

From the President -Happy Valentines Day!

It seems hard to believe that the month of February is upon us. I first want to thank the board members who checked in on Eddie & I during our road trip to the winter board meeting. It was a successful and fun trip, and we are always glad to be home again.

The winter board meeting for both the NAEOP Education Foundation and the NAEOP Executive Board were successful. The election of officers for the Foundation elected Gayle Schnorenberg as President, Sherry Wilson as Secretary and Darcy Blackstock as Treasurer. Charla Callahan will be responsible for scholarships in 2016-2017, Sandy will chair the marketing efforts and MaryAnn Hollingsworth will chair the fund raising committee. The Foundation Board agreed to dissolve the Liaison Committee effective August 1, 2016. Currently the position representing retirees on the Foundation Board is open with the recent resignation of Pat Thompson. Pat and her husband, Bob, are embarking on an exciting endeavor in the awesome country of Australia. If anyone is interested in serving on the Foundation Board as a representative of the retirees, more details will be in the Spring 2016 edition of The BEAM. And, for NAREOP, our proposed 2016-2017 budget was adopted and will be shared with the NAREOP Executive Board in July.

The NAEOP Executive Board meeting was exciting and informative. We had awesome and passionate discussions about the future of NAEOP and it was so great to see the commitment to our Association by an outstanding Board. Plans are coming together for the 2016 Annual Conference and Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. Executive Director Debbie Geib encouraged everyone to get their hotel reservations completed as soon as possible. She also asked that those who have made reservations for rooms beyond what they will need to please release the hold on the extra rooms. We also heard about the possibility of an NAEOP Institute in Anchorage, Alaska potentially the third weekend of September. More details on the proposed program, hotel and timeline will be shared in a future NES Connector.

As you all know, the encouragement to "Love beyond words" is part of my president's theme this year. Valentine's Day was first associated with romantic love in the Middle Ages when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery and sending greeting cards, which we now know as valentines. Now in our current world, over 15 million evalentines were sent in 2010. No matter how many valentines you send or receive this February, my wish for each of you is knowing and sharing love. It's always nice to receive that special valentine, but don't forget to be the sender or giver of a special valentine as well. Hugs,

Becky

Kelen Wells And Billie Mikesell Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With You In Your Time Of Sadness. **Board Newsletter**

Happy

Birthday

2/2 - Mary Katka 2/6 - Susan Kinsey 2/16 - Lois Santillanes 2/25 - Martha Carson

2/29 - Darlene Hovorka

Years of the Monkey 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, & 2016 People born in the year of the monkey are lively, flexible, witty and versatile with strong practical ability.

Often highly intelligent, they are talented problem solvers, and are self-assured, sociable and innovative.

They love being the center of attention and have a magnetic personality.

Monkeys are mischievous; they are masters of the practical joke (though they can sometimes take things too far)

Monkey people have an insatiable desire for knowledge and show amazing creativity in their work.

82nd Conference and Institute

INAEOL



Gong Hey Fat Choy!

February 8

July 13 - 16 "All You need is love. But a St. Louis, Missouri

nu tou need to renow and

then doesn't hurth

- Charles M. Schulz