

# Central Area Update

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## 2011 Central Area PDD



Don't we all love a great mystery? Well, that's what it's all about for this month when it comes to reporting on the 2011 CAPDD. While I'm sure the Indiana members have some wonderful things up their sleeves, they are keeping it close to the cuff for now.

So, what do we know so far: our event will take place somewhere in the wonderful Central Area State of Indiana. When? My best guess would be spring of 2011. Exactly where? That's part of the mystery! Who will be the speakers and what knowledge will they share that will benefit us in the workplace? Which of our Central Area friends will be in attendance? So many questions . . . so much excitement . . . SO much anticipation!

For now, we just have to sit back and be patient knowing that our Indiana friends will take care of us just as well as they have during the past CAPDD's hosted in their lovely state.



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## Central Area Breakfast

Well, we didn't make it to our goal of 100 at our breakfast but I personally think 74 is a great number! Way to go my friends!

By the time we get to the Central Area Breakfast many of our events will have already taken place and a few more exiting ones will still be ahead of us. Each state has done a fantastic job of preparation and we will most certainly be celebrating that at our breakfast meeting.

By now, I'm sure you've decided which committee you would like to serve on for NAEOP? Don't forget to ask a colleague to nominate you. These elections will take place only at the Area Breakfasts. There will not be elections for committee members during General Sessions (providing more time for professional growth briefings).

In addition, we will also be electing one person

to serve from each state on the Central Area Scholarship Committee (one to serve as Chairman of the committee). Then we can look forward to witnessing the presentation of the first NAEOP Central Area Scholarship at next year's Central Area Breakfast.

This is a meeting you won't want to miss. If you have not already registered for the Central Area Breakfast, make sure you do at the on-site registration desk. We not only want you there, but we need you there to make our group complete!



## Affiliates



Congratulations to those Central Area Affiliates who affiliated for the 2009-10 year. They are:

- ◇ Cass County AEOP (MO), Pam Steele, Pres.
- ◇ Columbia WEOP (MO), Lynita Little, Pres.
- ◇ Dogwood Hills AEOP (MO), Eileen Walker, Pres.
- ◇ Illinois AEOP, Nancy Van Vickle, Pres.
- ◇ Independence AEOP (MO), Michelle Hess, Pres.
- ◇ Indiana AEOP, Gloria Patterson, Pres.
- ◇ Indiana AEOP PP, Marcia Denney, Pres.
- ◇ Jefferson City PSAEOP, Lisa Lopez, Pres.
- ◇ Kansas AEOP PP, Julia Thompson, Pres.
- ◇ Kankakee Iroquois EOP, Mary Beth Mathis, Pres.
- ◇ Kansas AEOP, Judy O'Malley, Pres.
- ◇ KSDE AEOP (KS), Gwen Kramer, Pres.
- ◇ Lincoln Public Schools, AOPA (NE), Susan Bell, Pres.
- ◇ Missouri AEOP, Debbie Geib, Pres.
- ◇ NE Dept. of Ed. OPA, Alice Fournell, Pres.
- ◇ Nebraska EOPA, Carol Reed, Pres.
- ◇ Nebraska EOPA—PP, Deb Ryan, Pres.
- ◇ Omaha EOPA, Noretta Howard, Pres.
- ◇ Ozarks Area AEOP (MO), Rosalee Willis, Pres.
- ◇ Peoria AEOP (IL), Jackie Voorhees, Pres.
- ◇ The *FROLIK*ers PP Assoc. (NE), Jan Harris, Pres.
- ◇ UNOPA (NE), Peg Johnson, Pres.
- ◇ Wayne EOPA, Joyce Trevett, Pres.
- ◇ West Suburban AEOP (IL), Jeanne Jasek, Pres.
- ◇ Wichita AEOP (KS), Brenda Decker, Pres.

## 2009-10 Special Dates to Remember



**Reminder!**

July 5-9, 2010 — NAEOP Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO

October 15-17, 2010 — Illinois State Conference, Eastland Suites, Urbana, IL

October 22, 2010 — Nebraska EOPA Workshop, Lincoln, NE

October 22-23, 2010 — Kansas EOPA Fall meeting, Pittsburg, KS

October 28-30, 2010 — Missouri AEOP Conference, Blue Springs, MO

## NAEOP 2010 NOTES

Kansas City, HERE WE COME!

Remember when it was over a year away, then months, then weeks and now it's just a few days! We have all worked tirelessly getting ready for our big event and soon, we'll be in the midst of our NAEOP friends enjoying the fruits of our labor. I don't know about you, but I'll be just a bit relieved when this is all history. I'm sure I'll feel the let down and wonder just what to do with my time . . . for a brief while anyway. Then I'll get back into the saddle and begin my 2010-11 duties.

I do hope you signed up for all the big events this year so you can witness the efforts of our Central Area colleagues.

Everyone has worked so hard and should be proud of your events. From the planning, to the decoration preparation, to programs and anything else you worked on, job well done!

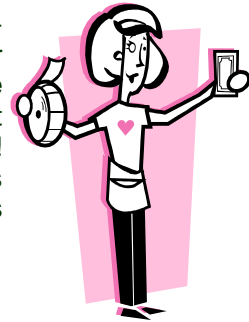
Central Area —  
The Key to NAEOP 2010



# State Fund-raisers

NAREOP's 2010 service project will be partnered with NAEOP. Items will go to two child advocacy centers (one in Illinois and one in Missouri). Examples of items needed are Wal-Mart and McDonalds gift cards, postage (Forever) stamps, board games for young children, Nerf footballs and baseballs and Play-Doh. For a complete list or more information, contact Martha Carson at marthavcarson@aol.com.

Is your state holding a fundraiser? If so, please let your Central Area Director know the details so we can list it in the next issue of the Central Area Update! Let your networking friends across the Central Area states support you in your efforts.



## Thoughts, Prayers, Etc.

This has got to be one of NAEOP Past President Butch Bender's most difficult times of the year. She is thinking about our upcoming conference and wishing she could be there with all of her dear friends. Let's make sure she knows we're also thinking about her! Let's see how many cards we can get off to her as we head to Kansas City letting her know she is truly missed. It only takes a minute to sit down and write her a note or just sign your name to a thinking of you card. Let Butch know she's still in our hearts! Greetings can be sent to Butch at: The Lutheran Home, 7511 University Ave. – Room #E229, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Another person we will miss at conference is Karen Pulaski. Karen's husband is to have heart surgery once the doctors clear him for the procedure. Get well wishes can be sent to 8433 S. Spencer Rd, Sedgwick, KS 67135.

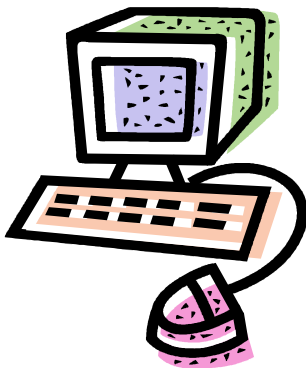
Congratulations to two of NAEOP's scholarship winners for this year. I'm looking forward

to seeing both Bethany Zeigler, from Illinois, and Chaney Lynn Black, from Nebraska, recognized at the fourth general session in Kansas City! It's pretty darn impressive (but not surprising) to have two of the three winners be from the Central Area. Congratulations Central Area for producing such qualified candidates!

NAEOP President Pam Posey and her husband, Truitt, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Monday, June 28th. If you would like to send greetings, Pam and Truitt's address is: 161 J. C. Bryant Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39401-8447.



## Central Area Web Sites



Our Central Area Web sites have changed from time to time. If you've not taken a look lately, make sure to do so today! They're also noted on NAEOP's Web site under the "affiliations" tab along with all other NAEOP affiliates Web sites. They have a wealth of information so check them out!

- Illinois: [www.iaeop.com/](http://www.iaeop.com/)
- Indiana: <http://iaeop.lcsc.k12.in.us/>
- Kansas: <http://kaeop.org/>
- Missouri: <http://www.maeop.net>
- Nebraska: <http://neopa.unl.edu>



# National Updates

By now Angela, Debbie, Jenny, and Lois are ready to go to Kansas City. They, no doubt, are exhausted by all of the last minute details that had to be completed in order to make the conference a success. I know from my own experience this year with the increased load from our hosting on top of my Central Area and Affiliations and Advisory Council duties, I'll certainly be relieved when July 10th rolls around I can then take a few breaths and replay all the events in my mind enjoying the victories and working on areas I know I can improve on. I'm sure the same is true for our National Office staff.

By now, the latest issue of *Keeping Affiliates Active* should be available on-line. This was probably my favorite issue to produce. I had more time to play with it and perfect it while I waited for a couple of important articles to come in. I do hope you'll take the time (maybe after conference when things slow down a bit) and open up this issue so you can read about the

activities and events taking place in our affiliate's associations as well as the reports from the different NAEOP board members. What a busy group of professionals!

There have been some water issues in Wichita (and probably all of our states) that have affected the National Office. Everything is under control thanks to our outstanding staff, although it certainly hit at an inconvenient time. Due to this, as well as the office closing soon so the staff can head to Kansas City, they have not been able to accommodate all requests to tour the office that have come in recently. Angela's desire is to always accommodate all of NAEOP's members when they want to stop in. At times, it's just not possible. She is thankful for your understanding at these times. She does encourage you to set up a time to take a detour through Wichita so you can see the NAEOP Office and the Jackie Evans Memorial Garden. The ladies in the office would welcome the opportunity to take a few minutes to give you a tour during their regular office hours.



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## NAEOP Membership Update

The next membership report is due in **August**. As of May, the Central Area had a total of 468 active NAEOP members. This total reflects an increase since February. The numbers fluctuate during the year. The breakdown by state is: Illinois – 94 (same); Indiana – 36 (down 1); Iowa – 19 (same); Kansas – 73 (down 1); Missouri – 74 (up 4); Nebraska – 172 (up 5). Please continue to welcome new NAEOP members. And for those who are coming up on those renewal deadlines — keep your membership continuous.

It is important to recruit all year long! **Keep in mind that as a bonus, if you allow me to sponsor/recruit a brand new NAEOP member, I would be happy to pay \$5 of their membership fee.**

# Pamper Yourself

- \* Take up a new craft that allows you to spend time doing something you enjoy without having to think too hard.
- \* Enjoy the intimacy of your close friendships.
- \* Walk away from grumpy, mean, unpleasant, hostile people.
- \* Make a list of the twenty-five best things that have ever happened to you.
- \* Laughter is great medicine. If you're under the weather or feeling blue, call a friend or relative who always makes you laugh.
- \* Leave the house 15 minutes earlier so you don't have to rush to work.
- \* Become a regular at a favorite restaurant and you'll always get a good table and fine service.
- \* Stroll, instead of charging along at top speed.



- \* Suck on a lollipop.
- \* Take time to enjoy the colors of a sunrise and sunset.



- \* Go to an auction and bid on your favorite item.
- \* In hot weather, keep your lipstick, cologne, and hand cream in the refrigerator. They'll be a pleasure to use.
- \* Look at your city from a stranger's point of view — isn't it a great place!
- \* Invest in yourself — your dreams, hopes, goals and aspirations.

# Inspiration

## Live a Life That Matters

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises,  
no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected,  
whether treasured or forgotten,  
will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power  
will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned  
or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies  
will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions,  
plans and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important  
will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from,  
on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success,  
but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned,  
but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion,  
courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered  
or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence,  
but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew,  
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories,  
but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered,  
by whom, and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.  
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Author Unknown

## Lola's Note

Oh my, how the month has flown by. I've been keeping myself very busy with conference preparations as well as the many committee and other work assignments that were assigned to me for the summer. One of my committees is revising a manual which is a guide to the position I hold here at UNL. Another one is formulating professional staff training (which is going to be awesome). My staff is preparing for our staff training which will happen early in August as well. Our staff manual is being revised and our agenda is being prepared including each training segment we need to present. So much fun, so little time! At this point summer seems busier than normal. This is probably due to our added NAEOP assignments.

Ramey and Sarah will both be finished with their current jobs on June 30th. They will be heading out west on July 1 in an attempt to secure a place to live. I'm anxious for them to find a place so I can make some plans to help them in the moving process. We've held off on vacation plans knowing we will need to be there for them, but I could really use a vacation about now (or at least by the middle of July).

Wes enjoys hanging out at the University many days while I'm at work. I honestly forget he's here sometimes. He's not in my office and he keeps himself busy. His biggest enjoyments are reading and playing games on my laptop. He is beginning to get just a bit excited to begin high school.

Ralph's grandpa John had hip replacement surgery this month and is currently staying at a rehabilitation hospital. This keeps us busier on the home front (especially Ralph). Our house is located on 4.56 acres and grandpa has another 3 acres (located about 2.5 miles from home). Ralph is trying to keep all the grass mowed and while he has a wonderful tan, is also getting worn out. We go to see grandpa every day (usually twice a day for Ralph) even if it's just for a little while. Each day we take him his mail and he gives us instructions of what he wants done with each piece and anything else he needs (laundry washed, etc.) Then there is grandpa's very old cat Buffy. I fear Buffy has some medical issues judging by his extreme litter box use. Grandpa is pretty special, so while it's all worth it, life has definitely been busy this summer.

As I close for this month I'm anxious to get on with the conference so I can see all the wonderful things you've planned and see so many of you who will be in attendance. My personal thanks to each of you for your willingness to volunteer to help make the Central Area shine in Kansas City! For those who can't be with us this summer, you will be missed, and we truly hope to see you at next year's Central Area Professional Development Day as well as at NAEOP's 2011 Conference in Charleston, South Carolina!

*Lola*



This picture was taken in Hannibal, Missouri. Thanks to our Missouri friends for inviting Sandy Lineberry and me to present during your Spring Conference. Good friends and great times!