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**Dear John,**



**Karl Janowitz**

**Message from the President**

As I write this, we are nearing the end of our first week of A.P.P.L.E. Summer 2012. I

am happy to report that feedback seems to be quite good. I have had a number of our Lithuanian colleagues already asking about A.P.P.L.E. 2013.

After meeting in Vilnius, lecturers went to two different locations. The participants for the two week seminar went to Palanga, on the Baltic Sea, where the sessions are being held. Strands include Administration, English as a second language, Science (Biology), and Information Technology. Each of these strands is one week in length, the second week being a repetition of the first week to new audiences.

The university strand participants traveled to Siauliai where seminars were presented Monday through Wednesday at the University of Siauliai. On Thursday, this strand transferred to Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas. Next week the presenters will take their presentations to two special kindergartens and a care facility for individuals with disabilities also in Kaunas. Topics included neuropsychology and the teenage brain, the medically fragile child and learning and how trauma affects the development of the child, and the history of disability and disability rights.

It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm generated by the A.P.P.L.E. Summer topics and the requests for future A.P.P.L.E. seminars.

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. Member Profile - Roma Sausaitienė**



**Roma Sausaitienė**

Roma is a Methodologist at the Education Development Centre in Vilnius

## **The phenomenon of A.P.P.L.E. in Lithuania**

I became familiar with the activity of the A.P.P.L.E. organization 17 years ago, when I came to work at the Teacher Professional Development Centre. Personally, I have participated in three A.P.P.L.E. seminars. Since 2004 I have been performing organizational work for the summer courses: I write information articles about courses, register teachers into the strands, manage finance documents, and take care of the accommodations and catering and the organization of leisure time for the U.S. lecturers and Lithuanian teachers, including excursions in Lithuania for the U.S. lecturers. Lithuanian teachers cannot imagine summer without A.P.P.L.E. courses. There are many teachers, who come to attend the sessions for the 4th time, some have even attended 10 times! They come not only to receive knowledge, but also to communicate, meet their colleagues and have a good time. The source of course funding changed a couple of years ago: the Ministry of Education and Science allocated very little money to support the organization of the summer sessions, therefore the teachers had to pay at least some of their own money to attend the courses. Many times I have waited in dismay wondering how teachers will register, if they will willingly pay to attend the summer courses. To my astonishment, the number of participants has not diminished - it has even increased due to the decision to organize the session that summer in Klaipėda, rather than Vilnius. Principal Audrius Kurlavicius of the Klaipėda Tourism School agreed to cooperate with the Education Development Centre. Despite the fact that the sessions occur in July and that teachers have to pay to attend, teachers willingly come there. They know that the lectures will be interesting and intensive and that the lecturers will be prepared to answer all the questions. After the sessions teachers can vacation near the Baltic Sea or participate in the events of Klaipėda city. Lecturers from the USA were also pleased to have weekend visits to the holiday town of Palanga, the Curonian Spit, Telsiai, Siauliai, the Hill of Crosses, participate in folklore celebration, and walk along the shore of the Baltic Sea.

I believe that the success of A.P.P.L.E. courses depends on work and toil done by many people. I am obliged to mention the efforts of Amanda and Algirdas Mulioliai; the past presidents of A.P.P.L.E. Barbara Henrique and Vida Gavin; the representative of A.P.P.L.E. in Lithuania Ramutė Zemionienė; lecturers Karl Janowitz, Edward Topar, Sue Kohfeldt, and Vitas Underys. Their work, ideas and devotion help make A.P.P.L.E. courses popular and very well appreciated by Lithuanian teachers.

The project of the Ministry of Education and Science and A.P.P.L.E., which began in the summer of 1991, this year will invite teachers to participate in the courses for the 22nd time. Director Giedrius Vaidelis of the Education Development Centre has put much effort to obtain funding to be used to organize the summer courses and that lecturers from the USA could comfortably live and feel good in Lithuania. I am also eager for the A.P.P.L.E. courses, hoping that our joint work and synergy will bring good results.

**Report from Palanga**



### Opening Ceremony for 2012

The 2012 A.P.P.L.E. summer program opened on June 25th in the beautiful town of Palanga near the Baltic Sea. The two-week program began with a warm introduction from Mr. Giedrius Vaidelis, Director of the Education Science Development Center. A lovely dance and song presentation was performed by students under the direction of Laimute Benetiene, of Palanga Vladas Jurgutis Basic School. Dodging the rain, participants made their way o to their classrooms eager to engage in content around the theme of building educational communities in our schools in the areas of administration, English as a Foreign, Language, technology and science. The week ended with sharing of best educational practices and continuing to build partnerships between A.P.P.L.E. volunteers and our Lithuanian colleagues. We look forward to next week when another group of Lithuanian educators will participate in the A.P.P.L.E. program. We also hope the sun will shine.

In addition to the two-week summer program in Palanga, a university strand was held in Siauliai and Kaunas in the areas of neuropsychology and special education. Participants included university faculty and students.

Nancy Hanssen  
Director of Programs

### Fundraising Corner

With A.P.P.L.E.'s Summer Program for 2012 nearing completion, we are already planning for next year. Of course continuation of our programs relies heavily on your contributions. Now is the perfect time to make a donation to help support A.P.P.L.E. and its worthwhile programs. You may click on the button below to make a donation using PayPal. Your donation will get to A.P.P.L.E. through a link to our Treasurer's email address. After you donate on PayPal, [send Jack an email](#) and he will email you a receipt for tax purposes.

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