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Message from  
Dena Henricks  
Incoming President  
of IAEOP 2011-2013



“Get Your Professionalism Up to  
Par Through IAEOP”



Message from  
Nancy Van Vickle  
Outgoing President  
of IAEOP 2009-2011

“Let IAEOP Be Your Guiding  
Light to Professionalism”

Thank you to all of my IAEOP friends for your support and encouragement during my two years as President-elect. With your continued support, I look forward to serving as President for the next two years.

Special thanks to Thelma Webber for presenting a beautiful installation ceremony that brought my love for golf into a professional environment. My hope for all of us is to keep our professionalism up to PAR through IAEOP.

Together we can aspire to keep IAEOP on course for all of our professional needs. With all of our individual clubs and talents in hand, we have all of the necessary tools to do great things in our schools and our personal lives.

I chose the tee and golf ball as a symbol during my presidency to represent the support we give our districts day in and day out. As the tee is the support for the ball on that perfect drive, we are the support our districts have come to expect and we gladly provide. I hope that as your president, together with the Board of Directors, we can guide our members through the next two years.

As we are all aware, we are in the midst of financial hardships in many of our districts, and we are entering an atmosphere of doing more with less. That is why it is even more important to keep our skills tuned and ready for the challenges that we will face. The continued growth that we are offered through IAEOP will help us in our offices and will ultimately benefit our districts.

**Let's "Tee Up" for a great year!**

Thank you to everyone who supported me throughout my presidency. I can hardly believe that I will be finishing my term of office in a few short months. I look forward to serving IAEOP by completing a term as Director Central and in whatever capacity that I can be of help to President Dena and our membership.

Dena and I attended the Central Area Retreat in March and there was discussion of common situations facing a lot of associations. Declining membership and participation at the local, state and national levels are problems all over the U.S. Please take a few minutes and think about why you belong to IAEOP. We must convey to our friends and co-workers that our local associations, IAEOP, and NAEOP are important and have a lot to offer them. We need to discover what our members and co-workers want and we must change to meet their needs. I think we can and will do that.

Thank you for a great experience as your president. I will always remember the past two years with gratitude to IAEOP for the wonderful time I've had as your leader and for all the wonderful friends who have been here for me. Congratulations to Dena Henricks as she begins her term as President of IAEOP!

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*Springfield - 2011 Spring Conference at Hilton Garden Inn - April 15-17*

**Presenters and Award Winners for 2011**

**Character Counts**

Ms. Whitney Thorpe-Klinsky of New Baden who was crowned **Miss Illinois 2010**, was the Key Note Speaker on Saturday.

Whitney told us about six pillars which make up "Character Counts" - Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthy, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. When speaking at schools all over the state, she tells of experiences she had growing up and how they tied in with the six pillars. It was very interesting and brought back memories to many of their schools years and growing up.



L to R: Nancy Van Vickle, Miss Illinois, Paula Bender, and Dena Henricks.

As Miss Illinois, she serves as Illinois' Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network, the official platform of the Miss America Organization; and also spokesperson for East Aurora-based Triple Threat Mentoring. She continues to promote her personal service platform, "Breast Cancer: Prevent, Promote, Provide" - a cause near and dear to her heart.

Whitney graduated from Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan and in July, when her term of Miss Illinois is over, will attend medical school to concentrate on Oncology,

[www.missillinoisusa.com](http://www.missillinoisusa.com)

**IAEOP Recognizes**

**Student Scholarship Winners  
\$500 Award**

Tyler James Evans of Bonfield, IL is a senior at Herscher High School and will graduate this May. He has chosen Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais to major in Actuarial Science.

Tyler played baseball 4 years, basketball 2 years, is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Interactive Club, and SADD, He is a recipient of the American Legion Award, 2010 All-Area Baseball and 2010 I-8 All Conference. In his spare time he volunteers for Relay for Life - Grandpa's Kids and plays travel Baseball - FCA Torchbearers and Congelosi Baseball.

Since Tyler was not able to attend the Spring Conference, he will be honored for this award at the May Herscher High School Banquet.

**\$1,000 Award**

Kala Marie McGee of Danville, IL is a senior at Danville High School and will be graduating in May. She will be attending the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL where she will major in Business Administration/Management with a minor in Human Resources and Spanish.

Kala is the Assistant Manager of AVID, a member of Danville High School's Local History Club, the Student Advisory Board, National Honor Society, Extreme Leadership and Channel One News. She has received Danville High School Academic Honors, Youth Advocate for Vermillion County, AVID Academic High Honors, Delta Sigma

Theta Academic Achievement, and National Spanish Exam Award. She participates in Youth Summit, Office Helpers and Kennekuk Clean-up.

**Internet Answers Workshop**

Ruth Burgess, IAEOP member, conducted an Internet workshop providing answers to questions participants raised.

**LUDA Legislation Workshop**

Dr. Diane Rutledge, LUDA (Large Unit District Association) Executive Director, has spent her career in Springfield serving in many positions. She shared information on LUDA and their role in legislation.

[www.ludaschools.org](http://www.ludaschools.org)

**How to Protect Yourself From Securities Fraud**

Ms. Vickie Moseley, Illinois Secretary of State Office, provided information and ways to protect against securities fraud and scams by being an aware and knowledgeable investor. [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

**Office Administrator of the Year**

Mr. Dan Hollowell, Ass't, Superintendent of Bourbonnais Elementary School Dist. 53 was chosen to win the 2011 award.



His career began as a math teacher in Kankakee. He volunteers in the community as well as coaching for sports programs. He is committed to promoting the Iroquois Kankakee Educational Office Professionals by attending fund-raising functions in support of the local organization and allowing time for members to prepare for meetings and events.

Events during the Spring Conference 2011



Friday Night social hour. Thelma had this group excited about playing "Farkel" dice game.

L to R: Nancy Harrington, Sherry Johnson, Betty Dickson-Brenton, Ken Steckling, Ellen Flynn, Thelma Webber, Donna Steckling.



Special Projects Chairs - Marcia Redman and Liz Downs relax and give a hug.

L. Jackie Voorhees enjoys watching others having fun!



For Inspiration on Sunday, Jerry and Valerie Kennedy, right, presented very meaningful ways to better our lives.



IAEOP Member Educational Reimbursement

This program was set up to assist members of the Illinois Association of Educational Office Professionals who are pursuing (1) higher education in job related course work and/or (2) Professional Standards Program Certificate (PSP).

I was excited to be selected to receive the IAEOP Member Educational Reimbursement at the Spring Conference. I am in the process of earning my CEOE (PSP - Certificated Educational Office Employee) certification through our National Association of Educational Office Professionals. Through the PSP application process, I was sparked to complete my Associate's degree that I began many year ago. I have enjoyed taking classes and believe that this has greatly improved my abilities and skills to complete my many duties as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in the Highland School District.



EXECUTIVE BOARD 2011-2013

Officers

Committee Chairs

Dena Henricks, President  
 Ruth Burgess, CEOE, Vice President, Affiliations, Technology  
 Marcia Redman, Secretary, Correspondence, Special Projects  
 Mitzy Widebeck, CEOE, Treasurer/ Budget, Legislation  
 Cathy Orseske, Director North, Membership  
 Elizabeth Downs, Director North, Special Projects  
 Nancy Van Vickle, Director Central, Co-Board of Committees  
 Jackie Voorhees, CEOE, Director Central, NAEOP & Central Area  
 Sherry Fletcher, Director South  
 Inez Wishard, Director South, Tellers

Paula Bender, Ms.Ed., Prof. Dev., Meeting Planner/Coordinator  
 Carole Carnaghi, Audit  
 Martha Carson, Bylaws, Constitution  
 Betty Dickson-Brenton, CEOE, Board of Committees, Advisor - Conference Programs  
 Jill Duft, Handbook, Nominations/ Elections  
 Carol Fink, Parliamentarian  
 Ellen Flynn, CEOE, Community Service/ Fellowship  
 Nancy Harrington, Community Service/ Fellowship  
 Barb Hutcherson, Higher Ed.

Sherry Johnson, Student Scholarship, Ed Service Region  
 Elizabeth "Liz" Sexson CEOE, Ed. Office Professional, History Book, Professional Standards Program  
 Donna Steckling, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations  
 Deb Van Landuit, Member Tuition Reimbursement, Educational Administrator of the Year  
 Lorna Vinson, Special Education  
 Thelma Webber, Retired Professionals IAEOP/NAEOP  
 Sina Williford, Historian, Scrap Book

## **SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE IAEOP CONFERENCES**

<b>Fall, 2011</b>	<u>October 14-15</u> No Sunday Stoney Creek Inn, East Peoria
<b>Spring 2012</b>	<u>April 20-22</u> Three day Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield
<b>Fall 2012</b>	<u>October 19-20</u> No Sunday Stoney Creek Inn, East Peoria
<b>Spring 2013</b>	<u>April 19-21</u> Three Day To be determined
<b>Fall 2013`</b>	<u>October 18-19</u> No Sunday Stoney Creek Inn, East Peoria

These changes for the Fall Conference have been made as a temporary plan by the IAEOP Task Force to determine if the Fall Conferences (being only two days) will help attract more attendees and accomplish the same goals set for the three-day. The idea is to have the same type of Friday (tour and social evening) and Saturday would have the workshops, banquet, and the Special Projects distribution of prizes. People would then have the option of going home Saturday night or staying at the hotel and checking out on Sunday. The rate for the Saturday would remain the same as for Friday night.

Note: In the past suggestions have been made to try this system and see how it works. It can always be revised to return to the customary three-day.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGE IN DEADLINE FOR AWARD APPLICATIONS**

A revision for the deadline of all applications for awards offered by IAEOP has been made. From now on, February 1 of each year will be the final date to submit such applications.

It was also decided by the Board to discontinue the Publications Award presented in the Fall if each year to a local affiliate who submitted an excellent newsletter for its association. We thank those who have won in the past by sharing their talents in this project.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

It is the hope of IAEOP to increase membership in months to come. Also, we would like to increase the attendance at our conferences held in the Spring and Fall of each year. Please read Jill Duff's article when she received a Member Incentive Award at the Sunday drawing for these awards. These awards are drawn from a lottery of all attending and vary in dollar amounts.

At the April 2011 Board Meeting, it was voted on to increase the amount of the annual dues by \$5.00 for each category. Active membership will now be \$25.00, Retired Membership will be \$15, and there will be no more Life Membership for Active or Retired from this day time forward. Members who currently hold a Life Membership will not be affected.

IAEOP hopes you understand that raising this small amount is due to the present economy and trust you will remain a valued member and join us at conferences.

## **BYLAWS CHANGES APPROVED AT APRIL MEETING 2011**

The following is a summary. The changes were made as a result of the inability of the nominating committee to secure individuals for the board elected offices.

1 – The position of president-elect has been eliminated and replaced with Vice President. The Vice President will be elected in odd-numbered years, as is the President. The Vice President may advance to the office of President, but is not required to do so.

2 – With the elimination of President-Elect and Immediate Past President, the number of elected members of the Board is now ten. In the event of a tie vote, the most recent Past-President will cast the tie-breaking vote.

3 – The nominating committee chairman will now be appointed by the President.

4 – Bylaw changes will now be posted on the IAEOP website, and notification will be done via the Listserve.

**NEWS OF IAEOP MEMBERS**

Congratulations to Don and Marcia Redman (Secretary for IAEOP and Past Director Central) on the birth of their first grandchild, Annelise Elizabeth Redman born on February 24 weighing 6 pounds and 18-1/2 inches long with lots of black hair to Jason and Lauren Redman.

Ellen Flynn's granddaughter, Elizabeth who is 25, has been having radiation treatment five days a week for cancer involving her brain. Our prayers go out to Ellen and her family.

This past March, Nancy and Harold Harrington along with Donna and Ken Steckling went on a Mystery Tour with a group of 38 other people. They had no idea where they were going but clues given each day helped them figure out where they might be headed. It turned out it was a trip to St. Louis, Memphis, through Arkansas, to Mississippi and then back to Springfield Illinois on the last day. A visit to the famous Beal Street in Memphis and also Graceland were some of the highlights. Shown in the picture are the four posing by the Botanical Gardens in Memphis.



Harold and Nancy Harrington pose with Ken and Donna Steckling on their Mystery Tour.

Lorna Vinson, IAEOP Regional Director North, had foot surgery early this year and is still suffering from complications of this surgery.

After falling in December, I wish to thank all who sent best wishes for a quick recovery. Four stitches later and a healed wound, thanks. Donna

The Fellowship Committee reports that many cards for Get Well, Thinking of You and Prayers were sent to the following: Carol Fink, Ellen Flynn, Elaine Papp, Liz Sexson, and Lorna Vinson. Hope things are better for these people now.

Remember Marge Zaring? A "special" birthday card was sent to her recently. Here are some more wishes for your birthday, Marge!

Sympathy cards were sent as follows: Ellen Flynn on the loss of her brother; Mimi Pike (from NAEOP) on the loss of her husband; Vinnie Roberts on the loss of her mother-in-law; and Maxine Shannon on the loss of her husband.

Cards were sent to families of:

Libby Moldenhauer (IAEOP member) and Geraldine "Boots" Owens (NAEOP) Past President.

Those who attended the conference in Champaign know we had a special guest, Eric Steckling. He has worked in television for a year and is now transferring to Asheville, North Carolina to become a new member of their TV producing staff. The Steckling family is very proud of him and his accomplishments at such a young age. Good luck to Eric!

Congratulations to Jackie & Fred Voorhees on the birth of their fourth grandchild, Micah Archer Voorhees, 20-1/2 in. long and 7 lb. 14 oz Parents are David and Amanda Voorhees.

**WEST SUBURBAN**



On May 5, West Suburban AEOP held their final dinner meeting and awards presentation as the association now stands. The plans are to reorganize as a retirees' group. There were about 60 members and guests present. Several scholarships were awarded in the name of Mary Franson, a long-time member of West Suburban, IAEOP and NAEOP. They also honored an Office Employee and Administrator of the Year. Several long-time members enjoyed dinner together, along with a group picture. They are: standing, Cheryl May, Marilyn Slanec, Helen Vopenka, Barb LaChapelle, and Martha Carson. Seated: Doris Baittie and Gloria Sparrow.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Liz Down reported the Special Projects totals for weekend were: Donations = \$10, Pot of Gold= \$ 304 \$152 IAEOP (\$82 Ken Widebeck; \$45 Martha Carson; \$25 Betty Dickson-Brenton Raffle Baskets \$334 TOTAL \$ 648

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Nancy Harrington and Ellen Flynn, Com Service, reported that at the General Meeting the collection for Make-a-Wish Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House totaled \$130. Thanks to all who donated to these very worthwhile causes.

**MEMBER INCENTIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS****Dena Henricks, \$100 Award**

We all gathered in our State capital for our Spring conference. We began our day by touring the Edwards Place Historical House. It is nice to enjoy the history of our state and take a step back in time.

It was a rainy weekend, so we enjoyed dinner at the hotel in their comfortable dining room. We then had social time in the hospitality room. Some of us visited with friends and others played games.

Saturday morning Miss Illinois was our keynote speaker. What a wonderful young woman, who just happens to live near us in Southern Illinois. Whitney Thorpe-Klinsky is an inspiration to all of us. She is mature beyond her years and speaks at schools about the "Character Counts" program. It seems we need character education in our schools today more than ever. With the amount of bullying we all hear about, we need to promote good character to our students to head off this growing problem. When she completes her year as Miss Illinois, Whitney will continue on to medical school at Southern Illinois University Medical School.

We continued our conference with our business meeting and then lunch. We were able to meet one of our scholarship winners and her father. It is so nice to belong to an organization that can support scholarships for the students in our Illinois schools.

I attended "How to Protect Yourself from Securities Fraud" workshop after lunch. We learned about ways to protect ourselves from fraud when we look at ways to invest our money for the future. Ms. Vickie Moseley was very knowledgeable on the subject.

The Saturday evening banquet is a night to recognize all of our members and their contributions to our organization through our installation program. We also present awards to the Administrator of the Year. We are blessed to have such dedicated staff in our school buildings. Mr. Dan Hollowell nominated by the Kankakee-Iroquois EOP was a very deserving winner. Mr. Hollowell is the Associate Superintendent at Bourbonnais Elementary School District 53.

We had a wonderful inspiration Sunday morning followed by brunch. I was not very lucky as far as the basket raffle went, but it is always a nice conclusion to our weekend.



L. to R. Jill Duft, Nancy Van Vickle, Dena Henricks

**Jill Duft, \$75 Award**

Even though we thoroughly enjoyed Whitney Thorpe-Klinsky, Miss Illinois, our keynote speaker and the workshops we attended in the afternoon, our conference was not all business.

We have a fellowship that is out of this world! From the beginning of the conference on Friday to the good-byes on Sunday, you will be continually greeted by friendly faces. We have a group relationship that consists of friendliness toward others, interest in others, feeling for others, and concern for each and every members of IAEOP. You will never meet a stranger at our gatherings.

We had a new member in attendance this past conference. She commented several times how welcome she felt and how hospitable we were toward her. That was such a wonderful compliment given to our organization.

I feel I can speak for all those in attendance that when we leave to go home, we're pleasantly contemplating the next time we'll all be together again.

Our Fall Conference will be held in East Peoria in October and it will not be here soon enough. Hope to see all of you there.



Two other awards of \$50 each were given to **Liz Downs** and **Jackie Voorhees**.

Their responses to winning will be printed in a future edition of the Beacon.

All members are eligible to win one of these Incentive Awards at the Spring Conference each year if they turn in the form they receive in their packets when they register. The Awards are drawn at the Sunday Breakfast so be sure if you attend to submit your form and be one of the happy winners!

# Tips to Help You Have a Healthier Life

## *Eating Fruits*

**Now that fruits are more plentiful, here is what you should know when enjoying these delicious foods!**

We all think eating fruit means just buying fruit cutting it up and popping it into our mouths. It is not that easy. It is important to know how and when to eat fruit.

**IT MEANS THAT NOT EATING FRUIT AFTER A MEAL. FRUIT SHOULD BE EATEN ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.**

Eating fruit like that plays a major role in detoxifying your system. Supplying you with a great deal of energy for weight loss and other life activities.

**FRUIT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOOD**

Let's say you eat two slices of bread, then a slice of fruit. The slice of fruit is ready to go straight through the stomach into the intestines, but it's prevented from doing so.

In the meantime, the whole meal rots and ferments, and turns to acid. The minute the fruit comes into contact with the food in the stomach, and digestive juices, the entire mass of food begins to spoil.

Eat your fruit on an empty stomach, or before your meal! You've heard people complain: Every time I eat watermelon, I burp; when I eat durian, my stomach bloats; when I eat a banana, I feel like running to the toilet, etc. This will not happen if you eat the fruit on an empty stomach. Fruit mixes with the putrefying other food and produces gas. Hence, you bloat! There's no such thing as some fruits, like orange and lemon are acidic, because all fruit becomes alkaline in our body, according to Dr. Herbert Shelton who did research on this matter. If you have mastered the correct way of eating fruit, you have the Secret of Beauty, Longevity, Health, Energy, Happiness and normal weight.

When you need to drink fruit juice, drink only fresh fruit juice, NOT the concentrated juice from the cans. Don't drink juice that has been heated. Don't eat cooked fruit; you don't get the nutrients at all. You get only the taste. Cooking destroys all vitamins.



Eating a whole fruit is better than drinking the juice. If you should drink the juice, drink it mouthful by mouthful slowly, because you must let it mix with your saliva before swallowing it. You can go on a 3-day fruit-fast to cleanse your body. Eat fruit and drink fruit juice for just 3 days, and you will be surprised when your friends say how radiant you look!

**KIWI:** Tiny but mighty, and a good source of potassium, magnesium, vitamin E and fiber. Its vitamin C content is twice that of an orange!

**AN APPLE** a day keeps the doctor away? Although an apple has a low vitamin C content, it has antioxidants and flavonoids which enhances the activity of vitamin C, thereby helping to lower the risk of colon cancer, heart attack and stroke.

**STRAWBERRIES:** Protective Fruit. Strawberries have the highest total antioxidant power among major fruits and protect the body from cancer-causing, blood vessel-clogging free radicals.

**EATING 2 - 4 ORANGES** a day may help keep colds away, lower cholesterol, prevent and dissolve kidney stones, and reduce the risk of colon cancer.

**WATERMELON:** Coolest thirst quencher. Composed of 92% water, it is also packed with a giant dose of glutathione, which helps boost our immune system. Also a key source of lycopene, the cancer-fighting oxidant. Also found in watermelon: Vitamin C and Potassium.

**GUAVA & PAPAYA:** Top awards for vitamin C. They are the clear winners for their high vitamin C content. Guava is also rich in fiber, which helps prevent constipation. Papaya is rich in carotene, good for your eyes.

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**Drinking Cold water after a meal = Cancer!**

Can you believe this? For those who like to drink cold water, this applies to you. It's nice to have a cold drink after a meal, however, the cold water will solidify the oily stuff that you've just consumed, which slows digestion. Once this 'sludge' reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

A serious note about heart attacks.

**HEART ATTACK PROCEDURE**

Women should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting. Be aware of intense pain in the jaw. You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack. Nausea and intense sweating are also common symptoms. Sixty percent of people who have a heart attack while they're asleep do not wake up. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Be careful, and be aware. The more we know, the better our chance to survive.

**A cardiologist said if everyone who gets this mail sends it to 10 people, you can be sure that we'll save at least one life.**

**IT CAN EVEN BE YOUR LIFE!**

*Contributed by Nancy Harrington  
IAEOP Member*

**LIPSTICK INFORMATION**

Something to consider next time you go shopping for lipstick! Lead is a chemical which causes cancer. The lipstick brands which contain lead are:

- Christian Dior
- Lancome
- Clinique Y.S.L.
- Estee Lauder
- Shiseido Red Warth (Lip Gloss)
- Chanel (Lip Conditioner)
- Market America - Motnes Lipstick

! The higher the lead content, the greater chance of causing cancer. After doing a test on lipsticks, it was found that the Y.S.L. Lipstick contained the most amount of lead.

! Watch out for those lipsticks which are supposed to stay longer. If your lipstick stays longer, it is because of the higher amount of lead. Here is the test you can do yourself.

1. Put some lipstick on your hand.
2. Use a gold ring to scratch on the lipstick.
3. If the lipstick **color changes to black**, then you know the lipstick contains lead.

! Please let your relatives, friends and coworkers know about this lead problem with lipstick and its obvious link to causing cancer.

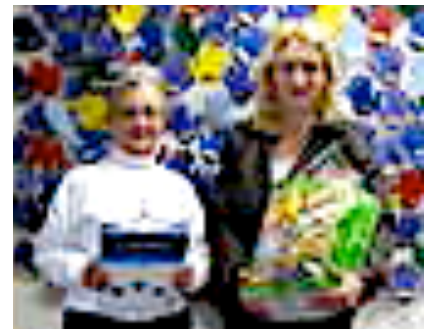
! This information comes from someone who works in the Breast Cancer at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto. It is also being circulated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dioxin Carcinogens cause cancer, especially breast cancer.

*Contributed by Val Hvoredejs  
IAEOP Member*

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone who brought items to Spring Conference for Tyler's Justice Center in Stockton. Items included: paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, cleaning supplies, snacks, stamps, paper, envelopes, gift cards and checks. The items were delivered to Tyler's and well accepted by the Executive Director and her Assistant. Pictured is Martha Carson and the Director, Tina Steele-Lietz. Because of a shortage in funding, Tyler's is always very grateful for any and all contributions. Tyler's serves abused children who reside in a 3-county area in Northwest Illinois.

Thanks again, *Martha Carson*



## LEGISLATION UPDATE....

*By Mitzy Widebeck, CEOE*

The Legislature returned to work on March 29, 2011 after a short break. Bills considered this session will only be those that have made it out of committee before the break. Any bill that did not make it out of committee is considered "dead" at this time. This does not mean that they cannot be reintroduced or reconsidered at a later date. The legislators also have a three-week deadline to move the bills out of the house of origin. In other words, Senate bills must move out of the Senate and House bills out of the House before the three weeks expire.

Bills that made it out of committee by the deadline and are up for consideration are:

### **HB 2984 (Sosnowski, R-Belvidere)**

Amends the School Code. Creates the Tuition Voucher Program Task Force to study the feasibility of a statewide tuition voucher program. Requires the State Board of Education to provide administrative and other support to the task force. Requires the task force to file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly. Sets forth topics that the report must include. Provides that upon filing its report, the task force is dissolved.

**HB 3222 (Stephens, R-Highland)** Provides that a chief school business official endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies by having a Master's Degree in Public Administration from a regionally accredited higher education institution.

**HB 3137 (Eddy)** Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts the following types of information from disclosure: the date of birth of public employees, medical and health information of public employees, the names of applicants for public employment, applications for public employment, recommendations and opinions regarding the qualification of public employment applicants, investigative notes of public employees, and outlines

or drafts of oral statements, presentations, or remarks. Removes a provision that required public bodies to seek pre-authorization from the Public Access Counselor before opting not to disclose these types of information.

**HB 192 (Eddy)** Amends the Stalking No Contact Order Act. Provides that the court may order that the respondent accept a change of educational placement or program, as determined by the School District (instead of accepting a change of educational placement or program). Provides that if a respondent claims that an educational transfer, change of placement or change of program of the respondent is not available, the respondent may not base that assertion on the ground that the respondent does not agree with the School District's transfer or change of placement or program or the respondent fails or refuses to consent or otherwise take actions required to effectuate a transfer, change of placement or change of program. Provides that, with respect to the enforcement of a civil no contact order,

the court: (i) shall not hold a school district or any of its employees in civil or criminal contempt unless the school district has been allowed to intervene; and (ii) may hold the parents, guardian or legal custodian of the minor respondent in civil or criminal contempt for a violation of an order, for conduct of the minor in violation of this Act if the parents, guardian or legal custodian directed, encouraged, or assisted the minor in the conduct.

**HB 3281 (Mathias)** Provides that the gross disobedience or misconduct for which a school board (except Chicago) may expel pupils includes that perpetuated by electronic means.

**HB 3294 (Nybo, R-Lombard)** Creates the School Emergency Use of Epinephrine Task Force. Requires the Task Force to make recommendations for school district responses to anaphylaxis emergencies that occur at school or at school-sponsored activities.



CENTRAL AREA (KIMINI)



Kansas, Illinois Missouri, Indiana, Nebraska, and Iowa

Dena Henricks, our new President, attended the Central Area Retreat recently with Nancy Van Vickle and they received a lot of ideas on how to help IAEOP grow. Kathy Lech the NAEOP President presented two workshops on this subject. A lot was learned by all through discussions and questions from other associations represented at these workshops. It was pointed out that all associations in the Central Area and all over the country are experiencing declining membership and low conference participation. It is our hope that ideas we bring to IAEOP will help us in developing new strategies for gaining new members.

Indiana has worked hard to put together their Spring State Conference and the 2011 CAPDD. They were very excited to be hosting this double event and thought they would be able to offer all members a great professional day. Lisa Morehouse, Central Area Director, reported that after a survey was conducted about having the CAPDD in Indiana this year. Unfortunately the conclusion was that attendance would not warrant having the PDD so it has been cancelled for 2011. The schedule for hosting CAPDD in the coming years is as follows:

2012 Kansas                      2013 Missouri                      2014 Illinois                      2015 Nebraska

★ Carol Fink (IAEOP member)'s grandson, Michael Toy, is the first scholarship winner for the Central Area Annual Scholarship. Michael will be attending Ball State University in Muncie, IN and plans to major in Music Performance and minor in Music Technology. He has participated in many activities in high school, with music and drama being his favorites. He has won several medals over his four years of high school. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

Many members of IAEOP are planning to attend the National Conference in Charleston, South Carolina in July this year. The convention will take place at the Embassy Suites, North Charleston. Besides the Institute on Monday and Tuesday, there are Briefings on Tuesday and Wednesday with many good workshops being offered. Besides the professional part, South Carolina has listed good tours, through a separate company, which attendees can enjoy when they are not busy learning new ideas.



special interests and also give scholarships to students, gather necessary supplies for places in need, and love to go on tours.

If you are unable to go this year, but want to support NAREOP, there are raffle tickets on the next page which are sold at the annual convention at the Retirees' booth and allow

NAREOP to continue offering scholarships to deserving students. The added perk is you might win some \$\$\$, too.

There is still time to register and take advantage of this venture full of learning, living, laughing and enjoying the making of new friends and seeing the old. In addition to the regular tours, they have scheduled an after-conference cruise to the Bahamas. If you are interested, you can access this information on NAEOP's website which is [www.naeop.org](http://www.naeop.org)

The schedule for the years ahead:  
2012, July 9-13 --Costa Mesa, California  
"The West Coast Swing"

IAEOP also has a group of retirees who attend National each year and their group is known as NAREOP and some of our members have held offices in this partner of NAEOP. The members always have a Special Projects area to raise money for NAREOP's

2013 will be hosted by Mid Atlantic States which are: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Europe.

So, not only would we welcome you to IAEOP functions but look forward to seeing you at NAEOP!

News from NAEOP -- They are planning a Spring Institute to be held April 20--22, 2012, In Rogers AR at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas.

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*Contributed by Jackie Voorhees*

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