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## NAWD Newsletter

### August, 2008

It's been a long time since I wrote a newsletter to you. I plan to do better in the coming months.

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#### **www.nawd.com:**

Our Website has a new looks thanks to the brilliance of our new Webmaster, Lou Miller. Lou is Executive Director for the New Jersey Association of Student Councils, and he's done some wonderful things to keep you informed. Our website has a more modern design, and Lou actually knows how to do some of the things I've always wanted to do, but didn't have a clue how to make it happen. He has also done some things I never dreamed anyone could do. You'll be seeing Lou at the conference in December, and he will be presenting a session to help you do wonderful things to use technology with your activities program and manage your activities website.

#### **Earl Reum Award:**

The deadline for applications for the Earl Reum Award is September 1, and I would encourage all of your to apply. In addition to the national recognition, the award also comes with a beautiful plaque from the Herff Jones Company, and a \$500.00 check from NASSP. A regional winner will be chosen from each of the eight regions, and the national winner will be selected from the regional winners. The application is posted on our website.

#### **National Conference on Student Activities:**

Information about the annual conference is being prepared for mailing, and should reach you in a week or so, but most of it is posted now on our website, [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com). This year's conference will be held December 5-7 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California, and it is being hosted by the California Association of Directors of Activities and the Alliance for Student Activities. We have had many meetings about the program, and we are sure you and your colleagues will find the weekend

packed with lots of useful information. In response to some of your requests, we have tried very hard to prepare a program that will meet your needs. The tentative program with some of the speaker information is posted on the website, and more will be added as sessions are finalized. The Pre Conference Activity on Thursday, December 4 is not just for sightseeing. While you see some of the attractions of San Diego, you'll also be participating in activities to help you with your school, camp and state programs. For those who are new to the conference, this is an excellent opportunity to meet new people from across the country and make friends before the conference starts. The Saturday evening program is also optional but highly recommended. While you enjoy the poolside party, you'll get information and skills to take home to your activities program. Naturally the whole weekend will be packed with great information, wonderful networking opportunities, and good friends. Your conference registration fee includes a Friday night reception, Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast, plus all conference materials. The conference fees are just enough to cover expenses. As you know, NAWD was started out of a commitment to student activities and a desire to share the best ideas with great people from across the country. It's never been a profit-making endeavor. We encourage you to review the tentative program, register early, and bring someone new to the conference.

### **Other News:**

Congratulations to John Namey of Ohio on his recent marriage. She must be a remarkable woman to have stolen John's heart. We wish them both many long years of happiness and all the best.

And also from Ohio, Connie Miley has started her own consulting business called Yes I Can! Consulting.

Speaking of Ohio, Judson Laipply who spoke to us when our conference was in Cleveland, was on Oprah the other day. I'm sure you remember his History of Dance segment at the end of his presentation. It's the most requested video on You Tube, and we got to see it up close and personal!

We were all saddened to hear of the death of George Meyer of Pennsylvania. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and the many students whose lives he touched.

Congratulations to David Brame. David was responsible for the audio/visual presentations at NASC in Texas. We knew him first, and he will be doing wonderful things for our conference in December. He also designed our logo. He's so talented!

### **Parade of Ideas:**

Each time I send a newsletter, I'm going to try to include a couple of "Parade of Ideas" type suggestions that are always so popular at the annual conference. This time, Connie Miley shares three books which teach leadership lessons. She recommends:

- 1) Hug Time by Patrick McDonnell
- 2) The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds
- 3) Russell and the Lost Treasure by Rob Scotton

#### 4) The Three Questions by Jon J Muth

If you have information about a leadership lesson or other resource, please send it to me ([genel@nawd.com](mailto:genel@nawd.com)) and I'll include it in future newsletters.

#### **A Personal Note:**

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, and that you're looking forward to bigger and better things during the next school year. Before it starts, let me encourage you to take care of some personal business. My father-in-law passed away recently, and his lack of planning has made things very difficult for John and me. If you can't get to your attorney to get your affairs in order, at least prepare an Advance Directive for Health Care, a Durable Power of Attorney so someone can take care of your business if you are unable to do so, and some type of Will. We were just as unprepared as John's father was, but we are getting things done now. There are lots of programs online or at your office supply store so you can complete these three documents in a day at very little expense. Print them up, have them notarized, then you'll have time to see your attorney to prepare something more tailored to your specific needs. If you won't do it for yourself, do it for those who love you.

I can't tell you how happy Earl and I are to have Lou helping us. He is so talented, and can figure out the best way to get information about our association to all of you. The conference in San Diego is going to be excellent. We can't wait to see all of you there. If you have any questions, please contact me at [genel@nawd.com](mailto:genel@nawd.com), 760-376-3218, or P. O. Box 750, Kernville, CA 93238. Email is the best way. I check it daily. I hope you'll take a minute to share a "Parade of Ideas" suggestion so I can include it in the next email, and if there is some news that all of us should know, please send me that, too. See you in San Diego.