



University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
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## Phi Delta Kappa

Kick-off Activity for 2010-11

Tuesday, October 12 at the Green Gateau

Share in a social, engage in dialogue and take the  
first step toward enhancing your proficiencies.



The UNL Phi Delta Kappa Chapter will hold the 2010-2011 “Kick-off” event on **Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Green Gateau, the comfortable, European-inspired restaurant has graciously allowed us to adapt the meeting room and share conversation over a glass of wine and enticing food such as: chicken lavosh, coconut shrimp, spinach artichoke fondue and bruschetta. \*They are also providing a meal discount if you prefer. After the social, we will briefly introduce the inaugural “Ron Joekel Research Award” and guidelines. This is open to persons pursuing advanced work related to education (refer to [pdk.unl.edu](http://pdk.unl.edu)).

Attendees will then participate in roundtable, discussions of the 42nd Annual PDK Poll [pdkintl.org/kappan/poll.htm](http://pdkintl.org/kappan/poll.htm). Shane Lopez (invited), senior scientist in residence, Gallup University was the main consultant for the poll and will provide a brief overview. Facilitators from a wide range of schools and perspectives will facilitate analysis of the findings and implications. The districts include: Elkhorn, Lincoln, Millard, Norris, Omaha, Raymond Central, Wahoo, and Waverly (tentative). From ten overall areas, you will gain awareness of the pros/cons of tying student achievement to evaluating teachers and administrators and why charter schools are increasingly seen as an option for underperforming districts and the relationship to schools of education among other topics.

Bring the September, 2010, Kappan that includes the Poll or download a copy at [pdk.unl.edu](http://pdk.unl.edu). This session will begin our yearlong focus on proficiencies and school improvement toward better understanding the role of data and building dialogue with our stakeholders. The events are structured to meet three main goals: build positive connections, foster systemic awareness of effective practices and enhance our ability meet the evolving continuum of students.

**DATE, TIME & PLACE:** Tuesday, October 12, 5:30-7:30 PM, Green Gateau, 330 South 10th Street, Lincoln

**COST:** \$9.00 per attendee; send check by Oct. 5th to Loretta Sheets (to “PDK”) OR pay \$11.00 on-site. \*\$1.00 is applied to the PDK scholarship fund for “Future Teachers”.

**RSVP Deadline:** By Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, email Loretta Sheets, PDK Executive Board member, [wsheets@radiks.net](mailto:wsheets@radiks.net) or call #466.9040. Forty spots are available on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

**QUESTIONS:** Loretta Sheets or Dr. Mike McDonald, PDK President, #314.1571, [mlm@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:mlm@nebrwesleyan.edu)

### **Future Activities (begin at 5:30):**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2010**, Hyvee Community Room, 84<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege

“Our Model for Developing Proficiencies in Teachers, Administrators, Students and Building Dialogue with the Educational Community”, Elkhorn Public Schools and TBA

**Tuesday, February 1, 2011, (Febr. 8 is the backup, weather date)** Nebraska Wesleyan University

Showcase of Teaching, Learning, and Administration by PDK members and invited guests representing five school districts and three universities.

**Wednesday, March 30, 2011**, Mahoney State Park---“A First-hand Perspective on School Innovation Across the Nation and Nebraska” by Kathy Andreson, PDK International President-Elect (Collaborative Activity with the UNO PDK Chapter)

**Tuesday-Wednesday, April 19-20, 2011**, location TBA---collaborative activities with Norris Public Schools, UNL, UNO, and TBA. Joan Richardson, Kappan Editor (formerly with the National Staff Development Council and Detroit Free Press), will present on “Transforming Education and the Role of Media”, “Kappan Research” and serve as a Scholar in Residence.

For information on the Tuesday, June 7, 2010, activity, at the Walton Retreat Center refer to [pdk.unl.edu](http://pdk.unl.edu).