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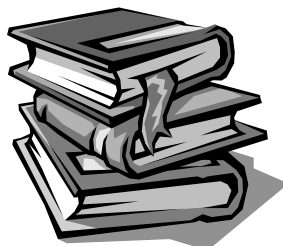
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To Her with Love

First, I, and the entire IAIE Community would like to express our support to the family of Dr. Paula Helen Stanley, who parted this life in December of 2009. Her presence and work will be greatly missed.

The Grandparent Saga continued: The grand child Ana, whom I care for five days a week while her parents work, just turned one year old and continues to grow and develop quite nicely. She is beginning to use words but has yet to say Pop Pop. She says Dada, Mama and Nina, her sister's name — how unappreciative can one be?

My engagement and concern for the role of grandparents in the lives of young children has

been enhanced by the focus on children in Haiti following the earthquake. I have looked into the eyes of my grands' a thousand times and thought “except for grace, there go I..” I am sure that many of you have shared these same emotions. Perhaps we can discuss a mission trip to Haiti at the fall conference.

Advice to Betty, “It's ok to kick your heels up, just not so high.”

Sunday, January 13, I was invited to speak at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, for the Martin Luther King Celebration. I also use my weekends

Notes from the Editor

to visit friends and members of the church and community who are in need of a visitor and cheerful conversation.

By the way, William, I owe you one or two or three....

Seniors, please let me hear from you, we need stories!

Time is of the Essence

I have a minute, with 60 seconds in it.

Didn't seek it, didn't choose it, but it's up to me to use it.

I must suffer if I abuse it.

Just a tiny little minute, but an eternity is in it.

Author Unknown

2010 World Conference September 30 — October 2

Columbus, Ohio

Successful Schools: Global and Personal Perspectives

The Senior Actives of IAIE have always made a significant contribution to the success of our annual conferences. Through attendance, they encourage new members to see the long term effects embracing invitational living and learning.

Many of our Senior Active members have published articles and books about the theory and practice of Invitational Education. This year at the Conference there will be a special book signing opportunity to get autographed copies of books authored by IAIE members for yourself and for friends.

The theme for the 2010 Conference is Successful Schools: Global and Personal Perspectives. Certainly, our Senior Actives have rich personal perspectives and the conference planners invite Seniors to submit proposals for breakout sessions that will share a variety of these personal perspectives of how IE contributes to successful schools.

The 28th Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio, September 30—October 2, 2010. The pre-conference will include school visits and IE Workshops on September 29th. More information can be found on the web at www.invitationaleducation.net or contact Barb Hansen, Conference Director at bhansen@muskingum.edu. Hotel reservations can be made at (614)228-1234 or www.capitol.square.hyatt.com. Ask for special IAIE rate. Reservations must be made by September 1, 2010 to qualify for the special rate.

Coordinator opportunities



Many of our State/Regional Coordinators have retired from active service in their fields of work, but enjoy making a contribution to their region by giving support to local schools and sharing IE information to the members in their area. This is just one way the Senior Actives continue to serve the Alliance.

The State Coordinators will meet again at the Columbus Conference to gather ideas and share success stories. A number of states still need Coordinators. Contact Susan Brown at susan.brown@invitationaleducation.net for more information about volunteering for these important IAIE positions.

DR. BETTY SIEGEL RECEIVES THREE AWARDS HIGHLIGHTING LEGACY OF SERVICE TO OTHERS

Dr. Betty Siegel, President Emeritus of Kennesaw State University and Endowed Chair of the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, and co-founder of The International Alliance for Invitational Education, recently received three awards from local universities and organizations highlighting her significant and distinctive achievements in education, leadership and ethics.

“I am humbled and honored by these awards—”an embarrassment of riches,”” says Dr. Siegel. “Someone has aptly said, ‘Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.’ We can all be inspired by these three Atlanta institutions for their extraordinary devotion to the value of community service.”



Dr. Betty Siegel

- **The 2009 Legacy Award** was presented by the **Chattahoochee Technical College Foundation** honoring Dr. Siegel on October 23rd. The Legacy Award is given to a deserving Georgian who has created a lasting legacy in the state and also in the Metro Atlanta community.
- **The Whitney M. Young Service Award** was presented by the **Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America** at a banquet on October 29th. This national award, named for the prominent civil rights leader Whitney M. Young, Jr., recognizes Dr. Siegel for outstanding services in the development of opportunities for youth from low-income backgrounds.
- **The 2009 Tower of Strength Award** was presented by **Morris Brown College** at the Tower of Strength Gala on October 23rd. Morris Brown College bestowed this award on Dr. Siegel for distinguished achievements in higher education leadership and business.

A Plan for the Improvement of English Spelling

by Mark Twain

For example, in Year 1 that useless letter "c" would be dropped to be replaced either by "k" or "s", and likewise "x" would no longer be part of the alphabet. The only case in which "c" would be retained would be the "ch" formation, which will be dealt with later. Year 2 might reform "w" spelling, so that "which" and "one" would take the same consonant, while Year 3 might well abolish "y" replacing it with "i" and Year 4 might fix the "g/j" anomaly worse and for all. Generally, then, the improvement would continue year by year with Year 5 doing away with useless double consonants, and Years 6-12 or so modifying vowels and the remaining voiced and unvoiced consonants. By Year 15 or so, it would finally be possible to make use of the redundant letters "c", "y" and "x" -- by now just a memory in the minds of our old do-derezh -- to replace "ch", "sh", and "th" respectively. Finally, when, after some 20 years of orthodox reform, we would have a logical, coherent spelling in our new world.

From the Internet

What Do Teachers Make

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education.

He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To emphasize his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Ned. Be honest. What do you make?"

Ned, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?"
(He paused for a second, then began...)

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.

I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor.

I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 50 without an I Pod, Video Game or DVD.

You want to know what I make?" (he paused again and looked at each and every person at the table)

"I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.

I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything.
I make them read, read, read.

I make them show all their work in math. They use their God-given brain, not the man-made calculator.

I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know in English while preserving their unique cultural identity.

I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe.

I make my students stand, placing their hand over their heart to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, One Nation Under God, because we live in the United States of America.

I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life."

(He paused one last time, then continued.)

"Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high... You want to know what I make?

I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make, Mr. CEO?

*From the internet, author unknown
Contributed by Anne Richards*

QUIPS, QUOTES, AND OTHER COMMENTS



Humor behind the wheel...

- An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into. She hysterically explains the situation to the dispatcher: “They’ve stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!” she cried. The dispatcher said, “stay calm. An officer is on the way.” A few minutes later, the officer radioed back, “Disregard. She got in the back seat by mistake.”
- As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife’s voice urgently warning him, “Herman, I just heard on the news that there’s a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!” “Heck,” said Herman, “It’s not just one car. It’s hundreds of them!”
- Two elderly women were out driving in a large car—both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, “I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.

After a few minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

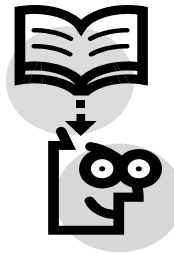
At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, “Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!”

Mildred turned to her and said, “Oh, crap, am I driving?”

IAIE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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