



Exceptional News



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Summer 2000

CONGRATULATIONS

KYCEC Awards Presented at the Spring Conference

Esther Bailey

Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Diane Clark

Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Linda James

Mary Kay Wyman Outstanding KYCEC Member of the Year

John Beardsley

Carl Perkins Contributor to Special Education

Kristen Wallitsch

Outstanding KY Student CEC Member of the Year

David Schaefer

International CEC "Yes, I Can!"

Rebecca Cheatham

International CEC "Yes, I Can!"

Meredith Dunn School

Certificate of Appreciation

Sandra Woodward

NEW KY CEC Vice-President

Muhlenberg County Public Schools

One of Sandra's "tasks" as Vice-President is to publish/edit the newsletter.
She will start with the next issue, so watch for some surprises!!!

Message from Coleman House, KYCEC President

As I write my final President's message, the rain is falling. Some might say it is a dismal day as the sky has been overcast all morning and frequent rains have kept my trips outside to just a few minutes. Yet, as I look at the plants now in bloom and others that will be providing color and bloom in just a few days, it is a time of anticipation. For some school children summer vacation is near; and for me, my tenure as your president will soon be ended and I look for the opportunities in the new tomorrows.

For the members of the KYCEC Executive and General Boards, Summer Leadership is just a few weeks away. We have attempted to plan an exciting two days for those who will be providing the leadership in our chapters, our subdivisions, and in our Kentucky Federation. For an effective seminar we need to have all the presidents of chapters and subdivisions of the Kentucky Federation to attend the meeting. Plans for Friday include touring the American Printing House for the Blind, and the Kentucky School for the Blind. Our delegates to the CEC International Convention will be providing us with an update on the matters that came before the delegate assembly and will be conducting workshops on applying this information to the chapters, subdivisions, and Kentucky Federation.

Invitations to Summer Leadership will be sent shortly to all presidents of the Kentucky Chapters and Subdivisions, as well as to all members of the KYCEC Executive Board. If you have not submitted your list of officers to me, please do so now—e-mail via: HousePioneer@cs.com or snail-mail at: 1355 Barbourville Road, London, KY 40744. We do not want any chapter or subdivision president to be left off the invitation list.

It has been my privilege and a honor to serve as the KYCEC President over the last year. I encourage all CEC members/all special education personnel to get involved in chapter activities and KYCEC subdivisions. Leadership in the chapters and subdivisions is a big part of Leadership within the Kentucky Federation and helps to determine our officers of the future. Leadership ensures that special educators and exceptional students receive the benefits derived from your active professionals participation.

As this is my last "official" message through the *Kentucky Exceptional News*, I offer the following:

ABC's to Achieve Your Dreams:

Avoid negativism, keep a positive outlook, **Believe** in yourself, **Consider** things from every angle. **Don't** give up and don't give in. **Enjoy** life today, yesterday is gone and tomorrow is still the future, **Family** and friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy the riches. **Give** more than you planned to, **Hang** onto your dreams, **Ignore** those who try to discourage you, **Just** do it, **Keep** trying, no matter how hard it seems, it will be easier, **Love** yourself and others, **Make** it happen, **Never** lie, cheat, or steal; and always strike a fair deal, **Open** your eyes and see things as they really are, **Practice** makes perfect, **Quitters** never win—and winners never quit, **Read**, study, and learn about everything important in your life, **Stop** procrastinating, **Take** control of your own destiny, **Understand** yourself to better understand others, **Visualize** it "keep the visions before you." **Wonders** never cease, "eXcellerate" your efforts, **You** are unique, **Zero** in on your target and **GO FOR IT!**

SPOTLIGHTS -- *KYCEC Shining Stars*

Stacey M. Garrett

A CEC member for 10 years, Stacey teaches in a resource room setting at Muhlenberg South Middle School in Greenville, Kentucky. She views the CEC journals as "the greatest resource for strategies and techniques," especially the "Teaching Exceptional Children" issues. Stacey is a dedicated teacher who values her CEC membership. Stacey is an example of a teacher focused on bringing best practices into her school. Thanks, Stacey!

Shirley Turner

An educator for 33 years, Shirley is always ready to learn more, and finds CEC resources to be very informative. After teaching "regular" education, Shirley moved into diagnostics nine years ago. She continues to enjoy the valuable professional development opportunities within CEC. She utilizes CEC journals for her own use and to share with teachers, especially "Beyond Behavior" a CCBD journal that she often shares with teaching staff. Shirley has always attended conferences, but has especially taken pleasure from the Behavior Institute. McCracken County Schools will not be the same IF Shirley ever retires, not that she plans to just yet. Thanks, Shirley!

SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKS --- CEC MAKES IT HAPPEN

NOTE: The *SPOTLIGHT* section of this newsletter is meant to give recognition and appreciation to you—the CEC members. We single out a few folks every issue, but when you are a CEC member you are singled out—by your professionalism and commitment. As we are in a field that is every changing and ever demanding, we can all turn to CEC for support, information, and growth. Thanks, you are appreciated and are "Special".

CONGRATULATIONS

CARL J. LIAUPSIN has been awarded the Carl Fenichel Memorial Research Award by the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders.

This award recognizes a student who is conducting quality research in the area of emotional/behavioral disorders. Included in the award is a honorarium to help offset the cost of Carl's dissertation research project, as well as two days or per diem to attend the General Business meeting of the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders at the International Council for Exceptional Children Convention in Vancouver, Canada.

As many of us know, Carl's dissertation involved the development and evaluation of a software product now published by Sopris West. The CD-ROM "Functional Assessment of Behavior—An Interactive Training Module" was distributed to all Kentucky school districts during the Spring of 1999.

Congratulations can be given to Carl in person of course, or you can e-mail him cjliu0@pop.uky.edu. or send a fax: 606-257-1325

Another congratulations/thanks to Carl; due to his efforts KYCEC is no longer lost in cyberspace. <http://sac.uky.edu/~cjliu0/kyfcec/>

ATTENTION

Behavior Institute 2000

The Kentucky Council for Children with Behavior Disorders and the Kentucky Department of Education are ready to present their nationally renowned professional training experience.

Mark your calendar for **June 26-28, 2000**. Northern Kentucky Convention Center, in Covington, Kentucky.

Registration is limited and anyone who has ever attended before has awaited the opportunity to register, so hurry.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. There will not be any on-site registration. Fee is \$115 or \$50 if you are a KYCCBD member. Housing reservations are via the Behavior Homepage: www.state.ky.us/agencies/behave/homepage.html. or contact Pat Woods at (502) 564-4970.

Institute registration forms have been mailed to KYCCBD members, superintendents, principals, cooperatives, KECSAC head teachers, et. al... You can call Laura McCullough, Toyah Robey (secretary Nancy Snook) at KDE (502) 564-4970 with registration questions. Registration checks are to be made payable to Kentucky CCBD.

Featured Speakers:

- **Dave Pelzer**—New York Times best selling author of “A Child Called It”, “The Lost Boy”, and “A Man Named Dave”. As a child, his resilience enabled him to overcome extreme life-threatening obstacles. An author, educator, and consultant, Dave has dedicated his life to helping others to help themselves.
- **Dr. Anita Archer**—Internally known speaker who will provide workshops focusing on early reading and literacy instruction and intervention, organizations and learning strategies, and instructional classroom management.
- **Dr. Mary Jenson**—Western Illinois University teacher-trainer and professor who co-authored “Gangs: Straight Talk, Straight Up.” Her expertise includes positive management and crisis intervention for students who are aggressive, non-compliant, or gang involved.
- **Kim Marcum**—Elementary principal for Washington State who has structured her school as a model for proactive instructional school-wide discipline policies. Co-Author of: “Administrator’s Desk reference of Behavioral Management.”
- **Dr. Lucille Eber**—Former EBD teacher and current state-wide coordinator of the Illinois EBD Network, providing technical assistance to schools and communities involved in providing school-based wraparound approaches for students with intensive needs.
- **Dr. Malcolm Smith**—Author of the “Peaceful Intervention Program - For Angry Children and Youth,” which evolved out of concerns in Kansas about the overuse/abuse of physical restraint procedures in public school settings. Workshop sessions will provide strategies for de-escalation of student anger, which allows schools to become more restraint-free while dealing effectively with explosive children and youth.

QUIZ BOWL

On March 29, 2000, Western Kentucky University hosted the 11th Annual Quiz Bowl. This event was sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children. Eleven teams were in competition. Dr. Janice Ferguson, WKU professor and long time member and advocate of CEC lead the event.

The Quiz Bowl is exactly what the name denotes—an academic competition in quick recall format. The competitors were placed in two sections of pool play, and a first place winner was chosen from each pool. There is very little difference between this competition and any other academic team competition, except the competitors are LD students, and the time for answering the questions is lengthened by a few extra minutes.

The Muhlenberg North High School Team was accompanied to the competition by three coaches, LeDonna Rae, Heather Stringer (former SCEC member), and Saundra Woodward (KYCEC Vice-President Elect). Woodward states, “This is a wonderful competition and opportunity for ‘our kids’ to show their knowledge. They answered some questions that my academic team members missed this year when in league competition. I truly feel this is a definite ego booster. Our students walk into the room in their team shirts, take their places behind the buzzers, and seriously go to work to complete their goal. It does not matter at that point in time that they are a member of an exceptional education program. At that moment they are on a quick recall team, representing their respective school, and they are PROUD of themselves. This is the most important part of the competition.”

Every team was a winner and represented their school well. Coaches feel this is a competition that should be supported by every school and KYCEC. Woodward states: “We should be willing to allow our students to let their lights shine, and this is one way they can do just that.”

Teams were:

Red

Barren Co.
(2nd Place)
Breckinridge Co.
Daviess Co. High
(1st Place)
Muhlenberg North
Webster Co.
(3rd place & Sportsmanship Award)

Blue

Allen Co. /Scottsville
Cumberland Co.
(3rd Place & Sportsmanship Award)
Glasgow
(1st Place)
Monroe
Ohio
Warren Central
(2nd Place)

Congratulations all, Thanks coaches.

The Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children 46th Annual Conference - March 2001 Executive Inn, Louisville, Kentucky Call for Presentation Proposals Deadline for Submission 11-1-2001

The Kentucky Federation of The Council For Exceptional Children is issuing a Call for Presentation for the Annual Conference to be held March 1 to 3, 2001. The conference will focus on critical issues and training needs related to providing quality services to children/youth with special needs. Topics to be addressed shall include, but not be limited to: Inclusion, Teacher Education, Classroom Strategies/Interventions, IDEA, Early Childhood, Assessment, Wraparound Services, and Curriculum.

Teachers, administrators, counselors, staff development personnel, psychologists, social workers, therapists, community agency personnel, teacher trainers, personnel who work in correctional and alternative education placements, and others who offer direct or indirect services to children/youth are encouraged to respond to this Call for Proposals.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

- Print or type all information.
- Submit by November 1, 2000
- Send the following:
 1. Two copies of a 200 to 300 word abstract detailing the proposed presentation. Be specific enough for the reviewer to be able to grasp the nature of the presentation and its scope.
 2. One 50 word description that may be used for the program descriptor.
 3. One 3x5 card for each presenter involved - list one presenter's name per card along with affiliation/title, home and business addresses, home and business phone numbers, fax number, and e-mail address.
 4. Retain a copy of the proposal for your files. Materials will not be returned.
 5. Send completed information to:
KYCEC Conference
c/o Linda Ann Ward
131 Wells Purdom Road
Almo, Kentucky 42020

Row, Row, Row Your Boat On the Ohio River

KyCEC awarded a \$650 grant to Randy Mills a Chapter 5 member, to help encourage middle school students with disabilities to experience rowing on the Ohio River for recreational and/or competitive purposes. Helping others to meet the challenge of rowing on the river is the task of Mills and the Adaptive Rowing Program of the Louisville Rowing Club.

The funds of the grant were used to make an introductory video and training video starring middle school students who are presently involved in the program. A training manual was also developed and produced in audio, Braille, large print, and standard size print. The audio tapes were produced by Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic. The alternate format manuals were produced by the Kentucky School for the Blind. Video tapes, brochures, posters and banners were produced by the Material Production Department of Jefferson County Public Schools.

Introductory meetings were held at area middle schools and the Kentucky School for the Blind to spark an interest in individuals with disabilities towards the adventurous activity of rowing. Students involved enjoyed the peacefulness of the river as well as the vigorous workouts and became excited about competition.

Chapter 5, Randy Mills, and the Adaptive Rowing Program Crew extend their thanks to KyCEC for the funds to help provide an opportunity for youth to expand their horizons.

KyCEC was proud to offer funds to assist such a worthy endeavor.

ANNUAL REPORTS

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER AND SUBDIVISION PRESIDENTS:

All presidents should soon receive annual report forms. These should be filed with the national office by the First of July. If you have not received the forms by June 1, call or e-mail Cheryl Racey (Chapters) or Carol Simmons (Divisions) at 1-888-CEC-SPED or cherylr or carols @cec.sped.org Also kindly send a copy of this report and your officers list for 2000-2001 to Coleman House, 1355 Barbourville Road, London, KY 40744. Units not filing annual reports and lists of officers are not officially recognized and will not receive rebates, delegate status, or other unit recognition until reports are received. Thanks.

**Make plans to attend the 36th Annual Conference on
Programs for Exceptional Children**

November 19, 20, and 21

For More Information:

Phone 270-586-8877 or Fax 270-586-2011.

**See You at the Galt House East in Louisville so we can be
"Facing a New Century Together."**

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1. Find a Quiet Spot
2. Read This Newsletter
3. Add Addresses to My E-Mail
4. Mark My Calendar
5. Work on a KYCEC Conference Presentation
6. Contact Linda Ann to Help at the KYCEC Conference
7. Appreciate Who I am and How I Help Others.