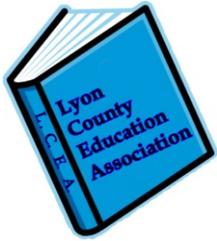


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LCEA Election Results

Listed below are the results of the election for officers and delegates which were announced at the Lyon County Education Executive Board meeting held on March 21, 2007. According to the bylaws and constitution of the association, change over of officers occurs on June 1.

President - Steve Fargan

Vice President - Valerie Friskey

Treasurer - Dick Mesna

Secretary - Jane Claar

Delegates for Delegate Assembly to be held at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno on April 27, 28 and 29 are Valerie Friskey, Summer Kay, First Alternate is Jane Claar, Second Alternate is Noreen Albers. Leanna Ogle and Jeanne Luszcz are returning for the second year of their term.

Delegates for Representative Assembly which will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia on June 30, and July 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are Steve Fargan, Dick Mesna, and Summer Kay, First Alternate is Valerie Friskey and second Alternate is Karen Pedersen.

Annual LCEA Banquet Planned

The annual banquet to honor members who are retiring will be held on Friday May 4, 2007 at the Dayton Valley Country Club. No host cocktails will be at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:30. Information about the menu and cost will be sent in the near future to your building representative.

Help Wanted

Classroom ideas, lessons and successes to share with our members for a new section of the newsletter. Please send articles and pictures to the newsletter editor during the first week of each month.

THREE CHEERS!



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Editor, Noreen Albers; send stories, ideas and comments to me at Silver Springs Elementary School or nalbers775@hotmail.com



What Can You Do to Find Out More About Your Association?

By Jane Claar

Have you been wondering about what the Lyon County Education Association has to offer its members, but seem to be too busy to find out? This summer is your chance to get a few days away from home and have a great time meeting other teachers who are just like you! We are all busy with our lives, friends, and families, and trying to keep informed about the ways to be a better professional is what the Association is all about.

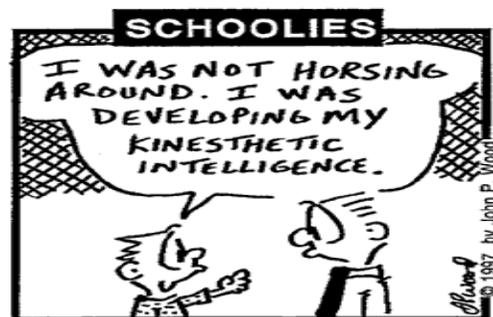
We will be offering two opportunities this summer for any member who is interested, to spend a few days going to an all expense paid workshop that will give you one (1) recertification credit through the State Department of Education. This workshop is held in Minden during the first week in August. Summer Leadership Conference is a great time to learn about teaching ideas, bargaining training, retirement information, legal issues, how to get along with the teacher next door, and many other important issues that might be of interest to you. The second opportunity which will be offered is a 2-3 day training called Tuvalu. This is a specialized training for smaller groups to utilize their special talents and skills to the utmost in getting ahead in a group.

Both of these opportunities come with no stings attached to those who

attend. You don't have to agree to do anything extra for your Association. You will benefit both individually and professionally from attending either of these events. You will also know more about what goes on in LCEA and NSEA. You will meet people from Washoe, Douglas, Storey and Ormsby counties. This is also an opportunity for our retired members to get together and help out. We welcome our members for a wonderful professional gathering.

If anyone knows a retired member that is interested in becoming more involved in the association, please have them contact Jane Claar at Winddesert@aol.com. I recently attended a workshop at the Pacific Regional Conference in Anaheim, California and learned about other local associations that use their retired members for much of the committee work in their locals. They have more time and experience to help new teachers who are just starting out and have a lot of expertise in doing the things that need to be done in the local association.

Is anyone interested in a retreat for veteran members to rejuvenate their interest in benefits of the Teacher's Association? If so, please contact me about this at winddesert@aol.com. There are grants that can be obtained for renewing our interest if there is anyone who would like to do that, too. No strings attached! Have a great end of the year!



Mini Grant Winners Send Thank You Letters

By Jennifer Chico

**Kindergarten Teacher
Yerington Elementary School**

I thank you for awarding the mini-grant to me this year. I will use the money to purchase a digital camera and printer for my classroom of Kindergarteners. The photos taken will be used for a variety of literacy and math activities.

Photographs taken will be used for matching pictures with words, making alphabet books, teaching vocabulary words and sequencing and sorting activities.

I'll also use the photographs to illustrate interactive writings, and to sequence field trips and cooking activities. Also I can show how procedures such as walking in a line and using equipment properly should be done.

Thank you again for the mini-grant.

By Jody Ericksen

**Science Teacher
Fernley High School**

Thank you so much for your generous mini-grant which allowed me to buy several resources for performing engaging chemistry demonstrations. The Demo-A-Day books, volumes 1 and 2, describe more than a year's worth of demonstration ideas, and the Close-up on Chemistry video will enable me to show students demonstrations that are too dangerous or expensive to conduct in class.

I have found many new demonstration ideas in these materials, and I have discovered ways to make

demonstrations that I already do more exciting and educational. My goal has been to find simple, safe and effective demonstrations that cover a wide range of topics. For many of the concept areas, I was struggling to find appropriate ways to make abstract concepts more concrete. Thanks to the LCEA grant, I now have several possibilities.

Everyone loves a good demo! My students become so excited when they enter the room and see apparatus set-up for a demonstration. I have their undivided attention for the rest of the hour, and usually the demonstration initiates further questions and a higher level of student involvement.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Success Stories from NEA

The pro-public education Congress YOU helped elect has been listening to your calls and e-mails! Congress adjourns this weekend for a congressional recess (two weeks for the House; one week for the Senate) after passing a number of pro-public education bills supported by NEA. Victories for educators, schools, and students include:

Increased education funding for this year

Congress passed a year-long "continuing resolution" providing an increase of \$1 billion for education programs, including Title I, special education and Pell Grants.

Increased education funding for next year

Both the House and Senate passed budget resolutions that would provide \$6

billion more for education than requested by the President. The budget resolution provides a blueprint for how federal funds will be spent in the coming year.

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

The Senate passed a five-year extension of this critical program, which ensures a consistent funding stream for schools in rural, timber-dependent counties. The House passed a one-year extension of the program.

Educator Tax Deduction

The Senate passed an amendment to its budget resolution that would make permanent the tax deduction for educators' out-of-pocket classroom supply expenses, increase it from \$250 to \$400, and extend it to cover professional development expenses.

Student Loan Rates

The House passed the College student Relief Act, which would reduce the interest rate on subsidized student loan by half.

Children's Health

Both the House and senate included \$750 million in funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in emergency "supplemental" funding bills for the current fiscal year. This funding is necessary to ensure continued services to eligible children.

School Bus Safety

The House passed a bill requiring a comprehensive assessment of the threat of a terrorist attack on the nation's school bus transportation system.

Minimum Wage

Both the House and Senate passed bills increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour.

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Keep Up with the Legislature

With this being a legislative year, you can keep up with issues which concern educators by visiting the Legislative Action Center at www.nsea-nv.org. There is also an easy link to send an e-mail to your Assemblyman or Senator.

Worst Analogies Used in Essays

- Her hair glistened in the rain like nose hair after a sneeze.
- The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
- Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
- He was as tall as a six-foot-three-inch tree.
- John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
- Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed loves raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, on having left Cleveland at 6:36 p.m. traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 p.m. at a speed of 35mph.
- From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and "Jeopardy" comes on at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30.