



As you peruse this ALC insert, picture yourself as part of the next Area Leadership and Chapter Planning Conference on Sat., July 10, 2010 in Niagara Falls. Opportunities for learning, for sharing, and for giving input are all part of an ALC. Read John Myer's insert on Phi Delta Kappa As a Professional Learning Community: Voluntary Network Variation to get a flavour of professional learning that occurred at the ALC. The PKD Annual Leadership Conference was an excellent think tank for ideas and networking with other Kappans from Ontario and New York State. The post PDK Conference activities were fun filled, from tea to a historical tour in downtown Niagara's Queen's street. The tour showcased the street's revival, with unique boutiques, and dining at Mide Bistro, to the Illumination of the Falls. By Zenobia Omarali & Nabil Velos

The Group



This Year's ALC was well attended. Here we are:

L. to R: Lauren Small, Nathan Pellerin, Elizabeth Manker, Betty Hoke, Tracy Spagnolo, Bernie Moldoch, Frank Nappi Jr., Jack Worthington, JoAnn Masterson, His Honour Ted Salci, John Mombourquette, Susan Seidman, John Stewart, Marilyn Fox, Kristin Hopper, Ed Badovinac, John Myers, Joulie Georgopoulos, Moveta Nanton (obscured), Jocelyn Badovinac, Nabil Velos, Zenobia Omarali, Walt Winchell, Bev Freedman, Carolyn Moras

Post Conference Delights: Tea in the Garden



Ed and Jocelyn chat with Church members. Below: Lis Horley-McLeod, Susan Seidman, & Marilyn Fox enjoy a refreshing iced tea in Christ Church's garden.



One of the special events arranged for us was a delightful tea and reception at Christ Church on a quiet street near the Niagara River gorge. The gardens were beautiful and peaceful, and it was very pleasant to take refreshments under the trees. After we did a group reading of a poem written in dedication to the Children's Garden within the larger church gardens, we went inside the church itself.

The church was built in the 1850s, and has been meticulously maintained. The volunteer who escorted us around the church was extremely knowledgeable and told many interesting tales about the church's history and furnishings. For example, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited the church before she was crowned as Queen in the mid nineteen fifties. The pew they used has been roped off and reserved for very special visitors.

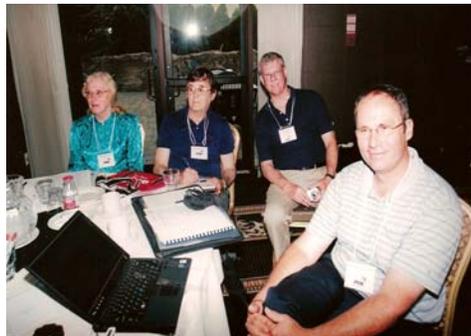
We participated in a brief service, and Father Kevin read a blessing to educators. It was a lovely opportunity for reflection in the middle of a busy day.

By Marilyn Fox





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L. to R. Walt Winchell, Moveta Nanton, Zenobia Omarali, husband Nabil & John Myers.

L. to R. Jocelyn & Ed Badovinac with London's John Stewart & John Mombourquette who generated much discussion with presentations on their Homework Symposium and blog as well as their Young Authors' Conferences.

L. to R. Frank Nappi, his wife Sandy, JoAnn Masterson, (CML for Hn) , Bernie Moldoch, & Tracy Spagnolo
Bernie and Frank brought greetings from International and told about the recent International Board Meeting.



L. to R. Lauren Small (Montreal), Nathan Pellerin (Brock University), Elizabeth Manker, Betty Hoke, & Jack Worthington

Elizabeth Manker (R.) introducing Niagara Fall's Mayor, Ted Salci, to PDK Representatives, Bernie Moldoch, Region I & Frank Nappi, Region H.

Bev Freedman is in front of a display of stories about favourite teachers. Fred Georgopoulos prepared the display for the Oct. 3rd Chalkwalk.

Below Zenobia & Pete Gordon

Middle: Joulie Georgopoulos & Lis Horley-McLeod

Bottom: Marilyn Fox & Kristin Hopper

PDK Illuminates Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls at night: from the roar of the water to the colours illuminating the Falls is always a memorable and fascinating sight. But have you ever wondered how they light up the Falls or who decides the colours that illuminate the Falls? Well, the PDK Niagara Fall delegates were given the VIP treatment and access to the secret entrance to the Illumination Tower. Kappa Elizabeth Manker, whom we fondly refer to as Dame Elizabeth of Niagara Falls, facilitated our visit to the illumination tower and to meet Pete Gordon, the keeper of the tower, who has been in charge for the last 40 years.

Pete gave the PDK group a tour of the tower, including the eighteen 76-cm (30 in) diameter xenon lights, each used to illuminate the Falls in a rainbow of colours, and a quick lesson on how the computerized lighting system works. Between taking breathtaking photos of the American and Canadian falls from an unobstructed panoramic view from the tower, we took turns programming our favourite colours into the system to viewing our chosen colour scheme illuminating the Falls. The light intensity was amazing, with each of the xenon spotlights producing more than 390 million peak beam and has a brilliance of 250 million candlepower! To top off this once in a lifetime opportunity, Pete gave us a signed official "Illuminating of the Falls" certificate to each and every one of us.

By Zenobia Omarali & Nabil Velos

