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*News from the President,*  
Susan Seidman

#### **Website's new look**

Have you seen our new look? Check out the PDK web site at [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca). We have been quietly working behind the scenes to make the web site THE place to go for up-to-date PDK information, upcoming events, reports on past events, and links to PDK International and to other educational organizations. We're also able to post lots more photographs than our newsletter space permits.

#### **Online updates**

We introduced on-line registration for the Walk for Education, and are working towards making this a permanent feature. An Executive member noted that another organization she belongs to found their web site useful in letting participants know an event was going on despite a snowstorm. Given Toronto's winter weather, that's a fabulous feature!

#### **Is your e-mail address current?**

Do we have a current e-mail address for you? If not, please use the "membership update" form on the Web site to submit it.

#### **Your comments and suggestions**

Like many other organizations, we are exploring the electronic delivery of the newsletter. The costs involved in printing and mailing a hard copy newsletter represent a significant part of our chapter's budget. That sum might be put to better use. However we recognize the critical need of any organizations to communicate with its members, and will continue to produce hard copy to those members who request it. If you have comments or suggestions about this process or the possibility of this process, please contact me.



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

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## Walk for Education

University of Toronto Chapter's first annual Walk for Education made five laps of Queen's Park Circle an easy walk. H. A. Halbert School was the most active. It organized the most participants, and raised over \$500 for their nutrition program. York Humber Secondary School's nutrition program and TEOF, (Toronto Educational Opportunity Fund) were other major beneficiaries.

"I'm delighted," Principal Carolyn Moras said. "First of all, we were desperately seeking financial support for our nutrition program, so this provided a wonderful opportunity. But the walk was fun on lots of other levels. I got the chance to talk with staff and community members away from the school. We get a whole new relationship and perspective when we get to chat just as people. I also met new people with expertise in areas that I don't have. I've got the information and made contacts that will help me mentor young folks."



Stephanie Fetterolf,  
Walk coordinator  
(back to camera)  
and  
walk participant  
Harriett Cooper  
lead the way on  
the Walk for  
Education.

Photo by Shuang Shan

Stephanie Fetterolf, PDK Walk coordinator, was pleased with the money raised. She noted however that participation from PDK members in this service event was thin. "If each PDK member contributed \$10, we could have tripled the amount raised. Increased participation of all members will certainly be a goal of future walks."

The Walk's major sponsors included the Metro Central YMCA which generously donated several different things. They provided the facilities for the start and finish of the event, and a venue for the great (and greatly) appreciated refreshments and goodies after the Walk. The Y also donated day passes for each participant, good until the end of the year. They also contributed one month's free membership as a draw prize. Sony Music Canada contributed a CD for each participant.

Other sponsors include:

- Bud Dilling, author and PDK member
- Living Lighting, Queen Street East store
- JohnVince Foods
- Sony Music Canada

Congratulations to the winners of the draw prizes:

- Renita Prince - winner of the month's Y membership
- Sharon Armstrong - winner of the gift certificate from Living Lighting
- Harriet Cooper - winner of the book "Bill Hawkins a Gentleman of Ingersoll"

Hearty congratulations and thanks to Executive members Stephanie Fetterolf and Carolyn Moras for all their hard work on the Walk. Special thanks to volunteers extraordinaire Elianna Fetterolf and Shuang Shan.

## ***Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation***

Phi Delta Kappa International sponsors a competition for outstanding doctoral dissertations. A committee of three reads the abstracts which are submitted through local chapters. The competition is held every other year, in even numbered years. This year, University of Toronto's Chapter has submitted Bob Postlethwaite's doctoral dissertation entitled "*Giving Primacy To The Sacred: Some Implications For Teaching.*" Bob has a Master of Education degree from Harvard. He then went to China to teach English as a Second Language. From China he went to Taiwan, and then to Toronto. Because he has taught in English departments his classes were conducted in English. He is married, with two children. His wife teaches English as a Second Language for the Toronto District School Board.

Bob will be the guest speaker at a discussion meeting on Tuesday January 18, 2005. Come to hear about this interesting topic. Or, if you are working on your doctorate, or know someone who is doing so, come to hear about PDK's Doctoral Dissertation Competition at this meeting.

## ***Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert***

A full-to-capacity crowd thronged the Church of the Transfiguration for the first Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert of the year. The program ranged from Bach to Bartok, and was billed as "A Concert of Concertos, Canzonettes, & Contredances. "

A special treat was a guest harpist Ko-Ni Choi, who has won competitions and performed on several continents. Her performance of Debussy's "Dances Sacree et Profane" was absolutely ethereal. The "Rumanian Dances" by Bartok ended the concert on a rollicking note. PDK members have long enjoyed Trinity concerts, and have taken on the role of providing refreshments during the intermission, as well as highlighting some of our own sessions. We look forward to the next concert, Sunday December 12th, and to seeing you there.

## ***University of Toronto Chapter's 50th Anniversary***

Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac are spearheading our 50th anniversary celebrations. They ask you to hold two dates, **October 11th and 12, 2005**. We will confirm the exact date as plans progress.

Among the work that needs to be done includes putting together an anniversary book. Part of the book showcases letters of support and congratulations from dignitaries and officials. If there is someone you think should be asked for a letter, please let us know.

The anniversary is also a time when we reach out to members who may have lost touch with us. Please call people who were members in the past and bring them up to date on our plans and encourage them to become involved. We'd really love to have a grand time with folks from all of the 50 years.

## ***Notes from Charles Manahan***

As I write this I notice that it will be exactly one year when we celebrate our 50th anniversary of the founding of the University of Toronto Chapter of PHI DELTA KAPPA. Since we were outside the bounds of the U.S.A. we enabled P.D.K. to claim that it was an International Organization. Dean A. C. Lewis who did so much to help in making the U. of T. Chapter (085) come to pass was given the honoured #1. The rest of the 45 or so Kappans were listed in alphabetical order.

Derek Bate is Kappan #2. Just this week I noticed in the Toronto Star that D. L. Mumford had passed away and I remembered he was one of the Founding Members (#34). There are only four (4) founding members still alive and they are: Derek Bate, George Greason #18, Robert Lamb #24, and Brock Rideout #43. I am fortunate that I know three of these "oldtimers" the first three. Derek taught at the University of Toronto School, George taught with me at the Toronto Teachers' College and Bob was high up in the Secondary Federation. Don Mumford, who just died, taught at the U.T.S. and also at the Faculty of Education (in its earlier days it was known as the College of Education). He was an author of Mathematics texts. Forty-nine years takes its toll on members, as you can see. Even many who joined after the initial group have died. Just recently we have heard of the deaths of J. E. (Ted) Smith and Ed. Stewart. You may know of others. C. M.

## PDK Educational Foundation

*Did you find your pledge card?*

You will find enclosed with your newsletter, a pledge card for PDK International's Educational Foundation.

The Foundation, which benefited from the Walk for Education, supports various fellowships, Fastbacks, and professional books. Our local chapter participates regularly in the Foundation's Prospective Educator Award program.

For further information, log on to our web site and follow the links to news about the work of The Foundation. The Foundation's activities are entirely supported by voluntary donations.

Please return your pledge to this address:

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## Calendar of events

**November 16: Kappan discussion,**  
At home of Carolyn Moras, 52 Mosedale, Toronto,  
7:00 pm Contact [carolyn.moras@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:carolyn.moras@tdsb.on.ca)

**November 23: Research Session- Gendered Education: with Bev Freedman** 3132 TEL Building, York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto  
7:00pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members  
Contact: [sseidman@sympatico.ca](mailto:sseidman@sympatico.ca)

**December 12: Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert**  
Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East, 7:30 pm Contact: [sseidman@sympatico.ca](mailto:sseidman@sympatico.ca)

**January 15: Prospective Educator's Award Chapter Submission Deadline**  
Contact Viv Smith, 701 Carlisle St., Cobourg, ON  
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**January 18: Discussion with Robert Postlethwaite: Research and the PDK Doctoral Dissertation Competition** At home of Susan Seidman, 13 Raglan Ave. Toronto, 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 27 Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m.**  
Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East.

**January** Kappan discussion  
(We are looking for a host!)

**February** Kappan discussion  
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**February 27 Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert**

**March** Research session - tba

**April** Annual General Meeting and initiation

**May 1 Trinity Chamber Ensemble Concert**

**June** Social - tba

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