

NEWS FROM NINE

REGION 9 SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

Serving PTAs in the Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, Tahoma, and Tukwila School Districts

REGION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

This year's convention was great I really enjoyed seeing so many Region 9 Delegates attend this year's convention. I hope you came away from convention feeling inspired to continue to make a difference as a PTA Volunteer. I hope you had the opportunity to take some of the wonderful classes that were offered during convention, found time to visit the vendors and time to network with other local units from around the state.



I was extremely excited to see the following local units from Region 9 win awards at Convention:

- 2nd Place Elementary School Newsletter Lake Youngs PTSA 9.7.25
- 3rd Place Jr./Middle High Newsletters- Lakota Middle PTA 9.4.90
- 1st Place Middle/High School Electronic Media Lakota Middle PTA 9.4.90
- 1st Place Middle/High Paper Communication- Lakota Middle PTA 9.4.90
- 1st Place Middle School/High School Website- Lakota Middle PTA 9.4.90

Standards of Excellence

Honorable Mention- Martin Sortun PTA- 9.7.72

Congratulations to those from Region 9 that received the Crystal Leadership Academy Award: Novella Fraser, Debbie Thoma and myself. I hope each of you will take the time to fill out the Leadership Academy Application next year and work toward the Crystal Level you will be surprised how easy it is.

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SUMMER 2010

Aug 26	Leadership Training Conf.
Oct 8-9	Legislative Assembly

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Another highlight from convention was to see Pat Sullivan from the 47th Legislative district and Skip Priest from the 30th Legislative District receives the Friends of Children Award for their work on the Education task force.

The finale of Convention was to attend the Reflections Ceremony and see the following reflection winners be recognized:

WSPTA Reflections 2009-10 Award Winners

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

INTERMEDIATE

Outstanding Interpretation:

Jalen Forward, "Youthful Energy", **Ilalko PTA 9.2.17**, Auburn

MIDDLE/JUNIOR

Award of Excellence:

Isabella Akana, "Be True to Yourself", **Lakota Middle PTA 9.4.90**, Federal Way

FILM PRODUCTION

Gabriel Rambayon, "Beauty Is...My Life", **Green Gables PTA 9.4.17**, Federal Way

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**FILM PRODUCTION
INTERMEDIATE*****Award of Merit:***

Jake Davies, "Rebirth of a Natural Beauty", **Lake Youngs PTSA 9.7.25**, Kent

MIDDLE/JUNIOR***Award of Excellence:***

Kiegan Rosser, "Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder", **Lakota Middle School PTA 9.4.90**, Federal Way

Tanner Blake, "Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder", **McKnight Middle PTSA 9.11.95**, Renton

LITERATURE**PRIMARY*****Award of Excellence:***

Regan Singer, "Beauty is Anything You Want It To Be", **Lea Hill PTA 9.2.20**, Auburn

Award of Excellence:

Declan O'Ferrall, "Beauty is...Baseball", **Shorewood Elementary PTA 9.5.145**, Buriem

Aaron Aguon-Africa, "Art in the Sky", **Star Lake PTA 9.4.55**, Kent

Award of Merit:

Eric Rogers, Untitled, **Lake Wilderness PTSA 9.14.7**, Maple Valley

Award of Excellence:

Chelsea Brossard, "Soaring With Angels", **Kentwood Community PTSA 9.7.120**, Kent

MUSIC COMPOSITION**PRIMARY*****Award of Excellence:***

Markus Traubeck, "Beauty Is...The Dance of the Colorful Polka Dot", **Lake Youngs PTSA 9.7.25**, Kent

Eden Bliss, "The Gift of God", **Lakeland Hills Elementary PTA 9.2.19**, Auburn

MIDDLE/JUNIOR***Outstanding Interpretation:***

Sonja Traubeck, "Beauty is a Child's Imagination", **Lake Youngs PTSA 9.7.25**, Kent

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Geoffrey Liu, "Theme and Variations in F Minor", **Kentridge PTSA 9.7.118**, Kent

I'd like to thank those members of the Convention Committee that were from Region 9 that helped plan this year's convention: Sharon Pfeiffer- Chair, Toni Troutner- Volunteers and Volunteer Voting Delegates, Charlotte Kemble- General Sessions, Hallie Knudson- Logistics, and Lisa Thiel Sloan- Banquet and Security.

All in all this year's convention proved to be wonderful- as your local units prepare a budget for next year please remember to include a lined item for training and convention it is so important for local units to receive the training that Region 9 and Washington State PTA provides through out the year. As for training mark your calendars for Thursday, August 26th it will be Region 9's Fall Leadership Conference location to be announced soon!

As the school year begins to wind down I wish you all a wonderful and safe Summer. Remember to please enter your incoming PTA officers on the membership website.

Smile,

Allyson

Allyson Johnson, Region 9 Director



The Mission of the PTA is Three-Fold:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Calendar of Events

Region 9 Service Delivery Team & WSPTA Dates

August 26	Leadership Training Conference
October 8-9	Legislative Assembly

STAY CONNECTED

The Washington State PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the State. To keep connected to the advocacy topics, subscribing to the listservs is a great way. Some listservs are informational, some ask you to take action and others are used as communication tools.

Grassroots Connection Listserv (weekly when the Legislature is in session) This is an electronic update of legislative matters, including hearing schedule and bill updates.

Action Alert Listserv (periodic) These emails alert you to fast-breaking happenings in Olympia and request you to contact your legislator on specific issues that relate to the WSPTA legislative

platform.

Legislation listserv (real time) Two way communication between members on topics impacting Children and Youth. This listserv can be very busy at times.

Legislation listserv Digest (daily) The digested version of the Leg listserv delivered with all posts once daily.

Participation is a valuable tool for all members in your PTA. Be sure to share this information in your newsletters. To subscribe go to the Advocacy page on the WSPTA website and under Legislative Basics click the Online listerv signup form or use the link below.

www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/leg_basics/Get_Connected_Legislative_Listserv.doc

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End of the Year Actions and Reminders

The hustle bustle of the school year is starting to wind down as summer approaches. Here are a few items to consider:

- Take the time to review your membership roster for duplicates. If you find duplicates, email the names/ID numbers to support@wastatepta.org to have them removed. WSPTA will not refund your money if you have paid for duplicates.
- Print out 3 copies of your local unit remittance form.
- Membership notebook
 - REMINDER: WSPTA Membership Service Fees will be \$5.50/member in 2010-2011. NPTA fees will remain the same at \$1.75/member.**
- Review your Standing Rules to ensure they reflect the increase in 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: 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: 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 local units 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.

One last item: I would love to hear from you! What can we do to better serve you? What do you need that you did not receive? What resources can we provide to help you promote PTA? It's hard for me to assess how well we did without your feedback, so please take the time to let me know what I/we can do better... what services, training, resources you need....I/We are here for you!

Thanks for all that you do for the children in your schools...community...and in the state!

Sincerely,

Karen L. Albers

Kent Council News

At Kent Area Council we just held our 52nd Annual Founders Day Dinner and Basket Raffle to honor our local unit and council award winners and to raise scholarship funds for the 6 high schools in the Kent School District. We had approximately 240 attendees, had awesome baskets that the local units donate and we raised almost \$6,000.00. We will be giving out six \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving seniors. We will award those scholarships at our May 24th General Membership meeting. We hope you will join us for this event!

A few members of our board have been invited to sit on interview panels for new hires for the Kent School District this year which has been a very interesting experience. Many community members and school district staff have also been part of the panels and I believe that the Kent School District is taking the right approach to hiring the best candidates for our district. I want to thank them for the opportunity to be part of the process and am happy that they feel PTA is part of the school community.

The need continues to rise for clothing, school supplies and other items at the Kent Area Council Clothing Bank. We are serving more and more families every week with less donations so if you or anyone you know has time, gently used clothing to donate, funds or anything else that they want to contribute we would greatly appreciate all.

We held our council elections in April and the following is the KAC Executive Board for the 2010 – 2011 school years:

President – Agda Burchard	Senior VP – Sharon Pfeiffer	Secondary VP – Ken Moynihan
Kentridge Area VP – Tania Skinner	Kentwood Area VP – Dana Tate	Kentlake Area VP – Lisa Thiel-Sloan
Kent Meridian Area VP – Open	Secretary – Toni Troutner	Treasurer – Anita Kallish
Legislation Chair – Jennifer Harjehausen		

We will be inducting our officers at the 5/24/10 KAC General Membership Meeting. At that same meeting we will be submitting Standing Rules changes for approval along with new goals for Kent Area Council. We hope you will join us for the last meeting of the year.

This is my last year as Kent Area Council PTA President and I would like to say thank you to all of you for the learning experience and the opportunity to get to know so many of you and be part of your local units processes.

Thanks for all you do.

Sharon Pfeiffer

Membership

Membership Chairs are busy this time of year! While we count down the final tasks for the 2009-2010 school year, we also have to be thinking about what to do for next year and how to meet new goals and objectives. You are in a great position to support your unit, and help it to grow and improve its strength and value to your community. Here are a few tips that will help:

What to Do in May:

- Make sure incoming officers have been entered with up-to-date contact information.
- Double check membership roster for double names.
- Reconcile the fees collected with the online membership roster.
- Download/print a copy of your membership roster. This is a valuable tool for next year's membership committee.
- Transition with incoming membership committee.

May 25: Due Date for Final payment of Membership Service Fees.

- This count determines program award categories and the amount of membership cards your local unit will be sent next year.
- **Councils:** Send your fees into State by the deadline and deal with late units individually.

Let the Thanking begin!

Write an article for your unit's or school's final newsletter thanking people for being members of PTA and supporting your school. Also, thank those folks who worked on your campaigns.

Summertime is a great time to get ready for next year. This committee is one of the easiest to find volunteers for, because you often can involve those parents who have just a little bit of time for small tasks. I would like to encourage all Membership Chairs to write out their 2010-2011 Plan of Action, and divvy up the work! Get new volunteers involved and working on pieces of the puzzle that will get put together and form an outstanding campaign.

Council Leaders can assist their units in profound ways. The Membership Handbook offers some excellent advice:

- Do a community-wide coupon search and provide reproducible pages to local units.
- Award a traveling trophy to unit with highest percentage increase each year.
- Offer a council-wide membership theme.
- Have your mayor, city council or school board declare "PTA Membership month."
- Ask a notable citizen to be your honorary membership chairman.
- Contact businesses about advertising on their reader boards or in their ads.
- Remind PTAs in your community that membership is a year-round program.

Thank you all for your great work this year. If you need any help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! I am happy to help!

Michelle Baker
Region 9 Membership Chair