

PROGRAM FOR SPRING –SUMMER -FALL 2008 AND CHAPTER AWARD DUE DATES

PDK Conversation Evening	Fri., May 9	Chez Jaisarees, 22 Corner Ridge Rd, Auorara Contact sseidman@sympatico.ca	5:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Conversation
NEW! Graduate Award application due	Sat., May 10	Download forms from www.pdkintl.org/scholarships	Application Deadline
Spring Social	Thurs., May 29	Donald Golf and Country Club, 12 Bushbury Drive. Don Mills	
East Summer Barbeque	Sat., July 19	Contact Carolyn Moras , 416-497-3034 cjmoras@rogers.com	4:00 Mix and Mingle, followed by BBQ
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award application due	Fri., Aug. 15	Contact: Clay Lafleur (claymar@rogers.com)	Application Deadline
PDK Book Club	Sat., Sept. 6	<i>The Opposable Mind</i> , by Roger Martin Contact: Mary El Milosh 416-229-0496 maryelmilosh@hotmail.com	5:00 Dinner 7:00 Discussion
WALK for EDUCATION	Sat., Sept. 20	Register and Sign in at OISE Walk at Queen's Park	9:00 registration

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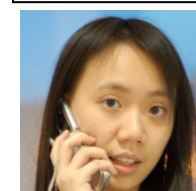
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PRESIDENT'S YEAR END REPORT 2007- 2008

During the past two years our chapter has been engaged in a process of introspective appraisal applying a technique of appreciative inquiry; consequently we have managed to focus new initiatives in the three principal areas upon which Phi Delta Kappa was founded, Research, Leadership and Service. For example, we launched a very successful Global Education series this past fall, followed with three successive research seminars. And, in October, we organized the chapter's third PDK Walk for Education – 2007 to raise funds for our chapter awards, and our FEA clubs.

The chapter also held a very successful doctoral dissertation awards dinner and fall initiation ceremony in November. We are proud that we have been able to conduct two initiation ceremonies in a single academic term, which is a healthy sign of chapter growth in our ranks; among our newest members are several teacher-candidates whom are currently completing their academic programs at OISE, York and elsewhere.

The highlight of this year's program was the Global Education Research Series which was well attended and well appreciated. We have had several social events; some centred around concerts such as the Niagara series, others centred around conversations about books and research. While we do convene many of our meetings in the GTA, our executive recognizes that many members live in outlying communities; accordingly we have also planned meetings in Aurora, Coburg, Ajax, Whitby and Niagara. The chapter opened a second Future Educators Association Club this year to support young students from diverse backgrounds to develop an understanding of career options in education. We also organized two regional spelling bees, under the auspices of Spelling Bee of Canada.

Our superb executive team is comprised of intelligent and dedicated young teachers, as well as experienced educational administrators, planners and researchers and collaboratively we have been able to make great strides during this past year, beginning with a very successful chapter planning meeting in Oakville this past August preceded by a Regional Leadership Seminar in Peterborough. We are currently planning a similar event in July for our team. While we are extremely appreciative of the foundational work our forebears have done, we are equally buoyant about the possibilities that will arise from many of our new initiatives. We welcome your feedback and your assistance. Our team is constantly searching for new ideas and new emergent leaders. Please visit our chapter website at www.pdk-ut.ca for additional information and a mechanism to stay in touch with our executive.

AREA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On July 12, Kappans from several Chapters will gather in Niagara Falls Ontario for a day filled with reflection about PDK and its activities, Professional Development, Leadership training, and Chapter planning. All are welcome to attend. (See flyer). In addition, hotel rooms at a very good rate have been reserved, if booking is made by June 11, so families can come and enjoy a weekend with the many activities and attractions in the area. Mayor Ted Salci will bring greetings, and Kappans are invited to go behind the scenes at the Falls, and to individually choose and illuminate the Falls with coloured spotlights. The cost for the conference, which includes materials, breakfast and lunch, is \$35. Hotel rooms for those wishing to stay over are a deal at \$115.

For further information, contact Susan Seidman, sseidman@sympatico.ca

BEV'S FINDINGS



Greetings.

I have been on the move. I was in south-west Manitoba last month and working in a variety of school districts, this month. For those of you who are secondary, this month's Harvard Educational Review (volume 78(1)) is focussed on adolescent literacy. The journal contains some excellent articles. It aligns with the Ontario's Think Literacy and the new 7/8 resource on differentiated instruction from Student Success.

Doug Reeves is emphasizing non-fiction reading and writing in schools. According to reeves, 80% of adult reading and writing is non-fiction and he believes that this should be mirrored in the curriculum. His web site is www.leadandlearn.com. On the web site is an interesting study 90/90/90. It refers to schools with 90% students of poverty, 90% minorities and 90% high achievement. It's worth exploring for your own reading or share for a school-based PLC.

Check out the CMEC web site from the Council of Ministers of Education. They have the release of the PCAP results. These are the Pan-Canadian Assessment Programs which replaced the SAIP. It assessed 13 year-old on reading, math and science. Ontario students scored very well compared to their Canadian peers. Females outscored males, but we can discuss this in another issue. This is a good news item to be shared with parents and other staff.

I have included this month's web site suggestions:

Robert Marzano is one of the leading educational researchers and the material from the Mid-continent Research in Education or the Marzano Lab has a wealth of information – check out the section on effective instructional practices – www.mcrel.org

American Education Research Association– the largest international educational research association – many influential educational researchers like Elmore, Levin, Fullan, Leithwood write and present in conferences and journals – www.aera.net

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (Canada) – gives a Canadian perspective and its organized by province and world-wide – www.ascd.ca

Canadian Education Association – www.cea-ace.ca – this web site has a very good section on research and policy and even includes analysis from Ken Leithwood regarding the Turn Around Program and a section on What did you do in schools?

Council of Ministers of Education, Canada – there is no federal department of education in Canada. Education remains a provincial concern. This web site synthesizes the pan-Canadian research as well as the links to the other provinces – www.cmec.ca

Canadian Society for the Study of Education contains a lot of university-based Canadian research that is useful – www.csse.ca

Curriculum Service Canada – this hosts the provincial webcasts on a variety of important topics from differentiated instruction to data-driven instruction to learning teams. Its has resources to support balanced literacy and numeracy from the Literacy

By Bev. Freedman

RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

A significant event occurred at our Annual General Meeting on April 23rd, 2008. Among the 16 members honoured for various levels of years of membership in our chapter were five who reached that glorious milestone of 50 years. Just think about it! Fifty years spent in activities that featured research, service, and leadership key elements in PDK's mantra-- in the field of education. Tributes to the five members Lloyd Augustus, Roger Black, Donald Hambleton, Donald Horlock, and Edison Quick left no doubt about the enduring contributions that these loyal PDK members had made to Ontario, and even Canadian, education during all those years. Special certificates, framed by Jim Youngson, were presented to the five members during the ceremony. When you consider the statistics our five 50-year members represent about 4% of our current membership, and, by comparison, the 155 members of PDK International with the same record represent only .4% of its total membership the event was phenomenal. Our hearty congratulations go to all those honoured at the celebration.

By Bud Dilling

THE EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT TEACHING

The Excellence in Student Teaching (Prospective Educator) Award for University of Toronto Chapter PDK was presented at the Annual General Meeting on April 23. More than 100 attendees witnessed Dean Jane Gaskell of OISE and Kari Peters, International winner of the Excellence in Student Teaching Award in 2005 present to this year's winners Susan Marar and Lianne Tan.

Foundation Chair Susan Seidman commented that not only does the Chapter give awards, but it has benefited directly by the active role that many winners such as Kari, Pauline Shou, and Susanna Tang take in Chapter activities.

NIAGARA NOTES



Elizabeth Manker and Stephanie Fetterolf stroll at the greenhouses in Niagara Falls before an evening concert.

On a beautiful sunny, and comparatively warm day, March 30th three members of the executive set out for Niagara Falls. At 10:00 they meet up with President Walt Winchell and Walk Chair Moveta Nanton at "Williams", a café in Burlington. Plans for an exciting AGM were finalized. They then moved on to Niagara Falls to scout for the regional meeting to be held July 12th. Tea and cookies at Kappan Elizabeth Manker's home, was followed by a visit to the Visitor's Centre which started the filling of our conference loot bags. The team went on to survey the room and comforts of the Clarion Hotel where the conference will be held. Driving on they dropped in to see the greenhouses where the cool outside was contrasted by the vibrant colours and warmth of the flowers and birds. It was a great reminder that spring is on the way. Continuing along the shore, the true meaning of "Rainbow Bridge" became apparent as a clear crisp rainbow appeared over the rushing water. Hungry, the team had a tummy and eye fulfilling dinner at Betty's. The day was capped with another wonderful evening concert, jazz in this case,

By: Stephanie Fetterolf

BEYOND THE CHAPTER

April was jam-packed full of PDK activities, both within U of T Chapter and beyond.

While U of T Chapter held two Spelling Bees and an AGM, London Chapter ran a highly successful Young Authors Conference for Grade 7 students from both the public and separate Boards. Plans are already underway for next year's YAC – YAC VI, at about the same time of year.

Chapter-Member Liaisons from Regins H and I (Ontario, New England, New York State, and Pennsylvania) met to discuss Chapter issues, PDK's new directions and new vision statement and goals. The group examined what changed and what remained the same about their roles. CML's got updates on the many changes at PDK International: the sale and leaseback of PDK's headquarters from Indiana University, the changes in focus at International and the attendant changes in personnel, the application for Canadian Charitable Status from CRA.

They shared dates and plans for officer training and professional development. Region Hd's training is Saturday July 12 in Niagara Falls.

YAC = YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE

The fifth annual Young Authors Conference attracted a large group of talented and creative young minds to White Oaks Public School on Saturday 19, 2008. The event was successfully organized by the London Ontario Canada Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, which showcased the works of Canadian author Eric Walters, and the works of our own London youths. The conference kicked off to an exciting start with the very humorous and dynamic speaker Eric Walters. Walters was a former elementary teacher and is now an author of young adult fiction. Some of his novels include Bifocal, The Bully Boys, Camp X, Run, and Three on Three. Following his presentation, students took part in creative writing workshops. They had the opportunity to choose from a variety of workshops such as Creative writing, Persuasive writing, Illustrating, Writing in French, Poetry, and the Battle of the Not-So-Super Superheroes. There is talk of including a workshop on writing song lyrics in next years conference. Eric Walters made a special surprise visit to each workshop, autographing books and answering the questions of eager students.

Drawing the conference to an end, a select group of students were chosen to share their exceptional pieces of their writing with their peers and audience members. Samples of students' work can be read in the YAC V book. This year's conference attracted a total of seventy-nine students, an increase from last year's enrollment. After listening to the positive comments from students and parents, I think it's safe to say that we should expect to see another increase in next year's turnout.

By Aalia Sheriff