



Reumors

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Welcome to the THIRD online issue of Reumors!

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National Conference on Student Activities Reduced Registration Fee if Postmarked by Halloween!

Registrations continue to come in for the conference, but don't be stressed if your check hasn't been cashed yet. John and I were in charge of his school reunion for classes from 1940 through 1969, and I'm just beginning to catch up. **Pete Cahn** tells me that **J. C. Pohl** will do a breakout on Social Responsibility. **Janet Roberts** will do a session on Marketing and Promotion, and **Ron Jones**



has been added to the list of presenters. Other sessions are currently being confirmed. They should be posted on the website soon. Activities for the Saturday night dinner are being finalized, and we're sure you'll want to be there. Get your hotel reservations soon by calling the Town and Country at 1-800-77-ATLAS, and don't forget that you'll get a break on the registration cost if your registration form and check are postmarked by October 31.

NAWD on Facebook

Our NAWD Group on Facebook continues to grow, and we now have 29 members. We hope you will go to Facebook.com and **JOIN** the **National Association of Workshop Directors Group**. It's a great way to keep up with your other NAWD friends. We don't see each other nearly enough, and we don't always know much about each others' lives when we're not doing student activities, I'm hoping we can also share great ideas on our Facebook page. Facebook gives us a chance to share information, and find out a little about personal interests. We also hope you'll click on the December conference event from the group, and indicate that you'll be there. If you have any questions, email me or Lou. So far, I've been impressed that I haven't been bugged with Spam or people I didn't want to connect

to, and was happy that an old friend from high school found me through Facebook, so I'm becoming a fan.

News to Share

If you haven't already heard, **Rocco Marano**, at NASC is retiring at the end of this month. Rocco has been the Director of Student Activities at NASSP for many years, and he will be missed. We expect Rocco at the conference in December so we can all wish him a happy retirement and hear about his plans for the future.



Steve Spangler was on the Ellen Show recently. He seems to focus on fun science experiments on the show, but we all know that if Steve doesn't relate them to a leadership concept, we can. He appears on the show often, so keep your eyes open. He also helps Earl with his computer from time to time, and is considering some new and exciting programs for all of us. At least that's what I've heard.

For as long as I've been associated with NAWD, **Herff Jones** has been a Corporate Sponsor. They supply awards, make contributions to our annual conference, and promote our program nationwide. **Mike Matt** is their National Motivations Programs Manager, and a huge supporter of NAWD. You may have met Mike at the conference in Minneapolis last year and he tells me he's trying to get more reps and advisers at this year's conference. You can contact Mike at mfmatt@herffjones.com. Thanks, Herff Jones for your continuing support.



Parade of Ideas



Harry Bettencourt of California failed retirement, and is currently doing a short term assignment as a Principal. He shared this easy idea for staff appreciation:

Wash the windshields of all staff members cars as a staff appreciation activity. Attach a note on the windshield that says something appropriate, such as "It is CLEAR to us that you are very valuable. Drive safely and we'll see you tomorrow at school"

Instant Activities for October

- Winchell's Donut's was established October 8, 1948. As a quick fundraiser, get donuts from a local shop or from your school food service, and sell them for a small profit before school. Or deliver a donut and coffee to each staff member.

- Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work Day is celebrated early each October. Consider encouraging every student to bring a nice stuffed animal to school each day during the week you designate. At the end of the week, donate all the stuffed animals to your County Children's Welfare Agency. Many of the children they deal with don't have anything warm and cuddly to hold when things are tough, and any animals you donate will be well loved. These kids also do not have anything to put their few belongs in, and most teachers have a few book bags left over from conferences. Contact each staff member personally to see if they can donate old bags and small tote bags that they will donate to these deserving children. Be sure to have some students accompany you when you take in your donation, and it would be a good idea to call first so that the donation is a positive and heartwarming experience for your students.
- October is the perfect time for a pumpkin decorating contest. Decide if you want the pumpkins decorated in school or at home. Decide if pumpkins can be carved, or if you will only allow things to be drawn on or attached to the pumpkin. If someone is bringing in a pumpkin, you might encourage your school security to help bring in the "masterpieces." Be sure to have a secure spot to display all the pumpkins. Students can vote for their favorites or you can have a committee judge and award ribbons. Be sure to have lots of categories...funniest, most artistic, spookiest, etc.

Do you have an idea you'd like to share? Send it to me and I'll include it next month.

Enjoy the cooler weather, fall sports, homecoming, and planning for the holidays. See you in San Diego.

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