

Letter from the President by Karlene Bennett

Spring 2010

Greetings 2010

It is hard to believe 2010 is already here. It is our hope that each of you will help us celebrate our 50th year as an affiliate of NAEYC.

Share your memories with us and then read all about it in "The Story of Austin AEYC" to be published on our website.

Conference plans are well under way thanks to Marti Burris and the conference Committee. Look inside for

news about this year's keynote presenter.

The History Committee is poring over annual packets filled with details of AAEYC way back then, and discovering some very interesting facts. Watch for details!

The Development Committee chaired by Amy Wong Mok has found sponsors to support Austin AEYC.

If you are a director of a newly accredited NAEYC center, be

sure celebrate at the annual Awards event April 14th.

Do you have an early childhood colleague who has inspired you with their dedication, passion or advocacy for young children? Then download the Annual Awards Nomination Forms on our website and fill it out! Let's celebrate their accomplishments by recognizing them in our community.

It is said that if you love the work that you do, you will

never work a day in your life!

Thank you for all that you do to make a difference in the lives of children every day.

Karlene Bennett



Austin AEYC Adds Three New Awards

The AAEYC Board is pleased to announce three new awards in 2010.

Past AAEYC award winners have occasionally been further recognized by TAEYC for their contributions at the local level. To increase these opportunities it is time to align local awards with TAEYC.

Thus, we invite applications for the Trainer of the Year Award, the Teacher Educator of the year Award, and the Administrator of the Year Award in addition to the named awards listed below.

The Sallie Beth Moore Award is given to recognize the Teacher of the Year.

The Mabel Pitts Award is given to recognize Excellence in Leadership.

The Madeline Sutherland Award traditionally honors service to children with special needs.

The Jeannette Watson Award continues to honor a public policy maker, official or others who have contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life for young children.

For complete lists of previous local award winners, visit the Austin AEYC website on the Awards page.

To nominate outstanding professionals or colleagues for an award this year, print the ap-

propriate application form, complete it, attach documentation and return it by April 1st

All forms will be available soon on the Austin AEYC website: www.austinaeyc.org on the Awards page. If you have questions, please feel free to email board members listed on the website under contacts.

Then come celebrate with some of the finest teachers, administrators, trainers, teacher educators, leaders and advocates in the Austin area on April 14th.

We look forward to a great turnout at the Awards Event on our 50th Anniversary!

**WELCOME
TO OUR NEW
MEMBERS!**

We would like to extend a big welcome to the many new and renewing NAEYC, TAEYC and AAEYC members who are now on our roster. In order to welcome each by name, we added an insert.

If you know any of our new members, give them a warm welcome and invite them to come and get involved.

DIRECTOR NETWORK MEETINGS

Calling all Child Care Directors! Experiencing new challenges? Looking for new solutions? Sometimes even the most experienced directors run into challenges. The best way to problem solve is to talk with your peers.

Workforce Solutions Child Care Services invites you to attend a monthly Directors Networking Meeting. We meet for 2 hours the 4th Thursday of the month 12:00 – 2 p.m. in the Lone Star Room at CCS, 6505 Airport Boulevard, Austin, TX 78752.

Directors generate “hot topics”. Speakers are invited from the community to present on current events/topics. Attendees receive a training certificate for 2 hours of professional development. For more information and/or be put on the e-mail list, please contact Marti Burris, Director Mentor at 597-7184 or e-mail her at marta.burris@twc.state.tx.us.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT By Karlene Bennett

One of our newest members is currently a full-time student at UT pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Her background as a preschool director in churches back home in South Carolina taught her everything from budgeting to curriculum to training and maintaining volunteers!

Why did she join AAEYC? Samantha Gibson wanted to meet people in the same field and hear about the interesting quirks in education locally. She had never heard of the TAKS test until 6 months ago! So far, she has thoroughly enjoyed just meeting people who are as passionate as she is about excellence in the field of early childhood. She has seen a myriad of ways that people use their experience in a variety of fields here and opened her eyes to more job opportunities.

Samantha loves to help wherever help is needed tells us that she has experience in event planning and coordination which she loves because it allows her to be around people, her favorite thing to do. She has already volunteered to not only volunteer at the AAEYC Conference on April 10th but wants to work as a volunteer as well.

We were pleased to hear that Samantha plans to recommend AAEYC Membership to others. She said, “I can't think of a better organization here in Austin for Early Childhood professionals to be involved with? Early childhood can sometimes feel like being alone in a bubble, separated from other education disciplines, so I recommend joining for the learning and experiences to apply to your own world”. We were delighted to welcome Samantha at a recent board meeting and look forward to implementing some of her great suggestions to better serve all our members.

NAEYC Accreditation Presentation Coming to Austin

Austin AEYC Conference 2010 will feature presentations by Darcie Vugrinevich, of the Quality Assurance Department at NAEYC.



We are excited to welcome NAEYC staff to our Conference knowing that local administrators will be able to clarify some of the myths surrounding the research based NAEYC Accreditation Standards and Criteria.

Austin is currently home to almost thirty NAEYC Accredited centers. Congratulations to the following programs for achieving NAEYC Accreditation under the highest standards in the industry.

- ☆ CDC at Crockett High School
- ☆ Child, Inc. at Fountain Plaza
- ☆ Eastside Memorial CDC at Johnston H. S.
- ☆ Mainspring Schools
- ☆ Open Door Central Preschool

It is a mark of distinction to earn NAEYC Accreditation under the new standards. Come and celebrate your success at the Awards Reception.

All interested directors are invited to monthly Accreditation network meetings. Call Sue Gartner, Coordinator of the Accreditation Project at ACC (223-5202) for information. Meetings focus on NAEYC Accreditation steps including self study, enrollment, candidacy and the site visit as well as the Standards and Criteria and maintaining standards once NAEYC Accreditation is achieved.

WELCOME NEW / RENEWING Austin AEYC MEMBERS

Carrie Aaron
Sydney Allen
Charlotte Anderson
Donna Anderson
Kristi Aubert
Caroline Bailey
Sharon Baker
Gladys Bastow
Mary Bearer
Amie Beckett
Elizabeth Bello
Karlene Bennett
Marilee Blackwelder
Robin Brandenburg
Suzanne Braun
Susan Bridgers
Sandra Briley
Teresa Brooks
Christopher Brown
Terry Brown
Gayatri Budwal
Marti Burris
Mary Caputo
Sue Carpenter
Eva Carter
Pat Carter
Susan Carvajal
Faye Casell
Courtney Castillo
Gwen Chance
Darlene Chermak
Nancy Chick
Kara Chu
Gloria Clark
Laura Clark
Laura Clemens
Rebecca Cole
Kindra Coleman-Boulware
Irene Conrad
Michelle Crawford
Brenda Delancy Young
Connie Devine
Cathy Diaz-Murray
Cathy Doggett
Sophia Downing
Traci Dunlap

Amber Edwards
Diane Ewing
Paula Faris
Shirin Farsi
Nikou Fatemizadeh
Jessica Fiedler
Diego Fishburn
Stacy Flieller
Claire Flynn
RuthAnn Ford
Brenda Fowler
Hilda Franks
Cary Fyfe
Shari Gaertner
Cynthia Gamez
Tina Gamez
Cristina Garcia
Melissa Garcia
Charlotte Garrett
Roslyn Garrett
Susan Gartner
Rosemary Garza
Deborah Gawarecki
Arcelia Gibbs
Rosemarie Gibson
Samantha Gibson
Alexis Gleitman
Sallie Goach
Amanda Gonzalez
Jeanette Gonzalez
Brandy Griffin
Jill Habegger-Cain
Larissa Hamilton
Sandra Hanna
Melinda Harris
Julie Hasselmeier
Rhonda Hauser
Judy Haverlah
Jennifer Havlin
Laura Heiligenthal
Amanda Hernandez
Joanna Hernandez
Marcy Herzik-Ralph
Judy Hipkind
Mary Hobbs
Dana Holmes
Linda Holmstrom

Blake Howard
Ron Hubbard
Judy Irish
Joan Jacobson
Jane Jamison
Mary Jamsek
P.D. Jolley
Crystal Joes
Doris Jones
Stacey Joyner
Dr. Gert Keiper
Kathy Keller
Sara Kiehl
Hyun Jee Kim
Karen King
Nicolas Kirk
QAnn Kocher
Kim Kofron
Lisa Kretzer
Laura Kuykendall
Ellen Lachewitz
Nadiya Lakhani
Cindy LaPorte
Florence Laubenthal
Dawn Leach
Becky Leshner
Dorothy Light
Pixie Linebrink
Pam Littlefield
Saundra Lockwood
Ruth Lostracco
Jean Love El Harim
Cecilia Lozano
Jackie Lum
Dellette Lysek
Michelle Maley
Rebecca Manfred
Lisa Mapps
Lisa Martin
Tracey Matchefts
Heather Mathers
Sheila Matthews
Jeanne McCaffrey
Patricia McCreary
Linda McDavitt
Amy McNamara

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as we celebrate our 50th anniversary as an NAEYC affiliate!

WELCOME Austin AEYC MEMBERS

Beverly McQueen
Emily McShan
Leah Meunier
Christy Milam
Laura Miller
Elizabeth Morgan
Mary Morgan
Pam Morse
Ellen Muggli
Pamela Neely
Gloria Neunaber
Hung Nguyen
Shelley Nicholson
Dawn Norton
Susie O'Dell
Barbara O'Donnel
Becky Olivarez
Valerie Osio
Chris Owens
Tammy Page
Gloria Perez
Mona Phillips
Melissa Ply
Mary Ann Pounds
Claudia Pousson
Peggy Presley
Cindy Prestige
Pamela Rutledge
Shannon Saldana

Tera Saleman
Maria Sanchez
Jolene Sanders
Joann Satberry
Debora Saunders
Rachel Saunders
Laura Rainey
Connie Ramos
Alysa Reid
Priscilla Reid
Phyllis Richards
Kathleen Richter
Lana Riker
Jessica Roberts
Diane Robertson
Sharla Robles
Deborah Romero
Tamara Scibana
Maria Sebert
Patricia Sefton
Marci Shrull
Susan Skaggs
Lisa Smith
Rola Smith
Cherie Snell
Kim Solis
Barbara Southward
Lesli Sparkman-Williams
Gale Spear
Karen Spivey
Christina Sproul
Emily Stottlemyre
Peggy Sweet

Eunice Tanco
Karen Tarantolo
Carla Tata
Charlene Taylor
Jackie Taylor
Jennifer Thomas
Paulette Thomas
Charlotte Trafton
Sherry Trebus
Dion Turner
Terry Vasquez
Christine Vickrey
Brigitte Vittrup
Bessie Walton
Helen Weicker
Dana Whitaker
Cheryl Williams
Jody Williams
Teresa Williams
Barbara Wilson
Anne Wingler
Elizabeth Wise
Avril Wood-McGrath
Tyson Wrinkle
June Yeatman
Millie Young
Samar Zaini
Teresa Zapp
Olivia Zubel

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the fun as we celebrate our 50th anniversary as an NAEYC affiliate!

AAEYC AWARDS 2010

We invite your nominations for AAEYC Awards 2010, to honor those in our community who make significant contributions to the lives of young children and their families. Nominating a co-worker or colleague is an important way to help the early childhood community recognize those who do so much for children and families.

It also helps the public-at-large learn of the many professionals who make significant and lasting contributions to the lives of children.

The following awards are given to individuals in recognition of outstanding professional service to children and families:

The Sallie Beth Moore (Teacher of the Year) Award

Is given to an AEYC member who is directly involved with young children and who has demonstrated outstanding service.

The Mabel Pitts Award (Administrator of the Year Award)

is given to an AEYC member for outstanding service and contributions on the behalf of young children.

The Madeline Sutherland Award

Is given for outstanding service to children with special needs or disabilities.

Trainer of the Year Award (New in 2010)

Is given for outstanding training experiences, AAEYC involvement and other professional involvement

Teacher Educator of the Year Award (New in 2010)

is given for outstanding teaching experience, AEYC involvement and other professional involvement

Excellence in Leadership Award (New in 2010)

Is given for Excellence in Early Childhood Leadership in Austin

The Jeannette Watson (Advocate of the Year) Award

Is awarded to a public policy maker, official, or others who have contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life for young children.

See the AAEYC Web-site (www.austinaeyc.org) for Applications, Previous Award Winners, Announcements, Calendar of Events, and Week of the Young Child events



2010 Jerry Townsend Educational Scholarship Application

Due Date: March 30, 2010

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Address: _____ Zip _____ County _____

Social Security Number _____ E-mail: _____

Name, Address, telephone number / email address of your employer:

Your current job title and the beginning date of current position:

Please list your previous work experiences:

<u>Employer:</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Dates of Employment:</u>
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Please list the highest level of education you have completed and or college credits received:

Why do you choose to work with young children and their families?

What is your career goal and how will this award help you achieve your goal?

Are you a member of AAEYC? Describe your level of participation in AAEYC.

Are you currently enrolled in an accredited college or university?

If so, please list: _____ Student ID#: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach / enclose letters of reference.

****** Must be present at awards banquet on April 14th to receive scholarship ******

Please send to: AAEYC Awards c/o Family Connections
825 E. 53 1/2 St., Bldg. E-101, Austin, TX 78751
For further information call: Michelle Crawford @ 478-5725 x 213

Training Topics in Town:

By Cecilia Lozano

Marisol Acosta focused on “How Babies and Caregivers Read to Each Other” at a recent training offered by Baby Connections, a chapter of the Texas Association of Infant Mental Health (TAIMH). She described moving a child from place to place without conversation. This does not support children’s understanding or connection with the caregiver. Instead, it was recommended to spend time trying to comfort, soothe, calm and “be with the infant” during these times to make the important connections with the child.

Ms. Acosta explained that an infant can be represented by a boiling pot. The burner is the stimulation that the child receives from the environment. The caregiver can then regulate how much “heat” or environmental stimulation the infant experiences. The child can also provide his own regulation by “blowing his lid” or crying.

The six states of consciousness experienced by infants are quiet sleep, active sleep, drowsy, quiet alert, active alert, and crying during which the infants exhibit varying degrees of activity.

Most caregiver activities take place during the time of awakening. The “Infant State-Related Behavior Chart helped attendees to understand Infant Behaviors.



The Texas Association of Infant Mental Health (TAIMH) local chapter called “Baby Connections” meets monthly.

For more information, Contact Margaret McNeil margaretm@abcaus.org

Conference Keynote 2010: Lori Dixon: Changing the View with Asset Based

How do you focus on the positive aspects in our profession with the heightened accountability that we encounter? This year’s keynote discusses how leaders can consistently observe and support the needs of their team. Is it possible to attend to opportunity rather than problems, strengths more than weaknesses, and what can be done rather than what can’t?

How can we create a world of positive thinkers? Asset-Based Thinking (ABT) calls for small shifts in the way people absorb, perceive, filter and interpret information. It changes the way we see everything, leading to dramatic improvements in the way we live and work. Asset-Based Thinking zeros in on what’s working rather than what’s not (Deficit Based Thinking) and favors inspiration and aspiration over desperation—

and it is infectious. Through Asset Based Thinking, anyone can lead more productive and personally fulfilling lives. Yes...it’s all in the VIEW!

Following the keynote address, Lori Dixon will lead a breakout workshop entitled: Change the Way You See Everything, or How to Maintain A Positive School Environment.

The newest trend in education is to focus on a “strengths-based” approach to learning instead of a deficit-based model with children and students. Yet this is difficult to do when our world has become a challenging place to live and stay positive. We see it in our schools each day. Parents come to you and usually focus on what “isn’t” happening for their child instead of what is. Colleagues may be focusing on what they aren’t getting or what they don’t have instead of

what fantastic things are going on in the classroom and your school. Asset Based Thinking calls for small shifts in the way people absorb, perceive, filter, and interpret information, thus changing the way things are seen. Participants will engage in active learning experiences to feel the power of “ABT and its effect on our classrooms and schools. This workshop will help you join the movement of ABT and change the way you see everything.

SAVE THE DATE!

**AAEYC SPRING
CONFERENCE
APRIL 10, 2010**

**KEYNOTE::
LORI L. DIXON
CHANGING YOUR VIEW
With Asset Based Thinking**

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Association for the
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★ **AAEYC Calendar of Events 2010** ★

- ◆ 2/25/10 Director Network Mtg. Workforce Solutions
- ◆ 3/8/10 AAEYC Board Mtg., 5:30-7
- ◆ 3/10/10 Accreditation Training 1-3, Meeting Place
- ◆ 3/25/10 Director Network Mtg. Workforce Solutions
- ◆ 4/8 Accreditation Training: 1-3, Meeting Place
- ◆ 4/10-17 NAEYC Week of the Young Child
- ◆ 4/10 AAEYC SPRING CONFERENCE ACC/EVC
- ◆ 4/12/10 AAEYC Board Mtg., 5:30-7
- ◆ 4/14 AAEYC Awards Reception
- ◆ 4/22 Director Network Mtg. Workforce Solutions
- ◆ 5/1/10 Celebration of Families—Palmer Auditorium
www.familyconnectionsonline.org

- ◆ 5/11/09 AAEYC Board Mtg., 5:30-7
- ◆ SUMMER Board Meeting & Retreat - TBA
- ◆ Sept. 10-11 Directors' Symposium—Crowne Plaza Austin
- ◆ Se0- 3 Oct 2 TAEYC Conference: Austin
- ◆ Nov. 3-6 NAEYC Conference: Anaheim
Please see AAEYC website for updates
(www.austinaeyc.org)



