

Central Area Update

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2010 Central Area PDD



April 9, 2010 is the deadline to register for this year's CAPDD! Oh my, that's almost here! If you haven't sent your registration in, you need to do so right away so you

won't miss out on the fun and fellowship! The Nebraska Educational Office Professionals wants to see you on April 23-24, 2010, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Please join us and be prepared to "Piece Together Your Professional Career" one block at a time.

Our co-chairs have come up with some outstanding speakers and exceptional topics. I do hope you will go to NEOPA's website, <http://neopa.unl.edu>, to see the opportunities being put before you. If you attend and participate, I

guarantee you will leave with some useful information. You can become a better (and happier) employee by piecing together additional skills.

When filling out your registration materials, don't forget to register for the Saturday evening Installation Banquet. If you are interested or need more information, please contact me at lyoung5@unl.edu.

Friends are threads of gold in the quilt of life



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Central Area Breakfast

We just received our first reports from the National Office for those who have registered for the conference and it looks like we need to step it up and get our registration forms turned in! Do keep in mind that our registration deadline is much earlier than normal (since our conference is earlier than normal of course). When you send that form in, make sure you register for the Central Area Breakfast so you can enjoy the fellowship with your Central Area friends and make a few new ones along the way! You must be at this meeting to take part in the voting process for NAEOP's committee members! As always, we will also recognize those who have attained PSP goals, Central Area Presidents and Central Area members who have been honored with special awards

from their state associations (it's up to the state president to inform me of those honors) and welcoming our incoming Central Area Director, Lisa Morehouse.

Don't delay, fill out your registration form (making sure to register for the Central Area Breakfast) and send it in. Early Bird registration deadline is April 15, 2010, and you must register by April 30, 2010, to be listed in the annual report.

I look forward to seeing you in July and having you join me in celebrating the accomplishments of our outstanding Central Area members!



Affiliates



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

Sadly, I have no new affiliates to report this month. Since there are still a number of organizations in the Central Area who have not affiliated I would ask those members who have not yet seen their affiliation listed in this section of the updates yet this year to

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contact your organization's president to give him or her a gentle reminder to do so. Your representation at the 2010 Advisory Council meeting depends on this and the deadline is rapidly approaching!

Welcome!

I have not been notified of any new members at this time.

Recruit!

Keep in mind, any new members who allow me to be their recruiter, can receive a \$5 discount on their membership fee. They, or you, can contact me or send their membership form to me with a check for \$40 and I will cover the rest!

2009-10 Special Dates to Remember



April 8-10 — Missouri AEOP Spring Workshop, Hannibal, MO

April 23-24 — CAPDD/NEOPA Spring Workshop, Lincoln, NE

April 9 — CAPDD Registration Deadline

May 1 — Affiliates renewal deadline

April 15-16 — Indiana AEOP Spring Conference, Indianapolis, IN

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



NAEOP 2010 NOTES



February 27 found some of the state leaders in Kansas City for yet another planning meeting. The co-chairs will meet again in March followed by another meeting with the state leaders (in conjunction with our Central Area Professional Development Day in Lincoln) this coming April. It is not too late to volunteer to help with this huge project! We NEED you!!

I hope you have all taken some time to digest all of the conference information in the winter issue of the NES Connector. Each state has done an excellent job of planning their events and I hope to see you participating in all of them!

The pins are in and my hope is that you will be pleased with them. Refer to pages 1 and 18 of the NES Con-

connector to see their design.

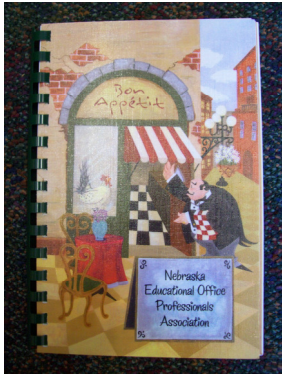
The Early Bird registration deadline is coming up quickly — April 15. To be listed in the annual report you must be registered by April 30.

Iris Maxwell will continue to accept conference shirt orders until June 4, 2010. When you order yours, make your check payable to Annette Miller. You will find the order form is on page 8 of the NES Connector.

I spoke with one of our keynote speakers recently and he is anxious to speak with our group so get your registration in today! It would be a shame if you were to miss out on any of the many exciting events!



State Fund-raisers



NEOPA (Nebraska) continues to sell cookbooks. These cookbooks are only \$10.00 each making them an excellent inexpensive gift for any occasion. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, please contact either Linda Luedtke, lluedtke1@unl.edu or Barbara Homer, bhomer@mail.unomaha.edu.

Kansas is holding a raffle to raise money for the 2010 NAEOP conference. The brown and cream tone afghan is 54 X 72 inches. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6 and will be available through the end of May with the drawing being held in June at the Kansas board meeting. For more information feel free to contact Charlotte Zeller at czeller@ksde.org.



NAREOP and NAEOP are partnering for the NAREOP service project for the 2010 conference. Items will go to two child advocacy centers, one in Illinois and one in Missouri. If you would like to donate items and bring them to CAPDD, please do so. Some 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.

We are eager to hear of fund-raisers taking place in other states. If your state is hosting a fund-raiser, please contact me with the details so I can add those to our next update.

Thoughts, Prayers, Etc.

Time to send another note to NAEOP Past President Butch Bender! Butch's days are much brighter when she receives greetings from her NAEOP family. Her address is: The Lutheran Home, 7511 University Ave. – Room #E229, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

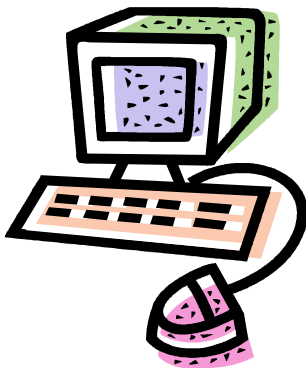
sent to Pam and Truitt at 161 J C Bryant Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

NAEOP President Pam Posey's husband, Truitt, had eye surgery 3/8/10 and will have a second eye surgery later this month as he has level 4 eyesight failure. Prayers for a full recovery would be appreciated. Wishes can be

NAEOP Past President Pat Fleming had back surgery on 3/10/10 to replace a cervical disc. She is recovering at home and I'm sure she would love to hear from you! Get well wishes can be sent to Pat at 2 Dulaney Gate Court, Cockeysville, MD 21030.



Central Area Web Sites



Have you taken a minute to look at the wonderful Web sites our Central Area states are responsible for? These Web sites are 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/
- Indiana: <http://iaeop.lcsc.k12.in.us/>
- Kansas: <http://kaeop.org/>
- Missouri: <http://www.maeop.net>
- Nebraska: <http://neopa.unl.edu>

National Updates

Wasn't it wonderful to have last month's article by NAEOP Executive Director Angela Meyer? Due to the hectic schedule the office staff have from now until after conference, I didn't have the heart to ask Angela to write another article for us.

I do hope you have taken the time to take advantage of the many things she highlighted in last month's article. The listserve has had some wonderful questions and responses lately. What a wonderful networking tool we have when we come up with a computer question or are developing a procedure in our own office and don't want to recreate the wheel if we don't have to. If you haven't already done so, you can do so today at www.naeop.org/mail.htm.

NAEOP's website could sure use some newsletters from the Central Area state and local affiliates. It's so easy, affiliate presidents or newsletter editors can send them by email to Angela (angela@naeop.org) or to Jenny Jackson, our Affiliate Coordinator (affiliates@naeop.org). And, don't forget to check out the Area and Council news via their webpages (also on the NAEOP website). Our monthly updates from

September forward are all there.

While I'm not a big internet shopper, I know many of you are. By utilizing iGive.com you can raise money for NAEOP at no cost to you! Angela participates in this and would be more than happy to answer any questions you have about the process.

Angela does a fantastic job of keeping the board members informed of member news as well as keeping us on top of deadlines. She and the entire staff are always willing to help us out in any way they can. Jenny and I have worked together closely this year with all of the Affiliation paperwork. She has been wonderful about making sure I receive the events information and keeping affiliates informed of the deadlines for Keeping Affiliates Active articles as well as sending the completed Keeping Affiliates Active newsletters out to affiliate Presidents. Debbie is the angel who lets me know about memberships that lapse so I can follow-up on those individuals as well as letting me know who our new members are. And Lois, has answered a number of PSP questions for me throughout the year so I can keep you better informed. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated staff who are so willing to help us.

From the Central Area to the NAEOP Office Staff, a big **THANK YOU!**



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NAEOP Membership Update

The next membership report is due in **May**. As of February, the Central Area had a total of 461 active NAEOP members. This total reflects a decrease since February. The numbers fluctuate during the year. The breakdown by state is: Illinois – 94 (down 1); Indiana – 37 (down 1); Iowa – 19 (down 1); Kansas – 74 (same); Missouri – 70 (down 3); Nebraska – 167 (down 1). 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

- * Go home early whenever you can.
- * Eat warm cake with cool whipped cream on it.
- * Ask for samples at the candy store.
- * Schedule a pleasurable activity following a difficult one.
- * Let go of those small things that bother you.
- * Don't take bad advice.
- * Have your car washed and polished.
- * Enjoy where you are right now.
- * Live well, it's the best revenge.
- * Fill out your NAEOP registration and send it in before the deadline.
- * Go to lunch with fiends that make you laugh and laugh until it hurts!
- * Start your garden plantings indoors to give them a boost.
- * Stop eating any food you don't like.

Inspiration

This month's inspiration is something my oldest son, Ramsey, wrote when he was eleven years old (he's now 24). I came across it recently and decided to share a piece of my life with you all.

My Shero Is My Mom

By Ramsey Young

My shero had me. She also raised me. She is my shero because she helps me a lot and because she's so kind. I owe my little brother to her.

Mom was born in Lincoln. I have many stories about her and I'll tell a few.

Most of whatever my mom had was passed down from her older sisters and brothers. Her family was quite poor. She was the youngest of six children. Coming from such a big family, she says they were only poor when it came to things. They always had food and there was a whole lot of love. When my mom was little she hardly ever got anything new. There were a few exceptions. Here is one which was quite rare. One Easter there was an Easter egg hunt. One of her brothers and one of his friends helped her find a bunch of eggs. Prizes were awarded based on the number of eggs found. She won a brand new tricycle. Her sister Leona was furious.

When my mom was five years old her father, who was a construction worker, fell from a building. He was hurt severely. His back and many other bones were broken. My mom didn't get to see him for many months. When my mother finally got to see him, she was afraid of him. He had lost a lot of weight and she just didn't recognize him. Her father was disabled as a result of the accident.

He went back to school to learn to weld. He then moved the family to McCool Junction when my mom was nine. Her father became the town blacksmith. A few years after they moved to McCool Junction they

moved a big old house into McCool Junction on a huge trailer. My mom thought it was really neat seeing the big house coming down the road.

When my mom was 13, her father was killed while working. My mom and Aunt Leona were extremely scared; they had no idea what would happen to them. At that time it was only grandma, mom, and Aunt Leona living at home. Everyone else had moved out and were married. When mom was 15 my grandma sold the house in McCool Junction and moved to Utica. Then when mom was 16 grandma remarried and moved to Seward. Mom finished that year of school in Utica, then moved back to McCool Junction where she lived with some close friends to finish school. Her friends, Jerome, Bev, and Doug, treated her just like family. She won a scholarship to floral school in Kansas City where she went shortly after graduating from high school.

At age 18, after completing floral school, she moved to Seward and worked in a flower shop in Lincoln where she met my dad. They got married shortly before she turned 19 and had me seven years later. Ten years after I was born, she had Wesley. She has lived in the Lincoln area since she was 18.

My mom works at the University of Nebraska in the housing division. Her job is to be the secretary to the "Big Boss" (and a few others). For the past 16 years, my mom has worked there.

My mom says that dad, Wes and I are the best things that ever happened to her. She is my SHERO because although she may not be famous, she had to work hard to be where she is today. I hope to be like her in the sense that she never, ever gives up and she works very hard. I think my mom is a great SHERO and I hope you think so too!!

Submitted by Ramsey Young, Hamlow Elementary

Lola's Note

Almost all of the snow has melted away and it's beginning to look and feel like spring may be coming soon (or at least we have hopes of spring).

Good News! Ramsey and Sarah have both accepted teaching jobs in Wallace, Nebraska, for this coming fall. While this is definitely further from home than we (especially me) had hoped for, it is a step in the right direction for them both and will open new vacationing opportunities for us as well (it's half way to Denver or Casper from home). They are both very excited. I'm anxious to see how they adjust to small town living as Wallace has a population of less than 400. I'm sure there will be stories!

Wes has a slight break from confirmation classes during Lent although we simply substitute church for class. He now has the music to the song he will play for his commitment ceremony and is anxious to learn it. He registered for his first semester of high school recently which was a huge deal for him.

I'm in "interview mode" for my 2010-11 staff now. I've received a few applications but certainly need more. I'm not going to panic...yet! It's always fun to see applications coming in from the little siblings of former staff members. I also find it entertaining to see how many people I can hire with the same first name. Hey, it makes it less confusing for me. ;-)

We are also in evaluation mode and beginning the steps in preparation for the end of academic year closing. That's a huge deal in the residence hall systems as you can well imagine. We will have around 1,700 students moving out of my complex alone (and there are four other complexes across campus). Honestly, I'd love to just keep them here year-round. The transitions are labor intensive and I kind of enjoy the routine of the academic year. But, alas, we must continue to adapt to the changes.

The days are drawing near to when we will be welcoming Lisa Morehouse as our new Central Area Director. I have begun sending a few items to Lisa so she can start her files. She's anxious to take the reins. I did promise that I won't bring all of my notebooks to Kansas City so she can haul them all back to Nebraska. That will help us both tremendously!

I have so many people who have been so supportive of me over the past almost four years. It amazes me how many of them are not from Nebraska although it shouldn't. You are an amazing group of professionals and I am truly blessed to have you all in my life.

As I close for this month, I wish you all beautiful bouquets of spring flowers blooming daily all around you. Remember to take the time to smell them and enjoy them!

Lola



Now that winter is becoming
"just a memory" . . .
I'll share a picture
of Ralph's old decorated sled
following one of our
December, 2009
snowstorms!