

UNO PDK Delta Kappa



August 2009 Newsletter

2009-2010 PDK Year Starts With the Fish Fry

Plan to attend the beginning of the school year annual PDK Fish Fry. The Fish Fry will be held (Wed. Sept. 2) at Mic's Karoke Lounge in the Boardwalk Shopping Center southwest of 120th and Pacific. The menu will include fish, chicken, cole slaw, and potato salad for \$10.00.

There will be no program, but officers and the meeting schedule for 2009-2010 will be introduced. We hope you can attend this opportunity to begin the school year with a casual meeting with friends and colleagues from the Metro Omaha area.

The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to "officially" follow at 6:30 p.m. But, don't be surprised if the serving begins earlier.

All meetings for the year will be held on Wednesday evenings. The UNL Chapter will be the host for the March meeting at Mahoney State Park. They will select the meeting time. All other meetings will begin with the social hour at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The Executive Committee decided to continue the traditional meeting format we have followed in recent years. Following the fish fry, we will meet at the Metro College Sage Bistro to enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by students in the Culinary Arts program at Metro. In November two recent doctoral graduates will present their dissertation research. We will invite Metro area boards of education to the January meeting. We will plan to have awards and recognition at the March meeting—Lincoln will join with their presentations. And, the year will end with our annual steak fry at Soaring Wings Winery.

To Make Meeting Reservations

- Send an E-mail to: rburmood@unomaha.edu
- Call the PDK reservation line: 554-3272. When calling we ask that you provide your full name, then spell your last name to assure we can correctly record your reservation.

Showcase of Teaching

The annual Showcase of Teaching will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Milo Bail Student Center on the UNO Campus.

Nomination forms for Showcase Teachers will be mailed in late December. Be thinking of an outstanding teacher to nominate to participate in this event attended by high school students from

Meeting Schedule for the Year

Place these dates on your calendar

The UNO PDK Calendar for the year follows:

Wednesday, **September 2, 2009**. Fish Fry, Mic's Karoke Lounge, 120 and Pacific

Wednesday, **October 7, 2009**. Metro College Sage Bistro, Fort Omaha Campus

Wednesday, **November 11, 2009**. UNO Thompson Alumni Center

Wednesday, **January 13, 2010**. UNO Thompson Alumni Center

Wednesday, **March 31, 2010**. Mahoney State Park

Wednesday, **May 5, 2010**. Soaring Wings Winery

2009-2010 Chapter Officers

*President, Sue Evanich
VP Programs, Steve Joekel
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VP Projects, Anna Bley
VP Foundation, Tami Williams
Treasurer, Pat Meeker
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Foundation, Tami Williams
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Research, David Conway
Recognition & Awards, Fran Pokorski
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PDK International Chapter Member Liaison, Harriet Gould*

If you are interested in becoming more involved, contact President Sue Evanich, sevanich@westside66.org.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

The Chapter Scholarship scholarship program began during the 1969-1970 school year. The program was proposed and initiated by then Chapter President Jack Hallstrom. We hope to award a similar number of scholarships to those granted during the 2008-2009 school year.

Scholarships are funded by contributions from members. You will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the entire year at the September meeting. We urge you to participate in this project.

During the 2008-2009 year we also were awarded \$500.00 from PDK International to use for one of our scholarships granted to a student planning to become a teacher. Our chapter received these funds because we had made the largest contribution to the PDK International Foundation in Region B during the previous year. \$600.00 was also added to the scholarship fund in 2008-2009 from proceeds received from the golf outing that was a part of the chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

We hope you will also contribute at least \$10.00 to the PDK International Foundation at the September meeting to help assure we continue to receive the \$500.00 award for the most contributions made to the fund from any chapter in Region B.

In 2008-2009 \$500.00 scholarships were presented to Nicholas Passarelli, Millard West, son of member Angelo Passarelli; Rachel Curry, a graduate of Bellevue West and a UNO Elementary Education Major; Robin Dahlke, a graduate of Papillion LaVista South and a UNO Secondary Education Major, and Carol Fowler, a UNO Secondary Education Major. \$200.00 Showcase of Teaching scholarships were awarded to Amanda Brooke Fitch, Burke; and Brittany Lynn Cheney, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln.

Carol Fowler received the Del Weber Scholarship. This award is named in honor of former longtime UNO Chancellor Del Weber. The scholarship is awarded to a minority student who is in the teacher education program at UNO. The purpose of the award is to provide support for minority students who wish to become teachers. Carol wrote the following note in appreciation for receiving the scholarship:

I am writing to thank you for selecting me to receive the Del Weber Scholarship for 2009. It is a great honor to receive it, and I am humbling by your gracious act.

I will begin student-teaching at Central High School in August 2009. I have been going to classes and driving a school bus for the past few years. I am excited to have the opportunity to get into a classroom and begin my career. It has been a challenge to work, to care for my family, and to remain in school. I am very happy that I have been able to come to this point.

It is an added bit of encouragement to have been recognized by your organization for this honor. Thank you again for helping me to continue to work towards my goal.

ENCOURAGE FELLOW EDUCATORS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF PDK AND PARTICIPATE IN CHAPTER MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES. CONTACT BARB SHEPPARD, CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR MORE INFORMATION: BESHEPPARD@MPSOMAXA.ORG.