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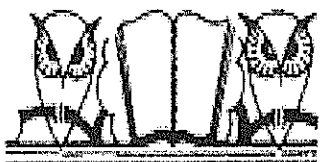
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- Honorary Member news



A Commendable Year

Submitted by Dr. Andre Elliott

This year has been commendable for our Phi Delta Kappa Chapter. Whereas the PDK International Walk for Education raised over \$50,000, our chapter contributed \$555.00 during our team effort in Tokyo. Our members in the international schools lead this effort. We, as usual, presented a \$1000.00 scholarship to a deserving high school student who will become a first year college student this year.

Our March 2005 meeting at the New Sanno Hotel is very successful due to the efforts of our members on Yokota Air Base and Seisen International School. Lillian Hiyama and Mary Iwamiya were the key individuals behind the scenes attending to every important detail. Many teachers from Yokota Air Base will attend the meeting. Likewise, Johanna Bambridge, principal at Seisen and our immediate past president, Cheryl Birt, will bring a cadre of educators to our spring new members initiation ceremony. Cheryl and Johanna are already at work planning the details for our April 2005 meeting. We will again meet at the New Sanno Hotel. We have a block of rooms for our members and their friends. Read more about the April 2005 meeting in this newsletter.

Phi Delta Kappa celebrates its centennial in 2006. I ask each of you to consider serving our chapter. Let's celebrate your service!

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Service Project Update

Submitted by Dr. Andre Elliott

Carla Hickman, a teacher at Sullivans Elementary, continues to lead a service project which collects school supplies for two schools in the Philippines. She will also begin to serve our chapter in a new role as VP of membership during the 2005 - 2006 school year. We are looking for new officers to serve in many capacities. Service is one of our core values.

Sasebo Chapter promotes Literacy

Submitted by Wendy Tanaka

The Sasebo chapter has created a Literacy Outreach committee to promote reading locally and abroad. Our two main initiatives so far are Operation Paperback and libraries for orphans. In the late fall and through December, we collected hundreds of paperback books and sent them to the troops on the U.S.S. Essex. They were gratefully received. It was a challenge screening all the books to meet the guidelines, printing labels for the first time and registering with Operation Paperback. For more information on this worthy venture, visit Operation Paperback at <http://operationpaperback.usmilitarysupport.org/>.

We also created two educational libraries for local orphanages through Sasebo Base chaplain's office's Angel Tree Project. Each contributing teacher gave a monetary donation toward the libraries. We hope this project will help raise awareness of literacy in our local community and promote Phi Delta Kappa's tradition of service to our schools' staffs.

Phi Delta Kappa Chapter in Naples

Submitted by Dianne Capelle

Dear fellow Kappans,

Our "Vesuvius" chapter is up and running here in Naples - in its second full year of operation as an established and chartered chapter. I am serving as president this year. We have a full slate of officers with a wonderful president-elect to take the helm next year. I will move to the advisory position and then retire from the PDK board. I have enjoyed this year of leadership mostly because of the great experience I had with the Tokyo chapter. I learned so much and enjoyed every minute of it. I think of our times with many of you and have wonderful memories of our shared experiences. You can keep up with us at this website. We'd like to hear from you!

Ciao bella,
Dianne

<http://www.serenatasi.com/pdk/pdkvesuviusmain1.html>

Scholarship Recipient

Submitted by Paulette Mauer

Tokyo PDK proudly announces Melissa Schissler as the winner of the \$1000 Scholarship for a high school senior planning to enter the education field. During her two years at Yokota High School she has proved herself to be a tireless worker resulting in her GPA of 3.9. For as long as she can remember, teaching has been her number one goal, and she has already begun. Melissa gave many hours of volunteer reading through the library where she helped youngsters get excited about the world of books. She has taught pre-school Sunday school classes through the chapel, and has tutored elementary school students in reading for the past two years. One reference stated, "Melissa is kind-hearted, patient, truly loves working with children There is no question in my mind that Melissa has what it takes to become an excellent teacher." Another reference told about her twelve years of work with the Girl Scouts, now as a counselor and leader. Her essay clearly explained what she felt a kindergarten student needed to graduate an outstanding student. Melissa wrote, "To be outstanding does not necessarily mean to graduate as valedictorian. Rather, an outstanding student is one who works hard to master to the best of his ability whatever task lies before him." She sees the teacher's role as helping students to define their goals and then to realize them. Melissa's recommendations,

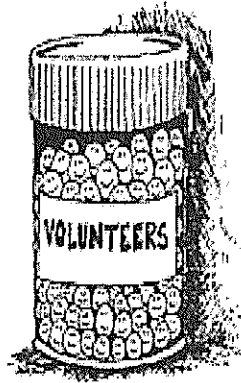
April 30, 2005 Meeting at the New Sanno
Submitted by Cheryl Birt

Carmelita Nussbaum has spent 23 years in education. She began her career as a college administrator. For the past ten years she has worked with students with learning differences, in particular with dyslexic students.

Carmelita is the Learning Support Specialist at Seisen International School.

She has spent many years in Japan with her husband, a cultural anthropologist

Her topic will be "Motivation: The Missing Piece?" Based on her experience in the classroom and as a parent, Carmelita has been reflecting on the role of motivation. She will share some thoughts about how motivation fits into the current discussions of learning styles and multiple intelligences.



Phi Delta Kappa Service Project
Submitted by Carla Hickman

Our own Tokyo chapter of PDK is sponsoring a service project to assist children in the Philippines! We are accepting crayons, pencils, erasers, paper, used books, used computers, and any other kinds of educational resources that could benefit two schools in the Philippine Islands.

One school is parochial school located in the San Mateo Rizal area, quite near Manila. The school, Nuestra Senora De Aranzazu Parochial School, has an enrollment of over 700 students.

Orion Elementary School is located in Bataan, Philippines. Bataan was the beginning point of the infamous Bataan Death March during World War II. Mrs. Fe Angeles, principal of Orion Elementary, notes that there are more than 1,000 students attending the school.

Any donations are most welcome! We will accept donations until May 17th, 2005. PDK chapter members have been in touch with both the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo and other companies to ensure safe delivery of the supplies to each school. We appreciate your kindness and generosity in this endeavor to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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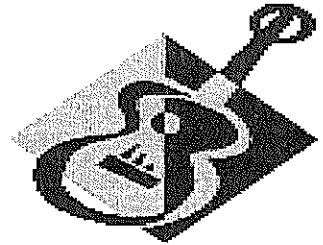
Honorary Member-Michael Symonette

Mr. Symonette volunteered to perform classical and jazz guitar for several classes at Sullivans Elementary. On May 25, 2004, he volunteered to perform at the Sullivans Multiple Intelligent Me Festival. He shared his life as a musician and how he first became interested in music and the guitar. During the March 2004 PDK meeting at the New Sanno Hotel, Mr. Symonette volunteered to perform jazz and classical music during the dinner hour. His spirit of volunteerism inspired support to grant him an honorary membership in our chapter. He is the first individual to receive this recognition. He is presently studying to become a classroom teacher. Here are a few things I learned about

our first honorary member:

He started playing the guitar at fifteen. He played in 37 local bands in Baltimore, Maryland for about five years. He studied classic guitar and music education at the Community College of Baltimore. His duties in the navy consisted of performing all styles of guitar music, auxiliary percussionist, arranger of popular music for bands and big bands. Collateral duties consisted of Education Officer, Librarian, Master at Arms, Transportation Officer, Band Leader, Band Arranger, Soloist, Assist Administrator, Administrator, Combined Federal Campaign coordinator, Non Combatant Evacuation coordinator, and Volunteer Teacher at Kinnick High School.

He was honorably discharged on 30 Sept 03 having served twenty-two years. He was awarded a commendation medal, a navy achievement medal, and a good conduct medal. He is a distinguished scholar.



Guitar is one of the instruments he plays.

Carol Powell– 2005 Service Key Recipient

The Misawa Club of the Japan Chapter of PDK was started in 1992 by PDK members who wished to begin a local branch of the fraternity. In May of 1993, the charter members held the first initiation of the new club. That was when I joined PDK.

Those beginning years are best remembered from photographs in the Historian's scrapbooks. Photos of research weekends, social affairs, scholarship recipients, and garden teas, all led by our own well-remembered Scarlett Rehrig.

We have fond memories of springtime initiations held in Japanese gardens ablaze with azaleas and soothed by the trickle of ponds and waterfalls. We have memories of mad after-school dashes toward Tokyo to the tune of dashboard chimes for the research gatherings. We have memories of gentle and fond laughter as we read scholarship applications and selected our recipients.

From the beginning I have been involved in one capacity or another. The years have seen me serve as Historian, Foundations Representative, and Vice- President for Programs. For the past three years I have served as President of our club. I walk in footsteps difficult to follow; those of Scarlett, Dean Brown, Liz Sayers, Louise Warner, Wally Walbruch and others who have served our club well. I have been inspired by and continually supported by members such as Louise, Patti Rzezniak, Liz Brosius, and the many more who have moved on to other chapters over the years.

In 1997 it was an honor for me to receive a scholarship from the Tokyo Chapter. I was on my way out on leave to finish up my Masters Degree and the timing was perfect. PDK continued to support me during my Masters' class work as I used Kappan as a resource for much of my research.

It has been a privilege and an honor to have been associated with the Phi Delta Kappa members I have known over the years of my membership. It has been rewarding to watch the Misawa Club grow and it is especially exciting to have the relationship we now have with the Tokyo Chapter.



Paulette Mauer– 2005 Service Key Recipient

PDK has enriched her life: She has been a humble and diligent member over the past 28 years. She has been teaching students from kindergarten through college levels over the past 36 years.

I observed Paulette's Mauer's dedication over the past two years. I approached Paulette to learn about her service to PDK: "The Concho Valley Chapter inducted me in 1976; PDK had recently become open to female members and I was proud to be one of the first in San Angelo, Texas. I served as Program VP there for several years. When we moved to Alaska in 1981, I moved my membership to Cook Inlet Chapter and assisted the Membership Chairperson in this extremely diverse and unique group. In 1988 we relocated to Garland, Texas, and at that time the only PDK chapter was the Dallas Texas Chapter. For five years I made the long drives to the meetings and served as a Site Rep for my area of the metro-plex. Fortunately, the Dallas Metro North Chapter was created to serve the suburban areas and until 1999 I participated there and assisted with publicity. I was so excited to learn that there was a PDK chapter available in Yokosuka, Japan!

The Tokyo Chapter offers many benefits through service projects, programs, scholarships, networkings, fastbacks, etc. All of the challenges of distances, diverse populations, and time constraints are multiplied over here. Yet still Tokyo Chapter fulfills the Phi Delta Kappa purpose of "promoting quality education ... through research, service and leadership. I have been proud to serve the Tokyo Chapter as Site Rep for several years and Foundations Representative for two years. My membership in PDK has enriched me personally through contact with other committed educators and professionally by keeping me current on trends, research, and innovative directions in education."

Paulette Mauer has tirelessly served our chapter during my two years as president. She attends all of our executive board meetings and makes contributions to ensure our progress. She works alone when others do not volunteer and works well with others on major projects. She has recently been outstanding in serving our scholarship fundraising activities and education foundation aspirations. She has served as site representative at Sullivans Elementary, the largest elementary school in the Department of Defense Education Activity Schools. She simultaneously led the scholarship foundation while functioning as site representative. She assisted our chapter when we searched for an auditor of our bank account.



Upcoming Events!

Saturday, April 30

Meeting at the New Sanno 3:30-6:00 pm. Join us for New Members Ceremony, and Officer Elections.



Dr. Shigeru Narita– 2005 Service Key Recipient

Dr. Narita had earned his PhD at the U. of Wisconsin and was a member of the Japanese Institute of Special Education faculty in Kanagawa, Japan. He became the first Japanese educator to become a member of the Tokyo Chapter in 1988, less than two years after the Chapter was established. Other members were Americans affiliated with the U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools or international schools in the area. He was an extremely active member of the Chapter as Research Representative and was the coordinator of the 1st Tokyo Chapter Research Conference on the topic of "global education" held in February, 1990, at the International House in Tokyo. This conference, with generous financial backing from IBM-Japan, was likely the most successful program of this type ever provided for PDK Tokyo Chapter members. Dr. Narita also coordinated the publishing of a widely distributed proceedings of that conference. Dr. Narita moved from the Tokyo-Yokohama area to join to faculty of the Hyogo University College of Education, located in the Kobe region of Japan in the mid 1990s. Being several hours away from Tokyo, even by the Shinkansen (Bullet Train), his involvement with the Tokyo Chapter was diminished, but his contributions to PDK have continued. He provided a first hand account of the events of the Earthquake in Kobe, Japan, in 1995, shared news about damages to schools, and helped coordinate fund raising efforts by both the Tokyo Chapter and the University of Hawaii PDK Chapters. He has maintained ties with some members of the Tokyo Chapter and in recent years has established close ties with the University of Hawaii Chapter, and in particular with John Southworth, a leader and pioneer in telecommunication exchanges among PDK members and Chapters. Dr. Narita has coordinated several exchanges of students and faculty from Japan and Hawaii, and numerous telecommunication exchanges involving PDK members from locations across the Globe. He has made PDK known to faculty and graduate education students at his own Hyogo University, and even has initiated an effort to establish a PDK Chapter at that location, which will have connections to the University of Hawaii and The Tokyo Chapters. He is truly a dedicated Kappan, having made significant contributions in research, in his leadership as an educator, and service to his role as an educator in Japan, while a loyal member of the PDK. He is scheduled speaker at a PDK Tokyo Chapter Meeting on March 12, 2005, to be held in Tokyo.

Tsunami Relief Work at Seisen International School Submitted by Johanna Bambridge

Seisen International School girls know the meaning of "caring" and they put the word into action these past few months raising money for tsunami victims all over the world. As of March 12th, over 1 million yen have been collected as a total for the many different events held at our school. Immediately after the tsunami and the return to school after Christmas break, the Seisen community held a Mass service for the victims and asked for donations from their students. Families across the school donated over 500,000 yen during this one day event!

In February, the Elementary school organised a Lock-In Activity Night for students of grades 3-6. Coordinated by Elementary teachers Doug Brittain and Jamie Green, the students participated in an evening of movies, sports events, dinner, crafts and even Bingo with the Principal!

More Tsunami Relief Work from Seisen Submitted by Johanna Bambridge

Bake sales, popcorn sales and free dress days have been organized as well to continue this great effort throughout the school year. Even the Kindergarteners did their part by participating in a Pajama Day which was fun and a huge success. On March 11th, grades 1 and 2 took their turn by conducting an Activity Afternoon for their classmates– movies, popcorn and games– all on the agenda– for a wintry, Friday afternoon.

Elementary Principal Johanna Bambridge reminds us why the efforts must continue throughout the entire school year. "Our tsunami friends must know that we are not going to forget them." she says. "These folks must persevere in order to get their lives together. We must do the same and not think of this as a one time project."

Johanna adds, "Perseverance and caring. . . That's what we model at Seisen!"