

The Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear PDK Chapter 0124 Members,

Our 2010-2011 PDK season is off to a fabulous start! Chapter members and guests assembled at the Arbutus Club on October 6th to meet and mingle, share a delicious meal and hear from our panel of experts as they provided insight and shared their experiences on the topic of Resilience in Leadership Careers.

The professional development component of our organization is a key tenet of our mandate. Should you have a theme or topic idea for a future meeting, please feel free to contact either myself, at erainer@vsb.bc.ca, or any of the other Executive members as your input is of great value to us.

Please **mark your calendars** for our upcoming dinner event, **Internet Connectivity, Personalization and Engagement in Learning**

Date: Monday November 29th

Time: 5-5:30 to 8:00

Location: The Arbutus Club

Contact: Brian Leonard-registrar

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*see last page for more details

Come hear from experts in the field as to how to adapt to technology, how to facilitate student engagement in learning, and what the Ministry of Education sees for the future. We look forward to seeing you on November 29th. Meanwhile, you may be interested in trying out some new technology yourself; check out these upcoming

free PDK Webinars.

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With the sudden loss of Dr. John Armenia, the position of Region A Board Member is vacant. Three candidates have put their names forward to fill the position, including our very own **Eileen Phillips**. Eileen is a long standing member of PDK who has held many positions on our Executive, was former Region B from 2006 to 2010 and is currently PDK Area Director for Western Canada. We would ask that you consider **casting your vote for Eileen as Region A Board Member to ensure a Canadian voice at the International level**. Voting is from **October 25 to December 24, 2010**. Please watch for your ballot in the mail. Ballots must be received by December 24, 2010 to be counted.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Rainer



The Inside Story

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1 **Travel to China with Your PDK Colleagues**



If the "Education in China" webinar isn't enough to satisfy your curiosity about schools in other countries, check out [the PDK International Study Trip to China](#), which will be held May 8-19, 2011. In addition to visiting a variety of learning environments in different Chinese cities, you will also see unforgettable locations such as the Ming City Walls, Confucius Temple, and the Yangtze River Bridge.

2 **Foundation/Scholarship Report**

The PDK Educational Foundation has been operating for more than forty years. The Foundation supports community outreach projects; scholarships for prospective and practicing educators; and research based books and periodicals.



This year our local PDK Chapter is supporting the UBC Education Undergraduate Scholarship for \$1000. Our chapter's ability to provide scholarships is sustained by ongoing support from you and others in the UBC PDK community who collectively make financial contributions. If you would like to contribute to the *UBC Phi Delta Kappa Scholarship in Education* (Fund M614) please follow the internet link

<http://www.supporting.ubc.ca/givingoptions/donatenow.html>

or contact UBC Annual Giving at 604-827-5213.

UBC's charitable donation's tax number is 10816 1779 RR0001. For further information on donating to the UBC PDK Scholarship contact Don Allison at dallison@sd38.bc.ca

Furthermore, a list of PDK International Graduate Scholarships can be found on the PDK International Website at

www.pdkintl.org/awards/index.htm.

Applications will be posted in the Spring of 2011 for the 2011/12 year.

Respectfully,
Don Allison
Foundation's Officer
UBC Chapter, PDK





In Memory of *Dr. John Armenia*-Region A Representative

Compiled by Eileen Phillips

Notes adapted from his obituary:

John was born July 13, 1938 in Spokane, Washington and died August 28, 2010 in Bellevue. He grew up in Spokane graduating from Gonzaga Prep and Gonzaga University where he earned his undergraduate and Master's degree. He earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from WSU in 1978. In 1984 he received Gonzaga University's Alumni Merit Award.

John had a long and distinguished career in education as a teacher, administrator, and professor. He was passionate about teaching and learning, and mentoring other educators. Upon his retirement as director of City University of Seattle's Educational Leadership Program in 2008 he was awarded the title of Faculty Emeritus. He served as President of the Washington State Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa from 2004-2009 and in 2010 was elected to the Board of PDK International.

John had a positive influence on the lives of many people. One of his personal life goals was to make a difference. He truly did make a difference through his hard work, vision, and many positive contributions. He was a special person who lived life to the fullest. He will be missed.

Notes taken from an email correspondence with Robert Meyers, PDK representative and a good friend of John's:

John's funeral was as uplifting as a funeral can be - a real celebration of his life and service to education, his university Rotary International and PDK. Many family members were directly involved in the ceremony and the priest did an excellent job of not only sharing information with non-Catholics about the service and rituals, but also about John. There were three eulogies: one by a friend of over fifty years; one by a colleague at City University; and one by a student. All were funny, sensitive and wonderful expressions of the kind of friend, leader and motivator John was.

Following the religious service, the US Marines draped the coffin with an American flag and once outside, a bugler played Taps – one of the most outstanding presentations I have ever heard of that piece – and the honor guard folded the American flag and presented it to Brenda, John's wife. It was a beautiful and stirring part of the overall memorial and it truly honoured John's military service in the Marines.

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PDK-UBC Chapter 0124

proudly presents

Internet Connectivity, Personalization, and Engagement in Learning

Monday, November 29 @ The Arbutus Club Vancouver BC

Connectivity can be both an enabler and a diversion from learning. Social networking and other technological advances have considerable educational implications, such as changes to instruction, school organization, and personalized course delivery. Educators need to keep up with developments and with their students. They need to know how to adapt to technology, how to facilitate student engagement in learning, and what the Ministry of Education sees for the future.

Three panelists will address this set of issues:

Steve Cardwell, Superintendent of Vancouver, who has an interest and expertise in new technology

Jan Unwin, Superintendent of Maple Ridge, who brings a broad perspective to the topic

Chris Kennedy, Assistant Superintendent of West Vancouver, who has responsibilities for technology

Place-The Arbutus Club Vancouver on Arbutus Street just south of 25th Avenue opposite Safeway at the pedestrian light at Nanton. Entrance is off Nanton.

Arrivals-5:00 - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Program price-\$40 for members, \$50 for nonmembers.

(A portion supports the PDK Scholarship for a student in the Faculty of Education at UBC. Pay at the door of the Quilchena Room. Cash and cheques accepted. We issue professional development receipts. Your colleagues are also welcome.

Please contact Brian Leonard, our Registrar, at bleonard@sd43.bc.ca **no later than noon on Thursday, November 25** for a reservation. An early response is recommended this event is almost sold out. You will be sent a confirmation.

Parking is available in the parkade on the right hand side after you enter the Arbutus Club lot.

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