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President's Ponderings

New school supplies line the stores' shelves and those yellow buses are rumbling down the roads. The new school year is upon us. The new officers of PDK Chapter 1111 held a four hour brunch and brilliance blazed.

The group consisted of:

President – Dawn Yonally,

Membership/Program – Kay Grant

Research – Jeanette Wilson

Foundation – Jewell Linville

History – Joyce Varner

Newsletter – Rick Shelton

Treasurer/OEHF – Pat Allen

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Fall Session Brings Renewed Efforts



Seminary Hall

The Tahlequah Chapter of PDK is on the move and growing! Our new leadership has plenty of energy that we hope will revitalize our current membership as well as encourage each member to invite someone new to be a member.

Last year we had two executive board meetings and four meetings of the membership, two during lunch, and two in the evening with a combined attendance of over 40. We had three new initiates. We already have plans underway for meetings and projects this new school year that will combine professional interests and increase networking.

We hope to extend our connections into the public schools and community.

Kay Lallier Grant
Vice President/Membership

PDK Profile: Foundation Representative

The Chapter Foundation Representative coordinates and promotes at the local level the activities of the National PDK Education Foundation . The responsibilities include dissemination of information from the National Foundation, chairing the Foundation Committee, promoting the publications and programs of the PDK Foundation, coordinating applications for Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators, and affecting a viable "connection" between the local PDK Chapter and the National PDK Foundation

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Phi Delta Kappa International 2005 Conference

Plan now to attend the Phi Delta Kappa International 2005 Conference from Nov. 10 to 13. The New Orleans Riverside Hilton is preparing to welcome educators from across the United States and the world to this cutting-edge conference, which is focused on the theme Doing What Matters: Education, Democracy, and the Future.

Conference highlights include three keynote addresses by top-notch speakers who guarantee to inspire as they inform.

Editors Note: The current disaster situation could delay or change the convention. Please check the PDK website for current information.





For the state with the largest Native American population, it is easy to see why the design submitted by Mrs. George Fluke, Jr. was chosen and officially adopted by the State Legislature on April 2, 1925.

The 1925 flag, essentially the same as today's state flag, prominently displays an Osage warrior's shield made from buffalo hide and decorated with seven eagle feathers hanging from the lower edge. The shield is centered on a field of blue borrowed from the blue flag that Choctaw soldiers carried during the Civil War. This flag honors more than 60 groups of Native Americans and their ancestors.

The shield is decorated with six white crosses (stars) representing high ideals. Superimposed over the shield are symbols of peace and unity from the cultures of the Native American and European-American settlers in the territory; the calumet or ceremonial peace pipe and the olive branch.

The flag design was revisited in 1941. The state name "OKLAHOMA" was amended to the 1925 design and is displayed in white letters below the shield. This change was not popular in some circles as it was felt that the design of the Oklahoma State Flag was significantly unique without this reminder.

Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame Inductions

The Board Members of the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame invite you to celebrate the Twentieth Annual Induction Banquet honoring Dr. Judith Ann Barber, Dr. Bill S. Cole, and Tommy G. Fulton.

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2005

Place: Reception - Foyer- 5:15 p.m.

Banquet and Induction Ceremony - 6:00 p.m.

Main Dining Room, Gaylord University Center, Oklahoma Christian University

2501 East Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RSVP by Friday, September 9, 2005

If you are interested in attending, you may contact Pat Allen, OEHF Board Member, 458-0200 or Dawn Yonally, Tahlequah PDK Chapter President, 456-5511 X 3751.

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Another local chapter goal is to become a (minimum) 20/20 Club. To reach this goal, 20% of the local members must contribute \$5 or more to the National Education Foundation. I believe this is a goal very "reachable" by our local chapter. Of course, there are 40/40, 60/60 and 80/80 Clubs; however, for a chapter rising as a phoenix from (almost) ashes, a goal of 20/20 would be commendable! So, please write your check now to PDK Educational Foundation and submit to our Treasurer, Ms. Pat Allen. This \$5 (or more) goes to fund scholarships and other worthwhile activities of the National Foundation in making a worthwhile contribution to education.

Other activities and important dates to remember are as follows:

Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators - Due to the national office by February 22. Each chapter may submit 15 applications.

Those applications would need to be submitted to our local chapter for selection no later than January 15. Recipients

announced in April. Graduate Fellowships - Watch for information forthcoming from the national office. Applications due to the national office by June 1.

Gerald H. Read Travel Seminar Scholarship - Due to the national office by February 1. Recipients announced in March.

Excellence in Student Teaching Awards - Watch for information forthcoming from the national office. I would like the local membership to approve such an award on the local level also. Applications due to the national office by June 30.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to join, actively participate, and promote the most outstanding professional organization in support of education - Phi Delta Kappa!

Foundation Representative - Dr. Jewell I. Linville, Professor Emeritus, NSU

I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious. -- Albert Einstein

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We have planned social and educational programs concerning major issues in education today. Our focus will on identifying areas of concern and solution finding to make our professional lives more fulfilling. As our brunch progressed, I was reminded why I joined PDK 25 years ago.

This is the fourth chapter I have been a member of. Our members care deeply about education and each other, have keen insights, bring a wealth of knowledge to the table, are outstanding human beings and we LAUGH! Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Email me or call if you want to talk.

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Dawn Yonally, Ph.D.



Editors Choice: Irish Stew

As editor I would like to use this column to bring you some different ideas and maybe an innovation or two each issue. This issue is a variation of one of my wife's favorite recipes which I cook at home. Enjoy!

Ingredients

- 8 small lamb/pork chops
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- Parsley, bay leaves, thyme, rosemary
- 1 pound potatoes (3 to 4 medium)
- 2 cups finely shredded cabbage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large leek, sliced thin
- 12 small white onions
- 1-1/2 cups diced celery
- 1-1/2 cups peas
- Fresh chopped parsley

Instructions

Season chops with salt and pepper. Heat oil in saucepan wide enough to hold all chops in a single layer. Brown on both sides. Spoon off any melted fat and add enough water to cover chops. Bring to a boil and add parsley, bay leaf, peppercorns, thyme and rosemary enclosed in cheesecloth. Lower heat and simmer.

Meanwhile, peel potatoes and shape into bite sized rounds. Chop trimmings from potatoes into small pieces. Add potatoes, trimmings, cabbage, onion, well-rinsed leek, white onions and celery to chops and liquid. Simmer 20 minutes then add peas. Add a little more water if needed during cooking. Simmer 10 minutes more or until potatoes are tender. Correct seasoning. Garnish with parsley and serve.

Volunteers Mobilized Nationwide to Support Katrina Relief



Tuesday, August 30, 2005 — The American Red Cross has mobilized thousands of volunteers to respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which completely devastated parts of Louisiana and left at least 55 people dead.

The Red Cross plans to send close to 2,000 volunteers in the area to begin the initial response in the next few days.

Red Cross emergency response vehicles (ERVs) will visit damaged neighborhoods like this one in Florida after Hurricane Charley last year. (Photo: Bonnie Gillespie).

“Volunteers are truly the lifeblood of the American Red Cross, and we are calling on them now by the thousands to help support relief efforts in Louisiana and other states after Katrina,” said Pat McCrummen, American Red Cross disaster spokesperson. “We are looking at a long term, very significant response to this storm.”

The best way to help is by making an online contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund at www.redcross.org.

Lesly C. Simmons , Staff Writer, RedCross.org

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself.

Galileo Galilei