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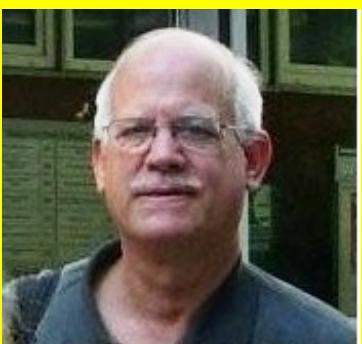
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### Greetings!



Karl Janowitz

### Message from the President

It is an honor to return for another term as president of A.P.P.L.E. As many of you know, I have

been with A.P.P.L.E. since 1992. As Lithuania has developed as an independent democratic society, A.P.P.L.E. has retained its original mission while changing to meet the needs of Lithuanian educators.

The A.P.P.L.E. Summer Program 2011 was most interesting. As you know, the main Summer Program was held in Klaipeda. Additional special education lectures were held in Kaunas, Simnas, Taurage, and Skaudvile. Our presenters/strand offerings were scaled down to comply with economic realities. However, as usual, A.P.P.L.E. was positively received.

Our annual A.P.P.L.E. Board of Directors meeting was conducted the weekend of August 27, in Connecticut. Despite the arrival of Hurricane Irene, we had a good turnout and a most successful meeting. Among our accomplishments was the finalization of many details regarding A.P.P.L.E. Summer Program 2012.

The A.P.P.L.E. Summer Program 2012 Call for Proposals is now available at [www.applequest.org](http://www.applequest.org) and I look forward to reviewing them. You will be learning more about the plans for 2012 in the future.

I wish all of you a pleasant and rewarding school year!

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."

#### **Call for Proposals - Summer 2012**

A.P.P.L.E., in partnership with the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, is planning the twenty-second summer of in-service programs for Lithuanian educators, school social workers, administrators, and other school personnel in 2012. We invite you to consider joining us in this challenging and rewarding endeavor in sharing educational ideas with our Lithuanian colleagues.

The Call for Proposals is available on the [A.P.P.L.E. website](http://A.P.P.L.E.%20website). Proposals must be submitted by December 1, 2011.

#### **A.P.P.L.E. Member Profile - Vida Gavin**



### **Vida Gavin**

I was born in Birstonas, Lithuania. My family was about to be deported to Siberia, so in the middle of the night our family fled. We lived in Austria and Germany in Displaced Persons Camps until we were able to leave for the US. In 1948, we emigrated to the Boston Area. I attended St. Peter's Lithuanian School, taught by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, and attended Lithuanian School on Saturdays. Growing up I was involved with Lithuanian groups such as Ateitininkai and Girl Scouts.

Emulating my father's career as an educator and administrator, I received a Bachelor's Degree in English from Northeastern University, and I taught English in a Middle School in Marshfield, Massachusetts. I received my Masters' Degree, also from Northeastern University, specializing in Reading and Special Education. I became a Reading Specialist, and a Coordinator for Special Education. Subsequently, I was the Director of Special Education in Scituate Massachusetts, and while there completed a doctoral degree in Leadership, Administration and Supervision. In 1991, I was employed by the Town of Chatham as Superintendent of Schools. I worked there until I retired in 2005, culminating an educational career that spanned 35 years. I had the honor of being the first female superintendent on Cape Cod! I continue to consult, teach periodically at Cape Cod Community College, and assume interim administrative positions here on Cape Cod.

My involvement with A.P.P.L.E. began in the early 1990's when Joe Kalla called asking me to come to Lithuania as an A.P.P.L.E. volunteer and participate in the Administration Strand. A.P.P.L.E. was looking for volunteers that were actively working in administration. As a newly appointed Superintendent of Schools (1991) it was difficult for me to get away. Chatham was embarking in major renovation and building projects for their schools, all of which required my vigilance and attention during the summer months, when most of the construction was taking place. Joe did not give up. He called me each year, until finally in 1997, I made my first trip to Lithuania as an A.P.P.L.E. volunteer. This was A.P.P.L.E.'s seventh summer institute, and it was held in Alanta at a Soviet-era Vocational School.

That summer with A.P.P.L.E. provided me with one of my most rewarding experiences as an educator. I vowed to become more involved and to return as often as possible. Job commitment made it difficult to take off for two or three weeks in the summer, but I was able to return in 2005, 2009, 2010 for A.P.P.L.E.'s 20th year celebration, and again this past summer (2011) in Klaipeda.

I have been honored to serve on the A.P.P.L.E. Board of Directors, to have served for two years as President Elect, and President for the past two years. I am now finishing up my term as Past President. I feel that I am following in the footsteps of my Lithuanian father, a Lithuanian educator. He cared so much for the education and welfare of children, for bettering the educational opportunities

for all children. I , and I feel honored to do my small part with A.P.P.L.E. as we continue our mission, and collaborate with our Lithuanian teachers, administrators, and institutions of higher learning to bring about the implementation of innovative educational approaches for the betterment of all of Lithuania's children.

## 2011 Summer Program Report - Klaipeda

The site for our Summer Program had us returning to Klaipeda. Limited funding limited our cohort of lecturers. The work we have been doing on building Lithuanian capacity in our staff proved to be invaluable to this summer's successful program.

Barbara Henriques was able to teach two strands of mathematics classes for teachers and Dr. Gavin offered to serve as her co-director of the Klaipeda Program. Tatjana Kriliuviene, an Expert Teacher in English Language Teaching and in the use of technology to support learning English was able to conduct a one-week English Language Teaching Strand. Tatjana was one of fifty teachers from around the world to be identified for a special award as a Global Scholar by Microsoft for her work with technology in her teaching.

While planning our sessions, we were asked to include a special strand on Computer Programming with C++. Our own Amanda Muliolis took on this additional task and spend a good deal of time preparing for this new challenge.

Sue Kohfeldt also did a one-week computer stand on Google Apps. A second week of the Google Apps strand conducted by Amanda Muliolis was also presented. Our computer support staff, Rasa Alaburdiene and Vilija Tarnaviciute, worked with each of the computer strands and also assisted other strands that signed up for class time in the computer labs.

The Administration Strand led by Board Member, Ed Topar and Dr. Kristen Ross, a first-timer to our program. Both sessions were very well attended and focused on the topics of Ethics, Leadership and Change.

The Mathematics Strand focused on Inquiry in Mathematics Learning and Teaching. Both sessions had good numbers in both sections and teachers were earnest in their desire to learn more about this topic and to build technology into student learning. We focused on fractions, area and perimeter and the mathematics of circles. Teachers also focused on formative and summative assessments and the use of performance tasks and the use of technology to support student learning.

The School Librarians Strand led by Dr. Blanche Woolls, Snaigė Raguskiėnė and Aldona Paulanskiene led two sessions for school librarians. They worked with beginning and more experienced school librarians to address issues related to how to run a model school library that supports student learning. They also discussed plans to continue to build on the first School Librarians Conference that was help in Mazeikiai last spring. The School Librarians are building momentum and I predict great things in the near future.

Our sessions were well attended and consisted of about half the people who had never been to an A.P.P.L.E. Seminar and half who had been to at least one in the past. We had about 130 participants over the two weeks.



Opening day for the A.P.P.L.E. 2011 Summer Program in Klaipeda

## In Memorium

The Board of A.P.P.L.E. was saddened to hear of the passing of Walter Serbent during their meeting in Connecticut on August 27, 2011. Walter was one of the founding officers of A.P.P.L.E. We offer prayers and sympathy to Walter's family, including his wife Jane, who has also been an active member since A.P.P.L.E.'s inception.

### [Walter's Obituary](#)

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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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