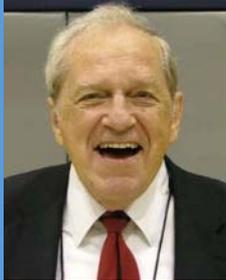




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Something To Do

This issue of Reumors is long overdue, and that brings me to my request. Please take a few minutes today to back up the data on your computer. Don't forget your passwords and contacts. My computer crashed a few weeks ago, and it's been a nightmare. The Geek Squad was able to retrieve some of my data, including the NAWD database, but I'm sure I've lost so much. I am currently waiting for the delivery of my repaired computer, and then I'll find out if I can retrieve anything else. I also have an external backup drive sitting here waiting to be installed. Oh, how I wish I'd taken care of that six weeks ago.

A Request From Earl

We at NAWD need to collect all of the relevant websites for Student Council and other Leadership Advisers. We need resources in all areas of leadership: Curriculum, Materials, Programs, Publications, and Organizations – the most active schools in the US. We will categorize them and create a list to distribute to every NAWD member, every Adviser Attendee at the National Conference, and we can send them to every Executive Director for distribution.

We also need the leading Curricular Designs for Leadership Classes –especially those which have been adopted by State Boards of Education – or even local School Boards who recognize that Leadership is a Class, a Curricular Unit, and essential for the survival of American Education. Please send all information to genel@nawd.com as soon as possible, since it will take some time to put this together.

News To Share

NAWD has always been Earl Reum's organization, and it will continue to be that way. Winners of the Workshop Director of the Year Award and the Earl Reum Award since NAWD started awarding it in 2004 were the Advisory Board who were often consulted for input and decision making. Recently we decided to do something a little more formal, and an organizational document has been written and adopted. Under this new document, this Advisory Board selected a director from the East, Central, and Western part of the U.S.



Diane Anderson of Virginia, Sandy Hillman of Indiana, and Stu Shaffer of California are the newly elected Directors. They will continue to make modifications to this document and work to make improvements to the organization and provide services to the members.

Jim Finnemeyer and the folks from Pennsylvania have invited all NAWD members to join them on a **four day cruise to the Bahamas** immediately following the National Conference on Student Activities/NAWD Conference next December. The cruise is aboard a Norwegian Cruise Ship "Sky" - Jim and Barrie have taken the cruise before and highly recommend it. It leaves from Ft. Lauderdale on Monday afternoon (December 7) stopping at Grand Bahama, Nassau, and Norwegian's private island. Since NAWD-ies will already be in Florida, the additional cost is reasonable, but you will need to act quickly. A \$100 deposit is required to reserve, with the balance due October 1. Complete information will be posted on the NAWD website. While you will book with an agent, Barrie and Jim will be happy to answer your questions. Hope you can take advantage of this opportunity, as long as

you're in the area. If there is enough interest, we'll call it the NAWD Conference Afloat, and maybe even set up a workshop or two. Does that make it tax deductible?

Chris Fisher has started his own speakers bureau. He has the same speakers and contact information so it's basically just a name change to the Fisher Agency. Chris can give you all the details. We wish him luck.

Many long time NAWD members will remember **Dee Hartman**. She made several presentations to NAWD and always delighted us with her humor. Dee has been undergoing treatment after a cancerous tumor was removed from her spine. She continues to teach at the prison, and drives herself back and forth. I'm sure she would love to hear from old friends. You can contact Dee at 4513 S. Lilly Patch Lane, Muncie, IN 47302, (765) 284-0542.



NAWD was saddened to learn of the loss of **Terry McCoy**, a long time NAWD member from South Carolina. Many members signed cards for Terry at the National Conference. Sadly, Terry died the day the 2008 conference closed.

Our **Facebook** group continues to grow, and we encourage everyone to join. Facebook is the biggest social networking site for people "our age." We've had our group going for about six months and I've had my personal Facebook account that long too, with no problems. I've even been able to connect with a friend from high school and got a nice compliment from a former student who found me yesterday. You control who will have access to your information. Even Earl is on Facebook now. Won't you join us?

Earl Reum Award



Congratulations to our 2008 Regional Earl Reum Award winners, listed in the order pictured above:

- Mike Roland (Region 8)
- Cecil Kribs (Region 7)
- Rob Zeider (Region 5)
- David Rhodes (Region 3)
- Karen Dawson (Region 6)
- Lou Miller (Region 2)
- Doug Erickson (Region 4)

All of the above award winners are extremely qualified for the award, and together they represent 124 years of NAWD membership.



Karen Dawson was selected as the 2008 National Earl Reum Award Winner. In addition to Karen's many presentations at student and adviser workshops, conferences, and multi-day training, her Senior Citizens prom was featured in May on the CBS Evening News and in People Magazine. She was part of USA Today's All American Teacher Team in 2004, Volunteer of the Year from Missouri's Special Olympics in 2001, and has been honored with Target Corporations Teacher of Distinction Award, Ford Motor Company's Commitment to Kids Award, the Crystal Apple Award from Emerson Electric Company, and was appointed by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt as Missouri's representative to the National Education Commission in 2005.

There are many NAWD members who are equally qualified for this award, and the application is posted at www.nawd.com. Applicants may be self nominated or nominated by another member, but all applications are due by September 1, 2009. Applications must be completed electronically with a hard copy mailed by the deadline. It must also include a picture and ring size.

National Conference on Student Activities



The Conference in San Diego was a big success. Our featured speakers Norm Hull and Bryan Shelly were outstanding. Those who helped with Icebreakers and Boundary Breakers were energizing, and the workshop sessions were informative. Stu Shaffer was great as our Master of Ceremonies, and the enthusiasm of the participants made for a memorable conference in a great setting.

David Brame has posted all of his pictures of the event online at <http://dynamx.smugmug.com/events>. The password is 85feetdeep. Thank you to all the presenters, participants, associations and businesses for sharing their expertise and resources. A special thank you to Pete Cahn for his work in organizing the event, and to CADA and the California Association of Student Leaders for their kindness during our visit.



Mark your calendars now for the 2009 National Conference on Student Activities sponsored by NAWD in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on December 3-6, 2009. Mike Roland is already working on the program and other events, and he is excited about welcoming all of us to Florida. Watch for updates in each issue of Reumors. Many travel websites will watch for good airline fares and notify you when prices go down. Remember that it might be less expensive to fly to a larger airport and rent a car. We'll include some travel

options next time. If you're interested in sharing a room, let Genel know. Hopefully she will have been contacted by someone else who would like to share a room or can help you with contact information for another NAWD member.

Parade of Ideas...



This month, Karen Dawson shares this Autobiographical Values lesson for a Leadership Class. It's an excellent starter for discussion or



self discovery.

The question, "Who Am I?" is a part of each person's value system. Most people search for identity throughout their lives. A self-concept is not provided for you by your teachers or parents. It is selected, developed, adopted, acquired – built year by year...

Answering questions sometimes helps in selecting areas for consideration. You'll need to space this out to leave room for your students to answer...

- Three things I believe in:
- Three ideas I believe in:
- Three rules I live by:
- One cause I am willing to die for:

- The three summers I remember best:
 - #1 - Because...
 - #2 - Because...
 - #3 - Because...

- The worst job I ever did for money:
- The most rewarding work I have ever done:
- I see myself five years from now:
- Ten Years from now:
- Twenty years from now:

Instant Activities for March...

Pi Day is March 14. See if your math department can organize some type of math contest to share with all students.

March 21 is **Absolutely Incredible Kid Day**. Encourage your teachers to write a letter to one student per class who is great but might not get much recognition. Collect them, and have them delivered by your student leaders.

Use the **Easter** holiday as an opportunity to hide plastic Easter eggs around school. Fill some with fruit or candy, and others with prizes...free passes to basketball games, front of the line privileges for the cafeteria, a reserved parking spot for a week, etc.

National Cleaning Week is held in late March each year. What about some contests for the teacher with the messiest desk and the student with the messiest locker. Then take 15 minutes so students can clean out their lockers. Give amnesty for all overdue library books turned in during this event.

Purchase some flowers or plants and have your student leaders plant them in areas around your campus that need a little **Spring Color**. Since small flowering plants are usually inexpensive at this time of year, purchase one for each staff member. Cover the pot with pretty paper and a bow, and present them to every teacher or staff member on your campus. Don't forget custodians, bus drivers and the cafeteria workers.



Have a wonderful Spring. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me, and don't forget to send us your leadership ideas and website links.

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