



University of NE-Lincoln Phi Delta Kappa
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On Tuesday, June 7th, Dr. Bill Bushaw, PDK Executive Director and former Director of the Michigan North Central Accreditation, at 6:00 will discuss PDK, national priorities and school improvement among other topics. This is our last activity for 2010-11 which includes a social and light meal at Toast, an Irish Café/Pub, 5:00-6:00.

May 10, 2011

Dear Phi Delta Kappa Member, New Initiate, Scholarship Winner, Honored Member, & Invited Guests,

The UNL Phi Delta Kappa Chapter is holding a special event on **Tuesday, June 7th** that will complete our 2010-11 activities and focus on proficiencies. At **5:00**, the registration, social, beverages and meal (three types of European sandwiches, appetizers, and dessert) will be held at “Toast”, a café and replicated pub, www.gettoasty.com. A wide variety of microbrews and beverages will be available. The cost is \$9.00 (\$11.00 for non-members). The onsite cost is \$13.00. Check out pdk.unl.edu for background information and joining PDK.

At **6:00**, Dr. Bill Bushaw, PDK Executive Director, will provide a national perspective of PDK initiatives, discuss his experiences (refer to Bushaw’s biography on the last page) including school improvement. His background entails working as a deputy superintendent at the Michigan Department of Education, completing his Ph.D. in educational policy at the University of Michigan, and serving as a captain in the U.S. Navy. Bill is a talented presenter and is joining us from Bloomington, Indiana.

To learn more about Bill’s views and PDK’s effective use of social media resources for our professional use, please refer to Bill’s posts—categorized as “**At the EDge**” at www.pdkintl.org/blog/category/edge/. The posts reflect his views on issues that affect our nation’s students, their parents, and their teachers. Topics include public perceptions of our schools; student assessment and school accountability; how we recruit-, train-, and retain the next generation of teachers; and local, state, and national policy that affects America’s classrooms.

*If you are an honored member with 5-55 years of PDK membership, we have a “special treat” for you beginning after Bill’s facilitation. By **June 3rd**, briefly share with Loretta Sweet, wsheets@radiks.net, who encouraged you to join PDK **and** provide one PDK memory or how PDK has impacted your professional growth. In addition, our reestablished Research Committee will announce the first “Ron Joekel Research Scholarship” and winner. We will briefly present our top awards, undergraduate scholarship, complete our initiation, and recognize our leaders. Our cumulative raffle prize, iTouch (generation four) will be awarded.

Please RSVP and send your check by June 3rd to Loretta Sheets, PDK Executive Board member, wsheets@radiks.net, 6710 Marcia Lane, Lincoln, NE 68505 or call 402.466.9040. Confirmed attendees are responsible for registration cost if not able to attend after previously confirming. Forty-five spots are available on a “first-come, first-served” basis. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating your successes towards growing as life-long educators.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike McDonald, Phi Delta Kappa President, #402.314.1571

Biography for Dr. Bill Bushaw

Bill Bushaw is the executive director of the PDK International family of associations, which includes the Future Educators Association ® for precollegiate prospective educators; Pi Lambda Theta, a collegiate honor society; and PDK, a prestigious professional association of educators. A retired captain in the U.S. Navy, Bushaw has a wide range of experience in education having served as a teacher, principal, director of the North Central Association (NCA) in Michigan, and as deputy superintendent at the Michigan Department of Education. Bushaw’s Ph.D. in education policy is from the University of Michigan. His professional interests center on policy, student assessment, and school accountability. He is married to Irene (Redumas) Bushaw, and they have one daughter, Jennifer.



"I can't talk now. I'm in a meeting."

