



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Phi Delta Kappa** Chapter

**University of Kentucky Chapter #037**  
**MAY, 2003 Newsletter**



## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception and Dinner to Be Held on May 23, 2003**

Bruce Bissmeyer, UK/PDK Chapter President in 1991-92, and honorary chair of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner planning committee, announced that the event will be held on Friday evening, at Spindletop Hall, from 6-8 p.m. The dinner will be preceded by a get-acquainted reception in the Spindletop Lounge, starting at 5:00. Bruce said "I know it's hard to believe but this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our chapter! 75 years of service to the community and the education profession is certainly worth celebrating – and we plan on doing just that!"

The plans for the dinner include some trips down memory lane led by past presidents and board members in attendance, and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the chapter's biannual initiation ceremony. Greetings to the chapter from the international office will be provided by the Phi Delta Kappa International President, our own Eve Proffitt. Also in attendance will be Frances "Frankie" Ball, Phi Delta Kappa Area 8D Coordinator.

The deadline to register, of course, has passed. HOWEVER... we will accept reservations on a case by case basis up until a week before the event. SO if you haven't registered, and you realize now that this is going to be a "can't-lose good time," call Jason Horger at 257-8847 and tell him to "Tell Rosetta Sandidge; I'm coming to the PDK 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner." The cost is \$20.00 per person; choice of chicken or vegetarian plate.

If you've forgotten, Spindletop Hall is on Iron Works Pike, between the Old Paris Road and I-75. If you get lost, the Spindletop number is 859-252-3488.



**Eve Proffitt**  
**International President**  
**2001-2003**

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### **Chapter Scholarship Committee Announces UK/PDK Annual Scholarship Award**

Al Cinson, Chapter Foundation Representative and Scholarship Committee chairperson, announced that this year's \$500.00 scholarship has been awarded to Ms. Casey Humkey, a graduating senior from Lexington's Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Casey plans to major in education at Murray State University. She will attend the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner to receive her award.

**Delegate's Report**  
**PDK District VIII Conference - 2002,**  
**Memphis, Tennessee**

The 2002 PDK District Conference was held in Memphis, TN on November 1-3. District VIII includes the chapters in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Delegates from 44 of the chapters attended along with staff from PDK International (headquarters).

Most of the General Sessions and small group meetings were focused on the issues associated with the proposed new Constitution and Bylaws. Some of the major operational changes emanating from the proposed documents are:

- Membership will be open to **anyone** committed to the ideals of PDK.
- Members may join a chapter or become "Direct Members" (with no chapter affiliation).
- A group membership classification will provide for corporate and institutional affiliation.
- Chapters will be required to have four officers (president, treasurer, membership representative, and foundation representative), but others may be added at the discretion of each chapter.
- There will no longer be Chapter Delegates or District Conferences; as needed, Regional Representatives will appoint "chapter and member liaisons" to work with chapters on specific tasks and issues.
- Chapters will no longer be required to hold a minimum number of meetings.

Other business of the conference included:

- Election of Frances "Frankie" Ball (Union College Chapter) as Area 8D Coordinator (replaces Clyde James) to serve until the new Constitution is passed.
- Re-election of Otelia Frazier as District Representative.
- Membership Development Awards to the Northern Kentucky, Morehead, and Union College chapters.
- Educational Foundation 20/20 Club Awards to all Kentucky chapters except Murray.
- None of the Kentucky chapters received awards for Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators, 40/40 Club status, or Scholarship Grants for Summer Camp/Institute for Prospective Teachers.
- The Union College Chapter won the Outstanding Chapter in Kentucky award.

I again served on the Outstanding Dissertation Award selection committee. This involved reading and scoring dissertation abstracts submitted by the chapters in District VIII. The UK chapter did not submit any dissertations for consideration. The winner was Allison Batten, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, currently serving as an Area Coordinator.

If the proposed Constitution and Bylaws are passed in their near-present form, there no longer will be a need for a chapter delegate to represent the chapter at a District conference that is no longer held. I will miss the contacts with the other delegates and the PDK staff. It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to serve the chapter in this capacity for many years—thank you!

Submitted by Edgar L. Sagan, Chapter Delegate

## Forge Our Future (*From the Phi Delta Kappa Strategic Plan, June 2002*)

### Mission

***Phi Delta Kappa International, the leading advocate for public education, promotes quality education for all as essential to a democratic way of life by providing innovative programs, relevant research, visionary leadership, and dedicated service.***

### Beliefs

Beliefs that guide us as we strive toward our mission:

- We believe in publicly supported education.
- We believe that quality education for all is essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life.
- We believe in upholding the ethical ideals of research, service, and leadership.
- We believe that leadership should be nurtured and developed.
- We believe that a dynamic organization incorporates the needs of its members, is responsive to the environment and trends, and changes as needed.
- We believe that diversity strengthens our association.

### Strategic goals

- By 2006, PDK will be recognized as the leader in advocacy for public schools and the education profession.
- By 2006, PDK programs and services will address the needs of our constituents.
- By 2006, PDK will be a culturally diverse organization consisting of at least 100,000 members worldwide from all segments of the education community.
- By 2004, PDK will have a governance system that is efficient, democratic, and representative.
- By 2004, PDK will increase revenues to match or exceed expenditures.

### Strategies

- **Programs/Services.** We will develop and implement programs, publications, products, and services that support the PDK mission. *NOTE: Two points were specifically emphasized -- PDK must identify the issues/services needed by Kappans in other countries and the association must respond to the professional needs of various generations of educators.*
- **Advocacy.** We will develop and implement plans to advocate for public education and the education profession. *NOTE: To be recognized as the leading advocate, PDK will consider collaboration with other professional groups.*
- **Finance.** We will develop and implement a finance plan to include exploring alternative revenue sources, conducting a cost-benefit analysis for the various PDK programs and services, and exploring innovative approaches for funding PDK's programs, activities, governance, and technology.
- **Governance.** We will develop and implement a plan to modify the governance process, including role and number of board members, area coordinators, districts, and chapters, as well as role and size of the legislative council, district conferences, and area leadership conferences.
- **Marketing.** We will design a marketing plan that promotes PDK's niche and a marketing strategy that supports the PDK mission so that PDK can maintain and attract members.
- **Membership.** We will develop and implement plans for becoming a culturally diverse organization consisting of at least 100,000 members worldwide from all segments of the education community.
- **Technology.** We will develop a technology plan for assisting in the achievement of all the identified goals.

## **Interest Group News, continued**

### **SCHOLARSHIP GROUP**

Al Cinson reports that the scholarship group had a busy and successful year. Chapter members may not realize it, but the scholarship committee's work is coordinated locally and with the international organization. Chapters all over the country give scholarships, and their winners are sent on to Bloomington for entry into the national scholarship competition. Al and three other chapter members (Carol Moffet, Ed Sagan and Rosetta Sandidge) worked to solicit scholarship applications, and then reviewed them to determine our awardee. It's a long process, but Al indicates that our winner, Casey Humkey, really is an excellent student.

### **LEGISLATIVE GROUP**

Ron Giberson and Connie Evans have been leading this group's meetings. Their goal is to use the UK Phi Delta Kappa chapter as a means to become more involved with the legislative process here in Kentucky. Ron has met with state and local education leaders to consider ways to make our chapter more aware of Kentucky legislative agendas, and ultimately to have some input. Ron's feeling is that PDK provides a unique, broad-based perspective on education, with some research resources that could be of real help to legislators. Also, by using email technology, the group might be able to provide our members with current information about legislative matters of interest to educators. We should be hearing more from this interest group next year.

### **RESEARCH GROUP**

The research group did not have an active year, but interest in research remains high. Dee Beeler Jones (and perhaps her husband, Jeff Jones) has agreed to lead this group next year. Actually, there are so many research topics of interest to our members, that making selections can be a problem!

**APRIL 14, 1928..... THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CHAPTER WAS  
INSTALLED AS THE 51<sup>ST</sup> CHAPTER IN PHI DELTA KAPPA**

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## **HOW TO NOMINATE A COLLEAGE (OR YOURSELF) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY PHI DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER IN 2003-2004**

1. Contact the membership chair, Rosetta Sandidge at 859-257-8847, or sandidg@uky.edu to let her know of the possibility of a new member.
2. Talk to the candidate to solicit the following information:
  - A. Name
  - B. Mailing Address
  - C. Contact Phone: email address:
  - D. Place of Employment:
  - E. Job Title:
  - F. Number of Years of Experience:
  - G. 50-100 Word Biographical Statement for the Newsletter:
3. Download the membership application from the PDK website:  
<http://www.pdkintl.org/forms/chap.pdf>. (The form you want is Form 120, Application for Membership, Chapter Affiliated.)
4. Have the candidate fill out the application form, and then send the form (with the answers to the above questions) directly to Rosetta Sandidge, 166 Taylor Education Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0001.
5. At the time of initiation, the candidate must provide a check for \$60.00. (\$45.00 annual PDK dues, \$5.00 initiation fee, \$10.00 annual chapter dues.)

### **PDK International Membership Options**

#### **WHO CAN APPLY**

Professional educators in all areas and at all levels, graduate students, individuals in education-related fields, student teachers, and undergraduates enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A bachelor's degree is required for all applicants except undergraduate students who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification.

#### **MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AND FEES**

##### **Direct Membership, Annual Fee \$60**

Open to professional educators, graduate students, student teachers, and individuals in education-related fields. Includes all member services and benefits except chapter affiliation, the right to vote, and the right to hold a PDK office. This membership may be converted to a chapter-affiliated membership at any time upon request.

##### **Chapter-Affiliated Membership, Annual Fee Varies by Chapter**

Open to professional educators, graduate students, student teachers, and individuals in education-related fields who desire local chapter affiliation. Membership is based upon chapter approval and an initiation ceremony that includes a one-time initiation fee beyond the annual fee. Includes all member services and benefits, voting privileges, and the right to hold PDK volunteer leadership positions. Membership may be transferred from one chapter to another at any time upon request.

##### **Direct Undergraduate Membership, Annual Fee \$30**

Open to undergraduate students enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification. Includes all member services and benefits except chapter affiliation, the right to vote, the right to hold a PDK office, and services designated for post graduates. This membership may be converted to a chapter-affiliated membership at any time provided the chapter accepts undergraduate students.

##### **Chapter-Affiliated Undergraduate Membership, Annual Fee varies and is one-half the regular chapter fee**

Open to undergraduate students enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification. Includes all member services and benefits except voting privileges, the right to hold a PDK office, and other services designated for post graduates. Membership is offered by selected chapters