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President's Ponderings

The holiday season is quickly approaching. I am looking forward our yearly extravaganza at Par Allen's home. The halls will be decked as always with boughs of holly and good cheer will be had by all. We will relax, enjoy festive food, frolic and friendship. Pat has generously offered to accompany us as we sing holiday carols and feast on finger food.

An hour into the meeting, one can choose to leave to enjoy the local Christmas parade and return for warm up on Pat's wassail. A short update on our highly successful book and professional brochure will be discussed. So, bring your favorite finger food to share and relax with our local Kappans. A good time will be has by all.

Hope to see you there. Ho, ho, ho (without a Bah Hum Bug is sight),

Dawn



PDK Board Meeting and Potluck Party



The PDK Holiday Party (potluck finger food) will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, December 2 at the home of Pat Allen, 906 S. East Ave. Call 458-0200 if you need directions.



Top Ways To Confuse Santa Claus

Instead of milk and cookies, leave him a salad, and a note explaining that you think he could stand to lose a few pounds.

Leave him a note, explaining that you've gone away for the holidays. Ask if he would mind watering your plants.

Leave a note by the telephone, telling Santa that Mrs. Claus called and wanted to remind him to pick up some milk and a loaf of bread on his way home.

Leave out a copy of your Christmas list with last-minute changes and corrections.

Instead of ornaments, decorate your tree with Easter eggs.

Dress up like the Easter Bunny. Wait for Santa to come and then say, "This neighborhood isn't big enough for the both of us."

Two words: venison stew

Leave Santa a note, explaining that you've moved. Include a map with unclear and hard-to-read directions to your new house.



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Phi Delta Kappa, Tahlequah Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Submitted by Jamie Holmes, Chapter Secretary
10/24/05

Budget report: Our chapter currently has \$418.26 in the account.

Newsletter: The newsletter looked great! The

following corrections were noted: Pg. 1: Rivas Reading Room should be Reavis Reading Room. Pg 3: Joyce Warner should be Joyce Varner. The idea of featuring members who are continuing their education was brought up, but no final decision was made on that.

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Fun Holiday Facts

In 1907, Oklahoma became the last USA state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

Silent Night was written in 1818, by an Austrian priest Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be prepared in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened by this and could not think of Christmas without music, so he wanted to write a carol that could be sung by choir to guitar music. He sat down and wrote three stanzas. Later that night the people in the little Austrian Church sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time.

"White Christmas" (1954), starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, was the first movie to be made in Vista Vision, a deep-focus process.

Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing - toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made.



Prospective Educator Scholarship

Prospective Educator Scholarship applications are available on the PDK website. A scholarship packet with instructions and copies of the application will be mailed to Dr. Linville by mid-November. The deadline for receiving applications at PDK has been moved to March 1.

Please check for online updates on all of PDK's scholarship offerings at:

<http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/awardhome.htm>

or contact sweith@pdkintl.org for additional information.



Membership Meeting Minutes

Outreach/Projects:

1. Progress on Education building history / Bagley High School book: Kay Grant, Donna Shelton, Rick Shelton and Dawn Yonally attended a Bagley High School Reunion in October, where they took pictures and interviewed graduates.

Photographs for the book have been obtained from University Archives.

We have contacted Kate Felzien to request help with writing a grant to fund the book.

The NSU Foundation has agreed to assist the Bagley High School reunion committee by providing a place for them to meet in the future, as well as items such as refreshment (paper) supplies. The partnership will be mutually beneficial; for example, the Bagley group wants to be active in the Centennial Celebration. Our chapter has donated \$60 to the Bagley High School reunion committee for future gatherings or projects. Chapter President Dawn Yonally wrote an article for the Tahlequah Daily Press about the event, the partnership and our chapter's book project.

2. Professional development brochure – a resource & referral type document – tentative deadline of Jan. 1 has been set.

Discussion:

The College of Education will invite professional development coordinators from area districts to a luncheon meeting to discuss the top professional development topic needs. There would also be PDK brochures available to attract interest in our organization.

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Remember ...no ferretting out those hidden gifts!



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The Christmas season begins at sundown on 24th December and lasts through sundown on 5th January. For that reason, this season is also known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The poinsettia, traditionally an American Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico; where it was known as the "Flower of the Holy Night". It was first brought to America by Joel Poinsett in 1829.



When Robert Louis Stevenson, author of Treasure Island, died on December 4, 1894, he willed his November 13 birthday to a friend who disliked her own Christmas birthday.

Hallmark introduced its first Christmas cards in 1915, five years after the founding of the company.

"Wassail" comes from the Old Norse "ves heill"--to be of good health. This evolved into the tradition of visiting neighbors on Christmas Eve and drinking to their health.

The brochure will also benefit professional development coordinators (a required position in local school districts) as they prepare for monthly "new teacher professional development."

It was decided that the \$10 fee discussed earlier is too low. Our chapter could easily justify charging faculty up to \$25 to be listed in the brochure.

As of now, there are no older sample forms to follow so one will need to be developed before the project can go further. That will happen after the needs assessment meeting of professional development coordinators.

An answer is still pending regarding financial support for this project from the national PDK office.

Membership

A. We will begin including member profiles in the newsletter to get to know one another better. Kay Grant will coordinate via email & will probably submit a new member profile along with one from a long-standing member in each issue.

B. Scholarships – the chapter will start a member award fund. The funds would be given to chapter members to help with continuing education expenses; could be used for travel, workshop fees, tuition, etc. The chapter will have to hold some kind of fundraising event. A wine, cheese & jazz benefit night was the most popular idea. Kay Grant will begin gathering information necessary to plan this event – such as location, etc. Possible locations mentioned were the NSU alumni center, the Jazz Lab or the NSU UC ballroom. It will most likely be held in the spring.

Other event ideas: a book silent auction – members would donate their own books. Or a wine silent auction – members would bring a bottle of their favorite wine for auction.

The next meeting will be a social event at Pat Allen's house. It will be held on Friday, December 2, 2005, from 5:30 p.m. to whenever. The town Christmas parade is that night, so we will encourage those who want to go to the parade to do that & come back. Bring a finger food to share. We will be singing carols.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Dear Santa,

I really hope you get my letter this year since it seems last year's letter must have gone awry.

Now I know you are a really busy person and have lots of management duties with all the little elves running about but I really truly need your help this year.

For my Tech Ed class I think a simple portfolio system might be in order. That coronary I had last month just about did me in when I lost all my files and the doctor says I MUST reduce my blood pressure to at least the

triple digits. Also a few warm and fuzzies would be nice for Ed Psych. I mean my DNA can only take me so far you know. Could you also do something about my Health and Wellness class—I am sick of that one and want to just toss cookies every time I think of it.

Please do something about my Spanish class—consígame de aquí! I would also love to have at least one thing add up in that Calculus sometime this semester that really means something.

I have sent this letter every way I know—email, text message, instant message, BlackBerry, VOIP but I never get a response. Is there some other way I am just missing?

John

If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.

J. R. R. Tolkien

PDK Professional Development Brochure

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Please fill out the information below and submit online. You can send it to sheltorw@nsuok.edu with the subject line containing “Professional Development Brochure” via email (preferred) or fax this page with all information typed to 918-449-6634.

A small charge (\$10 - \$25 to cover printing and mailing) will be access for each presenter at time of publication. All fees will go to the presenter. As you may know, all school districts have a professional developments coordinator. A meeting will be held with local coordinators to glean additional requests for professional development.

Presentation Title: _____

Abstract (50 words or less):

Presenter: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Contact Information: _____

Price for 1 time workshop, long term support negotiable: _____