

Program for Winter/Spring 2008 and Chapter Award Due Dates

Prospective Educator Awards	Fri., Feb. 1	Contact Susan Seidman, 416.656.6929 sseidman@sympatico.ca	Application Deadline
Global Education Series: Session #3	Tues., Feb. 12	Simon Wiesenthal Centre 5075 Yonge Street (416 864 9735) www.fswc.ca	7:00 PM
Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert	Sun. Mar. 2	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East	7:30 PM
Niagara Falls Get Together	Sat., Mar. 29	Michael's Inn, Niagara Falls - Contact Elizabeth Manker 905-358-3825, SIDEAR09@aol.com	5:00 PM dinner 8:00 PM concert
PDK Book Club : "The World is Flat"	Sat., April 12	Contact Mary El Milosh 416-229-0496, maryelmilosh@hotmail.com	5:00 PM dinner 7:00 PM book club
Jackman Award	Fri., April 18	See www.pdk-ut.ca or contact Ruth Childs rchilds@oise.utoronto.ca	Application Deadline
Annual General Meeting Outstanding Educator Presentation and Dinner	Wed., April 23	Faculty Club, University of Toronto 41 Willcocks Street (east of Spadina, north of College, south of Bloor)	6:00 pm social 7:00 pm dinner
Niagara Falls Get Together	Sat., April 26	Michael's Inn, Niagara Falls - Contact Elizabeth Manker 905-358-3825, SIDEAR09@aol.com	5:00 PM dinner 8:00 PM concert
Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert	Sun. May 2	Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East	7:30 PM
NEW! Graduate Award	Sat., May 10	Download forms from www.pdkintl.org/scholarships	Application Deadline
Spring Social	Thurs., May 29	TBA	TBA

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PDK chapter 85 is on a roll and we are now growing! On Nov. 30th, we recently inducted 8 new members at our Doctoral Dissertation Awards dinner at The Host restaurant in Toronto. Barnabas Emenogu and Kathleen Vaughan were dually awarded for their theses, and were warmly received by the many executive and guests that attended this dinner. For details, please peruse Marilyn and Susan's article in this issue.

Our Global Education Series is very successful – Session 2 on Nov. 21 at Pierre Laporte Middle School in Toronto was well attended. John Myers has prepared an account that captures the spirit of the evening with both readily applicable ideas and provocative thoughts for reflection. Our Global Education Session #3 is scheduled for Feb. 12th at the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre in North York. It continues in the vein of school and classroom applications and new ideas for reflection. John's article and a flyer for Feb.12 are in the insert.

On Dec. 11th our executive met and joined with the members of the Toronto District School Board and a Chinese delegation at their *Building Connections* celebration banquet in Chinatown. This opportunity was a direct result of Stephanie Fetterolf's work in bringing Dr. Zhao to lead off the Global Education series.

Our congratulations go out to Bev Freedman who has been selected to present at the American Education Research Association (AERA) conference in New York this March.

After reading Irene Manahan's account of the fun she experienced going to a Niagara concert, it is hard to wait for March 29th when we will again be going down to Niagara Falls for Carol Welsman – *All That's Jazz*. Contact information is on the program chart on page 4.

The Toronto East Regional *Spelling Bee* at Gerrard Square will be on Saturday, April 5th – this is a service initiative by our chapter in conjunction with the Spelling Bee of Canada and Toronto Bathurst Lions. If you wish to help, please contact Susan Seidman.

The world is changing so rapidly due to technology; the impact on society and the implications for education. Get your copy of *The World is Flat* by Thomas L. Friedman now and start reading so you can join us on April 12th when the PDK Book Club will meet to discuss the book. Contact information is on the program chart on page 4.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 23rd at the U of T Faculty Club. We hope that you will all join us for this important annual event. See the flyer for details.

Please refer to the program page on our website for full information about these future programs. Feel free to contact any member of our executive (their e-mail addresses are posted on the executive page of the website, as well as in the newsletter) for additional information on our programs, membership, awards and other activities.

We thank you for your continued support of our activities and mission. Happy New Year!

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 23rd, 2008 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

Dated: January 7, 2007

Walter Winchell, President

DO YOU KNOW ANY POSSIBLE APPLICANTS? SEE INSERT FOR DETAILS!

- Prospective Educator Scholarship (secondary) due Feb 1
- Excellence in Student Teaching Scholarship (B.Ed) due on Feb 1.
- Jackman Award for Faculty of Education (BEd and graduate) due April 18.



CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Walt Winchell

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Doctoral Dissertation Dinner by Marilyn Hahn and Susan Seidman

On November 30, a capacity crowd of Kappans and friends attended the Doctoral Dissertation Awards Dinner and Initiation at The Host Restaurant. Despite the cold, blustery weather, the warmth of good fellowship and the spicy heat of our excellent dinner made us forget that winter was just ahead.

In attendance were PDK presidents: Ed Quick, Bud Dilling, Marilyn Hahn, Lloyd Augustus, Carolyn Moras, Susan Seidman, Bob Hookey, and Walt Winchell, and initiates: Lorraine Dilling, Ashley Winchell, Evangelina Crook, Kristin Hopper, Susanna Tang, Natasha Tavares, Kathleen Vaughan and Barnabas Emenogu.

U of T Chapter President Walt Winchell welcomed all, and made special mention of Jane Gaskell, Dean of OISE, and Avis Glaze, CEO of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat of the Ministry of Education.

Gerald Read Travel Award Scholarship winner, Vidya Jaisaree, Principal of Adrienne Clarkson Public School in York Region, spoke about her trip to Finland, and briefly talked about the reasons for Finland's success in international educational tests. We hope we can hear more details about her trip in the future. (The education system in Finland is featured in articles in October's Kappan.)

Susan Seidman, Foundation Chair, thanked committee members Bev Freedman and Clay Lafleur, who were unable to attend. She noted that PDK normally did not make two awards, but the two winning applications were both superb, and completely different.

Doctoral Dissertation Award winner, Kathleen Vaughan, spoke briefly about her qualitative thesis "Finding Home: Knowledge, Collage, and the Local Environments, an "education-based interdisciplinary exploration of means by which individuals may 'find home'." Prof. Rishma Dunlop from York University assisted with the presentation.

Doctoral Dissertation Award winner, Barnabas Emenogu, spoke briefly about his quantitative thesis, "The Effect of Missing Data Treatment on Mantel-Haenszel DIF Detection," which looked at statistical assumptions when dealing with non-attempted items large-scale testing such as EQAO, and the differential response patterns of students in French and English. Dean Jane Gaskell of OISE helped present the award.

President Walt Winchell was delighted to conduct the initiation, organized and coordinated by Jocelyn Badovinac. Readers Lloyd Augustus, Ruth Childs, and Susan Seidman were pleased to participate.

The initiates, friends, and family members stayed and chatted, took photos, made new acquaintances and renewed old ones amongst the attendees from the Ministry, OISE, Toronto Principals' Centre, Durham Catholic School Board, York Region School Board, and TDSB.

PDK addresses the needs of educators on many fronts-academic to be sure, but one cannot dispute the importance of the fellowship and geniality of its social aspect. The group to which an individual belongs is the ground on which one stands. We look forward to a new year of great success for all our members and associates.



Jane Gaskell and Avis Glaze at The Host



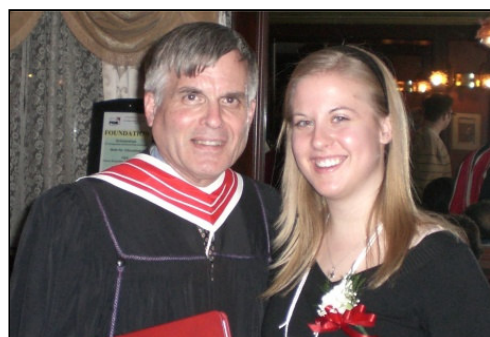
Judi Kokis, Avis Glaze, Barnabus and Gloria Emogenu



Left: Vidya Jaisaree receives a poster from Susan
Right: Kathleen Vaughan talks about her thesis



8 Initiates were initiated to the PDK U of T Chapter by Chapter President Walt Winchell - Kathleen, Susanna, Natasha, Kristin, Barnabus, Lorraine, Evangelina and Walt's daughter Ashley Winchell (below)



TEOF and TDSB Building Connections Celebration Banquet

U of T Chapter PDK had tables at two recent events, the Toronto Education Opportunity Fund (TEOF) auction, and the Toronto District School Board's "Building Connections Celebration Banquet.

Past U of T President Ned McKeown is a Board member of TEOF, which has been supporting breakfast programmes in Toronto kindergartens for 20 years. Kappans Kari Peters, Marilyn Fox, Carolyn Moras, Don Hambleton, and Susan Seidman took part in spirited bidding on many items, including several made and donated by Kappan Jim Youngson. Among others met during the evening were Outstanding Educator Fiona Nelson, and Trustees Chris Bolton and Sheila Carey-Meagher, who had spoken to the Northern Horizons Future Educators Association.

The TDSB's banquet came the same evening as a scheduled Executive meeting, so the meeting was moved to the Bright Pearl Restaurant prior to the dinner. The banquet celebrated the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Toronto District School Board and the Department of Culture and Education, China Overseas Exchange Association. Yong Zhao had shared insights with Trustee Bolton during his trip to Toronto kicking off PDK's Global Education series.

Many Kappans and Kappan friends were in attendance: Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac, Pauline Shou, John Myers, Susanna Tang, Stephanie Fetterolf, and past Jackman award winner Shenyu Huang. U of T Chapter Presidents posed for a photograph: Mike Connelly, Walt Winchell, Carolyn Moras, and Susan Seidman. MC Judy Whitfield, Central Co-ordinating Principal for Continuing Education for the TDSB was most complimentary about the Global Education Series sessions, which many of her staff attended. (See the accompanying flyer for information about the third, and final session in the series.)



Jackman Award winner Shenyu Huang, Susan Seidman, Pauline Shou, and John Myers at TDSB Celebration Dinner



Stephanie Fetterolf and TDSB Trustee Chris Bolton at the TDSB Building Connections Celebration Dinner



U of T Chapter Presidents Carolyn Moras, Susan Seidman, Mike Connelly and Walt Winchell at the TDSB Celebration Dinner

OISE Employment Fair

For the third year in a row, U of T Chapter had a table at OISE's Employment Fair for pre-service teachers on December 14. Each year it has been a bigger and bigger event. This year it was the third day of a full Professional Preparation Conference. The Conference was organized by the Student Services Department of OISE, headed by Amy Lobo.

The key purpose for PDK's attendance was to give out application forms for the Excellence in Student Teaching Award. A great deal of preparation was done by Carolyn Moras. She contacted each student who had expressed interest and reserved a copy of the form for them if they responded. Students came and signed when they received the form: additional copies were given to others who were interested.

Kappans and Kappan friends stopped by the table to chat: new initiates Kristin Hopper, Ashley Winchell, Natasha Tavares, and Jackman Award winner Susanna Tang. Two new applications were made that day; we will initiate Jennifer Laidlaw and Vanessa Pearson at the AGM. Information packages and contacts were made with other organizations: OSSTF, Dufferin-Peel Catholic, Durham District, Simcoe County Region, OECTA, and TDSB. All in all, it was a very good day for PDK.

NB – if you know someone (a friend or family member) who should apply, contact Susan Seidman for a form. The form is NOT downloadable.



Rose and Natasha Tavares at the PDK Booth