

# MERITORIOUS MOMENTS



## WSPTA REGION 4 E-NEWSLETTER

SERVING GRAYS HARBOR, LEWIS, MASON, PACIFIC, & THURSTON COUNTIES



MAY 2010

### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Cathy Christensen*

As our year in the region draws to a close I felt that it would be good to report to you what we have accomplished this year and what the goals for the coming years will be.

When we began this year last June our region was very much in disarray. Many of our units had never received any sort of training and had not had any kind of organized transition, if they had a transition at all! Our units down south in areas like Mossyrock and Napavine had been essentially functioning on their own since their proximity to the body of our region lies in the Olympia area. Our membership numbers were low, our attendance at trainings poor and our ability to network and rely on each other was essentially non-existent. We had never had a complete and functioning Service Delivery Team (SDT) at the region level and frankly our viability as a region was in jeopardy.

I am happy to report that we have done more training this year than ever before! We had a successful Fall Conference, 2 PTA and the Law classes and our first ever Spring Conference! In addition to these training opportunities, the SDT and I have travelled the region working with local units providing needed training, helping to resolve conflicts, assisting in financial reviews, attending board meetings and most recently, helping with or simply attending local unit elections. It's has been gratifying to me to see you all in action; to see you working through tough issues and working for our kids. I have loved getting the calls from you asking me questions about the "rules" and protocol because it tells me that you are aware of the rules and that you are earnestly trying to follow the protocol of our organization. It's a significant thing for us to have come this far.

For the first time ever, too, this year we have had a fully staffed Service Delivery Team (SDT). The work of this team has been great and my appreciation for each one of them is immeasurable. As we look to the next year I hope that you will consider continuing your service in the PTA at the local and region level. The experience that each of you has would be a great contribution to the SDT and consequently to further growth and success of the region. It is meaningful to note that our Region Outreach Chair has been chosen to represent our State PTA organization at this year's National PTA Emerging Minorities Leadership Conference; this is something that was inconceivable only a year ago. We are no longer a region in peril but one that sits as an example of what can be done. This year we have opened 3 new PTAs; reorganized 2 PTAs and proved that we can be a region that is capable of setting standards and leading the way for other regions to follow. Not bad for a year's work.

As for the coming year we hope to continue to bridge the distance gap between our main body of PTA's in the Olympia area and those in our outlying areas. We look to increase training even more to help every unit be strong and powerful advocates of kids in all the ways that it is done. We look to have more legislative involvement so that the voices of this region can be clearly heard by those that sit in positions of influence in our state government. We plan to hopefully create the first PTA council in this region in the North Thurston School district and look to start more in other parts of the region in the coming years. Most importantly we hope to continue to work towards creating PTA's that are successful, that grow and that have fun doing the important work of creating a great future for our kids!

It's hard to believe that my tenure as Region Director is coming to a close. It has been an extremely busy year for me but the experience working with all of you has been so rewarding. It is a bitter sweet time for me to be handing the reigns over to Chandalyn Reed, the new Region Director, but I am excited to know that I will still be very involved at the region and state levels next year. Thank you so much for all that you have done individually and as boards to serve the children of our communities. So often the work you do bears its fruit long after you have gone. It is as though you are planting trees that you will never sit under, and yet you do it knowing that there will be those who will come after you who will need the shade and respite of that tree. Thank you for your time; thank you for your energy; thank you for your sacrifice; and thank you for believing that the efforts of a few can make a big difference in the lives of many.

Best wishes and warmest regards to you all,

*Cathy*

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

*Beverly Young Reed, Legislative Chair*

### RESOLUTIONS

One of the great benefits of being a PTA/PTSA is that we get to help set the rules & focus of the WSPTA. We do this by casting our votes at convention & legislative assembly. Before we can vote on anything though, PTA members submit resolutions or by-law changes when asked.

Washington State PTA Resolutions are long term issue positions which have been submitted to the Resolutions Committee by members, units, committees or councils. Once accepted by the Resolutions Committee & approved by the WSPTA Board of Directors, they are voted on by delegates at legislative assembly or state convention. Resolutions are reviewed annually & may be combined, amended or recommended for retirement. Resolutions are a resource which can be cited by members, the Board, committees & staff to represent the PTA positions.

At convention, delegates will be looking at four resolutions that have been brought forward by the membership, either directly or through a local unit or council. The voting delegates will be asked to vote on these resolutions & every unit is allowed to send voting delegates. It is these voting delegates that will represent your local unit, & help to set the PTA positions.

The Resolutions Committee is now accepting resolutions for consideration at Legislative Assembly to be held on October 8-9, 2010 at the SeaTac Marriott. The resolution submittal form is available at <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html> and must be received by June 15. You can see a current list of resolutions & board positions at [http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/association\\_position/index.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/association_position/index.html).

Please remember unless your local unit sends a delegate to vote on your behalf at WSPTA convention or legislative assembly, your PTA/PTSA goes unheard. So let your voice be heard, send someone to represent you!

### ELECTION SEASON

Your PTA/PTSA can be a very strong voice in your community when it comes to the election process. But as a PTA/PTSA we need to be careful on how we present ourselves.

As a 501c3, we must be a non-partisan organization or risk losing our non-profit status. We may *NOT* sponsor *ANY* candidate. We may host a candidate forum, but 1) must invite *ALL* candidates for the position and 2) may *NOT* let any partisan group co-sponsor the event with you. When using PTA/PTSA resources, including newsletters, web pages, kid mail & WAPTA list serves, we must follow the non-partisan rule.

I would encourage all of you to get involved in your local community. If you have any questions please feel free to ask your Region Legislative Chair or Region Director.

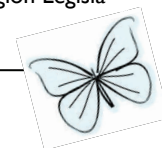
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## RENEW YOUR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS REGISTRATION NOW TO AVOID THE HIGHER COSTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED

*Bill Williams, Executive Director*

On April 23, Governor Gregoire signed most of the bills that made up the revenue package that made it possible for cuts to education funding less than they might otherwise have been. Last week I reported that HB 2576, if signed by the Governor, would increase the fees collected by the Secretary of State for filings under the Charitable Solicitations Act. The Governor's website indicates that she will act on that legislation on Tuesday, April 27th, but does not state whether she will sign it as it passed the Legislature or whether she may veto portions of the bill, as WSPTA has urged. You can follow the Governor's actions on bills at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/billaction/2010/default.asp>

The only good news about HB 2576 is that the higher rates won't become effective until July 11, 2010. This is yet one more reason to make sure that your renewal (or initial registration if you haven't filed that yet) is filed before then. Those who have already registered must renew their registration **no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>** of each year. **NOTE: This is the date by which the registration must be received by the Secretary of State.** The form for renewing or first time registration is available online from the Secretary of State's website at [http://sos.wa.gov/\\_assets/charities/Charities\\_Initial\\_Renewal%202010.pdf](http://sos.wa.gov/_assets/charities/Charities_Initial_Renewal%202010.pdf) and instructions about how to complete the form are available on Members Only section of the WSPTA website (password required). There is a fee of \$20 for the initial application and \$10 for the renewal, but if the renewal is not received by May 31<sup>st</sup> there's a penalty of another \$50.



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## REFLECTIONS ARTS ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Each year National PTA's Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant Program provides grants to local PTA units to enhance arts education programs for their students. Last year Alderwood PTA 8.3.10 from Bellingham won one of these coveted awards, and applications for this year's program are now available at <http://pta.org/3854.htm>.

Applications are **due May 5 at 9 pm** (west coast time).

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## 2009-2010 WSPTA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Esther Y Lee of Yelm High School on winning a \$2,000 scholarship. This scholarship was made possible by the contributions that are made by local PTA units and councils when they purchase individual WSPTA awards, such as the Golden Acorn, to honor their outstanding volunteers, and from the proceeds of the Scholarship Raffle conducted at the WSPTA Convention each year. According to Scholarship Co-Chairs Judy Morgan and Cheryl Baker, there were 325 applications received this year, almost 100 more than last year. To see a complete list of this year's recipients go to [http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/scholarship/2010\\_11\\_Recipients.pdf](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/scholarship/2010_11_Recipients.pdf). Thanks to Judy and Cheryl and all those who assisted them in reviewing and scoring the applications.

## BUDGET TIPS

Lynne McAdoo, Region 12

A non-profits budget should be a detailed explanation of its mission and objectives in monetary terms. A healthy association annually re-evaluates its budget to make sure that it is still meeting the goals and objectives of its members. It is recommended that the budget for the next fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) be developed and approved before the end of the current fiscal year (June 30). This allows the PTA to continue operating to meet its financial obligations after school is out in the summer. Without an approved budget, the PTA DOES NOT have the authority to spend money for any purpose.

While this may seem like a daunting process, it can be achieved in 3 easy steps: create a budget committee; identify your objectives, mission and goals; present the budget to the membership for approval.

The first step in creating a budget is to form a financial/budget committee. This committee should consist of outgoing and incoming leaders and is chaired by the treasurer. The president may be a part of this committee.

Now that you have a budget committee in place, you need to identify the objectives of your PTA and start asking some questions. Do your current programs and activities support the mission of your PTA? Do you allocate enough funds to these programs? Do you have traditional programs that are no longer relevant to your membership? Are there new programs and activities out there that you would like to try? What are the costs of new programs? Do we have the revenue sources to meet these goals? If not, what other sources of revenue are there? A great way to answer some of these questions is to survey your membership and actually pay attention to the results of the survey.

After you have all the answers, put together a detailed budget that balances income and expenses. Keep in mind that you need to budget funds to cover necessities such as insurance, leadership training and council fees. You should also maintain a carryover that allows you to pay the necessities for 1 to 2 years in case you do have an income shortfall.

The final step is to present a proposed budget to your membership for approval at a general meeting before the end of the current fiscal year. Be prepared for questions, especially if you have made changes.

Keep in mind that a budget is only a roadmap of your association's finances. Situations may occur that require you to take a detour. Check your standing rules to make sure how these detours are handled. Can the Board of Directors reallocate funds? If so, by how much? What decisions must be made by the General Membership? Remember that as time goes by, your membership changes and your budget should reflect this.

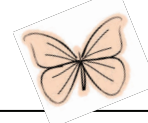
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## DADS: YOU'RE IMPORTANT TOO!

Statistics Confirm the Positive Power of Father Involvement at School

- \* Students in traditional two-parent families were 43 percent more likely to receive primarily "A" grades if their fathers were highly involved in their schools. Those whose fathers did not live at home were 43 percent more likely to receive "A" grades if their fathers participated in even one activity at school.
- \* Children of highly involved resident fathers were 55 percent more likely to enjoy school than children with uninvolved fathers.
- \* Children of moderately involved nonresident fathers also were more likely to enjoy school.
- \* Students in middle and high school were 88 percent more likely to participate in extracurricular activities if their fathers were highly involved at school.
- \* Students with nonresident fathers who participated in even one activity at school were 39 percent less likely to repeat a grade and 50 percent less likely to experience serious disciplinary problems.

Source: The 1996 National Household Education Survey, U.S. Department of Education



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>APRIL 30-MAY 2</b>	WSPTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SEATAC	<b>JUNE 25</b>	REGION 4 BBQ
<b>MAY 2-8</b>	NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	<b>JULY 29</b>	REGION 4 PRESIDENT'S MEETING
<b>MAY 3</b>	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR REFLECTIONS ARTS ENHANCEMENT GRANT	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>	REGION 4 FALL CONFERENCE
<b>MAY 13</b>	PRESIDENT'S MEETING, 6:30 PM, OLYMPIC ELEMENTARY, 2057 SW SALSURBY AVE, CHEHALIS	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>	REGION 4 FALL CONFERENCE (SOUTH)
<b>MAY 25</b>	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FEES FINAL PAYMENT	<b>OCTOBER 8-9</b>	WSPTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
<b>MAY 31</b>	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ANNUAL CHARITABLE SOLICITATION RENEWAL	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	PTA AND THE LAW (SOUTH)
<b>JUNE 3</b>	NORTH THURSTON COUNCIL MEETING	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>	PTA AND THE LAW
<b>JUNE 10-13</b>	NATIONAL PTA CONVENTION, MEMPHIS	<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	REGION 4 PRESIDENT'S MEETING
<b>JUNE 15</b>	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSED WSPTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED	<b>JANUARY 27</b>	REGION 4 PRESIDENT'S MEETING
		<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>	NOMINATING COMMITTEE TRAINING
		<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	NOMINATING COMMITTEE TRAINING (SOUTH)
		<b>MARCH 10</b>	REGION 4 SPRING CONFERENCE
		<b>MARCH 16</b>	REGION 4 SPRING CONFERENCE (SOUTH)
		<b>APRIL 21</b>	REGION 4 PRESIDENT'S MEETING
		<b>JUNE 9</b>	REGION 4 PRESIDENT'S MEETING

Remember that children, marriages, and flower gardens reflect the kind of care they get.

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr



## LOCAL UNITS OF REGION 4



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#### Chehalis Combined PTA 4.6.5

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#### Elma PTA 4.2.2

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<http://www.elma.wednet.edu/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=1740&>  
5/13, 6:30 pm in library.

#### Evergreen Forest PTSA 4.4.3

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#### Lacey PTA 4.4.10

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#### Lakes PTA 4.4.13

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<http://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=5140&linkid=nav-menu-container-4-1027>  
Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm in library.

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Congratulations to the following Region 4 Membership Award recipients:

LU #	PTA Name	YTD Paid	08-09 Total	10%	Level
0404003	Evergreen Forest PTSA	96	68	75	Platinum & Gold
0404013	Lakes PTA	133	88	97	Platinum & Gold
0404037	Woodland PTA	100	89	98	Gold
0405045	Pioneer PTA	219	198	218	Gold
0406040	Onalaska PTA	47	0	0	Gold