

# UNO Phi Delta Kappa



A **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY WITH PDK**  
May 2009 Newsletter and Meeting Announcement

## Annual Steak Fry at Soaring Wings Winery May 6, 2009

One of your favorite meetings is “around the corner.” The annual PDK Steak Fry will be held May 6, 2009, at the Soaring Wings Winery, Springfield, Nebraska.

The cost of the meal will be \$20.00 per person. You can request a salad only dinner for \$12.00.

There will be no program, just good food and fellowship.

To make a reservation send an E-mail to: [rburmood@unomaha.edu](mailto:rburmood@unomaha.edu), or call the PDK reservation line at 554-3272. Persons making a reservation will be responsible for the cost of the meal.

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED A MEETING OR EVENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE

### OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

Past-President David Hemphill has the responsibility to chair the nomination committee to select the slate of officers for next year.

Ballots will be mailed to members later this month.

Persons with an interest to serve in an office should get in touch David. His E-mail address is:

### CHARTER MEMBER, DR. JOE E. HANNA WILL SPEAK AT THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER



Dr. Joe E. Hanna

We are fortunate to have one of our 33 charter members speak at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner to be held Friday Evening, April 24, 2009. The dinner will be held at the Thompson Alumni Center on the UNO Campus.

Hanna will speak on the topic of the transition of education since the time the chapter was chartered. Hanna has been a middle school teacher, a college professor, an associate superintendent of

### 2008-2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President, Robert Meyers  
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Chapter Executive Director, Ron Burmood  
Regional Representative, Robert Meyers  
PDK International Chapter Member Liaison, Harriet Gould

The Vice President Programs, Sue Evanich will become our president for the 2009-2010 year. If you are interested in becoming more involved, contact President Bob Meyers, [rlmeyers@hotmail.com](mailto:rlmeyers@hotmail.com).

### Remaining Meeting Dates 2008-2009

April 24, 2009  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend  
Thompson Center, UNO on the 24th

May 6, 2009  
Soaring Wings Winery  
Springfield, Nebraska  
One mile east and south of the junction of  
Pflug Road and Highway 50

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Approaches

Plan to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Educational Seminars on Saturday morning, April 25, 2009. Area school district and university personnel were invited to share educational practices that work with their students. In addition, Jerline Mosely will be presenting from the Gallup Corporation, and Rick Kolowski will provide up-to-date information on the Learning Community.

The sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and end just before noon. Each session is fifty minutes in length. The seminar rooms are on the third floor of the UNO Milo Ball Student Center. Enter the northwest entrance and go up one level.

We would like to know if you plan to attend. Simply send an e-mail to David Kempfhill, the chair of the anniversary celebration events. Dave's e-mail address is: [DKEMPHILL@MPFSOMAHA.ORG](mailto:DKEMPHILL@MPFSOMAHA.ORG).

Time	Session Topic	Presenter	Room
9:00 ~ 9:50 a.m.	Learning Community Update	Dr. Rick Kolowski—LC Board	Jenkins
	Elementary Writing	Doug Pierson and Megan White--Westside	Dodge A
	Gallup's Engaged Schools	Jerline Mosely--Gallup	Council
	Closing the Gap for 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts	Bary Hembrook and Dan Radtka--Elkhorn	Dodge B
10:00 ~ 10:50 a.m.	Read Right in OPS	Michael Buckner--Omaha	U Mo Ho
	International Baccalaureate Program	Susie Melliger, Joanie Wilson; Susan Mariani, and Scott Ingwersen--Millard	Council
	Middle School Technology	Lance Mosier and Ginger Starks--Westside	Dodge A
	Six Traits of Writing and Arts	Sue Adamson and Jane Kaxol--Elkhorn	Dodge B
	Culturally Responsive Teaching	Dr. Nancy Edick, Dr. Laura Schilde, Dr. Sarah Edwards; UNO	State
	High School Career Specializations	Ken Spellman--Omaha	U Mo Ho
11:00 ~ 11:50 a.m.	Learning Community Update	Dr. Rick Kolowski—LC Board	Jenkins
	High School Technology	Kris--Westside	Dodge A
	Summer Jump Start for Reading	Laurinda Petersen; Rhonda Martin; and Don Pechous--Elkhorn	State
	Six Traits of Writing and Arts	Sue Adamson and Jane Kaxol--Elkhorn	Dodge B
	eLearning in OPS	Mary Schlegelmilch--Omaha	U Mo Ho

### Novelty Golf Tournament at Eagle Run

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Registration/Check-In 1:00 p.m.

Tournament Starts 2:00 p.m.

- \$70.00 per individual
- \$280 per team
- Entry fees include green fees, power cart, course contests, prizes, shotgun start, favors
- Lunch included
- Each hole will have special rules and special rewards
- Registration deadline: April 4, 2009.
- Profits will go to the chapter scholarship fund

Register by sending your check payable to: Bob Meyers, 6417 South 92 Street, Omaha, NE 68127. Include your name (team member names if applicable) and contact information. Questions? Call Bob at 502-8901

### March 25 Meeting at Mahoney State Park



Connie Schaffer, Nancy Whitney, Char Riewer



Kathy Szczepaniak, Linda McCoy, Pam Lowndes



Senator Gail Kopplin accepting a Friend of Education Award



Tami Williams presenting Service Keys to John Hill, Barb Jones and Steve Joekel

Pictures by Barb Jones, Chapter Publicity Chairperson

73 persons attended the March 25, 2009, joint meeting with the University of Nebraska Lincoln PDK Chapter. Seventeen of those in attendance were from Lincoln.

Outstanding Educational Leader awards were presented to Harlan Metschke and Bret Anderson. Outstanding Contribution to Education awards were presented to Senator Gail Kopplin and the Omaha Symphony. Phi Delta Kappa Service keys were presented to John Hill, Steve Joekel and Barb Jones.

Nebraska Commissioner of Education-Elect Roger Breed was our speaker.

A good atmosphere, good friends and peers, good conversation, a great program, and good food are hard to beat!!!!

6 new members were initiated. Teri Clapper, Char Riewer, Fran Pokorski, Ruby Larson, Jeffrey Kerns, and Eric Grandgenett. Congratulations to each of you!!! And, welcome to the chapter.

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner**  
**Friday Evening, April 24**  
**Thompson Alumni Center UNO**

- 5:30 Social Hour; 6:30 Dinner
- Dinner Speaker: Charter Member Dr. Joe E. Hanna will speak on the transition of education from 1958 until today.
- International Executive Director William Bushaw will be present
- International President Sandee Crowther will be present
- \$35.00 per person
- Jazz combo
- Past-presidents invited and encouraged to attend
- Region B Chapter Member Liaisons will attend as part of their meeting that will be held in Omaha. (Region B includes most of the Northwest quadrant of the United States and Western Canada.)
- Members are encouraged to send any pictures or memorabilia from past PDK activities to have on display and share with others.
- Send your reservations via E-mail to:  
[rburmood@unomaha.edu](mailto:rburmood@unomaha.edu) or call Ron Burmood at 554-  
2226

**Use the Chapter Website**

Bookmark the following address for our chapter website:

[www.unocoe.unomaha.edu/pdk](http://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 Historian and Publicity Chair, Barb Jones, at [teachbaj@hotmail.com](mailto:teachbaj@hotmail.com).