

Phi Delta Kappa

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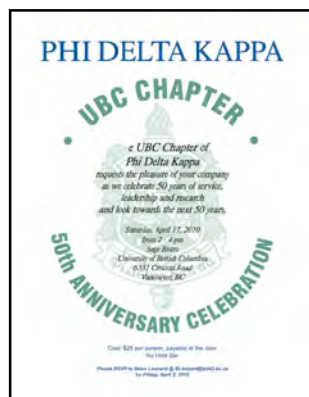
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Kappans,

The 2009-2010 school year is drawing to a close, as are the activities of our PDK UBC Chapter. We trust you enjoyed our programming this year, including interesting speaker presentations on Gangs and School Responses to Them, and Neighbourhood Learning Centres.



For me, our last event, our 50th Anniversary Celebration, was the highlight of the season. Past and present UBC Chapter Kappans mixed and mingled as they reminisced about the past 50 years and celebrated our past, present and future years of service, leadership and research. Special thanks to long time members Tom Rothney and Bev Buchanan for regaling us with their stories of meetings and events past, and Area B Regional Representative Bob Myers for representing PDK International. Also, we were very happy to have our current UBC PDK Scholarship winner, Olwen Cowan, join us for the celebration. Our sincere thanks to PDK International for sponsoring the venue for our 50th Anniversary Celebration.



I cannot say enough about the continuing enthusiasm and dedication of our Executive members. It has been my pleasure to work with: Marion Broadbent, Dan Brown, Norma Bryant, Brian Leonard, Reno Ciolfi, John Wilson, Jason Parker, Don Allison, Kerri Wallin, Eileen Phillips, Celina Mau and Andrea Zeitz this year.

Although we are saddened that Norma Bryant, Celina Mau, Kerri Wallin and John Wilson are stepping down from the Executive, we are most grateful for the many years of service they have given to our organization and look forward to seeing them at our future events.



In closing, I'd like to thank both our 2009-2010 Executive members and our general membership for such a successful PDK season. I am honored to continue to serve as your President during the upcoming year.

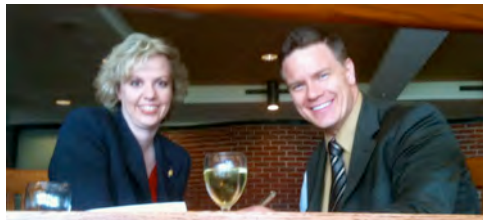
Wishing you all the best for a happy and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Rainer



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our own **Jason Parker** who has been selected as an Action Research Roundtable Facilitator at next year's PDK International Conference in Atlanta.



Elizabeth Rainer and Jason Parker at the 50th

China!

As a member of PDK, you have access to many fellowship and award opportunities, as well as a chance to travel internationally.



Don't miss your chance to see what China has to offer its students—and its people—when PDK hosts a study trip to China on November 10-21, 2010!

In addition to visiting primary, secondary, and experimental learning environments in Chinese schools, you will travel to highly-recognized tourist sites like The Forbidden City, The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and the Beijing Opera. This journey will leave you with a new perspective on the shape of learning outside of Western society. Good-standing members of PDK may apply for a **\$1,000 Gerald Howard Read International Travel Scholarship**. Spots are limited. We hope you'll take advantage of the many opportunities to enhance your record of accomplishments and to expand your horizons as an educator.

For more information:

<http://www.pdkintl.org/member/china.htm>

CML Report

It has been a privilege for us to work as your liaison members with PDK International over the past five years. During this time our chapters supported a very successful PDK Summit held in Vancouver - the first to ever be held outside the USA as well as received grants for local initiatives. The members of BC's three PDK chapters are dedicated educators who strive to stay aware of new methods and strategies while maintaining solid, proven practice. Programs for each chapter have offered rich discussions led by experts in the field. Congratulations to all the hard-working members who make the dinner meetings possible.

As many of you are aware, the position of CML has been discontinued in the new PDK structure. So, this is our final word in this role. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

All the best,
Eileen Phillips and Celina Mau

50th Anniversary Celebration!



Some of our 'Meeters and Greeters'!

50th Anniversary Celebration!

All these smiling faces tell you what
a wonderful celebration it was!



Special Presentations



**Food
Glorious
Food**

**All in a
perfect
setting**



2010-11 PDK UB Chapter Executive

We are pleased to have the following members on our Executive for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

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We are still looking for some of our PDK members to take on the role of **Treasurer** and **Member at Large**. We know that there are some members out there that just need a little encouragement.

The PDK-UBC executive is a heterogeneous group of educators that engages in great professional dialogue with lots of fun added to the mix. We would love to have you join us at our organizational meeting in August. We will be looking at ways to help provide leadership opportunities and professional development. If you would like to be part of our 2010-11 Executive, please contact me at mbroadbent@vsb.bc.ca by June 30th. We wish you all a very enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Marion Broadbent
Past-President

