

Tentative Workshop Sessions

Friday, April 15, 2011

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Pre-Conference Seminar: Sharing Space Experiences



Cindy Mitchell, Beta Lambda Chapter and our very own teacher in space, will share her experiences. She has instructed elementary children in space related topics. She attended SPACE camp and raised money to send children to camp. Cindy will tell us about weightlessness and other experiences. She even applied to be an astronaut! You will learn about her published books on the constellations. Cindy will give you handouts and lesson plans that you may use with your classes. Come and meet this interesting Alpha Iota State member. 2 SBCEUs

Saturday, April 16, 2011

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Communicating through Generations

Keynote by Nancy Everett, Alpha Xi Chapter

Enhancing intergenerational communication can bring about satisfaction, challenges, and rewards. However, this journey will take a comprehensive plan. Nancy will discuss the needs of Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, and Millennials. Each of these generations holds a different view of the world influenced by world events that have shaped each generation's place in history. The following questions may be helpful for all generations to ask each other: 1) What experiences do they bring to the learning setting? 2) What are their values, learning styles, and communication patterns? 3) What are their expectations in the learning environment? How can we improve intergenerational communication? Listen as Nancy gives us information that we can share with our students. Give them tools that they can use in school, the workplace, and in personal relationships. Use these new understandings to communicate in chapter meetings. SBCEU

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Your Presidency Continues.....

MDE states that professional development builds the culture for motivating educators, expands the learning community, and forms the foundation for the future. Sally Garrison, Gamma Delta, will provide professional development for chapter presidents. Sally will facilitate participants in this session through deep knowledge, higher order thinking, substantive conversation, and connections to the world beyond the classroom. She will assist chapter presidents in meeting the requirements of the next year and inspiring members. Come visit with Sally and other chapter presidents to learn answers to your questions. Her expertise has come from being chapter president, state president, and state executive secretary. She is the "answer woman." SBCEU



Novel Make and Take Projects: Connecting Visual Images with the Written Word

Are you looking for engaging activities that will excite students about the books they are reading? Join Carolyn Wheeler, Lambda Chapter and Media Specialist at Conant



Elementary School, Bloomfield Hills, MI, as she shares creative arts and craft projects to connect children's literature to the curriculum. Drop in and join the fun! Seating is limited and registration required. Please sign up at Registration Desk. SBCEU

Alpha Iota's Wealth of Programs and Projects

Olive Horning, Gamma Beta Chapter and State Program Chairman, will give you several ideas that will educate, inspire, and challenge your members. Where do most chapters find their programs? How do chapters keep their members interested and vital? What



sparks set your meetings aflame? Looking for a service project that will pull members together? Share with us why your chapter meetings attract members!

African Drumming and Dance

African Drumming and dance have been used for thousands of years. Drumming strengthens communities, awakens the energy, passion, and enthusiasm of individuals and groups. Drumming and dance can be a wonderful opportunity for interactive team building while creating a fun and dynamic learning environment where all participants

will feel successful. Come to drum and dance with Nancy Tetzlaff, Beta Epsilon and Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda. Learn how you can use this in your classroom. 4. Arts in Context, Content Standard 4 intends for students to identify how elements of music are used in examples from various cultures of the world and to compare, in several cultures of the world, functions music serves, roles of musicians, and conditions under which music is typically performed. SBCEU



11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

Leading with Character by Seeing the Possibilities Around You

Nancy Berkompas, Alpha Tau Chapter President, will lead this session that will begin with a video photographed by Dewitt Jones. Dewitt is a nationally acclaimed photographer for National Geographic magazine. He has now developed some phenomenal leadership materials. We will discuss the possibilities that we are exposed to



in our daily lives but do not always take the time or have the mindset to see. Participants will leave this session with renewed energy to recognize abundance, tolerate and appreciate change, help you see your own edge, and help you be the best for the world. In Social Studies Content Standard II, students are expected to explain how individuals in history demonstrated good character and personal virtue. Career and Employability Skills Content Standards 13, 14, 15 intend for students to

understand and identify the qualities of leadership and demonstrate leadership in a school or work setting. This presentation will help you to enhance the learning of your students. SBCEU

These Membership Chairs are Cookin'

Membership Co-chairs Lynne Elsesser of Gamma Alpha Chapter and Claire Rettenmund of Alpha Omega Chapter will lead this highly interactive session. Did you know that there are 103,368 Michigan teachers? Although not all are eligible to be invited, we have a large pool of prospective members. What can each chapter do to make itself known to these teachers? Come and exchange ideas for keeping members involved and interested. Learn creative fund raising and programming. Come away with specific plans for finding new members who believe that membership is a lifetime commitment.



Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure refers to the rules of democracy. Many teachers and students are involved in activities and need to know the basics of parliamentary procedure, particularly concepts relating to the basic right of the majority, minority, individual member, absentees and the organization as a whole. Discover how easy it is to use parliamentary procedure in your classroom or at chapter meetings and how it can help to keep meetings and classrooms running smoothly and efficiently. Get the latest information on updated rules used in the taking of minutes and the running of a meeting. The methods for the last 300 years are the same but the language has been modernized. J-Jay Pechta, Gamma Chapter and Gloria Richards, Nu Chapter will lead this informative session. According to Civic Perspective, Content Standard I, students will learn the purpose of rules and how they protect the rights of individuals. Many teachers have class meetings and students need to know simple rules of parliamentary procedure. SBCEU

Jazzercise: Start Dancing Yourself Fit

New to Jazzercise? This workshop will incorporate chair activities with the workout that blends dance aerobics with muscle toning and stretching movements, all choreographed to today's hottest music. Every class includes a gentle warm-up, 30-minute cardio section, strength segment with weights and a stretch finale. Come and learn with Tracy Knudson. Classroom teachers can use Jazzercise as a mode to have students master Physical Education Content Standards such as exhibiting indicators of enjoyment for the aesthetic and creative aspects of skilled performance in dynamic settings and recognizing physical activity as a positive opportunity for social interaction in dynamic settings. SBCEU



1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Educational Excellence Committee: Embracing Our Vision, Designing our Future

Join International President Dr. Jensi Souders and International Educational Excellence Chair Dr. Helen Popovich to learn how the International Educational Excellence Committee relates to state organization and chapter level committees. See how it can help

you design your chapter's future and increase your members' impact on education through two focused Society-wide initiatives. Hear about projects that will encourage prospective teachers and new teachers to stay in the field. SBCEU



Let's Play Bunco!

Back by popular demand, Gloria Fisher of Gamma Chapter will lead the group in this active dice game. This session will teach you the basics and have you rolling the dice in ten minutes. This game can be played at family gatherings or a Fun Night at school. Everyone will have fun interacting and socializing while having a great time. Limited to 24 people, so please sign up at the Registration Desk.

Making Changes Without Heavy Lifting

Dr. Theresa Lorio and Eileen Rodak, Zeta Chapter, will inspire and challenge you in this session. Are you happy with the person you've become? Or, have the daily demands of life, aging, and stress caused you to regret the someone you've turned into? If so, don't let yourself remain mired in a life style you can't seem to change. Join with us so you can begin a process to change your daily existence, one small step at a time. How does this relate to the classroom? We teachers are often called upon to help students identify internal and external factors that determine how they behave toward one another. We call this, "Making Changes Without Heavy Lifting." SBCEU



Dance Your Socks Off

Terrance Horning and Sunja Joel from Washington DC will demonstrate and teach line dances that you can use recreationally with your students. They have been dancing for more than twenty years and can attest to the benefits of exercise and social grace. According to Arts in Context, Content Standard 4, students should be able to competently perform folk or other classical dances from other cultures; describe similarities and differences in steps and movement styles. Students will exhibit indicators of enjoyment for the aesthetic and creative aspects of skilled performance in dynamic settings. You will have fun in this session and have new skills to take into the classroom. SBCEU

2:40 PM – 3:40 PM



Going Through Hell and Coming Out Whole

Pamela Chappell, Alpha Theta Chapter, will discuss in story and song the challenges she and her husband, Pete, faced with his heart failure and eventual heart transplant - the life lessons learned and personal growth experienced while they both looked death in the face. This workshop is relevant for anyone facing difficult challenges, which is everyone, at one time or another. Pamela will also share glimpses of her new book, *For Pete's Sake*.

Solving the Math Puzzle

The number one complaint of middle school and high school math teachers is the lack of number sense in their students. Sandy Wuwert, Beta Rho Chapter, will

present some simple and easy strategies to help all students develop their number sense from Kindergarten through sixth grade. According to Mathematics Strand IV Number Sense, students must develop an understanding of numeration systems and of the structure of such systems. They must learn to estimate mathematical quantities and to represent and communicate mathematical ideas in the language of mathematics. SBCEU

Hope for Africa: Education is the Pearl



Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu Chapter, will inform us about the current condition in Uganda. Winston Churchill once called Uganda the "Pearl of Africa," because of its excellent educational system. What are schools in this East African Country like after the reign of Idi Amin and the siege of AIDS? Come share the sights and sounds of the country and its schools with a world traveler. According to Social Studies Content Standard 2: All students will understand narratives about major eras of American and world history by identifying the people involved, describing the setting, and sequencing the events. Teachers attending this session will bring information to their students that will enable them to "Benchmark 3: Select conditions in the world and describe how events have they have been shaped by events from the past." SBCEU

