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PDK: Reinventing ourselves.

Notes from the President,
Susan Seidman

As the U of T Chapter's 50th anniversary approaches in 2004-2005, we are continuing the re-ignition process we started a few years ago. As part of that process, we re-activated several awards for educators, which have met with good success. We also celebrated the 20th year of presentation of an award for Outstanding Educator, an award that was established by our Founding President.

Today, more than ever, as our profession goes through a process of reinvention and renewal, PDK offers educators and people interested in education a forum in which to learn about education issues and to meet other people. Because the U of T Chapter has members from several Boards of Education, as well as the college and university levels, our members bring a wealth of experience, expertise, and contacts to share.

This year, our project involves strengthening PDK



Susan Seidman, President, University of Toronto Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International for 2003-2005.

bonds with institutions, currently inactive members, former award winners, and actively using these bonds to recruit new members. We are delighted that John Myers of OISE/UT will be co-ordinating one of our re-activated awards, the annual Jackman award. Viv Smith and Sheila Bennett are co-ordinating the Prospective Educator Award. Carolyn Moras is co-ordinating all our PDK Foundation activities. Stephanie Fetterolf is our membership chair, but is taking special responsibility for the Walk for Education, which we hope everyone will both support and attend (see separate article). Charlie Manahan will be handling the financial responsibilities.

We have begun a process of re-connection with past presidents, holding an annual lunch for them, so we can continue their involvement and connection. Last year's was a delightful event that all enjoyed.

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Our social events provide an opportunity for everyone to have fun and network. One continuing association is that with the Trinity Chamber Ensemble, with four delightful nights planned.

Of course, we also hold "Educationals." This fall's "gendered education" session given by PDK member Bev Freedman, arose from the lively discussion following our session at the OISE last spring. Our educational events, such as last year's "The Law and You," our topic discussions based on the Kappan, and our research meetings address issues current in Ontario and provide intellectual stimulation from a broad perspective.

This year's events will be no different. We have an exciting program planned that will cover some critical issues affecting all levels of the profession. (See the Calendar). There are opportunities to host Kappan discussions – you provide refreshments, we supply a discussion leader, and we all have a stimulating time. Contact Susan Seidman if you'd like to host.

We continue, with the help of Jocelyn and Ed Badovinac as well as all the Executive members, to plan events for our 50th anniversary year. We hope you will join us – and bring your friends – for an exciting year and many to come.



Calendar of events 2004/ 2005 PDK-UT Chapter

October 23	Walk for Education
October 24	Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert
November	Past presidents Luncheon
November 16	Kappan discussion, Carolyn Moras's
November 23	Research Session - Gendered Education
December 12	Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert
January	Kappan discussion (We are looking for a host!)
February	Kappan discussion (We are looking for a host!)
February 27	Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert
March	Research session - tba
Anril	Annual General Meeting and initiation

The Governing Council of the Chapter, 2004-2005

The members of the Chapter's Governing Council look forward to working with you and hearing from you in 2004-5. You may reach us by mail, phone, fax, or e-mail.

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Enjoy an evening of classical music with
the

TRINITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa- UT

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004
7:30 p.m.

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
For information contact
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The Trinity Chamber Ensemble

The Trinity Chamber Ensemble is a string orchestra, which has no brass section. They do however have occasional guest artists playing such things as oboe, harp, etc., depending on the music selected.

The Ensemble playlist spans a wide range of musical eras . They play Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Post Romantic, and modern music. They have also debuted a special commission, conducted by the composer. The choice of music varies according to the program put together by the concertmaster. The position of concertmaster rotates among three members of the Ensemble. One audience member noted that at each concert she heard a few pieces from composers she knew, and a few pieces from composers who were new to her.

The connection between PDK and the Chamber Ensemble is a very close one, intimate even. John Milosh, concertmaster of the October concert, is PDK member Mary El Milosh's husband. John has been Head of Music at York Memorial High School. He has been Principal Second violinist for the Georgian Bay Symphony, which has been playing continuously for over 51 years. John is currently working with other members to establish the Georgian Bay Symphony School of Music, as well as playing with the Trinity Chamber Ensemble. He characterizes his work with the Trinity Chamber Ensemble as "having a string quartet feel expanded a bit. " Each of the players support each other and each is vitally necessary.

Come join us for a lovely evening series of concerts.

Kappan Discussion

Come join Chapter members for an evening of stimulating Kappan discussion!

The PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes towards Public Education and the Canadian experience.

(September 04 issue of The Kappan)

Tuesday November 16, 2004

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Host: Carolyn Moras

Address: 52 Mosedale Crescent, between Finch and Sheppard, bordered by Don Mills and Victoria Park
Telephone: 416-497-3034

Directions: From the west or east -401 -exit either Victoria Park or Leslie

Go **north** to Van Horne. It only goes between Leslie and Victoria Park

Go along Van Horne to Kingslake.

Turn **north** on Kingslake. First street and the second street on the left is Mosedale, because it is a crescent.

N. B. 52 is in the middle of a crescent. PLEASE PARK IN CAROLYN'S DRIVEWAY AND ON THE STRAIGHT PART OF THE STREET. DON'T PARK ON THE CURVE.

Registration: Please contact Carolyn Moras at 416-396-6300 ofr by e-mail
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2004 Jackman Award awarded to OISE-UT student

The 2004 Jackman Award was presented to Shenyu Huang at the year-end social for UT Chapter PDK held on June 2nd at scenic Bluffer's Restaurant in Scarborough. Shenyu is studying for her master's degree at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of University of Toronto. She teaches English as a Second Language for York Region School Board and is working to be an official Mandarin translator for the Toronto District School Board .

The Jackman Award, named after University of Toronto chapter' s first president Henry Jackman, is unique to our chapter. The award is open to students at Ontario faculties of education and education programs. The Jackman Award was established by John Carrick, a founding PDK Chapter member. Former chapter president Carole Benson coordinated the award process last year.

This year the award is being coordinated by long time PDK member John Myers. John was a social studies consultant for many years for the former Toronto Board of Education before moving to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He has edited Orbit Magazine, which reports on research issues. John intends to involve his students at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in developing the essay topics. Information will be sent to education faculties and programs, and will be posted on the PDK-UT Web site, www.pdk-ut.ca

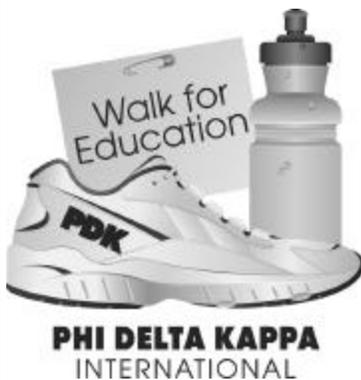
Applying for the Prospective Educator Award

Those PDK members who attended last spring saw AGM and initiation saw Viv Smith participate in initiating his daughter Sheila Bennett, U of T chapter's first "Next Gen" member.

Viv was a member of the Montreal PDK chapter for many years before moving to Coburg. Sheila teaches in the Peterborough area. She was profiled in the Spring 2004 Newsletter.

Viv and Sheila will be coordinating the Chapter Prospective Educator Award. Students in their final year of high school can apply for the award, which includes a cheque for \$100. The process includes writing an essay. The chapter winner is eligible to compete at the international level. If you know anyone eligible, suggest they apply. Full details will be on our web site, pdk-ut.ca

WALK FOR EDUCATION: Putting Education on the Move



As a member of PDK, you, your friends, family and colleagues are invited to participate in the first annual PDK INTERNATIONAL WALK FOR EDUCATION. Walks are being held in 69 cities across Canada, the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Our 5 kilometer walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2004 at Queen's Park Circle and the Metro Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor Street, Toronto. A registration form is included with this newsletter so that you can pre-register, get plenty of pledges, spread the word and offer your services. Services may include contacting walk coordinator's with information and names, or volunteering your time to help organize and run this event.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to accomplish several goals:

- see old friends
- bring new people on board
- support a good cause
- have fun!

Sixty percent of the money raised by local participants will go to a local educational program or service identified by you or your group. Examples of potential programs and services are The Toronto Foundation for Student Success and TEOF (Toronto Educational Opportunity Fund).

Forty percent of the money raised will go to PDK International's Educational Foundation which supports such things as *PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools*, publication of professional books and Fastbacks, and the Center on Educational Policy.

The Metro Central YMCA has already generously offered their facilities and a day pass to participants. Please put on your walking shoes and get ready to put education on the move.

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