



The Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear PDK
Chapter 0124 Members,

As the 2010-2011 school year has come to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you, on behalf of the Chapter Executive, for your commitment to our PDK Chapter #0124. What a wonderful season we had! We trust you enjoyed the programming this year, as well as the opportunities to reconnect with friends and colleagues from throughout the Lower Mainland, and perhaps even make a few new acquaintances along the way. This year's Executive included Don Allison, Marion Broadbent, Dan Brown, Reno Ciolfi, Carrie Froese, Brian Leonard, Cheryl Matthews, Eileen Phillips and Andrea Zeitz and it was my absolute pleasure to work with this particular group of dynamic and committed educators. I offer my heartfelt thanks to the entire Executive for their continued enthusiasm and dedication to PDK.

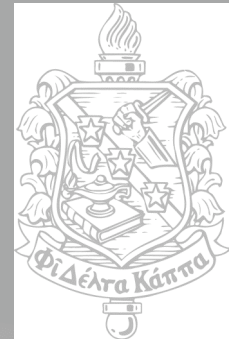
I am pleased to announce that most of the Executive will be staying on again next year. Don Allison, however, is stepping down from the Executive and we offer him many many thank-yous for his numerous years of service to the organization. While it has been my pleasure to serve as the UBC Chapter President for the past two years, my tenure has come to an end and I thank you

for the opportunity to serve. I am most pleased to welcome **Brian Leonard** to the role of **Chapter President** for the upcoming **2011-2012 season**. Congratulations Brian!

In closing, I look forward to my new role as Past President and would again like to thank both the Executive and our Chapter membership for a most successful PDK season.

I wish you all the best for a happy and most relaxing summer.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Rainer



The Inside Story

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Social Networking in the Classroom: Potential, Pathways, and Practicalities with Audrey Van Alstyne



Our April dinner program was a most stimulating event! Audrey Van Alstyne, District Principal Learning Technologies with Vancouver, led the discussion. Media such as Facebook and YouTube offer potential for educational projects and can be favoured by the young over blogging, Twitter, and email which are used more by older persons. Students require guidance regarding the dangers of the media, however. Twitter has changed from being a medium of trivial exchanges to one that is used by teachers to maintain contact with other educators. She recommended that teachers explore Twitter gently, perhaps initially remaining lurkers rather than tweeters. The audience divided into smaller groups and shared experiences with others who had more knowledge of the social media.

The ensuing discussions were rich and diverse and many members and guests alike inquired about a follow up session. Audrey's dynamic presentation was a perfect way to end our successful professional development dinners.

Stay tuned for a possible Part Two next school year!

2 The Vote is in...President Elect of PDK International



Congratulations to Patricia Williams, the next president-elect of PDK International! Patricia takes office July 1 2011 and will serve as president-elect for two years before becoming president of the PDK International Board of Directors on July 1st 2013. Williams has been a member of PDK for more than 30 years and has served in numerous chapter and

international-level leadership positions. She most recently represented the former region C on the PDK International board.

Williams began her career in public education as an English teacher. She became a faculty member at Sam Houston State University College of Education in 1979. In 1992, she became a professor. Throughout her tenure, she has held various leadership roles. She has served on the Academic Policy Council and directed the Across-the-University Writing Program for 12 years. She has also been a Faculty Senate chair, SHSU Alumni Association president, and Classroom Management Special Interest Group chair for the Association of Teacher Educators. Williams is recognized as a leader in the field.

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Save this Date! 2012 PDK/PLT Conference

The 2012 PDK/PLT International Conference will take place **February 16-17 at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore in Baltimore, Md.** The conference will offer informative sessions and engaging speakers, as well as the opportunity to network and discuss timely education topics with colleagues. This year, the keynote speaker is America Ferrera, best known for her role as Betty Suarez on ABC's hit comedy "Ugly Betty." Make plans now to join us in Baltimore! Check www.PDKConference.org for updates.

See You in September!

On behalf of PDK Chapter 0124 Executive

We wish you a relaxing, rejuvenating and rewarding summer!
Watch this space for more exceptional educational opportunities.
Until we meet again, remember...**PDK-We are Pro D**

