

UNO PXI Delta Kappa



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June 2009 Online Newsletter

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS

After over a year of planning, the 50th anniversary of our chapter was celebrated with a series of three successful events.

The **Anniversary gala dinner** on Friday evening was attended by 70 persons, including 14 past-presidents, the International President-Elect, Sandee Crowther; the International Executive Director, Bill Bushaw; nine chapter/member liaisons from Region B, three members of the University of Nebraska Lincoln Chapter; the Interim Dean of the College of Education; and many chapter members.

The University of Nebraska Lincoln Chapter presented a proclamation honoring our chapter for 50 years of successful activities and leadership. Drs. Crowther and Bushaw gave brief comments, and Dr. Joe E. Hanna, an original charter member of the chapter, delivered an exceptional keynote address defining the transition of education during the past 50 years.

Hanna identified Sputnik, school integration, and the implementation of special education programs as being three of the most significant benchmarks during the 50 year period. Citing a quote from a writer in *Futurist* magazine, he challenged us to "invent the future."

Approximately 40 persons attended the **Saturday morning seminars** with participants proclaiming the presentations to be outstanding. Region B Representative Bob Meyers received several positive comments from Region B CMI's attending the seminars. They were impressed with the quality

OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

The ballots have been counted, and the officers for 2009-2010 appear in the column to the right. In addition, an amendment to our chapter by-laws changing the appointed position of Foundation Chair to an elected position of Vice President, Foundation, was approved.

E-mail balloting proved to be preferred by members. Only seven ballots were returned in 2008. Forty ballots were received this year by either mail or E-mail

Meeting Planning 2009-2010

The Executive Committee will hold its annual end-of-the-year planning meeting on June 3, 2009.

Suggestions and recommendations for meeting speakers, topics, and locations is welcome. Contact an officer or send your suggestions to:

CHAPTER OFFICERS SELECTED FOR 2009-2010

President, Sue Evanich
VP Programs, Steve Joekel
VP Membership, Barb Sheppard
VP Projects, Anna Bley
VP Foundation, Tami Williams
Treasurer, Pat Meeker
Secretary, Marie Meyers
Showcase, Nancy Whitney
Cecelia Birkhead
Foundation, Tami Williams
Publicity/Historian, Barb Jones
Research, David Conway
Recognition & Awards, Fran Pokorski
FEA, Rick Kolowski
Member Liaison, Tom Haskell
Past President, Robert Meyers
Chapter Adviser, John Hill
Chapter Executive Director, Ron Burmood
Regional Representative, Robert Meyers
PDK International Chapter Member Liaison, Harriet Gould

The Vice President Programs, Steve Joekel will become our president for the 2009-2010 year. If you are interested in becoming more involved, contact President Sue Evanich, sevanich@westside66.org.

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VP Membership, Barb Sheppard
VP Projects, Marie Meyers
Treasurer, Steven Joekel
Secretary, Pam Lowndes
Showcase, Cecelia Birkhead
Nancy Whitney
Foundation, Tami Williams
Publicity/Historian, Barb Jones
Research, Nancy Edick
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SELECTED

The Scholarship Committee has selected the winners of the 2008-2009 chapter scholarships:

Nicholas Passarelli, Millard West High School, Son of member Angelo Passarelli.

Nicholas has a 3.963 GPA and an ACT score of 31. He is a member of National Honor Society, an academic letter winner, involved in musical theatre productions, DECA, and the senior class board. He coordinated the literary magazine his sophomore and junior years. Nicholas works at Hy-Vee.

Nicholas plans to attend Loyola University Chicago and major in Advertising and Public Relations. Nicholas will receive the \$500.00 scholarship for a child or grandchild of a chapter member.

Rachel Curry, UNO Elementary Education Major, Graduate of Bellevue West High School

Rachel has a 3.78 college GPA and is majoring in Elementary Education. She is a member of the UNO Moving Company and is also an assistant dance teacher at a dance studio. She is an assistant teacher at LaPetite Academy.

Rachel wrote, "Even when I was little, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher."

This \$500.00 scholarship is being given to a student enrolled in the education program at UNO. There was no child or grandchild of a member applicant who was going into the field of education.

Robin Dahlke, UNO Secondary Education Major, Graduate of Papillion LaVista South High

Robin has a college GPA of 3.9 and is majoring in Secondary Education with an intent to teach Spanish. Robin served on the Chancellor's Leadership Class at UNL during the 2007-2008 school year.

She has been on the Dean's List for all three semesters she has attended college. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society in education.

This \$500.00 scholarship is being awarded to a student enrolled in education. The chapter received a \$500.00 award from the Phi Delta Kappa International Foundation for having the most members contribute to the Foundation in Region B. The chapter elected to use the award for a scholarship for a student preparing to become an educator. The funds will be sent to the University of Nebraska at Omaha to help cover tuition costs.

Carol Fowler, UNO Secondary Education Major, Del Weber Scholarship winner

Carol is a secondary education major who switched from engineering when her previous employer left town. She sings, plays the piano, and writes children's books and poetry. She will begin student teaching in September in the field of mathematics. She plans to become certified to teach mathematics 7-12. Carol has been very involved in the community and her church.

The Del Weber Scholarship was established by the chapter in 1989 to provide financial support to minority students enrolled in the College of Education who were planning to become teachers. It was named in honor of former Chancellor Del Weber upon his retirement from the University. The \$500 scholarship is intended to help assure the recipient will continue toward their goal of becoming a teacher.

Amanda Brooke Fitch/ Omaha Burke High School and Brittany Lynn Cheney/ Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln High School, Showcase of Teaching Participants, Showcase Scholarship winners

50th Anniversary Celebration Events



Past Presidents Attending the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Right to Left: Lou Worm, Ron Burmood, David Hemphill, George Collins, Joe Hanna, Robert Mortenson, Carla Gries, Rick Kolowski, Fred Anderson, LaNeta Carlock, Marcia Abbott Ochsner, Cathy Daters, and Roger Givens.



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International President Elect Sandee Crowther, International Executive Director Bill Bushaw, Former Nebraska Commissioner of Education Doug Christensen, and Harlan Metschke.



Barb Sheppard, Nancy Edick and Steve Joekel



Joan Denton, Janet Rose, and Linda Bannister



Seminar Presentation—Nancy Edick