

EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

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Exceptional Children Newsletter



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Charlie Muntz, Editor

WELCOME TO THE 30TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Betty Cox, President-Elect

The 1985 Convention Committee and KYCEC General Board welcomes you to our 30th annual convention. Special plans have been made to provide you with a memorable experience. By now most of you are aware of some of the highlights:

- 86 sessions with strands in early childhood, post secondary, and gifted programs
- 6 facility tours
- General Session featuring Leonard Hall
- Brunch with Patricia Neal
- Friday night dance with the Mystics
- Exhibits with a variety of materials and technology
- Pre-conference activities provided by OEEC
- An opportunity to learn about, and join, the Kentucky Coalition For The Handicapped.

However, did you know that:

- Several of our past presidents will be special guests at the Brunch?
- The Mystics is one of the most popular bands in Louisville, and has three singers?
- An "Ask Me" Booth is available to assist you find places to visit in the Louisville area?
- A breakfast and luncheon bar will be open on Friday at the Exhibit Room?
- Our new chapter in the Greater Lexington Area is helping with the brunch?
- Some of our state legislators will be attending the brunch?

Our Board and Convention Committee are anxious for you to have a wonderful time. Please let a board member, anyone wearing an "Ask Me" ribbon, or someone at the Convention Registration Desk know if you need any assistance.

I hope I get to say hello to each of you personally. If not, thank you for attending our convention and have a wonderful time.

CEC NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

- The week of March 30 - April 5 has been proclaimed Exceptional Children's Week by Governor Martha Layne Collins.
- Kentucky Derby Chapter V plans to have a relaxing week after the Conference. As host chapter they have done an extraordinary amount of hard work, and an excellent job. Sherry Wilson, outgoing President of Chapter V; and Betty Cox, President-Elect of KYCEC, extend sincere appreciation for the outstanding work accomplished by this group.
- The Student Council For Exceptional Children Chapter at Morehead State University (Chapter 351) sponsored a workshop entitled, "Physical Therapy: Techniques for Teachers and Parents", in October. It was well attended and those attending gained a great deal of practical and useful information.
- Ky CASE is completing a very productive and successful year. The Second Annual Mid-Winter Topical Conference, featuring Sol Gordon, was a big hit. The CASE Newsletter continues to provide a wealth of information to subscribers across the state.
- The Cumberland College CEC Chapter has provided direct services for emotionally disturbed students. These services took place through the Comprehensive Care Center in Williamsburg.
- The Greater Lexington Area Chapter is planning a Legislative Panel Discussion that will feature legislators from the Central Kentucky area. Tentative plans call for this meeting to be held at the Fayette County Board of Education Building on Thursday, April 25, from 6:30 - 9:00. For details, contact: Peggy Stephens (606) 278-0540 or (606) 278-0549. It is very important that those interested in exceptional children issues attend this meeting.
- The Kentucky Coalition For The Handicapped is planning its third meeting for late April, or early May. Tentative plans call for it to be held in Lexington. To join the Coalition, or find out more about the next meeting, contact: Kentucky Coalition For The Handicapped, P.O. Box 34144, Louisville, Kentucky 40232-4144.
- Chapter 673 (Northern Kentucky) will be one of only 13 Chapters internationally that will receive the CEC "Award of Excellence" at the International Convention in Anaheim, California.
- KYCEC will host the 3rd Annual Derby Event at the International CEC Convention. It will be held at the Hilton Hotel, CEC Presidential Suite, from 7:30 - 9:00 on Thursday, April 18. All those who are going to Anaheim, please see Corky Prohaska for details. If you don't see her at our conference, you can reach her at:

108 Winding Way
Crestview Hills, KY 41017
(606) 331-1208

IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND

Charlie Muntz, Editor

Those of us who serve exceptional children in some capacity must realize that we are at a critical point in our profession. Special educators face the harsh reality that many individuals in positions of authority do not believe we have unmet needs. Therefore, we must also face the reality that it is up to us to convince them. Efforts are already in progress toward that end. The Kentucky Coalition For The Handicapped has held two meetings in which plans have been developed to lobby for services. But each of us must lobby in our own behalf. We have a professional responsibility to try to improve the inadequate resources available to us. To do this we must speak out. We have to let those in power know what is needed. We have to call attention to the problems we face in trying to educate our exceptional children. A good place to take a stand is at the Interim Joint Committee On Education Hearings that are being held around the state. Tell them about our large class sizes, and lack of special education units. Let them hear our story. The remaining meetings are:

<u>Thursday, April 18</u>	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Richmond)
	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Morehead)
	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Prestonsburg)
<u>Friday, April 19</u>	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon (Hazard)
	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Harlan)
<u>Thursday, May 16</u>	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Bowling Green)
	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Owensboro)
	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Madisonville)
<u>Friday, May 17</u>	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Paducah)
	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Hopkinsville)

* You may check the site of these meetings by contacting the Legislative Research Commission, (502) 564-8100.

COFFEE WITH THE COALITION
INFORMAL INFORMATION SHARING SESSION
WITH MEMBERS OF
KENTUCKY COALITION FOR THE HANDICAPPED
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985, 8:30-9:30 A.M.
KYCEC CONVENTION, ROOM 2
COFFEE, TEA, AND PASTRIES PROVIDED

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Thomson

I am pleased to report to Kentucky CEC members that the Articles of Incorporation that we have long sought have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State in Frankfort and are ready for adoption by the general membership. The vote for adoption will be held at the annual business meeting on Saturday, March 30, 1985.

The basic organizational and operational structure of Kentucky CEC will be maintained. Incorporation at this time is for liability purposes only. In the future the organization may desire to seek tax-exempt status under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and incorporating is the first step toward this status.

I hope you will be at the annual business meeting to vote in favor of incorporation.

LOUISVILLE YWCA		
The Women's Connection		
Presents:		
Patricia Neal		
March 27, 1985		7:30 PM
Tickets \$12.50		
Ballroom YWCA		
604 S. Third		
502-581-7213		

Walden Theatre		
Presents		
"From English Croft to Mountain Cabin"		
A Kentucky Evening of		
Crafts & Song		Food & Drink
(Buffet Dinner)		
Thursday, March 28, 6-9 PM		
Stairways on Main Street		
Special Guest of Honor		
Patricia Neal		
\$25.00 per person		
Benefit Walden Theatre		