

UNO PHI DELTA KAPPA



MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

ANDRESON TO SPEAK AT MAHONEY

Kathy Andreson, President-Elect of Phi Delta Kappa International, will speak at a joint meeting with the UNL Chapter at Mahoney State Park's Kiewit Lodge on Wednesday, March 30. The social hour with a cash bar will open at 5:30 p.m., dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner will be a casual buffet with brisket or fried chicken, corn on the cob, and other vegetables. The cost is \$22.00 per person.

The chapter will present the Educational Leader of the Year Award to Dr. Kevin Riley, and the Outstanding Contribution to Education Award to Dr. James Dick and Ms. Mary Lynn Reiser for their leadership in economics education for K-12 students. In addition a chapter member will be presented a Service Key Award. We will also be inducting new members and honoring teachers who have recently earned National Board Certification.

To make a reservation for the meeting send an E-mail to: rburmood@unomaha.edu. Persons making a reservation will be responsible for the cost of the meal.

RIKLI CHOSEN AN EMERGING LEADER



UNO Chapter Member, Dr. Andy Rikli, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Operations at Westside Community Schools, was presented an Emerging Leader Award at the annual PDK International Conference in Atlanta. Rikli is pictured with PDK International president Sandra Crowther at the conference.

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If you are interested in becoming more involved, contact President Steve Joekel at: stevejoekel@gmail.com.

REMAINING MEETING DATES 2010-2011

Showcase of Teaching
March 15, 2011
Milo Bail Student Center, UNO

May 4, 2011
Soaring Wings Winery

MEETING WITH BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AT HENRY DOORLY ZOO

The January Meeting held in the Treetops Restaurant at the Henry Doorly Zoo was well attended with over one hundred members and guests. The Zoo's Education Director and PDK Member, Elizabeth Mulkerrin, was the speaker.

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

There are many reasons to become a member of PDK. The publications, especially the *Kappan* are a standard for the profession. Personally go online to review the International website at: www.pdkintl.org, and then recommend persons you encourage to join our chapter to do the same. There are many new ways to use the Kappan information electronically: you can share individual articles with colleagues, you can engage in online chats with other educators, and members can read articles online.

If you or a prospective member have questions, contact our Membership Vice President Barb Sheppard at: besheppard@mpsomaha.org.

SCHAFFER AWARDED A PDK INTERNATIONAL GRANT

Chapter Member, Dr. Connie Schaffer, was awarded a \$1,000.00 Chapter Grant from PDK International. The proposal, "Inspiring Future and Current Teachers," supported two important chapter initiatives, outreach to high school Future Educator Associations (FEAs) and recognition of experienced teachers who are or may be considering pursuing National Board Certification.

The funding covered the expenses to bring the 2010 National Teacher of the Year, Sarah Brown Wessling, to the UNO campus. Ms. Wessling was the featured speaker at the Fall FEA Conference where she encouraged over 250 high school students to prepare to become a teacher because "there is a classroom waiting" for them.

Wessling's charismatic message also utilized technology as she engaged the FEA students by inviting them to use their cell phones to text her a question or a reaction. The questions and reactions then appeared on the large screen for Wessling's response or reaction.

Later in the day Ms. Wessling, herself a National Board Certified Teacher, met with a small group of metro-area educators and shared with them the tremendous influence the National Board process had on her career.

Recent National Board Certified Teachers will be recognized by the chapter at the March 30 meeting at Mahoney.

USE THE CHAPTER WEBSITE

Bookmark the following address for our chapter website:
www.unocoe.unomaha.edu/pdk

Use this site to check the schedule of meetings and the locations, the officer listing and contact information, minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, and pictures of activities and meetings.

If there is something you would like to see added, contact our Chapter Vice President, Foundations, Tom Haskell, who also serves as our webmaster. Tom's E-mail is: haskelloma@aol.com.

MESSAGE FROM PDK NEBRASKA STATE DIRECTOR DAVID HEMPHILL

In an effort by PDK to reach out to our more "techie" members, (please note I did not say younger Kappans) a link on the International webpage has been created to PDK Connect. This page is a great place to connect or network with education professionals that have common interests from around the globe. You can blog, participate in discussion forums, collectively work on documents in the wiki space areas, and other things.

You can go directly to PDKConnect at www.pdkconnect.org. You can use the same login and password from the PDK International webpage. If you need help remembering your password, the International Office can help. Call them at 1-800-766-1156.

When you enter the site you will create a profile which will help determine common interest with others. You can then start blogs, join groups, participate in webinars, and create discussions. I would like all Nebraskan's to join my Nebraska Kappans group (<http://ow.ly/42YyD>). I am using this as a place to encourage dialogue about education issues both from the state as well as Federal education issues.

JANUARY MEETING WITH AREA BOARDS OF EDUCATION



Pictures by VP Foundations, Tom Haskell



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PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We will soon be sending all monthly meeting announcements via E-mail. We encourage you to provide us with your E-mail address if you have not provided the address previously. You can do so by simply sending it to: rburmood@unomaha.edu.

Each mailing to members costs the chapter approximately \$200.00 for printing, postage, and mailroom services. With six meetings per year, the chapter can potentially save \$1,000.00 if there is an initial yearly meeting announcement sent via the United States Mail and monthly announcements sent via E-mail.

We appreciate the response of many persons within the last year who have provided us with their addresses.