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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MOVING INTO THE NEXT 50

Our chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> year is an exciting time of action, reflection, a gala celebration, a research series, concerts, social events, and participation in PDK Walk 2005. The value of individual and collective social networks is highlighted in Robert Putnam's book, Bowling Alone, as he documents the peaks, the valleys, and the revival in organizations. It provides a context for our chapter's history and illustrates how the various activities and events layer to generate positive connections that have a reciprocal benefit privately for us and publicly in the educational system and society.

Our research series is a good example as it raises new, stimulating questions about large scale testing that will lead us to examine our practices.

Arts engender thinking. The December Trinity concert had two outstanding soloists whose exquisite playing evoked smiles, tears, and ovations. Immediately following the concert, our program committee met and was twice as productive and creative as a result of an emotionally touched evening that released thinking.

Our values are leadership, research, and service. Participating in the PDK Walk 2005 to raise funds for our Awards program, for school food programs, and for victims of Katrina, was heartwarming as many Kappans, aware of others' needs, gathered to walk around Millenium Park in Chicago.

Putnam also puts forth a challenge, "Let us foster new forms of electronic entertainment and communication that reinforce community engagement." PDK International has been revamping technically to provide e-mentoring and improved communication; at the chapter level read our technical advisor's report as we also move forward to use technology to engage our membership.

Our chapter executive is a team working to structure activities for all levels of educators. Please feel welcome to contact any executive member to share views, ask questions, and tell about successes or experiences.

~ Carolyn Moras

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Phi Delta Kappa International, University of Toronto Chapter will be held on **Wednesday, April 19, 2006** at the Faculty Club, University of Toronto at 6 pm for the following purposes:

- To receive the report of the Treasurer
- To receive the report of the Nominating Committee
- To elect officers and Members of the Governing Council for the coming year
- To transact such other business as may properly be brought forth before the meeting

January 9, 2006  
Carolyn Moras  
President



**SUSAN SEIDMAN  
FOUNDATION CHAIR**



**JOCELYN BADOVINAC  
HISTORIAN  
AND  
CHARLES MANAHAN  
PAST PRESIDENT**

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

The winter season sees the middle, and more visible phase of PDK's Foundation work. The Prospective Educator deadlines are February 1, 2006. The Prospective Educator Scholarships are in two parts now. The secondary school Prospective Educator is being chaired by Moveta Nanton of Heart Lake Secondary School. Undergraduate Prospective Educator awards, which we call Excellence in Student Teaching, is chaired by David Keffer of Chester Le Public School. The deadlines for the Jackman award and the Doctoral Dissertation awards, chaired by Ruth Childs and Mary and Bob Hookey respectively, come later in the spring.

A great deal of work has gone into setting the stage. PDK Executive made the conscious decision to highlight the awards as part of the revitalization of the Chapter. Several years ago, the Jackman award was changed from alternate years to every year. The two kinds of Prospective Educator Awards were well-publicized to Deans of Education and Guidance Counsellors, as well as directly to students. This year, the focus for direct information was at OISE. To that end, an Open House was held in December; with past award winners Shelley Thomas and Shenyu Huang talking about the process they experienced. The awards were also publicized at a recent Job Fair at OISE.

The Executive decided to expand a model we used (very successfully!) with the Excellence in Student Teaching Award. In addition to a modest cheque, a year's membership in PDK is included as part of the local award. During the year, the award winners help refine and promote the award. Members who directed their PDK Walk for Education local portion to the UT Chapter are supporting this effort. The participants at the 50th anniversary who were Patrons are also helping fund these programmes, and thus enhancing the strength of the Chapter in its Service activities. ~ Susan Seidman

## **IN MEMORIAM: CHARLES MANAHAN**

Charlie became involved in Phi Delta Kappa while doing his Masters in Administration in Buffalo over 50 years ago. Later, he and Irene were on Baffin Island, where Charlie served as Principal. They continued their careers in Ottawa, Chippawa and Niagara Falls before settling in Toronto during the Centennial year, 1967. Irene remembers how they enjoyed the Biennials, especially in Austin, Texas, Kentucky and Baltimore. She has copies of the meticulous reports he prepared for the executive when, in the late 1980s, he was made the official delegate, thus overcoming the problem of a new person, the Vice President, attending each time, unable to contribute easily. Peter Ross recalled how Charlie made the Americans more aware of the fact Canada is a separate country with a different currency. Important issues for us were non-issues in the U.S. and vice versa. He successfully negotiated the right for us to pay in Canadian dollars and, without being too forceful, insisted Canadian articles should be published in the Kappan, as is now the case. As Bud Dilling pointed out, Charlie's sense of humour was always an asset.

Charlie was also interested in governance and helped, in the early 1980s, to draft our own constitution as distinct from the international template. His knowledge of the constitution and of the rules of order was always very useful. During his presidency, he and Irene worked on providing name-tags and the greeting of guests as priorities. As Peter Ross says, Charlie and Irene have always demonstrated the most important aspect of belonging to an organization – **being there**.

In the last year, as we worked on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, Charlie, in spite of deteriorating health, carried on as Treasurer with Irene's help, giving us unfailing support and guidance. Fortunately, he was able to attend the big event on October 19<sup>th</sup> with his family and friends around him to see him honoured. Less than a month later, after having been made an Elder Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church, he slipped peacefully away. Phi Delta Kappa has lost a giant.

~ Jocelyn and Edward Badovinac

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We are all finding ourselves encumbered within increasingly technology driven environments, whether it be in the office, the classroom, the home and most recently through WiFi – Wireless connectivity, almost everywhere! While we are mindful of the benefits that the new media technology provides, we are equally weary of the potential and sometimes real downfalls as well. Certainly the Internet has changed many things and changed the manner in which we now do things and in some instances even changed our priorities. Education has been and will continue to be a major beneficiary of this enormous change and it is our responsibility to ensure that we guide it toward positive ends and try to dissipate those that will likely become decisively negative. Towards this end we are becoming increasingly conscious of good, bad and indifferent web based materials, websites and other examples of the new media offerings.

PDK International, along with most organizations, began to embrace the Internet in the mid-1990's and our chapter, under the direction of Bob Hookey in 2001 took the big step to developing its website ([www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca)), with the assistance of Clay Lafleur and others. It has now been almost 5 years since the website was first launched and while we have strived to continually update and refresh the site, only relatively subtle changes have been made in the manner in which it can be used. The actual number of "visitors" to our website is monitored and tabulated and to date more than 4000 "visits" have been made to our site.

We are continually seeking to improve the chapter's website and wish to solicit the assistance of our members in this endeavour as well. As you increasingly have been looking through other websites within the context of the educational communities, you undoubtedly have found certain aspects of the manner in which "they" have developed their site and likely some these concepts could be put to good use in further improving ours. It has been proposed by our executive to collaboratively refresh our site and make it even more useful for our membership and others within PDK and the educational community at large. For example, it has been suggested that we might develop a series of bulletin boards to post information such as recent research trends, new findings, new teaching techniques, curriculum concerns and other issues of direct concern to our members. We might wish to establish open dialogue strings and perhaps consider posting pertinent links for important Blogs and links to additional research websites, etc? At the same time as looking to expanding utility of the site, we are also reviewing compression and archiving strategies to reduce the "loading time" for the site (especially for those photos and graphics having larger file sizes, etc.). For example, we have converted the downloadable newsletter files to pdf's to further reduce the loading.

The chapter executive would very much appreciate your input into our website content and utility, and this can perhaps best be done by e-mail to [info@pdk-ut.ca](mailto:info@pdk-ut.ca) for our executive to review. If you wish to contact me directly, [walt.winchell@gmail.com](mailto:walt.winchell@gmail.com) should suffice. Thank you in advance for your feed-back. ~ Walt Winchell



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WITH SHENYU HUANG  
REGARDING THE JACKMAN  
AWARD AT THE OISE OPEN  
HOUSE**

## PROGRAM FOR WINTER-SPRING 2006

Event	Date	Location	Time
Research Series, Session I "Is It Cheating? Ethical and Pedagogical Dilemmas Posed by Large Group Assessment"	Thursday, January 26, 2006	Room 9-105 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W	7:30- 9:00pm
Research Series, Session II "If Standardized Tests are the Answer, What is the Question?"	Wednesday, February 15, 2006	Hilltop Middle School, 35 Trehorne Drive, Etobicoke	7:30- 9:00pm
Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert	Sunday, February 26, 2006	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East, Toronto	7:30pm
Research Series, Session III "What Really Happens Between the Tests?"	Wednesday, March 22, 2006	Henry Kelsey Middle School, 1200 Huntingwood Drive, Scarborough	7:30- 9:00pm
Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Outstanding Educator Award to Dr. Lorna Earl	Wednesday, April 19, 2006	The Faculty Club, University of Toronto 41 Willcocks St.	6:00pm
Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert	Sunday, April 30, 2006	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East, Toronto	7:30pm
Avro Arrow Presentation	Saturday, May 6, 2006	Downsview Aero Space Museum	1:00pm
Spring Social	Thursday, June 15, 2006	TBA	6:00 pm



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### AVRO ARROW

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Phi Delta Kappa will be co-hosting an afternoon presentation on the Avro Arrow at the Downsview Aero Space Museum. During the cold war it was decided that a new plane needed to be developed, one that could fly past the north pole and confront any invading Russian planes. This plane would protect both Canada and the United States. The Mach 2 + "Avro Arrow" was designed and its first flight was on March, 25, 1958. Suddenly on Feb. 20, 1959, the project was cancelled by then Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. A flyer with more information will be coming out in March. We hope to see you there. -Stephanie Fetterolf

### DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you interested in joining a Kappan Discussion Group? Join some of your fellow Kappans to read and discuss selected articles from The Kappan. Voice your opinion of the connections and implications for our local Scene. If you're interested, contact Stephanie Fetterolf at [stephaniefetterolf@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniefetterolf@hotmail.com)