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Presidents' Message

Welcome back to the start of another great school year! Many of us have new administrators, or will be moving to a new building or are planning for a new school.

Where did summer go? It seems like it goes by faster and faster every year. We think we have all of this time to enjoy the weather and vacations with our family and before we know it we are shopping for school supplies and back to school clothes.

Fall is definitely in the air even though the weather has been warm and pleasant during September. There is that "crispness" in the air that signifies fall and the changing of the leaves and shorter days.

We had a great turnout for the OP/PT In-service Day at PDC on August 22nd. There were expert speakers, informative classes, wonderful vendors and fantastic door prizes. We wish to thank the PEP Committee for all of their hard work, time and dedication in putting on this outstanding event. They truly deserve our appreciation.

The TAEOP board will be planning some wonderful meetings with you in mind for the coming year. We will be looking at different days of the week and how many meetings to have during the

Bargaining Information

On August 27 at Foss High School TEA members (teachers, office professionals and professional technicals) voted to ratify the contract as presented to us from the TEA Bargaining Team.

TAEOP wishes to thank Suzanne Gottgetreu (Fern Hill Elementary) and Ramona Murray-Phillips (McIlvaigh Middle School) who were the OP representatives on the Bargaining Team. They put in countless hours this year getting us a wonderful contract. On the last day of bargaining, the

year. If you have any ideas, suggestions, etc. for a topic/presenter for our meetings, please call one of the board members. We want to hear from you!

We wish to welcome Karen Guillot to the TAEOP Board of Directors as our Corresponding Secretary. Karen chairs our Sunshine Committee, so if you hear of TAEOP member who is ill, has had a death in the family, etc. please contact Karen or one of the board members as we want to let them know that we are thinking of them during their difficult time. You can contact Karen at McCarver Elementary.

Your TAEOP officers are here to answer any questions, listen to concerns and support you in any way possible. If you have a problem, concern or just need some support, please let one of us know.

There is some great information in this issue of our newsletter and we encourage you to send us an article of a workshop you attended, a question on an issue or just some fun information you would like to share with the members.

We wish all of you a wonderful school year!

Machel Salado, CEOE & Monica Wolfrom
TAEOP Co-Presidents



Welcome Back!



Find out how to join!

What is WEA-PAC?

Over and over we have heard: what is WEA-PAC? WEA-PAC is the political action committee of the Washington Education Association.

The dues that we pay to WEA cannot be used for political activities such as lobbying the legislature for more compensation and tv/media ads for initiatives such as Super Majority 4204 or Take the Lead.

In order to fund these activities, WEA members must join WEA-PAC separately and you can do it one of three ways:

1. Cash/check every year
2. Monthly deduction from your checking account. It is only a one-time set-up where you send in a cancelled check with your form and you don't have to do another form ever again.

3. Monthly deduction from your paycheck. Again, it is only a one-time set-up and you never have to do a form again.

Congratulations to Jackie Canley—Guidance Secretary at Hunt who was able to get 100% participation from her staff (certificated and classified) to join WEA-PAC!

The cost for OP/PT's is \$27.00/year or \$2.25 per month. All of us benefit from this in one form or another through increased compensation, health benefit options, etc., so we encourage all TAEOP members to join.

Jackie Canley, Guidance Secretary at Hunt Middle School, is the WEA-PAC Chairman for Tacoma. Please contact her at Hunt for a WEA-PAC form or if you need more information.

NAEOP Student Scholarships

NAEOP (National Association of Educational Office Professionals) has two student scholarships available: a Special Needs Student Scholarship and the Marion T. Wood Student Scholarship. The Special Needs Scholarship is valued at \$500 and the Marion T. Wood Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 and the submission deadline for both is March 15, 2009.

The Special Needs Student Scholarship is designed to assist a special needs high school student with an identified disability who will be pursuing a post-secondary program.

The Marion T. Wood Student Scholarship is designed to assist **business education** stu-

dents who wish to continue their education and pursue office-related careers, preferably in the education field.

Both scholarships are affiliate sponsored which means that the applicant must be sponsored by an affiliate of NAEOP which qualifies as a contributing member of both student scholarships. An affiliated association may sponsor only one candidate per scholarship and is responsible for distributing packets and collecting the completed application.

If you know of a deserving student who will be pursuing a post-secondary education, please contact President Machel for more information.

Appreciation

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the OP's who donated to the August OP/PT Fall Conference. We gave away approximately 100 door prizes and we could not have accomplished this without your help. I was blown away by the talented people donating their own creations and other gifts given for door prizes.

Starting in the spring, I will again be asking for donations for door prizes for the 09' Fall Conference. We have so many talented people in our organization and I can't wait to see

what our members can create and donate. Let the knitting, sewing, cutting, crafting, building, crocheting, weaving, embroidering, beading, cooking, *YOU NAME IT, BEGIN.*

Thank you again, and as always TAEOP members **ROCK!**

Carol Lowenstein
OP/PT Advisory Committee
Jason Lee Middle School

THANK YOU

NAEOP Committee Election Process

The 2008-09 NAEOP Board of Directors has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to review NAEOP's current committee election process. The objective is to seek alternative methods and provide a recommendation at the NAEOP Winter Board Meeting in January 2009.

Many members feel that elections take an enormous amount of time during Advisory Council and the Annual Meeting.

I am asking those TAEOP members who have attended a NAEOP conference and have witnessed and experienced the committee the election process how you feel it can be made better and possibly streamlined.

As always, NAEOP is looking for ways to better serve the needs of its members. This is one of the ways we hope to take what can be a cumbersome process and make it more efficient.

Please send me your thoughts and ideas regarding the NAEOP Ad Hoc Committee Election Process by Monday, October 13, 2008. I look forward to hearing your great ideas and suggestions.

Machel L. Salado, CEO
 2008-09 Middle School/Jr. High
 Council Chairman
 2008-09 NAEOP Ad Hoc Committee



WAEOP Fall Summit

The WAEOP Fall Summit will be held on October 10-11, 2008 at the new Pioneer Middle School in Dupont, WA.

The format is a little different this year as we are holding it in a school rather than a hotel and that we will attend class until late Friday evening and finish up early Saturday evening so that everyone has their Sunday's free.

The theme of the summit is "WAEOP is Key" and the workshop topics include: Keys to Wellness, Unlocking your Potential, Got Mail? - Lets Manage It, Keys to Digital Photography, Office Professionals—From Good to Great, Keys to Stopping Internet Predators and Attitude is Key. TAEOP's own Janet Caldon is

presenting the "Attitude is Key" workshop which will be the last workshop on Saturday.

For those wanting to stay overnight Friday evening you can stay at the following hotels: Guesthouse International or Liberty Inn. Each of them have a website for you to make a reservation. There are also some great restaurants for dinner Friday evening.

The service project is for all registrants to bring non-perishable food items for the Steilacoom Food Bank which serves both the Steilacoom and Dupont Communities.

We hope to have many TAEOP members attend!

"It promises to be a wonderful conference and it would be great to have a large contingent of TAEOP members attend."

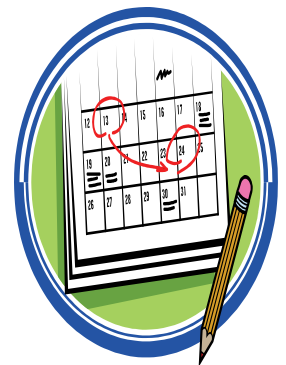
Save the Date!

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

- October 10-11: WAEOP Fall Summit—"WAEOP is Key" - Pioneer Middle School, Dupont, WA
- October 12-18: NAEOP Career Awareness Week
- November 2: FALL BACK! Set clocks back one hour!
- January 15: PSP Deadline
- February 1: WAEOP Scholarship & Awards Submission Deadline
- March 6-8: WAEOP Spring Conference—"Shine Your Star" - Best Western Hotel—Tacoma Dome

- March 8: SPRING AHEAD! Set clocks ahead one hour
- March 15: NAEOP Scholarship & Awards Submission Deadline
- March 26-28: NAEOP Spring Institute—Niagara Falls, NY
- April 20-24: Administrative Professionals Week
- May 15: PSP Deadline
- May 18-22: National Educational Bosses Week
- July 20-24, 2009: NAEOP Annual Conference—Bloomington, MN

Look for more information in the next issue!



Don't miss out on these great events!

2008 NAEOP Conference Update

The 2008 NAEOP Annual Conference and Institute was held the week of July 7-11, 2008 in Broomfield, CO which is located between Denver and Boulder. The theme of the conference was "Bridging the Continental Divide" and was hosted by the following states: Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska and Kansas. Each of these states coordinated different conference events.

The conference was held at the Omni Interlocken Hotel which was a wonderful location for the conference. The hotel was fantastic with great service, comfortable beds and beautiful grounds to explore.

We had great speakers, informative workshops and general sessions and wonderful food. Members from TAEOP that attended were: Monica Wolfrom, Machel Salado, Kathy Doss, Rose Owens (Bryant), Jan Ulberg and Lois Reed. Margaret Cook, a retired TAEOP member, and her husband drove from Washington to Colorado and had quite an eventful trip after a deer ran into their car in Utah. All of the TAEOP members had a great time.

Washington continues to shine as Washington AEOP and several Washington members won state and individual

awards. TAEOP's own President Machel and Kathy Lech from Steilacoom were installed on the 2008-09 NAEOP Board of Directors. Machel will serve in an appointed capacity as the Middle School/Jr. High Council Chairman and Kathy Lech will serve in an elected capacity as the Vice-President. You can go to the NAEOP website and view the conference pictures. The link is on the home page of the NAEOP website which is listed below.

NAEOP will have a Spring Institute to be held in Niagara Falls, NY from March 26-28, 2009 which will qualify for 15 hours of PSP credit. Registration information will be the next issue of the NES Connector.

The 2009 NAEOP Conference will be held in Bloomington, MN from July 20-24, 2009 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. The theme of the conference will be "Diamond Opportunities" as we celebrate NAEOP's 75th Anniversary during the 2008-09 year. Look for more information in the winter issue of the NES Connector or on the NAEOP website in January 2009.

Keep these dates in mind for your professional development throughout the year!

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NAEOP Career Awareness Week

National Educational Office Professionals Career Awareness Week

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS—the only national professional association for office personnel in education; and

WHEREAS, NAEOP is dedicated to providing professional growth opportunities for educational office personnel; and

WHEREAS, NAEOP recognizes the unique roles of educational office professionals and the important contributions made by them to the education profession; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Association are exemplified in its four-point program of SERVICE, INFORMATION, RECOGNITION, AND FELLOWSHIP; and

WHEREAS, the members of NAEOP believe that the quality of service rendered by educational office professionals directly

influences the effectiveness of the educational process;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the week of October 12-18, 2008 shall be known as "National Educational Office Professionals Career Awareness Week."

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this week shall be dedicated to promotion of the profession and to the recognition of the importance of the contribution made to education by educational office professionals.

DONE, this the first day of August, two thousand eight, and in the seventy-fifth year of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS.



Ginda C. Tribble

2008-09 NAEOP President