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Dear John,



Karl Janowitz

Message from the President

Spring is just around the corner. The days are getting longer and we are looking

forward to the completion of another successful school year and an exciting Summer.

Plans are developing nicely for our A.P.P.L.E. Summer program.

I am really looking forward to going to Lithuania in a couple of weeks to meet with our Lithuanian colleagues and organizers to complete details for our Summer seminars.

Our Spring A.P.P.L.E. Board of Director's meeting and Annual MEETING will be held the weekend of Friday, April 12 in Baltimore. It will be good to meet with all who will be attending, to finalize Summer plans, and to discuss future initiatives.

Have a wonderful Spring and Easter holiday. Feel free to contact me at any time.

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. Member Profile - Dr. Leslie Anne Young



Dr. Leslie Anne Young

*"If you want to feel secure, do what you already know how to do.
If you want to be a professional and continue to grow,
go to the edge of your competence which means a temporary loss of security.
So, whenever you don't quite know what you're doing, know you're growing."*

Madeline Hunter

In the summer of 2012, I was introduced to the A.P.P.L.E. organization. I was immediately intrigued by the mission and the core values that this institution represented. The concept of fellow educator's teaching fellow educator's in an interactive collaborative format mirrors my own values. I embarked on this three week journey with some trepidation, but any concerns that I initially experienced were very quickly put to rest by the amazing people with whom I was interacting. I shared my

passion concerning medically fragile and special needs children and how their illness and special needs can affect their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Through this experience in the Lithuanian educational system, I taught educators and gained many valuable lessons from them as well. I believe in being a teacher and a learner throughout life.

The first week, I worked with a diverse population from two different universities. Participants included college and university professors, social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, speech therapists, physical therapists, and a variety of classroom teachers. Participants praised the interactive way the information was delivered to them allowed them to use it in daily practices.

The second week, I went into two different Kindergarten schools and worked directly with the teachers there. The response that I received from them was life-changing for me. Watching the sheer dedication and devotion that these teachers exhibit towards their students was amazing. They were eager to learn from me and from one another skills that will make a difference in the lives of the children they are working with.

In September 2012, I was honored to be nominated for the A.P.P.L.E. Board and graciously accepted. I look forward to carrying on the traditions and core values of the A.P.P.L.E. organization. From my experience in Lithuania the summer of 2012 I immediately knew that I would want to be an active participant in the summer education programs finding ways to continue the commitment of education, networking and learning.

Summer of 2013, I will be participating in the university based education program and working directly with children and their teachers who are working in different educational environments. My topic is "Expressive Therapies for Educators as a Learning Modality for Children with Specialty Needs." It is a privilege to be part of an organization and an educational community that will allow me to make a difference in people's lives through education, personal empowerment, commitment and caring.

I am an Associate Professor and Program Chair at the University of La Verne, located in southern California. I have been there for over 19 years, educating Masters Students in the College of Education focusing on the cognitive, social, emotional, psychosocial development and the educational aspects of children and their families that are dealing with medical and special education needs

I came to the University of La Verne after 15 years of working with special education and medically fragile children and their families in various hospital environments in southern California. During my time in the hospital I worked within a variety of departments including General Pediatrics, providing educational services to the children such as educational curriculum, school-integration programs and coping and grief support interventions.

Prior to work in a hospital environment, I worked in higher education in southern California focusing on Education, Child Development and Psychology, where I was able to practice skills as a teacher in education and child development. I completed my doctorate in Education and Organizational Leadership at the University of La Verne; my vision is dedicated to educating people on the needs of the medically fragile children and children with special needs, family centered care, and the issues facing us as we compassionately care for children with medical and special education issues nationally and globally.

Editor's Note: We are actively looking for members of A.P.P.L.E. to profile in upcoming EZines. If you wish to submit a profile or suggest someone's profile you would like to see, please contact us by simply replying to this EZine email.

Lithuanian Scholars' Fund Grant Program

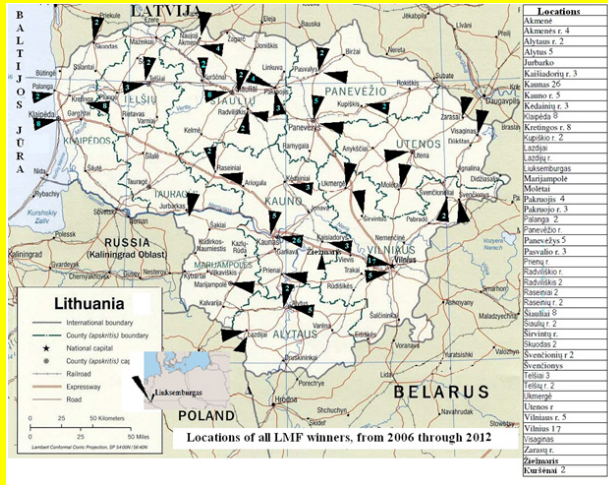


Litexpo Center

In 2011 the first Exhibition SCHOOL was held at the prestigious Litexpo convention center in Vilnius. Organized by the Ministry of Education and Science and the Lithuanian Educational Development Center (Ugdymo Pletotes Centras; UPC), over 7,500 educators from all over Lithuania took part in educational presentations and exhibits. It was a special opportunity when A.P.P.L.E. was asked by UPC Director Giedrius Vaidelis to present at the second Exhibition SCHOOL, held November 2012. A.P.P.L.E.'s administrator in Lithuania, Ramute Zemoniene presented an overview of the Lietuvos mokytoju fondas (LMF). LMF is A.P.P.L.E.'s small grant program designed to support teachers who attend A.P.P.L.E. sessions to implement new ideas in their schools and classrooms. Given that this exhibition is the only event of the year when the entire Lithuanian educational community meets, it was an important opportunity to recognize the aims, objectives and accomplishments of the program. The theme of the exhibition was "Everything for Effective Teaching and Learning", and Ms. Zemoniene emphasized A.P.P.L.E.'s objective in implementing the LMF- to encourage creativity, innovations, new teaching methods and strategies. Because projects are not linked to teacher's daily duties in the classroom, it fosters the implementation of activities that allows teachers to use different approaches leading to creativity and innovative ideas that stimulate learning for all students UPC Senior Specialist Roma Sausaitiene said, "Lithuanian teachers are sincerely thankful to sponsors of the A.P.P.L.E. organization for the annual financial support. Projects stimulate teachers for further and creative changes in the schools of Lithuania. While implementing the projects, teachers have a possibility to involve not only students, teachers and parents, but the entire school community". Teacher Liuba Vaigauskienė from RaseiniaiKalno Catholic High School expressed, "This financial support is very significant for us, a small school. It is given in a very acceptable and easy way - a simple application form. The most important thing is that it is based on trust between A.P.P.L.E. and the teachers of Lithuania".

This summer will be LMF's seventh year. Since its inception the program has funded 134 projects. Given our twenty-two year history it is hard to find a teacher in Lithuania that isn't aware of A.P.P.L.E. It is hoped that soon teachers will have the same awareness of LMF and be thinking about how they can improve the educational experience of their students. In upcoming issues Ramute Zemoniene will describe some projects supported by LMF.

-Anita Adamitis Scarborough



Locations of LMF Winners 2006 - 2012

Fundraising Corner

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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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