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Presidents' Message

Spring is finally here according to the calendar, but its hard to believe it with the weather we've had lately. We had snow the Saturday starting our Spring Break! Then we have had 70 degree weather a week later. Parts of the country are still seeing snow.

It's hard to believe that May is here and there are not many days left until the end of the school year. This year has just flown by as it seems like it was September yesterday and we were knee deep in the chaos and busyness that comes from the start of school.

Also coming to an end in June is the term of your co-presidents. A new president will take office on July 1 as well as some new officers as well.

These past two years have been anything but dull! We have dealt with bargaining a new contract, working phone banks to get an initiative and bond issue passed, many OP issues to deal with by phone, e-mail and at meetings, twice monthly TEA meetings and a monthly AR meeting, phone calls to TEA regarding concerns, committee meetings, TAEOP board and general meetings plus having to do our jobs and be with our families. Being president is a huge time commitment! It is almost a full-time job. Even with

co-presidents there were times when we didn't know whether we were coming or going! One of us would attend one meeting and the other would attend a different one.

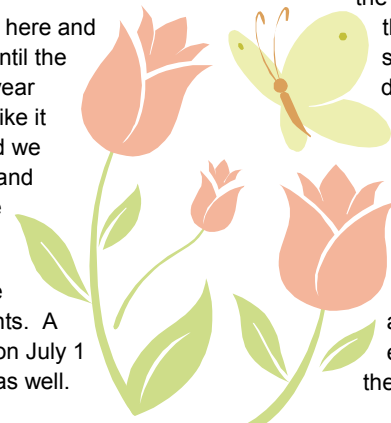
The district is also facing changes as well with the building of a new middle school, the closure of two other middle schools, a new Deputy Superintendent and budget cuts that will impact schools, staff and the community.

Many of us have had challenges this year on the job, with our families or in other aspects of our lives. When these challenges arise, we just need to support and encourage each other through these challenges and changes.

We thank you for your support and encouragement these past two years and hope we have represented you with the respect and consideration you deserve. We look forward to becoming "past-presidents!"

We wish you a wonderful end to your school year. Please take time to rest and relax this summer!

Machel L. Salado, CEOE/Monica Wolfrom
2007-09 Co-Presidents



Appreciation

This comes to thank you, the TAEOP members, for your thoughts, prayers, cards and condolences to me upon the sudden passing of my mom in February. It was such a shock to my family as it was totally unexpected. Our blessing was that she passed away at home in her sleep.

Each card, e-mail and phone call you sent to me letting me know you were thinking of me and my

family helped us get through this sad and difficult time. Each day has gotten easier as we remember the wonderful memories she left us.



I have always known that TAEOP, WAEOP and NAEOP are my second family and the tremendous outpouring of support to me at a difficult time has definitely proven this to be true. I am truly thankful for all of you.

Machel L. Salado, Co-President

NAEOP'S 75th Anniversary

2009 NAEOP Annual Conference

NAEOP will celebrate it's 75th Anniversary at the annual conference to be held in Bloomington, MN at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel the week of July 20-24, 2009 with it's theme of "Diamond Opportunities.

For those who have never attended a national conference it is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, take college classes or briefings, attend the general sessions and learn the business of the organization.

TAEOP members are fortunate in that they have many financial incentives to attend the conference so that few expenses are out of pocket. We have our PEP inservice monies which cover our airfare, hotel, per diem expenses, registration and incidental expenses such as shuttle transportation from the airport and airline baggage costs. You can also ac-

cess Professional Growth Monies from TEA to cover your registration as well.

Those of us who have attended a national conference know what an experience it is and that the friendships you make, the memories and the knowledge you bring home with you will last a lifetime.

Please visit the NAEOP website at: www.naeop.org and click on the "Annual Conference/Institute" link on the left hand side of the page. It will take you to conference page with many links covering the schedule, hotel information, registration, briefings and tours. It will answer many of your questions about the conference.

Come celebrate NAEOP'S 75th Anniversary and its "Diamond Opportunities!"

March General Meeting



On March 19th TAEOP held a general membership meeting at the new Gray Middle School which is located on the old Mt. Tacoma campus.

After a light dinner of turkey wraps, fruit, vegetables, and desert, we held our business meeting and brought everyone that attended up to date on TAEOP activities and informed the members of upcoming events.

Cristi McCorkle, TEA Uniserv Director, spoke to the members about the recent contract which was ratified last summer, upcoming

changes in the district and education with looming budget cuts coming from the legislature and how it will impact districts such as Tacoma.

Cristi also answered many questions from the members regarding the contract, PEP Inservice monies and challenges with administrators.

After the meeting, Terry Hefley, Gray Guidance Secretary, gave those that wanted to stay a tour of the offices. We thank Gray for their hospitality in hosting our membership meeting.

Member Recognition

TAEOP wishes to congratulate Dee Dee Fraga, Office Coordinator at Birney Elementary, for winning two scholarships through the Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals. She was presented with her certificates at the Spring Conference held in Tacoma March 6-8, 2009. Dee Dee is taking on-line classes to get her Bachelor's Degree and these scholarships will help her continue her education.

Congratulations!



First-timer Kari Reed was nominated for the Nominations/Elections Committee, won a free NAEOP membership from NAEOP President-Elect Pam Posey and won a raffle basket, and Machel Salado received two awards: Excellence in Communication/School Newsletter for Mclvaigh's newsletter "Totem Talk" and Excellence in Communication/Affiliate Newsletter for our newsletter "TAEOP Connection.

Please send them your best wishes.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming holidays, events, deadlines, meetings and activities:

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| <p>May 10: Mother's Day!</p> <p>May 15: PSP Deadline & Early Bird Registration for the Annual Conference in Bloomington, MN</p> <p>May 18-22: National Educational Bosses Week</p> <p>May 22-25: Memorial Day Break!</p> <p>May 30: Register for the Annual Conference to be included in the Annual Report</p> | <p>June 9: TEA Association Representatives Recognition Dinner—Tentatively scheduled at Bates South Campus</p> <p>June 18: Last Day of School!</p> <p>June 21: Father's Day!</p> <p>July 4: Independence Day!</p> <p>July 20-24: NAEOP Annual Conference—Bloomington, MN—"Diamond Opportunities" - NAEOP's 75th Anniversary</p> |
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Don't miss out on any of these great events

WAEOP Spring Conference

The 2009 WAEOP Spring Conference was held in Tacoma at the Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel the weekend of March 6-8 with the theme of "Shine Your Star."

The conference kicked off Friday evening with a welcome from Lisa Taylor, daughter of WAEOP Past-President Mary Taylor, then a Jobs Alike Function facilitated by TAEOP's own Machel Salado and ending a rousing hospitality room with a St. Patrick's Day theme hosted by Seattle and Tacoma AEOPs'. Good food, lively conversation and wonderful door prizes completed the evening.

Saturday started off with a business meeting, our morning workshops, vendors, the Awards/

Scholarship Luncheon and then our afternoon workshops. The day concluded with the beautiful Installation Banquet installing the 2009-10 WAEOP Board of Directors and incoming President Rhonda Quinton from Connell.

On Sunday we had a wonderful keynote speech from NAEOP President-Elect Pam Posey, the emotional White Rose Memorial Ceremony, and the conclusion of our business session.

There were many beautiful raffle baskets to award and then the attendees were on their way back home after a fun-filled, informative and memorable weekend.



NAEOP Annual Conference Registration Tips

Our membership will soon be gathering again for annual conference in Minnesota. The staff at our national office processes hundreds of registration forms this time of year. Below are a few things to remember when completing your form to ensure both the registration and conference check-in process will run very smoothly. See you in Minnesota!

- Remember, you can complete the form online and then print it out to send with your payment.
- Read written information carefully for times of classes, etc. to avoid registering with schedule conflicts.
- The total Education Credit Institute cost is \$165 (and you can only attend the classes) indicated to receive Education Credit.
- Inservice Credit cost is \$65 plus the cost of each individual class.
- The applicable fees must be paid regardless of whether you will be using the class/course credit.
- Including travel/airline information is important and is often left off. This is helpful for the hosting committee if they are using airport greeters.
- Include payment type whether or not payment is remitted at that time.
- Make sure your guest qualifies as a "guest" as noted in the guidelines. If they do not qualify, they must register individually.
- Include your email address for communication.
- Don't be afraid to call or email Debbie Bucy at the national office with questions.

From the NAEOP Website

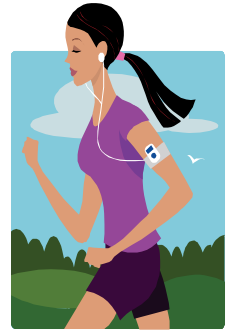


Move to Lose!

On Friday, March 27th, the new Move to Lose season began for all eligible members. Register now and start logging all of your activities and earning points by visiting: www.tsp-soundliving.com. You can even count your steps and compete with your colleagues. All you need to do is get moving!

Looking for an easy workout? Coming up with a workout routine can be daunting, so let The Sound Partnership help. They have created a simple and fun workout routine that takes less than 35 minutes to complete. Best part is, you'll burn tons of calories and earn loads of points! Follow the routine below to get started:

- Put on those walking shoes and get outside! Start walking at an easy pace for 5 minutes.
- Walk for 15 minutes at this pace, then building your pace every 5 minutes for the following 10 minutes.
- Continue to build up your time steadily over the course of a few weeks, walking a few minutes more each time.
- Don't forget to end with 5 minutes of gentle stretching and flexibility exercises.



Count those steps!

TAEOP Membership Information

Recently your co-presidents received a list of the names and locations of all of the TAEOP members so that we could update our distribution list.

Also listed on this report were those members who were "non-voting members or fee payers." This means that when you filled out your union forms there was one form that was not filled out that qualifies you as a "voting member" which is an additional \$1.00 a month. This allows you to vote in TAEOP and TEA elections and ratify our contracts.

TEA is sending us these forms and an information sheet that explains what you need to do so that can become voting members.

Some are new members, but some are those who may have separated from service and returned to our ranks. Those of you that are affected will receive an e-mail from your co-presidents regarding this situation.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact either of your co-presidents or TEA at 565-4411.

We hope that many of you will complete these forms so that you can becoming a voting member and vote when there are upcoming elections for TAEOP officers, TEA elections for WEA and NEA Representative Assembly and to ratify our contract.



OP/PT 2009 Conference

Hi OP/PT members:

We are once again in the process of planning for the summer OP/PT conference. Last year we gave away many home-made or donated items from TAEOP and TAP-SPTE members. This was such a HIT, we would like to continue this new tradition. Can you, bake, crochet, bead, knit, sew, grow plants, cook, paint, make pottery, procure donations or give something that you believe that one of our own would like to have as a door prize?



item for the door prizes. I will send out a donation form next month for your pledge of a door prize.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Please call me if you have any questions or would like to donate an item.

I look forward to hearing from many of you. It takes all of us working together to make this a successful conference!

Carol Lowenstein
OP/PT Advisory Committee
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In this economy, it's a good time to showcase your talents and generosity. Please consider donating an