

CAAEYC Courier



The Newsletter of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children
Fall 2010

Letter from the President

Dear members,

This is a very exciting time for our organization. Fall is bursting with new programs and incentives for our members. This edition of the *Courier* will give you the information you need to know! Our 1st Annual CAAEYC membership drive will begin on September 1st and run through November 1st! Please check out the details in this issue.

We are proud to announce the newest member and position with our association. Stacey Griffiths has been hired as a consultant to CAAEYC. Stacey will be working to increase benefits to members, increase membership itself and improve member relations to ensure each and everyone of you are receiving the most from your membership. We welcome Stacey and wish her luck in this endeavor!

As we look to increase membership this coming fall, I am challenging you to take the next step professionally and join a local association such as CAAEYC. No better professional development activity than joining a board of directors! We are a small, active group of individuals who care deeply about the field of early childhood and make very important decisions that directly affect children the most. We take part in public policy events, pushing legislators to vote on what's best for our children. We host events to raise funds for children. We offer scholarships to you, our members, to head back to school to further your education in ECE. Wouldn't you love to be a part of this team? We would love to have you join us! Please call me if you are interested in being a part of a committee, a head of a committee, or would simply like to attend one of our monthly meetings. Anyone is welcome. I can be reached at 671-8810.

Have a super start to the school year and we hope to see you all at the Night of Networking!

Sincerely,

Amy Bennett
CAAEYC President



CAAEYC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) is to enhance the lives of children by providing support for adults working with or on behalf of young children. CAAEYC expresses its mission in terms of three broad goals:

- Facilitating improvements in the professional practice of early childhood development and education;
- Increasing public understanding and support for high quality programs for young children and their families;
- Fostering collaboration and building a cohesive community of early childhood professionals.

CCAEYC Membership Challenge

This fall we have a challenge for YOU, OUR MEMBERS. CAAEYC is sponsoring a Membership Challenge September 1- November 1, 2010! The grand prize winner will receive free registration to the Spring Conference held at the beautiful Messiah College campus in Grantham, PA, a gift certificate from a supplier of quality early childhood education materials, and an array of skincare products from Arbonne International. This grand prize gift is worth over \$200! Consolation prizes comprised of free registration to the CAAEYC Spring Conference will also be awarded to 3 lucky winners!

Are you interested in participating in this challenge? If so, here is what you will need to do. We are asking our current members to spread the word about CAAEYC and the work it does to enhance the lives of children. Once you have spread the word, give membership forms to those who wish to join CAAEYC (simply make copies of the form on page 3 of this issue of the *Courier*). Those interested in becoming a member may complete the form, place your name in the referral space, enclose membership payment, and mail the form and payment to the address listed on the form.

How do you win? The individual who recruits the most new members will win the grand prize!

Sorry, renewal memberships do not count as new memberships unless those memberships have lapsed for one year or longer. As a consolation prize, individuals who recruit three or more new members will be entered into a drawing to receive free registration for the CAAEYC Spring Conference. Remember, there can only be three lucky winners! Will you be one of them?

Can't remember all of the important opportunities and benefits CAAEYC offers its members? Here is just a sampling:

- CAAEYC provides support for adults working with or on behalf of young children by providing opportunities for professional development through programs such as Director's Roundtable (free for members) and the Spring Conference (reduced registration fee for members).
- CAAEYC can also help with the cost of earning a degree in Early Childhood Education through its Scholarship Program.
- In addition, CAAEYC sponsors events such as the WOYC (Week of the Young Child) Walk and Night of Networking to advocate for young children and to foster a sense of community among early childhood professionals.

- Members of CAAEYC also automatically become members of NAEYC (the National Association for the Education of Young Children), as well as PennAEYC, the state affiliate of NAEYC. A subscription to the well-respected Young Children journal along with reduced registration fees for the National Conference and reduced prices for a wealth of NAEYC publications are only a few of the benefits of being a member of this organization.

Check out CAAEYC on the web at www.caaeyc.org, PennAEYC at www.pennaeyc.org, and NAEYC at www.naeyc.org to learn more.

Will you please consider taking this challenge? CAAEYC is here to enhance children's lives and to give you, the early childhood professional a voice in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Questions related to this contest may be directed to Stacey Griffiths at stacey_griffiths@msn.com (please remember the underscore mark after the name Stacey). A special "thank you" to Melissa Goulet, Area Manager of Arbonne International, for her generous donation of products for the grand prize.

CAAAYC Membership Form

Memberships must be in the name of an individual, not a center or school. Please print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

New Address? Yes No

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Check one: New membership Renewal (ID #: _____)

Your dues payment includes membership in NAEYC, as well as membership in the following affiliate groups:

Local: Capital Area AEYC

State: Pennsylvania AEYC

Region: Mid-Atlantic AEYC

Affiliate Group Membership:

Comprehensive (\$100)

Regular (\$75)

Student (\$50)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check enclosed \$ _____ Credit card _____

Card number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration date _____ Amount _____

Authorized signature _____

Cardholder name _____ (Please print!)

Daytime phone _____

*Referred by _____ ID# _____

*Referral will only be used for Membership Challenge contest. ID# can be found on NAEYC card.

- Make check payable to NAEYC #132
- Mail check and form to CAAAYC, c/o Stacey Griffiths, 5 Naragansett Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Include a copy of current student ID with payment for student membership

Annual Night of Networking

Monday, November 1, 2010

Please join us for our Annual Night of Networking Event. This year, we will feature two high quality ECE facilities on the West Shore. More details to come!

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