

## PROGRAM FOR SPRING 2007

<b>June Social</b> Dessert, Entertainment and Awards	Thurs., June 7	National Yacht Club	7:00 (optional dinner 5:00)
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## LOOKING AHEAD – FALL 2007

<b>PDK Book Club</b> "The Tipping Point"	Sat., Sept. 8	TBA	7:00 (optional dinner 5:00)
<b>Professor Yong Zhao</b> Leading off our "Global Connections: Looking Out to Join In" Program Series	Mon., Oct. 1 – Tues., Oct. 2	TBA	TBA
<b>Niagara Falls Get Together</b>	Sat., Oct. 13	Michael's Inn, Niagara Falls	5:00 dinner, followed by concert
<b>2007 PDK Summit on Global Education</b>	October 18 – 20	Vancouver	
<b>U of T Chapter PDK Walk for Education</b>	Sat., Oct. 27	Assemble at YMCA Walk at Queen's Park	AM



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Contact me if you have any suggestions for the next newsletter

## 2007-2008 NIAGARA CONCERTS:

- Sat., October 13/07, 8 pm: ROMANZA - L'ARTE DEL TENORE: (Opera & Pop)
- Fri., November 9/07, 8 pm: ANGELE DUBEAU & LA PIETA - Chamber Ensemble
- Sun., December 16/07, 2 pm. TORONTO ALL-STAR BAND Classic Christmas Show.
- Sat., March 29/08, 8 pm. CAROL WELSMAN - ALL THAT'S JAZZ.
- Sat., April 26/08, 8 pm: KERRY STRATTON PRESENTS "LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS."

<http://www.niagaraconcerts.ca>

TICKETS: Must be purchased very soon, as last year was a sell-out (1,000).

\$75 for the series of 5 concerts. Individual tickets, if available, \$20

PDK will continue to have front row centre reserved, following dinner and a wine social.

We welcome you and your quests! Please contact PDK member Elizabeth Manker, for details.

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

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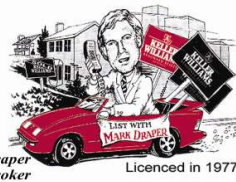
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two years have sped by; I bid you adieu as chapter president. The agenda has been full, as evidenced in the inclusion in this newsletter of the President's Report from the AGM.

Being chapter president has been a rewarding experience. I thank our executive for their support, for forging a leadership team, and for working creatively to strengthen PDK connections cognitively and affectively. I thank you, as members, for the encouragement and input you gave verbally, in notes, and in emails.

I started the presidency by being part of An Appreciative Inquiry (AI) meeting held at Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac home in April, 2005. At this session, a group of Kappans used AI to affirm the value of PDK and to determine our chapter's future. This started an ongoing Forward Thinking series of directed conversational sessions based on AI. AI is both a philosophy and a process for transformational leadership. A very powerful evening was a "How Might We", led by Bob Hookey who has expertise in Creative Problem Solving. In January and again this past week, several executive members have had full days of AI training in the theory, the process, and in the application. I started with AI and am closing with AI. The circle of leadership continues with our incoming president, Walt Winchell, being one of the PDK group that attended the recent AI Institute.

Eagerly, I anticipate the exciting plans in progress for the upcoming year that the chapter executive is putting together. However, this year has one more event, our June 7th social. Jim Youngson and John Myers have put together a fun event; see the enclosed flyer for registration information.

## 2006 – 2007 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following on the success of our 50th anniversary year and the grand celebration orchestrated by Co-chairs Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac, our 51st year has been focused on addressing the broad spectrum of our chapter. We are spread out geographically. We have members in all career phases. To address this diversity, we have held an array of events in various locales.

A successful format that has worked for us for the past two years is a series of research sessions on a theme as the centerpiece of programming. This year's research series was The Treasure that is Public Education. Each session was recorded so that we can make CDs for our files and members' use. Certificates were given to those who attended all the sessions.

We are currently working on the upcoming year's program, Global Education: Looking Out to Join In. The first events are scheduled for October 1st and 2nd. As well as Toronto, we have had events in Niagara, Whitby, Coburg, and Port Credit. The opportunities to connect with members, have stimulating conversation, and enjoy the camaraderie has been most pleasurable. We plan to continue for the upcoming year. Check the website and newsletters or call executive members to join us. The book club discussions and the concert series have made for delightful evenings.

Our membership co-chairs are in the process of completing a chapter directory to help us more easily keep in touch with each other. In preparation, we studied the directories of 1967, 1973, 1991, and 1999. We appreciate Bob Lamb and Ed Quick sharing their copies with the executive.

We opened the first Future Educators Association Club in Canada this year to support young students from diverse backgrounds develop an understanding of careers in education. We partnered also with the Spelling Bee of Canada, Bathurst Lions Club, and Gerrard Square to host a regional spelling bee.

## FOUNDATION REPORT

Foundation contributions from UT Chapter continue to edge up slowly. They currently stand well below the minimum level for International recognition.

Foundation donations fund PDK awards and scholarships, and as such form a major part of our Chapter's revitalization and outreach projects.

One of the scholarships which would be of interest to many PDK members is the Gerald Read Travel Scholarship. Stephanie Fetterolf applied for and received a Gerald Read Scholarship to help defray part of the cost of her PDK Educator to Educator trip to China.

Upcoming trips of interest are the trip to New Zealand (deadline for the scholarship is passed, but the deadline for the trip registration is May 31, and the upcoming trip to Italy in November. Details for this trip will be posted on PDK International's website, [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org)

Donations of \$5 will continue to be counted towards the Chapter's percentage until the end of June. The easiest way to donate is to call PDK at 1-800-766-1156 (toll free). ask for Foundation. and give your credit card number.



SUSAN SEIDMAN  
FOUNDATION CHAIR

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## FEA LUNCHEON BY SUSAN SEIDMAN

An impressive installation Ceremony was held at a special luncheon feting the first Canadian Future Educators Chapter, Northern Horizons, at DA Morrison School.

PDK's Assistant Executive Director, Sandy Weith, capped off a whirlwind visit to Toronto by assisting Susan Seidman and Carolyn Moras in holding the ceremony. School superintendent Kathy Cowan, Principal Elizabeth Faller, and FEA Advisor Tasia Alexiou all attended.

Among the activities for the FEA Chapter this year, the students have had visits by two Kappans. Shak Ahad broadened the FEA members' concept of teaching by telling of his work as an adult ESL teacher. He then sprung a surprise on the students by telling them that he himself had attended DA Morrison.

John Myers talked about what education faculties look for in their applicants: high academic achievement and demonstrated ability to work with others in a variety of diverse situations. He answered searching questions about job opportunities, and made plans to host the FEA students at OISE/UT next year. Under discussion is a session serving as students in John's Models of Teaching class, with the Faculty students observing.



L. to R. Sandy Weith, Assistant Executive Director, PDK International, Kathy Cowan, School Superintendent, Susan Seidman, PDK Chapter and Member Liaison, Elizabeth Faller, Principal, DA Morrison, and Tasia Alexiou, FEA Advisor displaying the Charter of Northern Horizons, the first FEA club in Canada.



Carolyn Moras, John Myers, Susan Seidman in front of students' FEA projects.



Left: School Superintendent Kathy Cowan enjoying a chat with students at the FEA luncheon.



Right: A special thank you to All Star Catering for donating salads for the FEA luncheon and to Joe's No Frills, 449 Parliament St., for supplying water.

## BEYOND THE CHAPTER BY SUSAN SEIDMAN

Recently the CML's from Region H, constituting Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York met for discussions of PDK business at the International and Regional levels.

The impending retirement of Sandy Weith, Associate Executive Director, was announced. Sandy has always been encouraging, helpful, supremely competent, and both thorough and efficient. Her warm support to University of Toronto Chapter will be missed. We were delighted that one of her last acts before retiring was to come visit us and attend our AGM.

Bob Prinz, who had the enviable job of CML for all Europe, is also retiring.

Chapter issues and successes were shared, including the formation of a new Chapter, the College of St. Rose in Upper New York State. Also stressed was the formation and support for FEA Chapters. Regional Representative Frank Nappi commented that FEA members "are the future of PDK."

On April 21, Carolyn Moras and I attended a very successful Young Authors' Conference (YAC) in London, Ontario, spearheaded by Barbara and John Stewart. After a fabulous presentation by author Eric Walters (read his Camp X and Camp 30 books for starters) on the topic of where he gets his stories, the approximately 80 Grade 7 and 8 students broke into groups to write. It was a fabulous day, and the authors are now e-mailing John their writing, which will be published and sent back to them before school is out.

## BOOK CLUB

On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a group of us met at Carolyn Moras' house, to travel together to Cobourg for our second book club gathering. We met Dr. Vivian Smith, our host for the evening, and his daughter, Sheila Smith Bennett, at the Oasis restaurant in downtown Cobourg for a delicious dinner. Peter Ross, who very kindly agreed to be the facilitator for our discussion, joined us at Oasis. After dinner we travelled a short distance to Vivian's beautiful home to relax, have wine and treats, and a lively, engrossing discussion, with Peter's guidance, of John I. Goodlad's book, *What Schools Are For*. Peter is a consummate facilitator and, with his gift for honouring each person's thoughts and contributions, he guided us imperceptibly through a range of considerations of the material presented in our book.

We had a wonderful evening, in a splendid setting, with a gracious host and a truly outstanding facilitator. Since we have derived great pleasure from our two book club events, hosted first by Sheila and subsequently by her father, Vivian, we have decided to continue this program next year. Both Sheila and Vivian have indicated their willingness to host us in the future. We are planning to meet on Saturday, September 8, 2007 to discuss *Tipping Point* and on Saturday, April 12, 2008 to examine *The World Is Flat*. Peter Ross has now facilitated both our book club discussions brilliantly and has agreed to continue in this role.

We all believe we have an exciting event established and we welcome you to join us! The locations will be announced, prior to the meetings, in the newsletter. Please contact Mary Elspeth Milosh, at 416-229-0496, or [maryelmilosh@hotmail.com](mailto:maryelmilosh@hotmail.com) for further information.



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L. to R. Carolyn Moras, Susan Seidman, Corrie Gicante, Acting Director of London District Catholic School Board, Barbara Stewart, Charmaine Graves, Learning Supervisor, Thames Valley DSB, John Stewart at PDK Young Authors Conference, April 2007. Photo taken by author Eric Walters.



Peter Ross, Sheila Bennet-Smith, and Moveta Nanton discussing "What Schools Are For" by John Goodlad at the PDK Book Club.

## PDK NIAGARA FALLS GET TOGETHERS BY ELIZABETH MANKER

It was decided that three socials would be held in Niagara Falls, as "our membership stretches across a geographically large area." Several members and members-to-be met for dinner at Michael's Inn, facing the Falls, then adjourned to the home of member Elizabeth Manker for sherry and shortbread, or wine and desserts, before walking directly across the street to the Kingston College Auditorium, where we were seated "front and centre" to enjoy world-class entertainment presented by Niagara Concerts.

We were pleased to meet and socialize with members of the Niagara Concerts Executive Board, and several other new friends from the community, all of whom were equally happy to meet members of PDK. We are planning to continue this get-together format next year, and will be pleased to welcome all who would like to come to Niagara Falls for a PDK event!

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