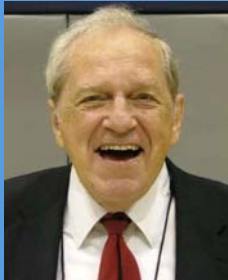




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National Conference on Student Activities... It's NOT too late!



We have a great group of people coming to San Diego, and they will participate in a wonderful experience. If you need to confirm your registration, e-mail Genel at genel@nawd.com and she can assure you that your registration has been received. If you haven't registered yet, you can mail your registration and check this week. If that won't work, e-mail Genel so she can make a real nametag for you and make sure you're counted in the numbers for the banquet department. Genel leaves for San Diego on Tuesday morning, December 2. After December 2, you can reach her at 760-417-9399. Before that, please e-mail or call her at 760-376-3218. Remember she's in California and she's a grouch if you don't think about the time change and wake her up!

We are providing wireless internet access in the meeting room, and Lou Miller and others will be doing some computer based activities, so if you have a wireless laptop, bring it. It will be helpful to access stuff at the conference, but if you don't have a laptop or can't bring one, don't stress. Plans have now been finalized for the Saturday evening event, and if you didn't sign up for this optional event and still want to come, let Genel know. You can either mail your check or register by credit card with PayPal with no service charge. We have a special group coming in for this evening event, and it's going to be memorable. Dress is casual.

Anyone who registered for the conference Pre-Trip on Thursday should receive an e-mail within the next two weeks giving you information about where to meet and what to bring to create a fun and educational experience for participants. It's going to be great fun, and if you would still like to be included, e-mail Genel. One last thing - NAWD wants to sincerely thank CADA (the California Association of Directors of Activities) and the Alliance for Student Activities for their assistance and support.

News to Share...



If you haven't signed up for **Facebook**, do it now! After you've got your account and started your profile, be sure to join the NAWD Group. We'll give you more information at the conference and help you if you have problems, but this is an excellent way to share.

Terry McCoy, a long time NAWD member from South Carolina, has been diagnosed with cancer and has spent a lot of time in the hospital. In fact, he hasn't been able to be at school all year. They are currently treating him with radiation and chemotherapy. I know

we all send Terry our prayers and best wishes, and hope to see him at NAWD 2009. In case you'd like to send him a card, his address is 1901 Devonshire Rd., Apt 13, Columbia SC 29204.

Earl's Pearls...



I attended a Halloween Party in Wyoming, and the Student Leaders had dressed in self-selected costumes, some home-made, some commercial outfits...

The Adviser, a very astute human being mentioned to me that she was stunned that so many of the student leaders were costumed almost in the stereotypical ways of their chosen costumes:

The two Princess Outfits covered the very ladies who costantly function that way while conducting Council business.

The Clown is the Practical Joker, and constant laugher who goes beyond appropriate use of humor.

The Ghosts are the very ones who make almost no difference in what is happening --- You can barely realize that they are participants at all. This is grim.

The Prestige outfits of Political Heroes and Sheroes as well as Movie/TV/Music People covered the very ones who seek Prime Time Attention.

The two Police People are the security team.

The Magician is always suggesting miraculous ideas that are a bit impractical.

The Pirate had been guilty of stealing an election, as well as lots of supplies from the Stuco Room.

The Vampire is the very person who has sucked the life out of the enthusiasm of other Members.

The Witch cackles and cuts, no salves and "poshuns" but always mixing up a kettle of problems.

There was one French Maid and one Chippendale. Character who constitute the flirting and sexism that keeps showing up when we're trying to get Stuco Projects up and moving.

The Bully was dressed as The Hulk, of course.

The Football Player just wore his uniform reminding us that he can seldom participate because of his athletic and team schedules.

We had one Angel and one Nurse, needing both of them badly, and of course they both functioned positively at the party.

I never thought about these stereotypical costumes and member functions bumping together... but I need to dig up a Costume Catalogue to check-out which positive people have costumes that reflect their enormous service and commitment to the betterment of Council, the School, and the Universe.

Dr. Earl Reum is a nationally known speaker and is the founder of the National Association of Workshop Directors.

Parade of Ideas...



Andy Costanzo has two ideas to share in this month's Parade of Ideas.

Spirit Couch - We did this years ago, and the kids revived it this year. We scrounged up an old couch and our wonderful Art Service Club painted bright spirit logos on the slipcover we got for it. It is stored at the football field and kids buy chances for \$.50 all week at lunches before each home game. The winner is drawn Friday afternoon, and wins a ticket to the game and gets to sit with 3 or 4 friends on the couch which is situated just behind the end zone. Several times during the game student council takes orders for

the kids on the couch and delivers free food to them. It isn't a fundraiser, but certainly is a spirit and fun raiser.

Voting Machines - It occurred to me that with the electronic voting machines now in use, there must be hundreds of old machines lying around. With the help of a retired teacher who is now a district justice we were able to cut through red tape and have two voting machines delivered to the high school and several of us were given instructions on how to use them. We plan to use them for juniors and seniors on November 3rd for our mock election, and our plan is to have kids use them to vote for all class and StuCo officer elections beginning this spring.

Do you have an idea you'd like to share? Send it to Genel and she'll include it. Next time, Karen Dawson has a great classroom idea to share.

Instant Activities for November...

World Kindness Day is November 13. Encourage your students to perform random acts of kindness during the week. Write them down on a slip of paper and at the end of the week, draw several winners who receive free admission to a dance or athletic event.

Ask each of your campus clubs to create a "Thanksgiving Box" to be given to a needy family. Local agencies can help you determine some deserving families. Be sure to tell the club the number of people in the family, and the ages of children so they can include small toys and messages to the family along with other appropriate items. You might also continue this into Christmas with the clubs adopting the family for that holiday, too.

Early November is the perfect time to celebrate the Great American Warm Up. Use the occasion to clean out coats, scarves and hats, and give them to a homeless shelter.

The end of November is National Game and Puzzle Week. What about setting up Yahtzee, Uno, Scrabble tournaments in the multi-purpose room each day at lunch.



Have a great Thanksgiving. No Reumors in December, but we'll see you in San Diego!

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