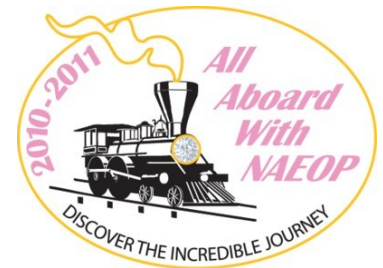


Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado

November 2010

"Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work." - Robert Orben



Message from Bettye Ruth Wilson South Central Area Director & Scholarship Chairman



Greetings to all the members of Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South America, and Texas. We are ready to begin an incredible journey together this year for the benefit of NAEOP.

The Professional Development Days will be held March 11-13, 2011 at the Overton Hotel Convention Center in Lubbock, Texas. Our theme is "A TWIST (Teamwork Will Inspire Students & Teachers) of LIME (Let's Inspire Members Everywhere)." We hope you will attend and bring a friend. The committee is working very hard to have a successful and fun professional development day.

The NAEOP Annual Conference & Institute will be held in Charleston, SC, July 17-22, 2011. Mary Jo Medina, CEO, Texas will be our presenter at the SCA Breakfast. This is a time we all look forward to attending. I hope many of our members can attend.

Have you recruited a NAEOP member? Let each member be responsible for recruiting a member to join NAEOP. At our South Central Area Breakfast to be held in July there will be a special award to the member who recruits the most members. If you have not sent in your NAEOP dues for this year – remember to do so.

I am hoping we have some affiliates who will sponsor a student for our scholarship program this year. Each a must be affiliated with NAEOP to sponsor a student for the scholarship program. You can support the NAEOP scholarship program by making an individual or association donation. Donations can be sent to the NAEOP office.

Let us hear from you with news from your association. Send your association news to Martin Saenz, CEOE, Texas, South Central Area Newsletter Editor by email @ martin.saenz@stisd.net or martysaenz@gmail.com

A hand, a heart, a fresh determination!

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Welcome to the first issue of the South Central Area Newsletter for 2010-2011. My name is Martín Sáenz and I was born and raised in Weslaco, Texas. For the last sixteen years I have been working for South Texas Independent School District in Mercedes, Texas. Presently I am the Assistant for the Administrator for Support Services. My department includes Transportation, Maintenance and Child Nutrition. Some of my duties at work range from opening the door in the morning to closing the door at the end of the year and anything and everything in between. I know that a lot of you know exactly what I am talking about. I would like to take this time to thank and say job well done to the last editor of this newsletter, my good friend Debbie McFadden from Houston, Texas. Next, I want to thank Bettye Ruth Wilson, South Central Area Director for her faith and confidence in me to give me the opportunity to be the editor for this newsletter.

I remember sitting at the South Central Area Breakfast in Kansas City, Missouri when Bettye Ruth walked up to me and said I need to ask you to do a favor for me. I thought OK she probably wants me to help her carry something for her and or for me to go get something she forgot. She sat next to me at the table and then she asked me if I would be the next editor of the newsletter. I have to admit her request threw me for a loop. All I can remember is thinking to myself, can I really do this. Then it hit me...wait a minute of course you can you were the editor of the The TESA Connection, the state magazine of the Texas Educational Support Staff Association.

One of my goals as newsletter editor is to continue informing our members from the South Central Area the latest and most current NAEOP information. I encourage you to send me any information you would like me to add to this newsletter. Please remember this is our newsletter and I would appreciate you sending me your comments, concerns, article suggestions, and like and dislikes of our newsletter. I will be looking for new and exciting information to add to the newsletter, so please send me any news or events going on with your local and state associations. I am ready to start my new challenge of editor of the 2010-2011 South Central Area Newsletter.

Enjoy, Martín Sáenz

SOUTH CENTRAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

March 11 & 12, 2011

Lubbock, Texas

Welcome to Texas for the 2011 South Central Professional Development Day. Our theme is a TWIST (Teamwork Will Inspire Students and Teachers) OF LIME (Let's Inspire Members Everywhere). We hope you plan to join us at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center. The following pages include information on registration, hotel site, the speakers for the weekend seminar and our schedule. Our airport is about 10 miles from the hotel. On Friday night we will tour one of our local wineries. The hotel is steps away from many local shops and restaurants and walking distance from Texas Tech University. On Saturday morning we will have a breakfast buffet followed by one of our local presenters. We will break for a plated luncheon and then wrap up the afternoon with our second presenter. The evening will be spent enjoying our beautiful city on your own.

Please come join us in Texas. We would love to have you!!!! Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.

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Room rate:
\$129.00 plus tax



SOUTH CENTRAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
 March 11 & 12, 2011
 Overton Hotel and Conference Center
 REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (cellular): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address _____

Registration Fee: \$70.00

(Includes Saturday Buffet Breakfast, Plated Luncheon and Conference materials)

Registration Deadline: February 18, 2011

Please make check payable to: NMEOP

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail check and registration form to:

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 11, 2011

6:00 PM Llano Estacado Winery Tour

Saturday, March 12, 2011

7:00 AM - 7:15 AM Registration

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM Breakfast buffet – Yellow House Canyon
 Sliced Fresh Fruit, Cereals, Scramble Eggs, Bacon/Sausage, Potatoes,
 Pastries, and Breads, Juice & Coffee

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Welcome and Introductions

8:15 AM - 11:15 AM First Presenter

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch – West Texas
 Caesar Salad, parmesan Crusted Chicken, Bread, Starch and
 Vegetable, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Second Presenter

3:30 PM Announcements/Adjournment (On your own)

6:00 PM Buddy Holly Depot

NAEOP 2011**Conference Charleston, South Carolina July 18-22, 2011



Make plans now to attend NAEOP 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina because we are making BIG plans for your visit! We have arranged awesome speakers as key notes, as well as, for the Institute, and Briefings. Take this opportunity to explore a beautiful historic city deep in the heart of the south and experience the local charm and customs, dine on southern favorites and some of the best seafood in the world, all while you learn and laugh with NAEOP. The Embassy Suites, Airport/Convention Center will be our host hotel and is attached to the Charleston Area Conference Center. All rooms are 2 room suites that include microwave, refrigerator, coffee makers, and sleeper sofas. Rooms are \$145.00 per night. A cooked to order free breakfast buffet is offered every morning. (Area and Council Breakfasts will now be Area and Council "meetings" so you can eat your free breakfast before you go to the meeting.) The Embassy also includes the complimentary manager's reception in the evenings. The hotel provides free transportation to and from the airport, the nearby Tanger Outlets and parking is free! The hotel and Charleston Convention Center are located approximately 12 miles from Historic Downtown Charleston. Member and Guest registration will include free shuttle service to the downtown area on specified days and times. Be prepared to learn, laugh and live life to the fullest in historic Charleston, South Carolina in 2011. Be sure to start planning now so you can take advantage of the *Cruise to the Bahamas* that will follow the conference leaving from the Charleston Port. Bring your family and make this a relaxed working vacation.

Rio Grande Valley Educational Support Staff Association (VESA)



Our association is blessed to have members from throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Our local association consists of members from the following school districts: Donna ISD, McAllen ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, Rio Grande City CISD, South Texas ISD and Weslaco ISD. Having members from so many school districts is a blessing because not only does it increase our membership, but it brings to the association many different ideas and suggestions. As I begin my last year as VESA President I can honestly say as I reflect back on my tenure in this position that our members are the best members that anyone could ask for. Vince Lombardi said: "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual".

What does that quote really mean? In VESA, each member has contributed their individual talent, their ideas, their time, their knowledge to make VESA the strong organization it is. As with any organization, it doesn't matter if you have the best leader in the world...what matters is that the individual members come together as one for the common good of the organization. For this year I have chosen "VESA...Soaring with Pride" as my motto. This will be represented by an eagle flying in the sky. Why the eagle you may ask? Well, what does the eagle represent to you? When I looked up what an eagle stood for I found that it represents many things. It represents spiritual protection, strength, courage, wisdom, illumination of spirit, healing, creation, knowledge of magic, among other things. As we all face and try to overcome adversities, maybe we should keep the following Native America blessing in mind.....

"May you have the strength of eagles' wings, The faith and courage to fly to new heights, and the wisdom of the universe to carry you there.

This Native American blessing seems to summarize it all. We need the strength of eagles' wings to carry us through our difficult times. We must have the faith and courage to take on new tasks, tackle a new assignment and believe that we will be okay. We must have the wisdom to produce optimum results with a minimum of energy and time. I have challenged each VESA member to "Soar with Pride" and represent VESA in our community, in our school districts and in our everyday lives. I also challenge each one of you to do the same within your association. Remember if everyone does a small part....great things can be accomplished.

Lisa E. Gonzalez, VESA President

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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 10-16, 2010 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 ten, and in the seventy-seventh year of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS.

Kathy Lech, CEO
President

PSP Update

The following Texas members obtained the PSP or CEOE at the September 15, 2010 deadline.

Cecilia K. Riggle, Mesquite ISD
Advanced III, Option I & CEOE

Sherri K. Vavra, Mesquite ISD
Advanced I, Option I



Count your age with friends but not with years