

PROGRAM FOR SPRING 2007

Niagara Falls PDK Get Together	Sat., Mar. 31	Michael's Inn, Niagara Falls	5:00 dinner
Book Club	Sat., April 14	Coburg – see Book Club Article for details	5:00 dinner
Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert	Sun., Apr. 29	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East	7:30 pm
Annual General Meeting	Thurs., May 3	Faculty Club, University of Toronto	6:00 pm reception 6:30 pm dinner
Niagara Falls PDK Get Together	Fri., May 4	Michael's Inn, Niagara Falls	5:00 dinner
June Social Dessert, Entertainment and Awards	Thurs., June 7	National Yacht Club	7:00 (optional dinner 5:00)

LOOKING AHEAD – FALL 2007

2007 PDK Summit	October 18 – 20	Vancouver	
U of T Chapter PDK Walk for Education	Sat., Oct. 27	Assemble at YMCA Walk at Queen's Park	AM



Stephanie Fetterolf
Program Co-Chair



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Contact me if you have any suggestions for the next newsletter



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CAROLYN MORAS
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A rapidly approaching AGM is a reminder of the swift passage of time. Last year we honoured Lorna Earl as Outstanding Educator and gained from her remarks about assessment and her role at the Ministry. This year, we are looking forward to honouring Barrie Bennett, an associate professor at OISE, an author and co-author of books and articles drawing together research and pedagogy from many educational fields, and an educational leader working with several school districts, locally, nationally, and globally on the Instructional Intelligence project. Dr. Bennett describes Instructional Intelligence as the integration of content knowledge, assessment, knowledge of how people learn, instructional repertoires, change and systemic change.

Sandra Weith, Assistant Executive Director of PDK International, has confirmed she will be joining us at the AGM. This is a wonderful opportunity for our membership and for PDK International to become better acquainted.

Our chapter executive takes the advocacy for public education through research, service, and leadership seriously as evidenced by the reports on our Public Education series, and our sponsorship and support of Northern Horizons at D.A. Morrison, the first FEA Club in Canada, and our involvement with Spelling Bee of Canada. Perusal of the program chart at the back of the newsletter illustrates that our array of events is continuing as we reach out to members geographically and topically.

We look forward to seeing many familiar faces at the upcoming AGM on May 3rd and invite all members to welcome guests and new initiates. We look forward to extending the connections and conversations in a less formal evening at the June 7th Social.

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THE HENRY JACKMAN AWARD

The deadline for submission is **April 15, 2007**. The award (\$500.00) will be presented to an undergraduate or graduate student currently attending a Faculty of Education in the province of Ontario. A year's membership in University of Toronto Chapter PDK is also awarded.

Do you or a colleague have a family member eligible to apply? Remind them that the due date is approaching. Information about applying is on the website at www.pdk-ut.ca.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHAPTER'S EXECUTIVE?

Our chapter is only as strong as the leadership team making up the executive; we are looking for members for the 2007- 2008 year. The amount of involvement and number of meetings can be flexible. We have found it a successful model in having a core governing body that meets monthly and in having a resource group that takes on specific tasks. Some of the resource and advisory members attend each meeting; others meet in small groups a few times to accomplish a set purpose.

Our executive ranges from teachers early in their career to educators who are contributing from full and deep educational careers; the exchange of experiences and skills greatly enhances discussions at the executive table and builds leadership capacity for PDK and for the education system. For further exploration and discussion, contact Carolyn Moras and/or Susan Seidman.

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Chair of Jackman Award: Ruth Childs

Chair of Doctoral Dissertation Award: Clay Lafleur

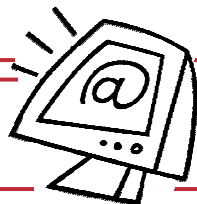
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Coordinator of Event Reporting: Ed Badovinac

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Electronic copies of our newsletter and other important information can be found on our Chapter's website at www.pdk-ut.ca. Please also visit PDK International at www.pdkintl.org or 1-800-766-1156.



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 Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the Faculty Club, University of Toronto 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

Originally Dated: January 2, 2007

Carolyn Moras
President

Irene Manahan
Spelling Bee
of Canada
PDK coaching
team



Susan Seidman

Foundation
Chair



Susan Seidman coaches students for the regional spelling bee competition

UPCOMING PDK INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Finland is the destination of the next PDK educator-to-educator professional development trip. Thirty participants are preparing to travel to Helsinki to learn about the excellent Finnish education system, focusing on teacher preparation. Kappans are invited to travel to New Zealand from July 21 to August 1, 2007, and to Italy on November 3-10, 2007. Watch PDK's website, www.pdkintl.org, for details as they become available.

CAN YOU HELP ON APRIL 28?

Everything old is new again. The cerebral competition known as the Spelling Bee is a widespread phenomenon, and is back in full force in North America. Two popular shows, the movie "Akeelah and the Bee," and The Putnam County Spelling Bee are testimony.

UT Chapter PDK is co-sponsoring the Toronto East Bee with the Toronto Bathurst Lions Club. The PDK coaching team of Irene Manahan, Carolyn Moras, Susan Seidman, and Joulie Georgopoulos has been working with eager young minds, some of whom are old hands at spelling bees. Our new initiate Simone Scantlebury is also part of the PDK Spelling Bee team. Simone is the Communications Coordinator for the Toronto East Spelling Bee.

The Regional Bee will be held on Saturday, April 28, at Gerrard Square, Pape and Gerrard. We are looking for some Kappans who could help with the Bee - please contact Susan Seidman at 416-656-6929, sseidman@sympatico.ca if you can help.

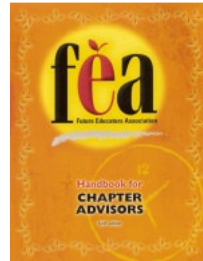
FEA

Canada's first Future Educators Association Club, which is sponsored by PDK, is charging ahead at D.A. Morrison School.

"Northern Horizons FEA" made and delivered cards to staff members highlighting FEA and wishing the staff members a good March Break. Plans for after the break include having Kappan John Myers from OISE come to speak to the students about applying to a teachers program. Booking another speaker is being explored.

Advisor Tasia Alexiou is working with the FEA members to take the lead in preparing for the guest speaker: organizing tasks and volunteering for roles to ensure that the event goes well; all processes that will stand them in good stead the rest of their lives.

The students are documenting their club and its activities, working towards a luncheon with Sandy Weith from PDK International. The energy in the club is so great that one member has been added, and they have begun thinking towards next year.



PDK BOOK CLUB

I am delighted to let you all know that there will be a second book club evening, this time in Cobourg. Once again, Peter Ross has generously agreed to be our facilitator. Peter has an unerring ability to help us derive the most personally relevant meanings from the book under discussion. Our book for consideration at this meeting is What Schools Are For by John I. Goodlad.

Our gracious host will be Vivian Smith, the father of our previous hostess, Sheila Smith-Bennett.

The group will be gathering for dinner on Saturday, April 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Oasis Bar and Grill, on King Street, in Cobourg. We will then travel a short distance to Vivian's home for the book discussion. There will be carpooling from Toronto, so, if you wish to join us, we can arrange for transportation. Maps are available also.

Anyone who cares to join us, please contact Mary El Milosh and we can discuss travel arrangements.

Those of us who attended the first book club meeting had a wonderful evening at Sheila's. We are looking forward to another lively sharing of ideas.



Mary El Milosh
Book Club
Coordinator



DIRECTORY

Many responses for a new directory have been received. If you have not yet responded, please consider doing so as soon as possible. We have been looking at the directories of 1967 and 1973; thanks to Bob Lamb for lending them. They are a treasure trove of historical information. Members using the 1991, thanks to Ed Quick for the loan, and 1999 directories are awaiting the new one.



Jose Rodrigues
Membership
Co-Chair



Moveta Nanton
Membership
Co-Chair

NIAGARA FALLS GET TOGETHERS

Please contact Elizabeth Manker at 905-358-3825 or SIDECAR09@aol.com for more information about the Niagara Falls Get Together on Saturday, March 31

- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Sherry Affair
- 7:30 Concert

NEW TEACHER SERIES: LIFE AFTER TEACHER'S COLLEGE!!!

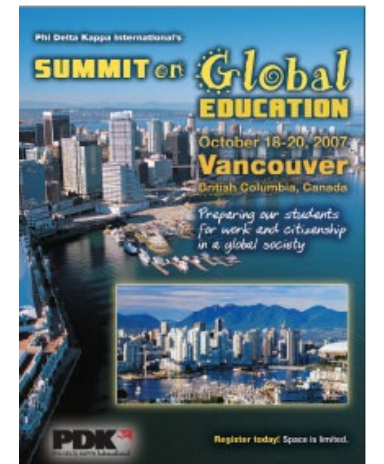
I have been teaching for many years, in various parts of the world. Two years ago, I decided to come back to Canada, get my Ontario certification, and settle into the school system here. I had a fantastic year at the UOIT in Oshawa, at the I/S level, and then did my Junior ABQ. I thought that I wanted to teach at the Grade 4 level. I started last September in the TDSB, with a Grade 3/4 split, and it was not successful at all. I switched at the end of January to teach high school math in a Catholic school in Pickering, and have LOVED it! I'm there again this year, although still on an LTO. My advice to any new teacher is to try to experience as many different grade levels as you can, both on your practicum placements and, possibly, supply teaching, before deciding which level you would like to teach. I was very lucky, and the move was not difficult, but it usually is. Find out what you want to do before locking yourself in, and you will be much happier in your career. That said, however, don't be afraid of changing if you decide you made the wrong choice! Good luck!!!



David Keffer

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2007 PDK SUMMIT IN VANCOUVER IS NOW AVAILABLE

You can register online for the 2007 PDK Summit on Global Education at <http://www.pdkintl.org/summit/register.htm>. The summit, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, October 18-20, 2007, includes a panel discussion about preparing our students for work and citizenship in a global society. The panel will be moderated by Nobel Prize nominee Lloyd Axworthy, president of the University of Winnipeg and past-director of the Liu Center for the Study of Global Issues at the University of British Columbia. Other highlights include a keynote address by Gene Sperling, director of the Center for Universal Education at the Council on Foreign Relations, the fourth annual PDK Walk for Education, and a presentation on the 39th Annual Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll.



2007 NATIONAL INNER CITY CONFERENCE



Join Jeff Kugler at the Canadian Council for Inner City Education's National Inner City Conference 2007: Strength in Diversity - Advocating for the Future. The conference is being held at the Metro Convention Centre from April 19th to 21st, 2007. Keynote speakers at the conference include Stephen Lewis and Pedro Antonio Noguera. Visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/innercityconference> for further details.



Jeff Kugler
Canadian Council for
Inner City Education
2007 Co-chair

PDK U of T Chapter's program series on Public Education, featured the first three project schools in the "Model Schools for Inner Cities" initiative. For his help in organizing this series, a special thanks goes to **Jeff Kugler** - Executive Director, Centre for Urban Schooling Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning @ OISEUT