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**Conference session proposal deadline is October 30!**

## *From the President*

### Getting involved in a busy fall

by **Mary Kay Peterson, La Comunidad Hispana, PAACE President**



Welcome to the fall season! This is not only the start of cool weather and new programs but also the final run-up to the Presidential and Congressional/Legislative elections. I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to get out to vote and to get out the vote. This is a critical year for elections.

Special emphasis on getting the young women of Pennsylvania out to vote has been a priority of WomenVotePA, an organization with which PAACE is proud to be a coalition partner. According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Pennsylvania is one of the nine worst states for women in the country with respect to employment and earnings, political participation, economic and social autonomy, and health and well-being. This may be in part due to the fact that while 68% of married women voted in 2000, only 52% of single women cast ballots. This resulted in 6 million fewer votes. Let's make sure that our learners, regardless of gender and party leanings, understand that their vote does count and they have both the right and the responsibility as citizens to have their voice heard!

The article by JoAnn Weinberger, PAACE Legislative Chair, in this issue of PAACE News provides where-to-find information and resources. Please also consider the other right and responsibility of a citizen to advocate with your legislator on the funding of Even Start and Family Literacy programs. The cuts planned for these programs may be the tip of the iceberg and we must be prepared to let Harrisburg and Washington know the value these programs

offer to families and communities.

Bob McNeill, First Vice-President, is awaiting the onslaught of your presenter proposals for the 2005 Midwinter Conference and is planning a wonderful conference. Be sure to check his article for the latest information.

Under the leadership of Debbie Hrach, Second Vice-President, PAACE continues the strategic planning process. Once a draft is available, it will be here on the website for your review and comments before finalization.

Also, watch for notice of the bylaws revision that has been patiently guided by Barbara Van Horn, PAACE Past President. You will receive a paper notice and ballot that the bylaws are available for your review and we ask that you read them and vote by returning the paper ballot during the allotted time period.

As always, I'm available and interested in your review and comments on anything so let me know what you think!

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## Midwinter Conference planning in full swing

by **Bob McNeill, Delaware Valley College, PAACE First Vice-President (Conference Program Chair)**



Every year is a special one when we gather in the throes of winter to meet, share, and just plain get together to help one another become better adult educators for our constituents in Pennsylvania. This year we'll gather February 9-11, 2005 at the Hershey Convention Center.

The theme for this year's conference, "The Changing Face of Adult Education," can be interpreted in many ways. How you interpret the theme is up to you, but our 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference promises to provide for you and you co-workers many exciting, interesting, and relevant workshops that will offer information for you to take home and use in the months to come. Many things in our lives mandate change; some we have much control over, others we don't. One thing is for sure and certain: change is in perpetual motion, and we have to grasp and accept it or be left behind looking at the future instead of being a part of it.

As we prepare for the conference and the future, I invite you to consider becoming a session presenter. Submitting a proposal for a concurrent session will give you an opportunity to share with others in your field your experiences, or to provide insightful best practices about our profession. If you wish to present a session, please go to the PAACE homepage [www.paacesite.org](http://www.paacesite.org) and take a few minutes to complete the online form. If you need assistance, please feel free to call me at (215) 489-4888, and I will be happy to provide you with whatever help you need. Deadline is **October 30**.

Our Keynote Speaker this year is [William A. Draves](#). Bill is the President of the Learning Resources Network (LERN). LERN is the leading association in lifelong learning with more than 4,000 members in 20 countries. Bill is the most quoted expert on lifelong learning by the nation's media during the past 20 years. Bill has spoken at many conferences and has been a presenter at the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Annual Conference in Philadelphia.



Keynote speaker Bill Draves



The Honorary Chair is [Turkey Hill Dairies](#).

Turkey Hill is being recognized for the outstanding work performed with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 for a workplace education project. This endeavor was expanded to a project on family literacy for the

employees of Turkey Hill. This commitment to Family Literacy continues to this day in partnership with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU.

We all look forward to seeing you again in February 2005 in Hershey, and particularly for you to present a workshop.

One other item for those "PAACers" that have been attending the conferences for some time: Since this is our 40<sup>th</sup> conference I would like to develop a collage of photos taken at past conferences for the cover of the program, and also for inclusion inside the program and the other publications issued at the conference. If you can e-mail them to me that would be great. If you would like to send them to me, please obtain a copy of the photo at your local photo processing center and send the copy to me. I think that we can all get a sense of how things have changed over the years through a photo retrospective.

Thanks so much for your wonderful and continuing support of PAACE, and I look forward to working with all of you in the years to come.

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## ***Legislative Update***

### **Two priorities, right now**

by JoAnn Weinberger, Center for Literacy, PAACE Legislative Committee Chair



At this time of year, two issues should be priorities for you and your programs:

Voter registration has a deadline of October 4. Once you have encouraged everyone in your program to vote, the next related activity is to make sure everyone goes to the polls. The [ABLE website](#) has excellent resources to use in your classes.

*Remember: you can't complain about the actions of your elected officials unless you have been proactive and voted!*

- 2. Appropriations. This is the time of year that the President and the Governor are working on proposed budgets for 2005-06. They need to hear from you about the importance of funding for adult education, including family literacy.

Recently, I had a long conversation with Mark Laisch, aide to Senator Specter. He was clear that the Senate Appropriations Committee took its lead from the President's requested budget, and he recommended writing the President now regarding 2005-06. Since President Bush has been recommending eliminating funding for Even Start for years, you may be questioning about the impact of these letters. I would respond that we must make a point, including that his mother's Barbara Bush Family Literacy Foundation provides limited funds that rests upon an infrastructure of family literacy programs provided by Even Start.

Since, hopefully you, as well as the elected officials, are working on election-related activities, please write your letters right after the election. You can be working on them now.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to urge you to increase appropriations for adult basic education and family literacy in the 2006 budget you are developing. These funds are imperative for the economic climate of Pennsylvania and the nation, as well as support of K-12 education.

{ Insert story or stories of your students }

I look forward to your budget address.

Addresses:

Governor Edward G. Rendell  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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## **Division Reports**

**Family Literacy**

**Best Practice Awards**

**by Ruth Love-Schooley, Lycoming County Library System, Family Literacy Division Director**



The Family Literacy Division of PAACE, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Family Literacy Training Project, is pleased to announce the creation of Family Literacy Best Practice Awards. The goal of the awards is to applaud programs for their efforts to serve families and to encourage best practices across the Commonwealth.

Awards will be considered in the following five areas: use of volunteers, using evidenced-based research, meeting the needs of community populations, collaboration with schools, and collaborations with community agencies. The awards will be presented during the Family Literacy Division luncheon at the Midwinter conference. The application process will begin in November, so watch for details.

Also in November, Governor Rendell will sign a Proclamation declaring National Family Literacy Day in Pennsylvania. How will you be celebrating? Remember to include your government representatives in your festivities. What better way is there to advocate in a time where funding is being questioned so recurrently?

Remember that October 30 is the deadline to submit a session proposal for the Midwinter conference. We need your help to make this year's conference better than ever. I especially encourage all early childhood educators to submit a proposal for a best practice or idea. Your colleagues would love to hear from you.

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## **Adult Basic and Secondary Education (AB/SE)**

### **Getting together at Midwinter**

by **Chuck Klinger, Tuscarora IU 11, AB/SE Division Director**



For the 2005 PAACE Midwinter Conference we would like to provide practitioners more of a chance to be heard. We are looking to do this in two ways. The first is to have more practitioners present at the conference. We will be happy to provide support to any practitioner who has any best practices to present on. If you would like guidance completing a proposal or help smoothing the rough edges of your presentation, let us know. Contact me at [cklinger@tiu11.org](mailto:cklinger@tiu11.org).

The other thing we would like to encourage is participation at our Division meeting. Last year, we featured a speaker who gave a presentation on an electronic format for the Official GED Practice Test. Feedback from the meeting indicated that while practitioners thought the presentation was good, they preferred having more time to network. We will again hold an ice cream social in the evening but focus on issues and networking.

The most common form of positive feedback we hear about the conference is that it provides our membership the opportunity to interact and hear what colleagues are doing. We are working to provide this opportunity throughout the conference.

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## Continuing Higher Education (CHE)

### CEA/PA offering professional development opportunity



*Continuing Education Association  
of Pennsylvania*

The Continuing Education Association of Pennsylvania, the body representing PAACE's Continuing Higher Education Division, is presenting "Technology for Continuing Education Professionals" on October 8, 2004, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Pittsburgh Technical Institute, 1111 McKee Road, Oakdale PA 15071.

Cost is \$25 for CEA/PA and PAACE members and \$35 for non-members. Refreshments and a catered lunch are included.

The day will feature three stimulating and enlightening sessions:

- Teaching and Advising online ... Making a Connection
- Advanced Web Searching Techniques – How to find anything quickly
- Powerful PowerPoint – It's not the "bells and whistles"!

To make a reservation, e-mail Susan Polick at [polick@pti.edu](mailto:polick@pti.edu).

You can also access this information at [www.ceapa.org](http://www.ceapa.org) and going to Programs and Events.

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## ***Of Professional Interest***

### **Act 48 Update**

**by Chuck Klinger, Tuscarora IU 11, PAACE AB/SE Division Director**

Under Act 48, teachers certified to teach K-12 in Pennsylvania need to obtain 180 hours of professional development every five years. The first cycle ends June 30, 2005. Since it began in July 2000, hours have been provided for those attending the PAACE Midwinter Conference. There have been some attendees who have not completed the required paperwork and have not been awarded credit. Over the past few months, we've learned a little more about the process of awarding Act 48 credit and will work to make the process more manageable for the 2005 conference. If you need Act 48, please follow whatever instructions are provided to ensure you receive your proper credit. One notable change will be we will no longer require you to put your social security number on a sign-in sheet for everyone to see. We will provide clear instructions prior to and at the conference. We also expect that Act 48 will still be in effect after the first cycle ends.

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## ***Of Interest to Members***

# Nominations open for Central Rep and Second VP

by Linda Herr, Lycoming County Library System, Past PAACE President



The PAACE Board nominating committee is now accepting nominees for the following positions: Central Representative and Second Vice-President.

The Central Representative's responsibilities include conducting activities that raise awareness in the field about PAACE and benefits of membership. These activities may include distributing PAACE information at workshops, conferences, and other venues to encourage participation in PAACE.

The Second Vice-President serves a one-year term and is responsible for working with Program Division Directors and the Representatives of the Geographic Regions. The Second Vice President succeeds the First Vice-President for a one-year term leading to becoming PAACE President.

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate or if you are interested in either of these positions, or if you would simply like more information, please contact me at (570) 321-0200 or via e-mail at [lherr@jvbrown.edu](mailto:lherr@jvbrown.edu).


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## Announcements

### COABE Regional Institute in West Virginia

Hello, Pennsylvanians. Greetings from Wild & Wonderful West Virginia!!

Attached, please find a copy our  [registration form for the first-of-its-kind regional COABE institute](#). Since Pennsylvania is in Region 2 of the COABE regions, we here in West Virginia would like to personally invite you to attend COABE's Regional Institute - "Institute in the Hills." My goal is to have at least 10-15 teachers, tutors, and administrators from Pennsylvania attend our "Institute in the Hills."

Charleston, West Virginia is approximately 3 hours from Pittsburgh, traveling on Interstate 79 south.

Also, attached are  [instructions for making reservations at the Embassy Suites](#).

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## **AAACE 2004 Conference**

*Weaving Tradition and Innovation*

November 3-6, 2004

The Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky

More information: [aaace.org](http://aaace.org)

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## **40th Annual PAACE Midwinter Conference on Adult Education**



### **The Changing Face of Adult Education**

Hershey Convention Center

February 9-11, 2005

Session proposals due **October 30, 2004**. Go to [paacesite.org](http://paacesite.org) for the online form.

[Click here to follow conference news.](#)

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### **No more postcards**

In a cost-cutting measure, the PAACE board voted to eliminate postcards announcing the release of the organization's quarterly online newsletter, *PAACE News*. Members will continue to be notified via the members' e-mail list. Members who have been requesting hard copies from their regional reps may continue to do so.

WESTERN: Emmett Baxendell—voice (412) 390-2392, fax (412) 482-0187

CENTRAL: Vacant

EASTERN: Joe Morales—voice (717) 270-2937, fax (717) 270-2943

If you have Internet access and the capability to print, please do not request a hard copy.

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### **PAACE News now available in PDF**

For those who like to print out *PAACE News*, you now have the option of printing directly from your browser or downloading a PDF file of each issue.

 [Download PAACE News as PDF file here.](#)

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## Comprehensive conference listing!

Whatever your interest in adult education may be, the LINCS conference calendar has something for you--actually, LOTS of things for you. Check out this thorough list of conferences and events related to adult education, technology, and affiliated topics at: [www.nifl.gov/cgi-bin/Calendar/calendar\\_world.cgi](http://www.nifl.gov/cgi-bin/Calendar/calendar_world.cgi)

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### Are you subscribed to the PAACE members e-mail list?

If you are a PAACE member and are not subscribed to the members e-mail list, you may use the simple sign-up process by going to [www.paacesite.org](http://www.paacesite.org), clicking on the link on the main page for the PAACE lists, and following the link for the [members@paacesite.org](mailto:members@paacesite.org) list. Subscribers also may follow the link to change subscription information. Currently, Technology Committee chair Scot Mentzer is moderating the list but is still looking for assistance. List moderation is aimed at eliminating spam e-mail. Only subscribers may post to the list.

PAACE members are encouraged to be on the e-mail list in order to receive announcements and late-breaking legislative news.

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### Information, please: [paace@paacesite.org](mailto:paace@paacesite.org)

PAACE has an e-mail address. Write to [paace@paacesite.org](mailto:paace@paacesite.org) for general inquiries and information. Joan Leopold, PAACE executive director, will answer your questions or direct your e-mail to the appropriate person.

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### Our 2004-05 Officers, Regional Representatives, and Division Directors:

*President:* Mary Kay Peterson (La Comunidad Hispana)

*First Vice-President:* Robert McNeill (Delaware Valley College)

*Second Vice-President:* Debbie Hrach (Stairways Behavioral Health)

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*Central Regional Representative: Vacant*

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*Adult Basic and Secondary Education Division Director: Chuck Klinger (Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 Adult Education Dept.)*

*Continuing Higher Education Division Director: Mary Anne Varacalli (Delaware County Community College)*

*Corrections Education Division Director: Rob Bender (Graterford SCI)*

*ESL Division: Eastern Co-Director: Elaine Greene (Center for Literacy), Western Co-Director: Theresa Andrews (Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council)*

*Family Literacy Division: Ruth Love-Schooley (Lycoming County Literacy Project), Susan Mansuetti (Penn State Beaver Adult Literacy Action)*

*Tutors of Literacy in the Commonwealth: Amy Wilson (Tutors of Literacy in the Commonwealth)*

*Workplace Education Division: Laura Beach (Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy at Penn State)*

*Committee Chairs: See [www.paacesite.org/committees.htm](http://www.paacesite.org/committees.htm) for full list and contact information. The complete PAACE board is listed at [www.paacesite.org/paacereps.htm](http://www.paacesite.org/paacereps.htm).*

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