

Okaloosa Walton Association for Young Children



Newsletter

July-September 2002

Put Your Best Foot Forward: Building a Professional Portfolio April 20, 2002 OWCC, Niceville Campus

Kathy Bostic,
OWAYC - Past President
Education and Training Coordinator, Child Care
Services

Ms. Beverly Sandlin and Ms. Connie Murray presented a very organized and informative workshop.

Having been in Early Childhood for 12 years, I thought wouldn't it be fun to pull all my papers together. I am embarrassed to say my papers were everywhere and I had a lot of questions. What goes on a resume? How is a professional portfolio different from a resume? What is a vitae, (a very detail listing of everything you have done)?

I learned why you would want to have a resume, vitae and professional portfolio. They are not just for job hunting. It would be useful information to pull from to attach to scholarship applications. Or maybe you want to know how you are doing in your professional development. I learned that it is never too early to start building a portfolio before you misplace or lose important papers and that you should review it annually and update it.

Thank you Ms. Sandlin and Ms. Murray for the excellent handouts and guidance in starting to build your portfolio. In the process I also learned about how fortunate I have been in training and leadership opportunities.

I would highly recommend that everyone take the opportunity to build his or her portfolio. I hope the OWAYC board can talk Ms. Sandlin and Ms. Murray in presenting this workshop again.



Kathy Bostic with her portfolio.



Happy people from Eglin CDC and School age program holding their certificates from the Portfolio workshop.

New WEB address for OWAYC

There is a much shorter and easier to remember web address for OWAYC.

The NEW current web address for OWAYC is:

<http://www.owccs.org/owayc>

You can also email OWAYC at: owayc@hotmail.com

ALICE STARKEY AND BETTY JO WINSLETTE AWARDS

Do you know someone who has shown excellence in the Early Childhood Field? Here is your chance to NOMINATE them to receive recognition for all they have done. Okaloosa Walton Association for Young Children would like to recognize these individuals who have shown excellence in our field at our Annual Conference.

OWAYC Presents two awards each year:



Alice Starkey Memorial Award for Excellence in the Early Childhood Field

Description: awarded in honor of Alice Starkey, who was a pioneer in early childhood education in Okaloosa and Walton County and a charter member and past president of OWAYC.

Eligibility: any professional who serves or works on the behalf of young children not yet in kindergarten (child care providers, teachers, administrators, and others who serve children, infant through preschool).

Betty Jo Winslette Award for Excellence in Kindergarten Education.

Description: awarded in honor of Betty Jo Winslette, who was a pioneer in kindergarten education in Okaloosa and Walton counties and a long time member and friend of OWAYC.

Eligibility: any professional who serves or works on behalf of young children in kindergarten (teachers, administrators, before/after-school programs and others).



Nomination Format

1. General Information About the Nominee (Does NOT have to be an OWAYC member)

Which Award _____

Name of person you are nominating _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ **Place of Employment** _____

Job Title _____

2. On a separate sheet give a description of professional abilities that demonstrate the nominees concern for young children.
3. On a separate sheet give a description of activities away from the work site that demonstrates the nominees concern for young children.
4. You may attach any letters or information that will indicate evidence of an outstanding commitment the nominee has for young children.
5. Information About The Person Submitting the Nomination (MUST BE an OWAYC Member)

Name _____ Phone Number _____
Please submit to OWAYC, Awards Chairperson, P.O. Box 666 Fort Walton Beach FL 32549
Or Email to :owayc@hotmail.com

Okaloosa Walton Association for Young Children Scholarship Application

(You must be a current member in OWAYC to apply)

A scholarship is awarded each semester. The scholarship committee bases its choice on the applicant's need and past service to young children. Please send in your application at least a month before the semester begins.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Home Phone _____

Place of Employment _____ Work Phone _____

Type of assistance applying for: _____

Amount of Scholarship is \$200.00

Educational Information (Circle One) High School or GED

Name and address of High School Attended _____

Institutions of Higher Education Attended:	Date Attended	Major	Degree/Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Specific Child Development Courses/Training Completed (Attach additional sheets if needed)

Please have your current employer (Attach Letter of Recommendation)

Work or Volunteer Experience in Child Care (last two years)

Employment History (Last 2 years)

Dates	Employer	Address	Position
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Professional Development and/or Associations _____

Professional Goals: (No less than one half page and no more than one full page- attach to this application)

Send Completed Application with requested information to:

OWAYC Scholarship Chairperson

PO Box 666

Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32549



Do not write in this space:

Date Application/ Information Received _____

Date Application/Information Reviewed _____

Scholarship Award Date (if applicable): _____

Association News

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

NAEYC is the nation's largest and most influential organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of programs for children from birth through third grade.

2002 Annual Conference in NYC

November 20-23, 2002

New York City, NY

12th Annual National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development

June 15-18, 2003 in Portland, Oregon

Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)

Since 1948 the SECA has brought together preschool, kindergarten, and primary teachers and administrators, caregivers, program directors, and individuals working with and for families, to promote quality care and education for young children.

54th Annual SECA Conference

March 13 - 15, 2003

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

For more information contact:

Brenda Wood

1-800-305-7322

Bwood@SouthernEarlyChildhood.org

The conference committee of SECA is currently looking for presenters. You can contact them at the web site for more information.

You can contact SECA at www.seca50.org

Early Childhood Association of Florida (ECA of Florida)

The mission of the ECA is to promote the quality of life, learning and care of young children and their families through leadership, advocacy, and professional development of its members.

47th Annual Conference

September 26-28, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel

Universal, Orlando, FL

To learn more about ECA of Florida and the Annual Conference stop by their web site at: www.ecaoffl.org

For local conference and training information visit the Okaloosa Walton Child Care Services, Inc.

Training web site at: <http://www.owayc.org/training>

To renew your membership or join, you need to contact NAEYC at 1-800- 424-2460 to request an application or down load an application at: www.naeyc.org

You can join on line or mail in your membership information. Membership applications are available at the Okaloosa Walton Child Care Services, Inc. Education Center in Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach.

Board Meeting Open to all Members

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 8, 2002. We will be meeting at Child Care Services Education Center in Uptown Station, Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. We encourage all members to attend. The year is half over!

Agenda: Conference Chair, Beth Culbreth, will be updating the board on the finalized plans for Annual Conference, "Children: Our Communities Responsibility."

URGENT:

NAEYC is in the middle of restructuring and as an affiliate of NAEYC OWAYC needs to also restructure. We need members to help us make major decisions and modifications to OWAYC's Mission Statement and By-Laws to coincide with plans of NAEYC.

The By-Laws and Mission Statement are available on the web site.

Every OWAYC Member from 2001 and current members of 2002 are welcome.



Celebrate, Celebrate!

These are the OWAYC members who have received there Florida CDA Equivalency in recent months:

January 11, 2002 Evelyn McGee

June 18, 2002 Diane Covey

We would like to celebrate all of our member's professional accomplishments, but we can't be everywhere at once. So if you or a member you know (but is to shy to spread the news) receives a professional award or acknowledgement call or email the newsletter committee with all the "Who, What, Where and When." You may also email or drop off a disc with a digital picture. We would like to publish in the newsletter all the great little things that happen to our members. Send the information by the dates listed below to the newsletter committee. At this time the board member heading up the newsletter committee is Jane Spotten, Resource Specialist of Okaloosa Walton Child Care Services Education Center. She can be reached at (850) 833-9336 or jspotten@owccs.org.

The dead line dates for each issue are:

September 20, 2002 for the October-December

December 20, 2002 for the January-March 2003

Any information received after each of these dead lines will be placed in the next issue.

The newsletter committee reserves the right to choose the information they deem appropriate for print.

Committee, Committee! Which do you want?

You can make a short or long-term commitment on any committee. We welcome any involvement. Please contact the committee chairperson if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Education Committee: Come and help the President-Elect put together the Spring Conference and the Road Shows. Help coordinate presenters, find roadshow sites, plan the programs, present or facilitate a roadshow.

Week of the Young Child Committee: This is the National Association for the Education of Young Children week to recognize the importance of the early years and the teachers who make a great difference. There is national weeklong celebration in the month of April. This year it will be celebrated April 7-13, 2002. We need you to come help coordinate activities for that week.

Hospitality Committee: Would you like to help everyone feel welcome at the Spring Conference? If you like decorating, sending out thank you notes, finding door prizes, this committee is for you.

Scholarship/Awards Committee: If you like to help promote or recognize highly motivated people in our field of Early Childhood, come and help us spend money and hand out plaques.

Nomination Committee: We need you help in finding willing and able people to serve on the OWAYC board. If you like finding the best person for the job, this is the committee for you.

Historian Committee: If you like taking pictures, putting together a memory album, come join this group.

Newsletter Committee: If you like writing, getting the scoop, stuffing envelopes, come help out.

Membership Committee: Help us build our membership. Get the word out on all the advantages of belonging to a local affiliate of NAEYC. Make our members feel a part of the team.

**If you would like to serve on any committee,
please let us know.**

Contact the committee board member at owayc@hotmail.com or through our snail mail address:
OWAYC
P.O. Box 666
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

OWAYC Book Club

Any OWAYC member can facilitate a book club. A group (five to ten people) is formed to read and discuss one of the three books from the NAEYC Catalog. These books have been pre-approved by the Education and Training Coordinator of Child Care Services and the Lead Child Care Licensor at the Department of Children and Families in Fort Walton Beach. You can purchase the books listed below for \$10.00 at the Child Care Services Education Center. A book club should not take more than 3 months after the initial meeting.

Book Choices:

Much More Than the ABC's; The Early Stages of Reading & Writing (\$7) by Judy A. Schickedanz

Early Violence Prevention; Tools for Teachers of Young Children (\$8) by Ronal G. Staby,

Wendy C. Roedell, Diana Arezzo, and Kate Hendriz

Emergent Curriculum (\$7) by Elizabeth Jones and John Nimmo

Group Leader/Facilitator: (Receive 10 hours inservice)

Will collect money and order the books needed prior to initial meeting. Will call the participants and inform them about the initial and follow-up meeting (place, time (and schedule for two hours). The group leader will facilitate over the two meetings handing out handout books and question guidelines sheets. The leader will perform administrative duties such as: be sure everyone signs in on Sign-In Sheets, collects completed worksheets, keep minutes on what happens at the meeting (discussions, comments, etc.) and turn in all paperwork to the Education and Training Coordinator at Child Care Services.

Book Club members: (Receive 8 hours inservice)

Book club members agree to attend two meetings of the group and will pay for and read the selected book. They will write down initial thoughts on the topic of the book, following guidelines developed by the Education and Training Coordinator of Child Care Services. After reading the book they will write down their thoughts and how this reading will affect their work with young children.

**For More Information contact Kathy Bostic,
OWAYC Past President at 833-9336 or e-mail at
kbostic@owccs.org**

Any question? Let us know at owayc@hotmail.com

Board Meeting Minutes for May and June

Respectfully submitted by Donna Love, Secretary
Edited by Jane Spotten, Newsletter Chair

May 13, 2002 the third board meeting of membership year was held at the OWCCS Education Center.

Members in attendance:

- ✓ Terera Gastone- President
- ✓ Beth Culbreth- President Elect
- ✓ Donna Love- Secretary
- ✓ MaryAnn Mochan- North Regional Rep for ECA of Florida
- ✓ Wanda Dorn-Williams- Week of the Young Child
- ✓ Kathy Bostic- Past-President

Board Members not in attendance:

- ◆ Kelly Sheiff- Member-at-Large
- ◆ Jane Spotten- Newsletter Chair
- ◆ Sunny Watkins- Scholarship/Awards
- ◆ Sandra Garris- Treasurer/Membership
- ◆ Karen Powers- Hospitality

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the president; Terera Gastone.

2. Old Business:

- Conference date has been changed to July 13TH.
 - ❖ Beth Culbreth is working on keynote speaker—awaiting reply from Glenda Glover
 - ❖ Meeting scheduled for 21 May to work on plans for conference. Everyone invited
 - ❖ Kathy Bostic suggested requesting presentations for the conference from Head Start, Okaloosa Pre-K, and Air Force early childhood personnel
 - ❖ Attendees will receive 6 hours in-service for attending
 - ❖ 2 for 1 Pre-registration. Each current member of OWAYC can register for the conference and bring a non-member guest for just \$10. Registration must be received by July 5, 2002. On the day of the conference, the cost will be \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members
 - ❖ Poster boards soliciting suggestions for getting the word about quality out to the community and families be put up at the conference site

3. Financial Report:

- \$615 in membership dues was received from NAEYC. \$921.14 balance of account
- \$100 collected from Portfolio workshop, \$40 spent on refreshments, \$60 left for scholarship fund

4. New Business:

- Mary Ann Mochan will bring information about the requirement to reformat the NAEYC affiliate groups to the next meeting.

5. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center.

June 10th board meeting was held at MaryAnn Mochan's home in Fort Walton Beach.

Members in attendance:

- ✓ Terera Gastone- President
- ✓ Beth Culbreth- President Elect
- ✓ MaryAnn Mochan- North Regional Rep for ECA of Florida
- ✓ Donna Love-Secretary

Board Members not in attendance:

- ◆ Kathy Bostic- Past-President
- ◆ Karen Powers- Hospitality
- ◆ Jane Spotten- Newsletter Chair
- ◆ Sunny Watkins- Scholarship/Awards
- ◆ Williams- Week of the Young Child
- ◆ Sandra Garris- Treasurer/Membership
- ◆ Kelly Sheiff- Member-at-Large

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the president; Terera Gastone.

2 Meeting Minutes for May:

After the reading of the minutes, corrections were made. The minutes were approved as corrected.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer was absent. A review of the financial records revealed there are some minor discrepancies that need to be looked at and the account updated

4. Old Business:

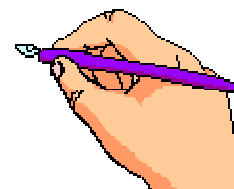
Committee Report:

- Beth Culbreth reported the conference committee met on May 21, 2002.
 - Lynn Eldridge is the keynote speaker
 - A flyer to advertise the conference has been put together. It will be distributed through the newsletter.
 - There are several confirmations of presenters, but more are needed.

6. New Business:

- Mary Ann Mochan discussed the upcoming meeting on June 20, 2002. Karen Hughes, NAEYC affiliate liaison, and Suzanne Gellens, Executive Director of ECA of FI, will be meeting with the local affiliate from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will provide guidance and assistance for aligning the OWAYC affiliate with the restructured NAEYC.
- By-Laws. Terera Gastone called an emergency meeting for Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss changes to the by-laws. The meeting will be at the Education Center.
- Budget. Discussion of the tentative budget for 2003 was tabled until the next meeting.

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting is July 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center.



Okaloosa Walton Association for Young Children ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY JULY 13TH 2002

OWCC, NICEVILLE CAMPUS Room E-043 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Co-sponsored by Okaloosa Walton Community College
(8 hours Inservice)

CHILDREN: OUR COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



Keynote: **Lynn Eldridge**,
Interim Executive Director, Early Childhood Services, Inc.

Back by popular demand, we are very excited to have Lynn Eldridge come back and share with us the joys of early childhood, through songs, dance and storytelling. Lynn has been in the field over 30 years and has served in many capacities. Lynn will lift your spirit and give you lots of practical advise and strategies for working with all children and you will have fun while learning.

You will also have the opportunity to select and attend four other different workshops. Some topics are: Music and Movement, Activity Clubs for School-agers – Make and Take, Brain Research, Stages of Art and Writing, Literacy Webbing with Children's Books, Trash to Treasures – Make and Take, Signing with Children, Inclusive Environments, Conflict Resolution, Science Fun, Cooking with Children, and Technology in Early Childhood.

Pre-Registration: \$25.00 for Non-members

PRE-REGISTRATION SPECIAL OFFER

2 FOR 1 (OWAYC MEMBER for \$10.00 may bring one NON-MEMBER for FREE)

(A smart OWAYC member would split the \$10.00 fee with the non-member-\$5.00 each!)

DEADLINE JULY 11TH

***REGISTRATION @ THE DOOR:**

\$10.00 FOR MEMBER/\$25.00 FOR NON-MEMBER

JOIN OWAYC ON-LINE AT www.NAEYC.org

OR CALL JANE @ 833-9336

OWAYC Conference July 13, 2002

(8 Hours Inservice)

Name: _____ Home Phone # _____

Address: _____

Work Place _____ Work Phone # _____

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