

## Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children Newsletter



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Rick Deglow, Editor

### KYCEC 1986 CONVENTION

#### ACCENTUATES THE EXCEPTIONAL

Charlie Muntz, President-Elect

Mark March 21 and 22 on your calendar as times you will want to be in Louisville, at the Galt House. Join your friends and colleagues for what promises to be an exciting professional experience - the 1986 KYCEC Convention. The theme of this year's convention is, "Exceptional Educators - WE MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN". It is time to throw aside negatives that we too often find are a part of our profession. It is time to celebrate the good things that you make happen because you are an exceptional educator! Highlights which promise to make this an excellent convention are as follows:

- A Keynote Address by Jephtha Greer, Executive Director of the International Council For Exceptional Children. Mr. Greer will speak during the General Session on Friday. His topic will be: "Exceptional Education: Issues We Must Address To Make Things Happen".
- Brunch with Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis. She is the subject of the nationally televised movie, "Love Mary". Her life was featured in Family Circle magazine in February, 1985, in an article entitled, "From Juvenile Delinquent to M.D." Her story promises to be interesting, as well as inspiring.
- Over one hundred presentations and meetings. There are six definite strands. They are in the areas of assessment, early childhood, community based and vocational education, computers, SPH and multiple handicapped, and curriculum.
- A Coordinator's Showcase Strand will feature presentations of exemplary programs from throughout the state by special education coordinators, teachers, and support staff.
- A Very Special Arts Festival with information on how to hold one in your area.
- A "Best Practices Forum" featuring a panel of Teacher of the Year recipients.
- A session featuring Dr. Cynthia Warger, Council For Exceptional Children, on "Writing For Publication".
- A Pre-Convention Day jointly sponsored by CASE and OEEC for Special Education Coordinators (March 20).
- Numerous exhibits demonstrating the latest in materials and equipment.
- Tours to interesting school facilities and programs.
- Fun and frolic at the Friday night dance with the Mystics.

Programs will be mailed in early February. You are encouraged to pre-register. It is important to get your room reservations at the Galt House by March 5. Reservation cards will be in your program. Room rates are the same as last year. In addition to rooms in the original Galt House, there are one hundred rooms on the new side (Galt House East) available at that rate. Make your plans now to join us in Louisville, in March.

## THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

Betty Cox, President

CEC members have long been strong and effective advocates for handicapped and gifted children. That kind of advocacy is needed in Kentucky during this General Assembly. Many special education classes have age ranges and class sizes which are over state regulation maximum and are too large to provide the individualized instruction which is necessary for handicapped children to make adequate progress in school. Many special education teachers are transferring to remedial and regular education programs. Very few new teachers are entering the field to take their places. More Exceptional Child units are needed to help solve these problems. We need our state legislators to understand the seriousness of the problems in special education in Kentucky so that they will appropriate more money for these needed units. This is where you can help!

Please plan some activities individually, through your Chapters, and your Divisions which would involve your local state legislators. Send hand written letters, call, take a legislator to lunch, invite them to your classroom, bake them birthday cakes, send them student art work, etc. It might be particularly effective if parents visited and took pictures of their children. In other words, use your imagination but act now to contact your legislators. Make sure your legislators know you are a constituent, be positive and accurate, say thank you, arrange publicity for your legislators if possible, and try to be sensitive to the many demands on their time.

KYCEC will be communicating with you during the General Assembly regarding bills that might be important to handicapped and gifted children. You should be ready to act by calling your legislators or visiting Frankfort if needed. It would be helpful for you to develop a phone tree in your area in order that legislators hear from all of our members regarding our concerns.

Remember that together we can make a difference.

### TOPICAL CONFERENCE . . .

Kentucky C.A.S.E. will be holding its annual topical conference on February 20th and 21st, 1986 at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington. Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Eve Proffitt, Fayette County Schools, 701 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. Conference fees are \$15 pre-registration and \$20 on-site registration.

### CHAPTER NEWS . . .

- \* On November 19, 1985 the Murray-Calloway Chapter 586 and the Murray State University Rodeo Club co-sponsored a special rodeo for handicapped children as a means of celebrating the 10th Anniversary of P.L. 94-142. Chapter 586 is also planning a forum, to include parents and school representatives, which will discuss the impact of P.L. 94-142 on children. The forum will be taped for future viewing on local cable television.
- \* Congratulations to Kentucky Derby Chapter 5 for receiving the CFC Award for Excellence 3 consecutive years. The award will be presented at the International Delegate Assembly in New Orleans this April.
- \* Northern Kentucky Chapter 673 and Northern Kentucky University co-sponsored a birthday party for P.L. 94-142 which included many interesting speakers. Chapter 673 is also sponsoring a "Make & Take Workshop" for teachers at NKU on Saturday, February 22nd.

## REPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR

The International Council for Exceptional Children is alive and well and continuing to do wonderful things for exceptional children throughout the US and Canada! The Governors' Seminar in Washington, DC was a time of stimulating ideas and gathering information on the issues concerning the education of exceptional children and those concerning the health of our organization. I will do my best to condense the 14 hours of formal meetings and countless hours of informal discussion in this report.

Delegate request forms have been sent to all chapters reporting officers. Please send these completed forms directly to me so that I can mail them for you. Your delegate is your voice in the Delegate Assembly where issues are decided. If there is no one from your chapter who will be attending the convention, please assign your vote to me. Please make me your alternate. If you have already sent this information, please send me a copy so that I will know who to expect in our delegation. Members of the delegation are requested to attend the Southeastern States Caucus to meet the candidates on Wed., April 4, 7:30-8:30 AM, Galvez, 5th Floor, Marriott.

### BUDGET

All long term loans have been retired. We now have a contract for building maintenance! An additional staff person for governmental affairs has been placed in the budget this year. NO DUES INCREASE IS BEING RECOMMENDED. UNITS WILL RECEIVE FULL REBATES. While Exceptional Children will stay essentially the same, Teaching Exceptional Children will be expanded to 32 pages and will arrive with a heavier, 4-color cover. We may even see six issues annually of TEC in the near future. More academies and symposia are being planned. More staff time is being dedicated to the publications program.

### CANADIAN AFFAIRS

Harry Dahl, Governor at Large, Canada, presented an overview of Canadian Affairs. He and Joni Alberg, Governor at Large, US, discussed the formation of a Canadian Office. This will be on the agenda again in April. The Canadians currently have a part time office and we are beginning to see a need for a full time office in order to provide an equivalent continuum of services in the most economical fashion. However; Harry (Saskatchewan), Joni (North Carolina) and the committee will bring a report with specific recommendations.

### NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Dr. Cynthia Warger is available to lead a training session for your chapter or division or for the Federation. She will come for travel expenses and conduct this seminar on writing for publication in Teaching Exceptional Children. You can schedule the seminar to be as brief as two hours or as long as a couple of days. You may get in touch with her at 1920 Association Drive, Reston, Va., 22091, or by calling 703-620-3660. With the current low airfares flying her into your area for a Saturday workshop might be within your budget.

### KENTUCKY GOVERNOR REPRESENTS YOU AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

If you have any concerns or comments regarding the contents of this report or other issues relevant to CEC, please contact me at PO Box 19062, Louisville, KY 40219-0062, or at 502-969-7719. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Both of the Senators from Kentucky and five of the representatives voted for the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Deficit Control Amendment. Carroll Hubbard, Jr. and Carl C. Perkins voted against it.

REBECCA JACKSON  
GOVERNOR

KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

AWARDS GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

The Awards Committee of the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children extends an invitation to members of Kentucky Chapters and Divisions to submit nominations for persons who should be recognized in the State of Kentucky as individuals who have provided meritorious service to exceptional individuals in the state.

Award Categories include:

#1 OUTSTANDING KY CEC TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is intended to honor an outstanding classroom teacher or other related specialist. The name of the person selected for this award will be forwarded to International CEC for consideration for the Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee should be currently involved in direct teaching, provision of speech, language and hearing or other related services to handicapped and/or gifted and talented students. The nominee should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher (provider of direct service) involving such qualities as: innovativeness, imagination, creativity, ability to inspire, as indicated by clearly recognized achievements perceived by members of the profession and others knowledgeable of the candidate. The nominee must be a KY CEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of five years membership, and should be an appropriately certified teacher or related specialist as recognized by state and professional authorities. (Five years minimum means at least the previous five.)

#2 MARY MAY WYMAN OUTSTANDING KY CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD -

The purpose of this award is to allow the KY Federation to honor the member who has shown consistently unselfish service in promoting the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a KY CEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of three years. The nominee should have contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in a number of areas - legislation, recreation, curriculum, etc. The nominee should have devoted much time and effort to the local chapter and the KY Federation. The nominee should have provided leadership in the community, with local school and with parents.

#3 CARL PERKINS CONTRIBUTOR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD -

This award is to be given to individuals for their distinguished leadership and service in the interest of exceptional children.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee need not be working in the field of special education nor be member of KY CEC. The nominee should have significantly contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

#4 OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD - (CEC Member)

This award is to be given to a school administrator whose primary responsibility is special education. The award is for distinguished leadership and support for special education and/or gifted and talented programs in Kentucky.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a special education administrator in Kentucky and a CEC member. The nominee must have provided outstanding leadership and developed innovative programming for exceptional children.

#5 OUTSTANDING STUDENT CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award will be given to a student CEC member. It is the highest tribute KY CEC pays a student member. The student may be a member of a Kentucky student chapter, regular chapter or of the Federation.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a student member of CEC in Kentucky. The nominee should have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership to the Federation, the chapter and exceptional children in Kentucky. The nominee must be in special education training.

#6 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Each Kentucky CEC chapter or division may submit a name of one agency, organization, media network, etc. which has contributed to the advancement of education for exceptional children in the chapter or division. A certificate of appreciation will be signed by the Chapter President and the Federation President and sent to the nominated party.

Nomination Form for

Kentucky Federation CEC Awards

TO: Awards Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM. \_\_\_\_\_

(CEC member or chapter/division nominating individual)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street & Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Day

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evening

RE: Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a description of the outstanding professional contributions of the nominee. Nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 1986.

Return this form to: Laura Thomson, Education Department, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41076

**REPORT ON NOMINATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Persons have been nominated for positions on the International CEC Board of Governors' Executive Committee as follows:

POSITION	TERM
First Vice President (with succession to President) William Littlejohn, Indiana	1986-90
Governor at Large (names from minority groups are solicited for election consideration)	1986-89
Katherine Bush, Georgia LaDelle Olion, North Carolina	
Governor at Large, Canada To Be Announced	1986-89
Governor at Large, US Ronald Anderson, Iowa Dave Roels, Arizona	1986-89
Governor for Alberta, Canada Dick Sobsey, Alberta	1984-87

**STUDENT INSURANCE**

Liability insurance for SCEC members is now available through the Council!! \$250,000 of professional liability insurance can be purchased by students for \$13.50 per year. Liability insurance rates continue to rise rapidly and I am pleased that we can now offer our student members coverage for a reasonable price.

KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

OFFICER NOMINATION BALLOT

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children extends an invitation to CEC members in good standing to submit a nomination ballot for persons interested in a state office. The offices open are as follows:

- Vice President - This office carries a four year commitment, The Vice President succeeds to President Elect, President, and Past President. The Vice President conducts the duties of the President in the absence of the President and President Elect and serves as Editor of the Newsletter.
  
- Treasurer - The Treasurer shall receive and have in charge all monies belonging to the Corporation and shall, upon approval of the President, pay expenses incurred by that body; present an annual budget for approval of the Executive Board; present a written report at each meeting; present the books and vouchers for audit prior to June first; and perform such other duties as are usually incident to that office.
  
- Membership Chairperson - The membership chair shall organize and chair the Federation membership committee; provide guidance and support to the local units; be responsible for Federation membership campaigns; assume responsibility for the non-chapter members; and comply with any requests from International CEC.

Persons interested in submitting a nomination should complete the nomination ballot and return it by March 1, 1986. Secret ballot elections will be held during the KY CEC Convention on March 21 at the Galt House in Louisville and results announced at the Annual Business Meeting on March 22. Elected officers will assume their duties on July 1.

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NAME OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_ For the Office of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE A VALID NOMINATION ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED. NOMINATOR AND NOMINEE MUST BE MEMBERS OF CEC. NOMINEE'S VITA MUST BE INCLUDED. RETURN BY MARCH 1, 1986.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

Mail Nomination(s) and Vita(s) to:

Laura Thomson  
Education Department  
Northern Kentucky University  
Highland Heights, KY 41076

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS & DIVISIONS

Exceptional Children's Week

March 22 - 30

KYCEC wants to publish a statewide pamphlet again this year, to recognize the activities of all divisions and chapters during "Exceptional Children's Week". It will be distributed at the KYCEC 1986 Conference. Please send a listing of all activities including the date and a brief description of each activity to:

Ms. Sherry Wilson  
6410 S. Watterson Trail  
Louisville, Kentucky 40291

All information must be received by February 20, 1986.

"1986" INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - NEW ORLEANS . . .



Make your plans now to attend our 1986 International Convention in New Orleans, March 31 - April 4. It's going to be a super week!

Over 1400 calls for paper were submitted providing a wealth of material to present in the over 600 professional sessions, strands, and tutorials. Once again there will be crackerbarrel sessions and a Statespersons' Roundtable.

Jean Kennedy Smith, founder of the Very Special Arts, will be the keynote speaker at the Wednesday General Session.

Friday's Opening Session will feature the Wavelengths, an improvisational comedy troupe from Chicago, whose skits delightfully portray the plights of exceptional education and teachers in general. Students receiving "Yes, I Can!" awards will also be presented at that time.

Monday's special activities center on teachers and on leadership training for CEC chapter, division, and federation officers. Plan now to participate in the events throughout the week. Educational tours, as well as ones to various points of interest in the New Orleans area, are being offered.

There are more activities available to meet your needs than ever before. Come and be a part of the educational sessions, division meetings, the largest exceptional education exhibit show, and the many fun events.

Judy Ashmore  
1986 Program Chairperson

UNIT OFFICERS MUST BE IDENTIFIED . . .

Has your unit reported its 1985-86 officers to CEC Headquarters? According to a policy adopted by the 1985 Board of Governors, delegate registration materials will be withheld for any unit that has not reported current officers. Our ability to influence the actions or policies presented at the International Delegate Assembly depends significantly on the number of total delegate votes assigned to Kentucky Units. As of November 1985, the following Chapters had not reported officers: 83, 133, 550, 589, 605, 643, 723, 907, and 1011. If you have any information regarding the officers of these Chapters, please contact your federation president, governor, or the Department of Member and Unit Services.

KYCEC EXECUTIVE BOARD 1985-86

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AROUND LOUISVILLE

If you are attending the 1986 KYCEC Convention in March at the Galt House, you will find that there are many opportunities for entertainment in Louisville. Besides athletic events, concerts, and other entertainment, the Galt House is within walking distance of the Center for the Arts and Actors Theatre of Louisville. Again this year, Actors Theatre is offering special rates for those of you who wish to attend their Humana Festival of New American Plays. To order tickets to the following plays, please send a check for the number of tickets and performance desired with a copy of this ad and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Group Sales, Actors Theatre, 316 West Main, Louisville, KY 40202. Ticket requests must be received by March 10 and are subject to availability. You will receive your tickets in the mail or your check will be returned if the performance is sold out. Performances during the conference will be:

Thursday, March 20 - 7:30 p.m. - \$11 per ticket - Smitty's News  
Friday, March 21 - 9:00 p.m. - \$15 per ticket - No Mercy  
Saturday, March 22 - 9:00 p.m. - \$15 per ticket - To Culebra

This is an event you won't want to miss!

SPECIAL ALERT

Representatives Roger Noe and Joe Barrows are sponsoring H.B.241 which will move Exceptional Education units under Minimum Foundation. Please call your Legislators today and ask for their support. Your help is critical. If you need information on the bill or questions answered, please call a member of the Executive Board.

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