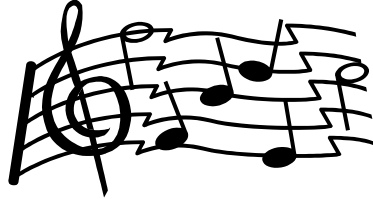


GAEOP NEWSLETTER

March 2004

President's Message



A Note from the President:

The Christmas holidays have come and gone; Spring break is over. We are in the last leg of the school year. I don't know about you, but for me the year has flown by. There are still several important events coming up in the next few months.

April 16-18 is our Southeastern Area Conference which is being held in Covington, Kentucky. I know members from Augusta, Athens, Columbus and Jasper are planning to attend. If you are interested let me know and I get the registration information to you. There are two workshops scheduled, "Humor in the Workplace-Get Some" and "What Is Your School Climate". The registration fee is \$90.00 and includes three meals plus workshop materials.

Our own Spring Conference will be April 30 – May 1. This is always a great way to end the year with awards, scholarship presentations, motivation workshop, and installation of new officers. Registration information will be available soon. We will be meeting at Stone Mountain for this conference. I offer a reminder to our executive board to bring a dish (cookies, sandwiches, chips, etc.) for the hospitality room.

Our National Conference will be in Boston, July 18-24, 2004. Several of our members are making plans to attend. If you are interested please let me know. We will be taking items to help with the National Retirees project. They need small toiletry items to take to a family shelter. These include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, combs, small packages of Kleenex etc. If you cannot go to Boston but would like to contribute, you can bring the items to our Spring Conference and I will get them there. Also, Georgia is responsible for a box for National to raffle as a fundraiser. We will make it a Georgia theme box. Please bring to Stone Mountain an item to go in the box. We will mail the items to Boston to the attention of Ann-Marie, as she will be representing Georgia as our President. Also, this year's NAEOP special projects fundraiser is a chance to win one of three travel vouchers. The value of each voucher is: 1st Place \$1500; 2nd Place \$1000; 3rd Place \$800. Tickets are available for \$10.00. Please let me know if you want a ticket or would agree to sell some tickets. I will have the tickets at both the Area Conference and our Spring Conference. You do not need to be present to win.

I am looking forward to Stone Mountain and another opportunity to Get In Tune Through Professional Growth.

Diane Pendley





Past's Presidents Council

It's time again for all of our Past President's to get together. Reservations have been made for May 29 at the Blue Willow Inn Restaurant in Social Circle, GA. Please come and bring a friend.

Our Theme this year will be
"A Memory Jar Full of Chocolates".

We will be filling a basket for the GAEOP Spring Conference. It will be filled with chocolates of all sorts and sizes. We're looking for anything that has chocolate in it. I would love to see this basket filled to the rim with chocolates.



If you have any questions call me at: (H) 706-335-4205 or (W) 706-546-7721

Phyllis Barnett
Past President

Membership Update:



Our one lone Lifetime member has been located (Thanks Madeline!). Please add Deanne Daniell (18 Mitchell Circle, Rome, GA 30161) to your member list. That brings us to 93 members for this year – 1 Lifetime, 22 New, 60 Renewal and 10 Retired. We also have information on 24 Honorary Members

If anyone would like an updated member information list, please send me an email and I would be glad to send you one via email or snail mail – just let me know which you prefer.

- Elizabeth Harris, CEOE <aerial@gpc.edu>

Higher Education:

All Higher Education members who plan to attend the Spring Conference! Let's plan to get together at some point and talk about what's going on! Look for more information at the registration table.

- Beth & Sandra



Nominations Committee:



Nominations must be postmarked by March 19th. Election ballots will be distributed by the end of the month and will be due back by April 16th! Support your organization – run for office! Or at least talk someone else into it! And don't forget to contact Ann-Marie if you are interested in one of the appointed positions on next year's board.

Website Report:

As of March 6th, we have had 624 visits (22 since March 1st!) to the front page at www.geocities.com/gaeoponline. The site is coming up on many search engines now, so only 22% of our visitors are finding us through the affiliate's page at www.naeop.org. If you have any suggestions about the website, please use the email link on the site and let us know!



We have entered the GAEOP website for consideration for the National Past President's Council Website award – keep your fingers crossed!

- Elizabeth Harris, CEOE <aerial@gpc.edu>

From the By Laws committee:

The By Laws committee, after many hours in discussion, is in the final stages of preparing the revised by laws for review by the Board. If approval is given by the Board, the proposals will be distributed to the membership at large in April. Plans are to discuss the proposals at the Spring Conference and hold the vote to approve following the conference – keep an eye out for these proposals for the future of GAEOP! A two-thirds majority of the membership must vote to approve any changes to the by laws, so get involved and help keep GAEOP vibrant and alive. - Glenda Harrison, CEOE, Chair

**HOPE TO SEE YOU
AT THE
GAEOP SPRING CONFERENCE
IN
STONE MOUNTAIN**