's advocacy for public education. The feature, "Beyond Our Chapter," written by John Stewart, our Chapter/Member liaison for Ontario and Quebec PDK Chapters, opens the window to our connections with PDK International. Jessie Keffer's description keeps us centred. Again, we thank Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac for co-chairing the event. Their insert gives an account from their viewpoint and acknowledges many contributors.

Shared responsibility of reporting reflects the shared leadership of our chapter's Executive. Simultaneously, as work on the 50<sup>th</sup> progressed, Executive members engaged in re-examining PDK's advocacy for public education, the chapter's need to re-imbue the goals of Research, Service, and Leadership with substantive action, and how best to serve the rich scope of our membership. This newsletter edition introduces the foundation of Reaching Forward, The Next Fifty.



## **Education is on the move!!!!**

### **WALK FOR EDUCATION**

This fall, 2005, will be the second PDK Walk for Education. Some chapter executive members (Susan Seidman and Carolyn Moras) will join the walkers on November 12 at the PDK conference in Chicago.

### **Why is there a donation form in the newsletter?**

We are pleased to have an award program at the chapter level and are very proud to have winners at the International level. Money for awards, both at the local and International level, is raised through the walk. Walk funds are also part of our chapter's service as donations can be designated for school food programs. Because the conference was originally to have been held in New Orleans, another donor option supports those affected by Katrina.

**Where do I send my donation?** Please use the addresses on the back page to send to either Susan or Carolyn by mid November.



**SUSAN SEIDMAN**  
**FOUNDATION CHAIR**



**JOHN MYERS**  
**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration spotlighted the role of PDK's recognition of Outstanding Educators. There were four former winners of that award present during the celebrations: Dale Shuttleworth, Fiona Nelson, The Honourable James Bartleman, and Past President and award winner Peter Ross. Each one of these winners has been recognized by UT Chapter for their superb leadership and service to the field of education.

In addition to the Outstanding Educators, past Jackman Award winner Shenyu Huang was able to attend part of the event, and the entire assembly witnessed the presentation of International level Excellence in Student Teaching Awards to Shelley Thomas from OISE and Pauline Shou from UOIT.

All these educators serve as exemplary role models for our younger members, as well as a font of wisdom for us all. The learning that comes from interaction between the sages, ages and stages has long been what PDK is all about.

One of the ways PDK reaches out to members and those who might be interested in joining is through the Awards and scholarships program, run by PDK's Foundation and supported by the local chapters. Funding for these awards comes solely through donations to the Foundation, not from Chapter dues.

PDK International is making some significant changes to the structure of the Awards and Scholarships program. At this time, not all of the changes have been released. New forms and information will be posted both on International's website and UT Chapter's in November.

Among the changes to come will be that graduate level awards - master's and doctorate, will be awarded annually. At the International level they will only be open to PDK members. Publication in the prestigious research magazine The Kappan is being considered as part of the award.

For updated information and forms, see the Chapter website [pdk-ut.ca](http://pdk-ut.ca).

### **FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VIEWPOINT**

The 50th anniversary of our chapter was a grand affair with some 200 Kappans representing all fifty years in attendance. After a reception at the Lieutenant Governor's suite the celebrations moved to the Great Hall of Hart House. Among the addresses were those by former Premier William Davis, Ned McKeown, former Director of the Toronto and Metro Toronto Boards of Education, and Dr. Bill Hunter, current Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

PDK International President, Jo Ann Fujioka and Executive Director Bill Bushaw also addressed the gathering. There were many highlights, including the initiation of several new members. One highlight that stood out was the awarding of the Excellence in Student Teaching Awards to Shelley Thomas (OISE/UT) and Pauline Shou (UOIT). This was an international competition and the awards are a good sign for public education in Ontario.

The wonderful commemorative booklet had historical notes, acknowledgements from the Prime Minister, the Premier, and many others. And you must see the centerfold! This poster by Moveta Nanton and her son, Noel Nanton, is stunning.

Thanks to all who attended as we work to make the next fifty years as momentous as the last.

And a special thanks to Ed, Jocelyn, and the rest of the committee who produced an outstanding event!

~ John Myers



**MARY NANAVATI, SHAK AHAD, ANNE KERR, JOULIE GEORGOPOULOS, MERILYN FOX AND KARI PETERS**  
**PDK – U OF T CHAPTERS NEWEST INITIATES**

**WALTER WINCHELL  
TECHNICAL ADVISOR**



**TECHNOLOGY AND THE NEXT FIFTY**

The embracing of technology, at both the International and Chapter levels of PDK, enhances dialogue. Reaching Forward, The Next Fifty, will be a big responsibility. All summer and fall, concentric circles of PDK conversations rippled out to focus our energies back to the core of promoting public education at all levels.

The chapter newsletter and website are complementary. The website will have many more pictures of the 50<sup>th</sup>, taken by Bill Badovinac and Kevin Quan.

The interactive aspect of webmail will be more fully utilized. Online registration for events (such as the upcoming Avro Arrow presentation), easy access to the Executive, and opportunities for input will aid communication. Under Walt's leadership, the Executive will be putting together a members' survey. It will be posted on the website early in the spring. Being able to gather opinions, ideas, and impressions will help us to be more responsive to members, but even more important, to collaboratively share Research, Leadership and Service expertise of our members.



**CHARLES MANAHAN - TREASURER  
RECEIVES CERTIFICATE FROM LORNA EARL FOR  
50 YEARS OF PDK MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

**SERVICE**

The PDK Walk for Education is our Chapter's Service opportunity to support of local Chapter's Awards programs, Toronto's school food programs, and International's support for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

We are pursuing the question of a service endowment, as well as exploring project ideas. Suggestions and input would be welcome.

**A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE**

My family and I went to a celebration for the Phi Delta Kappa's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Toronto Chapter. It took place at Hart House. Before the dinner, there was also a special reception with the Lieutenant Governor, at Queen's Park in the Legislature Building. I shook his hand, and two of his staff gave me badges with the real Ontario crest on them!

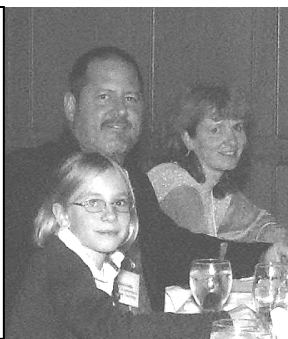
Then, we went to Hart House, to the Soldier's Tower. I forget how many steps there were, but it wasn't very high. On the way up, we saw many beautiful stained glass windows, showing people in different areas of Canada's fighting forces, including soldiers and sailors. When we got to the top, there were a lot of photos and paintings of Canadians fighting in the wars. There was also a big machine gun, almost like a small cannon!

After that, we went up the Carillon Tower, which was the other side of the same arch as the Soldier's Tower. A newspaper article in the Tower said that there were 111 steps, but I counted 112. At the top, we found that there were 51 bells, and that the biggest one weighed 4 tonnes! We also saw that there is a practice carillon, as well as the real one.

I had a lot of fun that day, and will always remember it.

~ Jessie Keffer (9 years old)

**JESSIE, ZORA  
AND DAVID  
KEFFER  
AT THE 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER**



**BOB LAMB - FOUNDING MEMBER  
WITH LORNA EARL AND HON. BILL DAVIS**

**RESEARCH**

The program committee has a meeting scheduled with Lorna Earl, Researcher in Residence at the Ontario Ministry of Education, to map out the research framework for our chapter. In addition to her work at the Ministry, Lorna is working to establish an Ontario Research Network.

The picture to the left shows Past Chapter President Lorna Earl presenting a certificate to Bob Lamb, who was awarded the first Doctorate in Education by OISE.

## PROGRAM FOR 2005 - 2006

Event	Date	Location	Time
Trinity Chamber Ensemble	Sunday November 6	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Rd East, Toronto	7:30 PM
PDK International Conference	November 10 - 13	Chicago	
PDK Run	Saturday November 12	Chicago	7:30 AM
Past Presidents' Lunch	Tuesday November 15		
Cottage Meeting: Awards and Winners	Thursday November 17	TBA	7:00 PM
Trinity Chamber Ensemble	Sunday December 11	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Rd East, Toronto	7:30 PM
AGM	Wednesday April 19	Faculty Club, UofT	6:00 PM



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Enjoy an evening of classical music with the

### *TRINITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE*

*Sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa*

**Sunday, November 6, 2005**

**7:30 PM**

**Church of the Transfiguration  
111 Manor Road East  
Toronto**

*(Between Yonge and Mount Pleasant)*

**Tickets are \$15 for adults,  
\$12 for seniors/children  
Tickets at the door**

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