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Dear John,



Karl Janowitz

Message from the President

April has finally arrived and this most unusual winter that many of us have experienced is a memory. Spring is here and once again plans for our Summer A.P.P.L.E. program are being finalized. This looks like it will be a very interesting and productive summer.

Our Spring Board of Directors' Meeting met the weekend of April 4 in Orlando, Florida. Key decisions regarding the future of A.P.P.L.E. were discussed. These are addressed in this issue of the EZine. If you thought you may have missed our March issue, you did not, since we skipped that month!

I thank each of you for your involvement and interest in APPLE. Best wishes for a blessed and happy Easter and Passover. Linksmu Sventu Velyku!

As always,

Karl

Dr. Karl P. Janowitz
President

Mission Statement:

"The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a volunteer international non-profit educational organization. With the support of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, A.P.P.L.E. partners with Lithuanian educators to foster the implementation of innovative educational approaches that contribute to the development of a democratic society."

A.P.P.L.E.'s Board Plans Organization's Future

The regular Spring Meeting of A.P.P.L.E.'s Board of Directors was held on Saturday, April 5th in Orlando, FL. The Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers was held the following morning.

In addition to discussing preparations for this summer's program in Lithuania (see article below) an extensive discussion was held on the future of the organization. After considerable debate, a plan was developed to end A.P.P.L.E. in 2015, its 25th year. The extent and type of programming A.P.P.L.E. will conduct in 2015 will depend on the level of donations the organization receives in the near future. What is certain is that with money already set aside from earmarked donations, the Lithuanian Scholars' Fund (Lietuvos Mokytoju Fondas, LMF) grants that have become so popular in recent years will again be made in 2015. Depending on the level of programming in 2015, remaining funds will be expended towards LMF grants. Those who wish to make a special donation in recognition of A.P.P.L.E.'s 25 years of excellence and volunteerism in planting the seeds of progress in Lithuania's educational system are encouraged to do so. With currently set-aside funds, the number of LMF grants for 2015 would only be half those awarded in 2014. With your generosity, we would like to end the program by providing more and/or larger grants in 2015!

The Board plans to meet again in late August to review the outcome of the summer program and assess the level of programming possible for 2015. This EZine will continue to bring you the latest information on A.P.P.L.E.'s plans, donations, and hopefully articles that recall the successes that A.P.P.L.E. has enjoyed during its 25 years. The frequency of publication will be determined by the availability of relevant news and the editor's schedule.

As A.P.P.L.E. nears the end of its journey, three current Directors-at Large who had

reached the ends of their terms were re-elected to finish out their long-time service to A.P.P.L.E. They are Amanda Muliolis, Sue Kohfeldt, and Ilona Laucius.



A.P.P.L.E.'s Board and guests relax at dinner following a busy meeting

A.P.P.L.E.'s 2014 Summer Program

We are happy to report that the 2014 A.P.P.L.E. Summer Program promises to be a high-level educational experience for those who decide to participate. We were pleased to receive 11 proposals for consideration, of which 6 were selected for presentation. The Summer Program will occur over two weeks, from June 25th to June 28th and again from June 30th to July 4th in Kaunas. The theme for this summer's program is "Real World Applications of What We Teach."

Two veteran A.P.P.L.E. lecturers and Fulbright Scholars to Lithuania, Dr. John Trimble and Dr. Wendell Mayo will be returning to Lithuania this summer to present new information. Below you will find a short description of each of their strands. In the following 2 months, we will feature descriptions of the other strands for this summer.

Science Strand

Best Practices: The Art and Science of Teaching in the Biology Classroom
Lecturer: Dr. John Trimble

For science teachers, especially in biology and chemistry who wish to develop and use examples of best practices in science education techniques.

Educational best practices for effective instruction, as espoused by Robert Marzano, require students to demonstrate and practice the scientific method as well as challenge them to learn scientific knowledge. Best practices of science education will be considered, including inquiry and research, real-life situations, problem solving and issue-based learning. Classroom techniques, which may be applied to other fields of science, such as wait times, questioning, using analogies, simulations and role playing, brainstorming, graphical organizers, and share/pair discussion of a common text will be used.

Language Arts Strand

Creating and Sharing Works of the Imagination in the Classroom
Lecturers: Dr. Wendell Mayo and Laurie Hendrickson

Objective: Of course, imaginative literature, such as poetry and fiction are taught in Lithuanian schools. But the purpose of this portion of the strand is to provide hands-on experience for teachers in the writing of ORIGINAL works of the imagination, in particular, lyric and narrative poetry, as well as short stories - in other words, "practicing what you teach" by teaching teachers to generate their own works of literature.

Outcomes and Activities: Four that are theoretically based:

1. Expressive Aim: Teachers in A.P.P.L.E. seminars will practice well-defined writing exercises aimed at inventing their own poetry and short stories.
2. Formal Aim: Teachers will practice at least 2-3 poetry forms: at least one lyric form, such as the pantoum and ghazal; and one narrative form. Teachers will also practice writing at least 2-3 short stories based on archetypal patterns, such as the contest, initiation, metamorphosis, scapegoat, and trickster patterns.
3. Social Aim: Teachers will share and critique their original works in a "studio workshop" setting.
4. Cognitive Aim: Teachers will reflect in writing about their creative process, from invention, to sharing, to challenges in writing forms.

Fundraising Corner

You still have an opportunity to make a donation to honor A.P.P.L.E. and the many volunteers who have served A.P.P.L.E. over 25 years. All donations will be expended towards 2015 programs including A.P.P.L.E. Scholar's Fund. You can make a direct donation to A.P.P.L.E. by [clicking here](#) and using PayPal. Make sure to add a note if you wish that your donation be specifically used for a Lithuanian Scholars' Fund grant.

What will different levels of donations accomplish?

- For \$100, you can provide an ink cartridge and paper so that A.P.P.L.E. can distribute lesson notes to teachers.
- For \$200, you can provide a stipend for a translator.
- For \$450, you can underwrite the distribution of our newsletter.
- For \$500, you can sponsor a Scholar's Fund Grant. Lesser amounts will be combined to fund a grant.

A minimum donation of \$25-individual or \$40-family will enroll you as a member of A.P.P.L.E. for one year. Of course, donations are still welcome by mail: A.P.P.L.E., 105 Sturbridge Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

A.P.P.L.E. is a 501(3)c organization, which means that your gifts are tax-deductible. Our tax-exempt number is 23-2682202. Because of strict IRS regulations, we cannot accept donations intended for specific people. If you would like to support relatives or friends, please do so directly. The A.P.P.L.E. scholar grants are intended for Lithuanian educators who do not have contacts in the United States.

This electronic newsletter is designed for quick delivery of A.P.P.L.E.-related news to

an audience that includes current A.P.P.L.E. members, friends of A.P.P.L.E. and interested potential members both within the United States and Lithuania.

Increasing communication and the exchange of ideas among our members increases the strength of our organization and our ability to be relevant to our Lithuanian constituents. Exciting and pertinent events occur all year round, and we want to keep all of you abreast of what is happening, when it's happening.

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