

The PDK-USC Kappan

The Official Newsletter of the University of Southern California Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Phi Delta Kappa shall be to promote quality education, in particular publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This purpose shall be accomplished through research, service, and leadership in education.

*From the Constitution of
Phi Delta Kappa International*



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Join us for our PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

Friday, May 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Vineyard Room: Davidson Conference Center

PDK-USC Annual Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers

To RSVP, see page 2

PDK Official Dinner Sponsor

By Dr. Nick Nichols

It is with pleasure that the PDK-USC Chapter announces a partnership with California Credit Union (CCU). Starting with the May 2, 2008 Awards Dinner, CCU will be the Phi Delta Kappa-USC Chapter's "Official Dinner Sponsor." CCU is donating \$600 to support the extra amenities we have enjoyed at the Davidson Conference Center-the live music and the no-host-bar for our five dinner meetings in 2008-2009. Recent surveys have shown that a great majority of our attendees enjoy these amenities, which enhance our meetings.

California Credit Union (CCU) supports the educational community by sponsoring causes including the Academic Decathlons, Teachers of the Year, the Parents of Watts Toy Giveaway, individual school events, and now Phi Delta Kappa. CCU is a credit union for the education community with 11 branches in Glendale, Inglewood, Los Angeles, North Hills, North Hollywood, Pasadena, Torrance, West Los Angeles, Woodland Hills, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) facility in Downey, and our chapter's sponsor, the Beaudry Branch in the LAUSD headquarters building. In addition, Carson, Covina and Santa Clarita branches will open later this year.



California Credit Union is a federally insured credit union in Southern California, with more than \$1.3 billion in assets and over 71,000 members. CCU provides a full range of financial products and services, including consumer banking, business banking, residential real estate, commercial and participation loans, checking and savings options, and convenience services. Now celebrating its 75th Anniversary, the credit union was founded in 1933 by California teachers and has a long history of service in the education community throughout the Los Angeles area. As a chapter we are pleased to be partnering with an organization that has long been committed to the needs of educators and students.

PDK-USC Annual Awards

By Dr. Alexis Sheehy, Chapter President



Phi Delta Kappa is an international association for professional educators. The organization's mission is to promote quality education as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life by providing innovative programs, relevant research, and dedicated service. In support of the mission of PDK and what it stands for, our Chapter presents awards each year to members who best demonstrate the qualities of research, leadership, and service. This year's awards will be presented at the May 2nd dinner. A special thanks to Marian Fukuda, Meg Palisoc, and Adda Serenil for serving as members of the Awards Committee. 🐾

TED GORDON MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has excelled in all aspects of research, service, and leadership and has made a significant contribution to the PDK-USC Chapter and public education.

RESEARCH AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated the ability to conduct research and publish findings, opinions, and recommendations on significant issues in education during the last two or three years.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated an extremely high level of leadership and inspiration to others in Phi Delta Kappa and public education during the last two years.

SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated an extremely high level of service and dedication to Phi Delta Kappa and public education during the last two years.



Save The Date!!!

PDK-USC Dinner Meeting @The Vineyard Room
(Located in the Davidson Conference Center)

FRIDAY, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, April 25TH

Name(s): _____ Total # Attending: _____

PDK Membership #(if applicable) _____ Phone #: _____

Meal Choice: _____Chicken _____Fish _____Vegetarian

Mail your check (made payable to PDK-USC Chapter) for **\$36.00*** per person (Includes parking) with this form. It must arrive before Friday, April 25th to:

PDK-USC Chapter
c/o Nick Nichols
24070 Eagle Mountain St.
West Hills, CA 91304

*This amount does include parking. Parking is available through Gate #4 off of Jefferson Street.
If it is after the deadline, it may not be too late to get your dinner added on. Please call or email Nick at (818) 456-9732 or nick.nichols@lausd.net

2007-08 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 2 – PDK-USC Recognition Dinner Meeting
Installation of the 2008-09 Officers
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.**
- 8 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.
Combined Meeting old and new Board**

June – no meetings scheduled

**Chapter Dinner meetings are in Bold.
Everyone is welcome at the Board Meetings.**

A map of USC University Park Campus can be found at
http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving_directions

Graduating from USC?

PDK-USC members in good standing, or new members initiated on or before the May 2nd Dinner Meeting, are eligible to purchase a beautiful cardinal and gold Phi Delta Kappa sash to wear with their caps and gowns at USC's Commencement Exercises. The price is \$40, and the order form can be downloaded at <http://www.pdk-usc.org>.

Sashes will be distributed at the conclusion of the May 2nd PDK-USC Dinner Meeting. Questions? Contact Nick Nichols at nick.nichols@lausd.net.



PDK-USC mourns the loss of Paul Yokota.

PDK-USC is deeply saddened to report the sudden passing of Paul Yokota on March 17th. Paul was a member of the University of Southern California Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa since 1948. Paul rarely missed a meeting in all those years, which is consistent with his 37 years of perfect attendance working for LAUSD.

Paul served in various board member and officer positions, some of them more than once when needed, of Phi Delta Kappa, including President from 1957-1958. At the most recent meeting of PDK-USC, Paul was in charge of the election of officers and certified the election of the 2008-2009 officers.

Paul was the recipient of all the awards bestowed by the Chapter, Leadership, Service, Research, and the President's Award for meritorious service, as well as being a Service Key holder awarded by Phi Delta Kappa International, which is given to only a small percentage of members.

Paul was a remarkable leader...he was a quiet man who led by example. He led by the example of loyalty, service, honor, and the highest level of integrity. He was a true friend, a mentor, and someone who could always be counted on to do what was needed, He was always there when you needed him! It was how he lived life every day.

Paul played tennis three times a week and was ranked in his age group. He was very active in a multitude of volunteer activities, including Meals on Wheels, teaching reading at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall School, teaching at the Downey Adult School, and at the after school program at his church.

Paul leaves giant shoes to fill for those of us at USC. Paul and his wife Miyo would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in May. He is survived by his wife Miyo, four children, Daniel Yokota, Stanley Yokota, Eileen Sugimura, Marilyn Yokota, and three grandchildren.



PDK-USC mourns the loss of Robert "Bob" Mauller, PDK-USC President from 1977-1978.

Robert Mauller passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at the age of 82. A committed educator and devoted family man, Bob enjoyed a 35-year career with the Los Angeles Unified School District, starting as a middle school teacher and ultimately rising to the administrative level where he oversaw instructional media.

Bob attended McKinley High School and Pasadena City College before serving as a Naval Air Force pilot during World War II. He later received a bachelor's degree from Occidental, a master's degree from USC and a doctorate from UCLA.

Bob is survived by his wife of 53 years, Shirley; three sons, Marcus, Bret and Daniel.

PDK INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Gerald Howard Read International Travel Scholarships help offset the cost of traveling through the PDK International Travel Program. Gerald H. Read, a long-time member and PDK benefactor, probably is best known for enabling thousands of Kappans to learn firsthand about education systems around the world. He organized the PDK International Travel Program, leading the first group of Kappans to the Soviet Union in 1961. In 1980 he and his wife, Vicki, established an endowment with the PDK Educational Foundation that provides scholarships for Kappans to participate in the travel program. He also served on PDK's Commission on International Education from 1958 to 1968. **Deadlines precede each program.**

R. Gerald Melton Scholarship is for doctoral study in education administration. **Deadline is May 15.**

Ruey H. Witten Fellowship is for post-baccalaureate study in music education. **Deadline is June 1.**

Graduate Fellowships in Educational Leadership are for members who will be full-time graduate students from 1 July 2008 through 30 June 2009. **Deadline is June 1.** ☞

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