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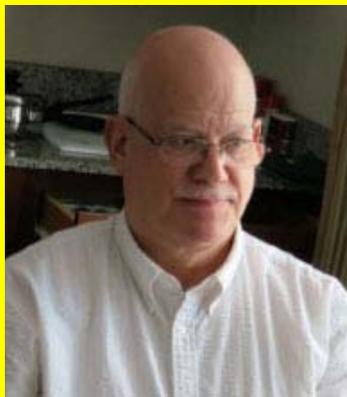
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Dear John,



Karl Janowitz

Message from the President

After months and months of planning our we are on the eve of the A.P.P.L.E. summer seminars for 2014. A.P.P.L.E.'s 24th summer of in-service programs for Lithuanian educators will begin next week. Seminars will be held in Kaunas this year. Perhaps I will see you there?

The theme for this summer's seminars, "Real World Applications of What We Teach", once again seems especially relevant in light of major societal as well as educational issues on both sides of the Atlantic.

We welcome our new as well as our returning lecturers and thank all of you who, through your generous donations or time and money, have made this summer's program possible.

Have a wonderful summer.

Karl

Dr. Karl P. Janowitz
President

Editor's Note: There will not be an EZine in July because of travel to Lithuania. Look for news from this summer's program in August. In the meantime, Happy Jonines!

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 - Jack Irwin & Operation Snowball



Jack Irwin

"Now we know what a free people can do."

These words came from a young man at the first international program of Operation Snowball, a drug, tobacco, and alcohol prevention program for teens. This took place in Kaunas, Lithuania, in July of 1994. This Snowball occurred as a result of my teaching with a colleague in the A.P.P.L.E. program in Marijampole, Lithuania in the summer of 1993, which coincided with my retirement as a high school counselor. We were asked to teach about alcoholism, substance abuse dependence, and substance abuse prevention for teens. What an incredible experience.

Teaching with A.P.P.L.E. in 1993, we had expected a classroom of teachers, but found that about half of our students were doctors, psychologists, and social workers. As a

result of our introducing the Snowball program, two of the psychologists from the Kaunas Medical University asked if we could start Snowball in Kaunas. We quickly agreed.

I had a personal reason for being excited about starting the program in Kaunas, as it was from this city that my great-grandparents left for America in 1882. In the summer of 1994, a colleague and I taught in Kaunas with A.P.P.L.E. and another colleague brought ten teens and two more adults from America to start the first Snowball outside the USA. One hundred teens participated in the first event, which was a great success, as evidenced by the earlier remark.

Today, the program has expanded to 36 chapters in Lithuania, two in Poland, and one in Belarus. All of the programs outside Lithuania had Lithuanian teens assisting in the first events.

The Lithuanian chapters have a great deal of interaction. We often find teens attending events from different Snowball programs. The 36 programs are a mix of rural and large city schools. Today, we have programs from early elementary through the university. Our directors are mostly social pedagogists, but there are several teachers who sponsor the groups.

I have traveled to Lithuania 57 times since my first visit in 1992 as a tourist. Lithuania has become my second home and it feels like going home each time I return. While walking along city streets, I often am greeted by name by young people who have been involved with Snowball.

For more information, please visit our website: www.international-snowball.com.



Jack with Participants in Operation Snowball

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

With the beginning of A.P.P.L.E.'s 2014 Summer Program less than a week away, we present the final strand description in our recent series. The theme for this summer's program is "Real World Applications of What We Teach."

Information Technologies: "Using Technology to Support Relevance in Teaching and Learning"

Lecturer: Dr. Dea Conrad-Curry

For teachers of all subjects interested in using technologies in their classroom as a teaching tool. In today's world application for what we teach is often realized through technology. Whether we use Web 3.0 applications like Twitter to interact with learning internationally or Web 2.0 applications such as Prezi to deliver information, chosen technology frames what we know and expands what we can do. This session directly reflects that philosophy as the leader uses various technologies as the source of instruction as well as their products to serve as models for learning outcomes.

In the first two days of this interactive four-day seminar, participants will be guided through the use of Web 3.0 social media technologies as well as popular Web 2.0 presentation technologies. On day three of the session, participants will develop practical curricular applications of a selected technology or group of technologies. The final student centered day will provide an opportunity for participants to share means of integrating technology and content into relevant and real world instructional designs.

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.

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- 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.

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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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