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Charles' Comments

The WSPTA Annual Convention was a huge success. Over 100 people from 28 local units from our region made the commitment to serve with more information. Many of you were first timers and came away more educated, informed and renewed to lead the charge into the next years of coverage. Many people choose to take PTA and the law for the first time while at convention. Diverse class offerings and extended vendor time made this year's convention the best I've attended. Make plans to join in on the fun next year.

I would like to recognize the following Service Delivery Team members for their selfless dedication to PTA in our region throughout this last year: Ron Martinez, Brandis Roundy, Nalani Baker, Amy Fairchild, Lisa Matson, Rick Simon, Daniela Thom, Julie Matheny, Christa Pederson, Michele Lopez, Jenny Forbes, Michelle Nims, Annette Rice, Steve Campbell and Barbara Arocha. Without their expert guidance, support and supplementation, we could not have exceeded the expectations of our PTAs.

Mark your calendar and save the dates:

Our Region 7 Summer Conference will be held on **Thursday August 19th** from 5-9:00 PM at Eisenhower Middle School in Everett. For the first time ever, we will present the IRS 990 form class on **October 5th** at Forest View Elementary in Everett from 6-9 PM. PTA and the Law will be presented on **October 16th** at Marysville Arts and Technology High School from 9-Noon. Check inside this newsletter for registration information.

As you begin your summer vacation, here are a few reminders:

- Please verify that your new board has been entered into the WSPTA database
- Make certain to send delegates to this year's Region 7 Summer Conference
- Schedule a year-end financial review
- Meet with your replacement prior to the end of summer to assure a smooth transition
- Introduce a stranger to PTA and tell them what your PTA does for their child

Service Delivery Team positions available!

Have you ever considered serving people outside of your school's PTA? SDT members answer the call for service throughout the region. We provide local contact to our outlying local units and councils throughout the region, start new PTAs and present training classes. Training is provided at the WSPTA Leadership Conference in August. Email or call me if you have any questions.

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Region 7 Summer Leadership Conference

Thursday, August 19, 2010 from 5:00—9:00 PM

Evergreen Middle School—7621 Beverly Lane, Everett 98203

\$40.00 per unit or council if pre-registered by August 12th or \$75 at the door

~ Online registration at <http://region7fall10.eventbrite.com> ~

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TENTATIVE AGENDA:

5:00PM Doors open, leadership packets, vendor time, networking by topic and a light meal

5:35PM Introduction of Region 7 Service Delivery Team and Council Leaders

5:45PM Nominating Committee Elections

6:00PM Keynote Speaker—Representative Marko Liias

6:45PM Class Session 1

- **Membership:** Learn the components of a membership campaign, how to encourage participation, and ideas to recognize the members who work tirelessly for children.
- **Secretary:** Figure out what you need in the minutes and what can be left out. Topics will cover best practices for the minutes, legal documents, and much more.
- **Budgets and Financial Reviews:** Learn how to develop a budget, when to update and how to amend your budget. Learn the when, what, who and how of Financial Reviews.
- **Reflections:** Review the Reflections Art Program and get tips on how to start a program to offer children the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition.
- **Outreach: Making PTA More Inclusive:** Learn and share ways to successfully reach out to all families in your school communities regardless of race, social economic status, language or other perceived barriers.
- **Ethical Leadership:** Learn how to accomplish your goals with fairness and integrity.
- **Legislative Roundtable:** This roundtable will discuss all the laws passed in this year's session that will affect education and child safety. In this roundtable you will be able to discuss, ask questions and examine what the legislature has been up to this year. This is for advanced and novice members.
- **Awards & Notebooks Roundtable:** Roundtable offering a brief overview of WSPTA's awards and recognition program. Learn about the various WSPTA awards and why it is important to receive recognition for your local units as well as for those who have been outstanding in your local unit.

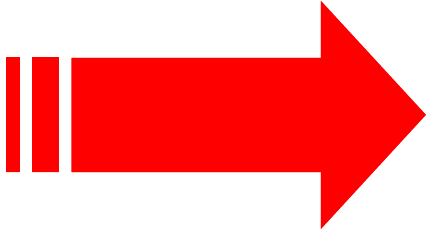
Classes are subject to change as needed

7:45PM Break

8:00PM Class Session 2

- **Online Membership Reporting:** Learn to navigate the membership website, how to properly enter members, print reports, create spreadsheets and print membership cards.
- **Legislation:** Plan how to get and keep your unit or council involved in advocacy for the whole child—the heart of all that PTA stands for.
- **Money Matters:** Every member of the PTA Board has the responsibility to be sure that your PTA is in sound financial condition. Come learn the basics of what you need to know to fulfill your fiduciary responsibility as a board member. All board members (including treasurers) are encouraged to attend.
- **Energizing Your Secondary PTA:** Secondary parent involvement is crucial and certainly different than primary school PTA. Give your secondary PTA a jump-start with this interactive consideration of what is unique and powerful about secondary PTA's.
- **Attracting, Retaining & Rewarding Volunteers:** Volunteers are the heart and soul of the PTA organization. Who to reach out to as volunteers, how to move past the obstacles seen as reasons not to volunteer, and how to engage and honor your volunteers.
- **Standing Rules & Bylaws:** Delve into the mysteries of the standing rules: what should be included, what should not and why?
- **Leading The Team & Best Practices:** Focus on key elements of leading and being a member of a responsible and professional Board of Directors.
- **Fundraising Roundtable:** Meet with other experienced PTA leaders and share fundraising ideas, secrets and success stories.

Calling all PTA Treasurers!



IRS FORM 990EZ CLASS

Class Description:

Do you have questions or need help with your PTA's 990EZ? This workshop will give you line-by-line assistance with this very important form. Treasurer's should come after attempting to do their taxes so they have a basic familiarity with the form and their unit's financials for the tax year of 2009-2010. Schedule A, Schedule G, and Schedule C will be discussed if time permits.

Who Should Attend:

Any PTA Treasurer (or board member) who would like help or clarification with the IRS 990EZ form!

What To Bring:

Bring your most recent treasurer's report and your PTA's 2009 - 2010 financial records

Date:

Tuesday – October 5, 2010

Time:

6:00 – 9:00 PM (Registration: 5:30 – 6:00 PM)

Location:

Forest View Elementary - Cafeteria (5601 156th Street SE, Everett, WA 98208)

Presenter:

Pat Nelson – Washington State PTA

Cost: FREE!

RSVP:

RSVP via e-mail to michellenims@juno.com by October 1, 2010. Please put 990EZ Class in the subject line of your e-mail and include your name, local unit name and number, and how many people from your local unit will be attending.

Questions? Please contact Michelle Nims at 425-338-7202 or michellenims@juno.com

Membership Minute:



REMINDER Membership Service Fees for 2010-2011:

WSPTA.....\$5.50 per member
NPTA.....\$1.75 per member

- Review your Standing Rules to ensure they reflect the increase in WSPTA membership service fees.
- Don't forget to make the necessary adjustments to next school year's budget.

New Membership Awards coming in 2010-2011:

The WSPTA Board of Directors approved two new membership awards at their April board meeting. (Details and deadlines will be announced soon)

- **100% Teacher Award:** Purpose is to recognize the value of teachers as stakeholders advocating for all children through PTA membership. This includes enrolling 100% of their home school based certificated teachers (where the teacher gets their pay check).
- **Region Membership Award:** Purpose is to recognize and award a local unit in each region with the highest increase (percent increase) in membership from the previous year. (one award/region)

Pre-Paid Memberships: Many LUs take advantage of end-of-the school year events (e.g., field day, volunteer day, powder puff games, etc) to sell PTA memberships for the new school year. It's a great way to get a jump start your membership campaign by renewing current members. According to Pat Nelson, WSPTA Technical & Membership Services Coordinator:

- **A unit may sell "pre-paid" memberships.** They would add a line item to their budget and financial reports that would say "pre-paid memberships for next year." The PTA would hold these funds and enter into the WSPTA Online Membership Site after July 15 of each year. The membership service fees would then be forward to either the council (if they are a council unit) or to WSPTA (if they are a non-council unit).
- Recommend updating your membership form prior to selling pre-paid memberships (don't want to use a 2009-10 form if you are selling 2010-11 memberships!)

Enroll your 2010-2011 Incoming Officers:

- Log into your LU membership enrollment page.
- Click on "Membership Roster" on left side of page under "Membership Reports."
 - Scroll to find the names of your incoming officers and write down their ID numbers.
 - Check to make sure that the contact information is correct
- Click on "10/11 Incoming Officers" located on the top horizontal red menu.
- Enter the ID number for each officer in the appropriate field position. Click on the preview button and make sure the name matches the position, then click the submit button.
- If an officer is currently not a member of your LU (but is a PTA member at another school, etc), OR if your PTA is unable to enter your incoming officers, email Melissa at support@wastatepta.org with their names, positions, and contact information.
- If this is not done, the State PTA office will not know the names of the new officers and where to send important information (e.g., login/passwords, etc) that is mailed out in July.

New Membership Theme for 2010-11:

Will be announced as soon as logo completed - Stay tuned....

Reminder: All incoming Membership Chairs are automatically subscribed to the Membership Listserv. Also, you do not have to be a Membership Chair to subscribe to the Membership Listserv. Membership is every board members' job, not the responsibility of one individual. Promote the listserv and request that other officers/board members within your LU/Council sign up.

Jenny Forbes
Outgoing Region 7 Membership Chair
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Region 7 Calendar of Events

Friday, August 13th — Saturday, August 14th:

Thursday, August 19th:

Tuesday, October 5th:

Saturday, October 16th:

Leadership Conference (Vancouver, WA)

Region 7 Summer Conference

990EZ Tax Form Class

PTA & The Law

Please refer to http://www.wastatepta.org/regions/region_7/region_calendar.html

State Award Winners from Region 7:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners from Region 7!

PTA MEN'S ESSAY WINNER Lily Kotovic, 3rd Grade at Martha Lake Elementary

APPLEGATE GRANT WINNERS

Lynndale Elementary 7.2.60 - After school academic & enrichment program

Chase lake PTSA 7.2.25 - Community Reading Night

College Place Elementary 7.2.30 - Helping Low Income Students

Terrace Park PTA 7.2.117 - After School Program (ASP)

Mountlake Terrace High PTSA 7.2.170 - Study hawks

Penny Creek Elementary PTA 7.3.42 - A day of science

PTAs TAKING SIGNIFICANT ACTION—ELEMENTARY DIVISION

3rd Place—Forest View Elementary 7.3.7

HONOR UNITS

SILVER LEVEL - Penny Creek Elementary PTA 7.3.42

BRONZE LEVEL - Forest View Elementary 7.3.7

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

GOLD - Forest View PTA 7.3.7

GOLD - Penny Creek Elementary PTA 7.3.42

COUNCIL STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

GOLD - Mukilteo PTSA Council 7.5

PAPER COMMUNICATION - ELEMENTARY DIVISION

1st Place – Penny Creek Elementary PTA 7.3.42

2nd Place – Forest View Elementary 7.3.7

ELECTRONIC MEDIA COMMUNICATION - MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

2nd Place – Alderwood Middle 7.2.120

WEBSITE COMMUNICATION - MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

3rd Place – Alderwood Middle 7.2.120

COUNCIL AND OTHER WEBSITE

1st Place – Marysville Special Ed PTSA 7.4.70

Would you like to see your name on this list next year? Check out the Washington PTA website for more information on these awards!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Legislative Loop:

**We Need You to Help Determine the Issues
WSPTA Will Work on in 2010 — 2011!**

The 2010 end of legislative session report is now available online:

http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/archives/session_2010/index.html

Included in this report are updates regarding all of our priority and supported issues, and a description of work that is on-going. Hard copies of the report will be available at the Advocacy table at the WSPTA convention.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: This week the Governor signed the budget bill, and with that act finally brought to a close the 2010 legislative session. The Governor also signed HB 2576 which will result in an increase in the fees charged for filing corporation or charitable solicitation papers with the Secretary of State's Office. The good news about the bill is that it doesn't become effective until July 13th so if you hurry up and file your Charitable Solicitations renewal by the May 31st deadline you can do so at the current rate of ten (\$10) dollars.

Jesica Stickles, Region 7 Legislative Chair
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Charles' Comments: (continued from page 1)

Here are a few of the goals we are working on for next year:

- Provide more PTA Council support and idea sharing
- Start a PTA Council in the Arlington area
- Open a new PTA in Granite Falls
- Host a joint training on Whidbey Island of PTA and the law

Please join me in welcoming our newest PTA, Marysville Getchell High School PTSA.

Thanks for all that you do,

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Council Corner:

Edmonds Council:

The Edmonds PTSA Council sponsored an "ASK YOUR LEGISLATOR FORUM" on May 17, 2010 in which four members of the Washington State House of Representatives and One Washington State Senator attended. Representatives Ruth Kagi, Mary Helen Roberts, Maralyn Chase, Marko Liias and Senator Rosemary McAuliffe answered questions from members in attendance.

"This was a great opportunity for citizens to ask their questions, face to face, with those who affect us and our children's lives so directly" said Ken Bogle, Legislative Representative for the Edmonds PTSA Council and lead organizer of the forum. "It was a live 'civics lesson' with our political representatives, and a chance to ask them about school funding, their intentions and motives."

The Edmonds PTSA Council represents 19 of the Edmonds School District's elementary, middle and high schools. The other 14 schools in the district also have parent organizations. The Edmonds School District serves 20,000 students from the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway, and unincorporated portions of Snohomish County.

For those of you who could not make the meeting/forum video of the meeting is located at www.EdmondsDistrictPTA.org.

Ron Martinez, Edmonds Council President

Council Corner Cont.:

Everett Council:

Congratulations to Everett PTSA Council Golden Acorn recipient, **Pam Osburn**; Outstanding Advocate, **Karen Madsen**; Spirit of the Community Award recipient, the Everett Public School Foundation; and Outstanding Educator, **Terry Edwards**! You truly make the Everett School District a special place to be!

More congratulations to the Everett PTSA Council incoming officers for 2010-2011:

Jenny Forbes, President
Cathy Phipps, Vice President
Lisa Coughlin, Treasurer

Would YOU like to join this fantastic team? We are still looking for a Secretary and Membership Chair! Contact Pam Osburn at Pam@duracoat.org if you are interested or would like more information.

The Everett Council also has some wonderful committees that could use your help! The Shoe Fund, Golden Acorn Awards Banquet, Legislation, and Reflections committees are fabulous ways to get involved at the Council level. In particular, this is Louise Uriu's last year chairing the Reflections committee. Louise has worked on Reflections for more than a decade and has a tremendous amount of knowledge to share! Do you love helping Everett students showcase their considerable artistic talents? Join her team or even step up as a co-chair! For this, and more opportunities to work with the Everett Council please contact Jenny Forbes at 425-385-3939 or Jennyathome19@msn.com

Thank you to outgoing Council President, **Christa Pederson**! We so appreciated your dedication, cheerfulness, and leadership!

Marysville Council:

The Monte Cristo Hotel in historic downtown Everett hosted the annual banquet to honor the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator recipients for the Marysville PTA Council and its local units on May 11, 2010.

As always, the night was fun, emotion-packed and well orchestrated. A special thank you goes out to Emcees Principals John Waldrop and Janelle McFalls (they treated attendees to "the top 10 reasons to be in PTA"). Also, a special thanks to our tireless planning committee for this special night; Annette Rice and Erica Bargmeyer.

All 18 local units were present and honorees were treated to a great meal, dessert and a lot of well deserved respect and recognition.

The 2010-2011 Marysville Council officers were sworn in and they are:

Co-Presidents: Rita Lechlinder and Heather Thweatt
Vice President: Kim Morton
Secretary: Theresa Ramey
Treasurer: Annette Rice

On behalf of the 2009-2010 outgoing Officers (Steve, Annette, Stephanie, Jeanell and Barb), just want to say "thanks for the memories"!

Steve Campbell & Annette Rice
Marysville Council Co-Presidents

Mukilteo Council:

Our fourth annual district-wide Spelling Bee was an absolute success. More than 400 people attended the event which consisted of 8 participating elementary schools in the Mukilteo School District. Families, Administrators/Staff and volunteers arrived on April 14th to show their support for the Kindergarten through fifth grade participants. All participants received ribbons. In addition, the first, second, and third place winners in each grade received a super-cool spelling bee medallion. Plenty of cake and refreshments kept the mood upbeat! Thank you to all of the schools who participated, and all the volunteers who made it possible.

Our annual Volunteer of the Year celebration, held May 19th, recognized one special volunteer nominated from each school. It is amazing how much these volunteers do and how they positively impact children and the community. Congratulations to all!

The Mukilteo Council would like to thank all of its PTAs and PTSAs for supporting the Council, and for your involvement in our meetings and events. Your participation at meetings is a great way to share your experiences and wisdom. The success of this year's Reflections, Spelling Bee and Volunteer of the Year celebration are all due to you. Thank you for helping to make it all happen.

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Mukilteo Council Cont.:

Next year's Council officers are experienced and eager to continue supporting our local units by offering quality roundtable discussions and special events. Thank you to Jamie, Lori, Patti, Rick and Shelley for stepping up to the plate for next year.

Finally, a huge thank you to this year's officers — Amy, Lisa, Patti, Rebecca and Rick — for all your hard work. This team's efforts resulted in our Council being awarded the State PTA Gold Medal of Excellence, and we were the only Council in the state to achieve this highest honor.

We hope everyone enjoys their much-deserved summer break, and we look forward to gearing back up in the fall!

Sincerely,

Mukilteo Council

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Summer Leadership Conference Registration Information Enclosed

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