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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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President's message -
Susan Seidman

Since our last newsletter, PDK has had several successful events. On a very snowy night, a convivial group met to discuss "Democracy and Civic Engagement," with a special focus on the Canadian experience. Host Rebecca Ullmann provided warm hospitality and George Ullmann provided a delightful musical finale. (See Stephanie Fetterolf's report on the discussion, which will be posted on the web.)

A group of 17 Past Presidents of PDK met to renew connections and catch up on events and experiences. The group was lively and the conversation flowed. It was clear that this group has continued to be very active. For example, David Kirk came directly from addressing a parliamentary committee, and Bud Dilling brought copies of his new book. Linda Goldspink came despite knee problems that did not slow her down at all. It wasn't all fun and games, though. Three past presidents-Shelagh Harris, John Everett, and Bob Cook-reviewed and approved the PDK audit. Our thanks to



Enjoying the PDK-UT Meeting of Past Presidents, November, 2003. Left to Right: Shelagh Harris, Ed Quick, Mrs. Robert McGillivray, Bob McGillivray.

them. All the Past Presidents were asked to give suggestions for our renewal project and for our upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations.

PDK also sponsored an evening of music by the Trinity Chamber Ensemble. The weather was terrible; the music was lovely. The music was so good, we're going to sponsor their concert again in March. See the announcement in this newsletter for details. Presumably, it will not be snowing then!

Upcoming events! Read the article by Jocelyn Badovinac about a new service project that PDK is taking on.

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At our Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2004, we will be honouring Outstanding Educator Alice Adler. Alice Adler is familiar to readers of *Orbit*, the *Canadian Modern Languages Review*, *Dialogue* and *Mosaic*. Her field is linguistics. She has worked for many years in the Modern Languages Department of the Library at OISE/UT, as well as working with graduate students and in-service teachers to support their learning. She exemplifies Phi Delta Kappa's tenets of Leadership, Service, and Research.

UT-PDK's governing body is conducting a survey of the membership to investigate sending the newsletter electronically. While there may be technical difficulties, electronic distribution would be certainly faster and much cheaper. Please note that this is a survey to give the Executive guidance. No decisions have been made until after we hear from you.

University of Toronto Chapter is part of the larger region of PDK chapters. The new international constitution set up new groupings. Frank Nappi, District Representative, noted that University of Toronto Chapter is now in the following group: -All of eastern Canada (Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec)-Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island -Eastern New York State -Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Bermuda. The regions each have about 9000 members, but we're the only region that has so many continents!

A Stimulating Kappan Discussion evening

Kappan Discussion evenings are the perfect time for Kappans to learn from colleagues. Read about the issues and concerns raised during the small group discussion on the topic of "Democracy and Education" which took place on January 14. You will find Stephanie Fetterolf's report on the PDK-UT website www.pdk-ut.ca

What do you have to say about Democracy and Education? Letters to the editor of the Newsletter in response to Stephanie's report or to the articles in the September, 2003 *Phi Delta Kappan* are welcome.

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Phi Delta Kappa International, University of Toronto Chapter will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2004 at the Faculty Club, University of Toronto for the following purposes:

- .To receive the report of the Treasurer
- .To receive the report of the Nominating Committee
- .To elect officers and Members of the Governing Council for the coming year
- .To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting

Dated: January 30, 2004

Susan Seidman
President

Please Note:

PDK e-mail Delivery Survey

Walter Winchell

The Chapter's Executive have discussed the possibility of using e-mail to expedite the delivery of chapter meeting notices, newsletters and the like to the membership. This change would allow substantial savings for our chapter and provide us the opportunity to deploy our resources to better servicing the needs of the membership and reduce the costs associated with our programs. The Executive will continue to provide mail service via Canada Post delivery for those who would opt out, for one reason or another.

We have posted a survey questionnaire on the website's homepage at www.pdk-ut.ca Please scroll down to the *Have you seen this?* section on the homepage and click on the membership e-delivery survey. Please e-mail your completed survey (a Word file document) directly to walt.winchell@sheridanc.on.ca (preferred choice) or click on the return survey link and it will be sent to the pdk-exec@sheridaninstitute.ca (the Chapter executive list serve).

Thank you in advance for your participation and comments.

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CHAPTER DUES

Please note that Chapter dues will increase as of July 1, 2004, by \$4.00 Canadian.

Fellowship is key at PDK-UT!

Do you have a colleague would benefit from membership in Phi Delta Kappa International? Why not bring them to our events? For information on this year's initiation, call Susan Seidman, 416-656-692.

Enjoy an evening of classical music with the

TRINITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Sunday, March 7, 2004

7:30 PM

Church of the Transfiguration

111 Manor Road East

Toronto

(Between Yonge and Mount Pleasant)

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors/children

Tickets at the door

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Thursday, April 15, 2004 Annual General Meeting, Awards and Initiation

(See enclosed flyer.)

Tuesday, May 4, 2004 Research in Education Seminar (See enclosed notice.)