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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are heading into the first year of the next 50 in a strong position. The program is drafted for the year; new initiatives such as event venues beyond the Toronto borders are off to a flying start. A PDK book club is beginning. Membership is increasing; we had two initiation ceremonies last year and anticipate two this year along with continued honouring of membership longevity. More partnerships have been struck. Plans for our chapter's September 30<sup>th</sup> PDK Walk for Education are well underway. We are working on establishing Future Educators' Associations.

Our chapter's PDK Walk for Education on Saturday, September 30 is an opportunity for Kappans, colleagues, friends, and family to enjoy fall in a walk around the park area of Queen's Park. It is an avowal of our advocacy for public education and the opportunities arising from it. PDK is committed to helping students, from the elementary level to secondary to university access professional careers. Funds raised support this commitment through our mentoring programs such as Future Educators' Associations that begin at the elementary level and through scholarship programs that start at the secondary level.

Our theme for a public education series is "The Treasure That is Public Education." Voices from various levels and educational communities—ministry, parent groups, student trustees, OISE, pilot school programs in, research and polls—will be heard in the series. Questions and dialogue will also be a part of each session. The series presents a cohesive whole but each session can also be a stand alone. This also aligns with PDK International's centenary and their summit on public education being held in Washington, D.C., October 19-21, 2006.

Our executive team for the 2006-7 year is robust. The variety of career phases and the variety of educational backgrounds and disciplines creates synergy. Leadership and management of the chapter are intertwined; the theme of the executive team's July planning day to set the year in motion was "Everyone a Leader." The plans and reports in this newsletter and accompanying flyers demonstrate that our 2006-7 team is truly more than the sum of its parts.

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR REPORT: PDK-UT.CA – URL UPDATE**

PDK-UT members have likely noted that the URL for the chapter's website [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca) has been out of service since the latter portion of July and remains so at present – we anticipate having it re-established by September. In the interim we have established a new URL for a "mirror site" at [www.pdk-ut.org](http://www.pdk-ut.org) which is operational and will be running in the background throughout the next year, and possibly longer. The process of re-establishing the .ca URL has been burdened with considerable "red tape" and has moved slowly.



**WALT WINCHELL  
TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

## THE SEPTEMBER EVENT

Our evening dinner on the waterfront in Port Credit is shaping up to be another great social. In addition to chat, and getting to know each other, we will also be honouring members with longevity recognition and initiating some new members. Come and share in this joyful evening arranged by Past President Eleanor Pierre.



## PROGRAM REPORT: JUNE 2006 SOCIAL

Over 50 Kappans and guests capped our momentous 50th year with an outstanding social and rewards evening at Rocco's Plum Tomato on Islington Thursday June 15. Guests included Dr. Jane Gaskell, Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Award winners included Maria Castelhana (Queens) for the Jackman award and Kari Peters (OISE/UT) Prospective Educator's award— both the local and international awards. We had awards for long service for members from 20-45 years. These included one for Alec McCuaig: a founder.

The food was delicious; the company delightful, official proceedings were short, and the atmosphere optimistic as we move towards next year. Congratulations to all who made this a success!

And lest I forget, we had a surprise, especially to our program chair Stephanie Fetterolf. She found out that she will be going to China on a Gerald Howard Read International Travel scholarship. Special congratulations, Stephanie!  
~ John Myers

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We have been establishing partnerships as part of our planning a series on public education for the upcoming year. One is OISE/UT Centre for Urban Schooling.



If you are interested in presenting at the Inner City: Strength in Diversity-Advocating for the Future, April 19-21, 2007, National Inner City Conference in Toronto, contact Jeff Kugler. [jkugler@oise.utoronto.ca](mailto:jkugler@oise.utoronto.ca)

## FOUNDATION REPORT

While schools are closed in the summer, any administrator or teacher will tell you the work of education never stops! It just takes a different form!

The same is true of PDK Foundation, which plays a vital role in raising the profile of PDK.

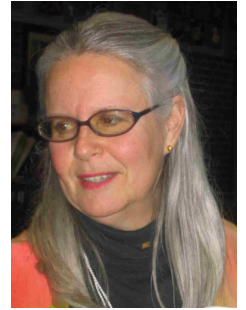
During the summer, two massive mailings are put together to Faculties of Education, and Secondary school guidance offices in a broad geographic area. As we have found that just one form is not as effective as two, an e-mailing is also assembled. The most effective of all is a personal visit, more about that later.

Our very handsome package introduces us by means of our UofT Chapter brochure, plus information about the appropriate award: Prospective Educator, Jackman, Graduate, and Doctoral Dissertation in the case of Faculties, and Prospective Educator (Secondary) in the case of Guidance. We also include pictures of previous years' winners. For the past two years we have been fortunate enough to have had International level winners. Special for this year, we will include a copy of the Kappan so that those who are not aware of this excellent research publication will have one to peruse.

Since the Foundation benefits educators at all stages of their careers, we will be sending information to professional Development Departments of various Boards information about the excellent Educator-to-Educator travel programmes. We will include a press release noting that our Kappan, Stephanie Fetterolf, has received a Gerald Read Travel Scholarship to participate in a well-organized tour of Chinese schools, educational research facilities and Education Ministry offices! This experience will enable her to present an informative session on her return.

We also highlight the Henkin scholarships for new teachers to attend PDK's International Conference.

As we noted above, nothing beats personal contact. If there is a Secondary school near you, and you would be willing to take a package to them, please contact Susan Seidman, [sseidman@sympatico.ca](mailto:sseidman@sympatico.ca), 416.656.6929, and we will get a package or packages to you.



20 year member, Phyllis Hill, and Maria Castelhana, winner of the Jackman Award, have dinner at Roccos' Plum Tomato at the June Social.



Dr. Jane Gaskell, Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education congratulates Kari Peters on her International Prospective Educator's Award.

## WHITBY BBQ

Our July event was a pleasant, relaxing evening with stimulating conversation that included university campuses, music festivals, the value and importance of Special Education support for teachers, parents, and students, the fun and helpfulness of connecting as Kappans, and the role of a chapter directory in connecting with each other.

John and Mary El Milosh relax at the July event.



Vivian Smith and Sheila Bennett are enjoying the Whitby BBQ.

## BOOK CLUB!

Bowling Alone by Robert Putnam is our book club selection. Putnam, a professor at Harvard, uses bowling alone as a metaphor for reduced community engagement. It is a thought provoking book. Discussion of it creates ripples in participants' understanding of social capital. Why is social capital an important concept? How does it mesh with PDK? How does it impact on educators? We will hold one book club session in very late fall/ early winter and the other session in early April. If interested in joining us, please contact Mary El Milosh, Book Club Coordinator, 416.229.0496, maryelmilosh@hotmail.com.



## MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY



We are planning to put together a printed directory of our chapter that will be sent to chapter members only. We plan to contact members to verify information and check re permission for inclusion. We will finalize a process at our next executive meeting in September. Information could include name, address, phone, email, educational discipline. We welcome input to the process; to contribute ideas please contact Membership Chair, Moveta Nanton, 416.493.2805, nanton@sympatico.ca. Kappans regularly say that the relationships formed and opportunities to discuss situations with other Kappans are important aspects of belonging to PDK. It has been pointed out that a directory is useful; the last directory our chapter published was 1999.

## FOUNDERS

It was a delight to present Founder Alec McCuaig with his certificate at the June 15<sup>th</sup> social.



It was a pleasure to present Harry Fisher in Owen Sound with his Founders Certificate, in June. John Pipher joined Past President Susan Seidman and President Carolyn Moras for the presentation and a lovely luncheon.

## 50 YEAR MEMBER

Throughout our anniversary year of 2005-6 we presented certificates to founders and 50 year members.

Reg McKennitt and his wife entertained Past President Susan Seidman and President Carolyn Moras in Scarborough in July on the occasion of receiving his 50 year membership certificate. Kappan Les Sivell shared in celebrating the presentation.



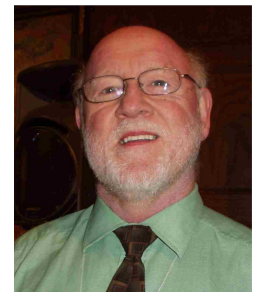
Les Sivell, Susan Seidman, Mrs. McKennitt, Reg McKennitt, Carolyn Moras celebrating Reg's 50 year membership.

## REMINDERS!

- 1) Please remember to update your internet bookmarks from [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca) to [www.pdk-ut.org](http://www.pdk-ut.org).
- 2) Respond to the flyers and take part in the events planned this year. We look forward to seeing you and your guests.
- 3) Sponsor a fellow Kappan for the PDK Walk for Education, or better yet, come out and participate in such a meaningful cause.



**STEPHANIE FETTEROLF**  
PROGRAM CO-CHAIR



**JOHN MYERS**  
PROGRAM CO-CHAIR

## PROGRAM FOR FALL 2006

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<b>The September Event</b> A Dinner Social	Thursday, Sept. 14	Snug Harbour Restaurant, Port Credit	6:00 - 9:00 PM
<b>PDK Walk for Education</b> UofT Chapter	Saturday, Sept. 30	Registration at YWCA at 20 Grosvenor, Toronto Walk around the park Queens Park	Registration at 9:00 AM Walk at 10:00 AM
<b>Trinity Chamber Ensemble</b> Concert	Sunday, Oct. 22	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East, Toronto	7:30 PM
<b>Public Education Series</b> Session I - "The Treasure That is Public Education"	Thursday, Nov. 2	Room 4-410 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W.	7:00 - 8:30 PM
<b>Niagara Falls PDK Get Together</b> Dinner & Theatre "Ballet Jorgen's Cinderella"	Saturday, Nov. 4	Dinner at 5:00, Michael's Inn Niagara Falls	Dinner at 5:00 PM Sherry & Shortbread at 6:30 PM Show at 7:30 PM
<b>Public Education Series</b> Session II - "Public Education in an Urban Setting"	Thursday, Nov. 23	Nelson Mandela School	7:00 - 8:30 PM
<b>PDK Book Club</b>	Saturday, Dec. 2	TBA	TBA
<b>Trinity Chamber Ensemble</b> Concert	Sunday, Dec. 3	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East, Toronto	7:30 PM

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