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Upcoming Events:

**June 23-25, 2012: NASC Conference,
Oklahoma City, OK**

Dear Esteemed NASSCED Members,

*"Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee, and
just as hard to sleep after."*

Ann Morrow Lindbergh

Welcome to the month of March dedicated to *Summer Leadership Workshops and communication - and a NEW FORMAT for our Newsletter*. I'm not sure about you, but I LOVE great conversation - the kind that not only challenges me emotionally and intellectually, but also, leaves my heart and soul smiling! There is a difference, however, between effective communication and the good communication Lindbergh speaks of. Good communication doesn't just "happen". All good leaders know it takes a significant amount of training and practice to effectively communicate. But in the case of "good communication" it takes a genuine connection, trust, a listening ear, and a sincere compassion for others. It is in this that defines good from great leaders, well, good from great people for that matter.

Now, on the flip side, you throw a big "MIS" on the front end of that word and then suddenly you hear "Houston, we have a problem!!". Everyone has a story about miscommunication and have the scars to prove it. Communication occurs on such a variety of levels these days in our professional and personal lives. Whether it is through our written words in an email or text, spoken words, or body language, a message is portrayed.

What I've learned over the years about communication is this, on a DAILY basis you will be reminded about the importance of good communication - take careful inventory of those lessons.....only by doing so, will you be reminded about the utmost importance of your own words and actions. May you also be reminded about the absolute necessity of having the "right" people in your life to practice and share "good communication" with and of course, a yummy cup of coffee!

I want to thank our esteemed guest "experts" this month! Les Anderson, North Dakota, with our summary of the NASSCED Mid-Winter Board Meeting. Phil Gugliouzza & Lou Miller speaking to us about Summer Leadership Camp Issues and ideas, and lasting, Jane Suburg tackling our "Creative Corner"!

NASSCED Mid-Winter Board Meeting Summary - Phoenix, AZ February 19, 2012

If you have any questions regarding any items please contact your region Board member. The minutes for the meeting have been posted to our website with more details.

NASSCED Website: <http://www.nassced.org/minutes/index.html>

Board Members Present: Paul Branagan, Region 1; Lou Miller, Region 2; Lola Richbourg, Region 3; Michelle McGrath, Region 4; Gary Clark, Region 5; Dan Dodge, Region 6; Sandy Ginger, Region 7; Mike Roland, Region 8; Les Anderson, Treasurer. Absent: Jeff Sherrill, NASC

-We had revenue of \$9,880.00 and expenses of \$5,945.50 with a checking account balance of \$33,424.28.

-Virginia, Hawaii, Idaho and Kentucky are not represented with membership dues.

-We are waiting for NASC to determine their contributions before we present a purposed budget for your consideration.

-Executive Directors will be asked to wear their executive director shirts on the first day of the conference in Oklahoma. Some directors prefer to wear a state shirt.

-The 2012 Horatio Alger national winner is Dillon Brewer-East Rowan High School from North Carolina.

-Retiring executive directors: Renae Rebnord-SD and Kelly Neiber-IA.

-New Partnerships: Herff Jones and Lifetouch.

-2012 NASSCED Winter Meeting site: Pinehurst, North Carolina - Colby Cochran and Elliott Mathis. (Please check the minutes for details of this activity.)

-There was concern expressed regarding the cost of transportation from the airport to Pinehurst. The directors are encouraged to share arrival times and try to car pool to the site. Lou will provide information on the registration form.

-The state of Iowa has withdrawn their bid for the 2013 NASSCED Winter Meeting. The dates are December 4-6 and the Board is considering Texas or Wisconsin.

-The Board approved State Presidents T-shirts for the 2012 NASC Conference.

-The executive directors are encouraged to help with the adviser "Round Tables." If members are interested in presenting at the NASC conference they need to contact Maris Aldrich.

I would now like to thank our guest experts, Lou Miller and Phil Gugliuzza for sharing their summer leadership workshop insight!!

Lou Miller - New Jersey, Executive Director

The 57th annual NJASC Leadership Training Conference (LTC) will take place at The College of New Jersey from July 11-14 and 14-18. Every summer since 1956, nearly 300 student leaders from throughout The Garden State have come to LTC where they discover, refine, and apply valuable leadership skills. Over the years the program has evolved, most recently in our move to a college campus and the addition of our "LTC 2" program that offers returning delegates advanced leadership training while giving them a chance to relive the LTC experience. Closing in on our 60th anniversary, we are now in the midst of recruitment efforts to gain new member schools for NJASC and increase the number of delegates for our signature leadership program, LTC. Classes in our current program include:

- Speaking With Ease
- Effective Communication
- Goals for Planning SMART
- Meeting For Success
- Elected to Lead Everyone
- You Make The Call - Strategies for Success
- Conflict - Deal With I.T.

- Make Your Time Count
- Communication Workshop (taught by JCs)
- T.E.A.M. Time - Together Everyone Achieves More
- L.E.A.D. - Leaders Enjoy Adventure and Discovery

You can learn much more about our LTC program by visiting www.njasc.org/ltc, where we have in depth descriptions about the classes and other activities of LTC as well as promotional information we use to recruit delegates and schools. We also cordially invite student leaders from states that do not have summer leadership programs of their own to come to the Garden State and join us as delegates this summer at LTC 2012! For more information, please contact Lou Miller at lmiller@njasc.org or Wendy Booth Sitzler at wbsitzler@njasc.org.

Welcome - Phil Gugliuzza - Louisiana, Executive Director

- 1. Louisiana has two Summer Camps, one for Middle Level students. We have 325 registered for this 3 day event.**
- 2. For the Senior High Summer Camp, we have 410 registered for this five day event.**
- 3. I have a Staff of 105....which includes teachers, college students and high school students in the roles of Senior Counselors and Junior Counselors.**
- 4. We assign the 410 student delegates to 24 Family Groups (councils) Each Family Group has one Senior Counselor (a teacher) and one male and one female JC. This trio does all of the teaching in the Family Group.**
- 5. Each SC and JC has Lesson Plans for each day's Activity for their Family Group.**
- 6. The student leaders attend two General Sessions each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.**
- 7. The student leaders attend two Family Group Meetings each day...one in the morning and one in the afternoon.**
- 8. Our Night Activities include an Olympic Game Night, a Talent Show Night, an evening dedicated to some sort of Community Service Project, and a final Banquet and Dance and Candle Lighting Ceremony.**
- 9. On the afternoon of the final day, the students meet with the students from their OWN respective schools to prepare an Action Plan to bring back to their local advisor and to their student council. The Action Plan is based upon what they learned at Camp, and they**

set tentative Goals for the up-coming school year:

10. Each year we choose a Workshop Theme upon which to base the Workshop decorations and activities. This year we have a Toy Land Theme. 'LEADERSHIP...IT ISN'T CHILD'S PLAY!'

11. Every Family Group has a Toy as its Family Group Mascot. For example: Legos, Teddy Bears, Tonka Trucks, Hula Hoops, Rubber Duckies, Jump Ropes, Play-Doh, etc, etc.

12. During the afternoon, after Family Groups end, we have optional Seminars that the students may attend. For Example: How to apply for college financial aide, Scholarship opportunities; hints on writing that College Essay for Admission; Parliamentary Procedure Skills; Computer Skills; Where to go to find Charitable Organizations to fund raise for; A panel of principals to ask questions to, etc., etc.

13. We have a Charity Project each year for both Workshops. The students who attend are asked bring to Camp an item that we then donate to local charities. Last year we had a Socks-for-the-Homeless drive. The students and Staff brought in 5,600 pair of white, athletic socks that we gave to several homeless shelters.

14. This year, we are collecting Teddy Bears to give to the State Police to distribute. Our goal is 1,500 Teddy Bears.

Now our Creative Corner Expert - Jane Suberg, Montana - Executive Director

The camp activity is called *The Perfect Sundae*. Besides being an absolutely wild and crazy activity that the campers love, it serves as a great team building exercise. I was introduced to *The Perfect Sundae* at our Western Leaders Summit last summer at Chewelah Peak Learning Center in Washington. The site's general manager, Bill Barnes, actually leads the activity with all the WASC camps that are held at Chewelah Peak. When I asked permission to share his idea, he graciously agreed and added that the concept was not his originally.

The Perfect Sundae involves a competition between groups. The natural/obvious breakdown for grouping at a leadership camp would be councils...or whatever name is given to the smaller groups of which each camper is a part.

The document can be accessed from the following link:

www.nassced.org/documents/2012/perfectsundae.pdf

Have a great rest of March!!

All the best,

Michelle McGrath, Ed. D

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Ooooooooooh. Looks great!

Lou

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"For the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself, 'If today was the last day of my life would I want to do what I am about to do today?' And when the answer has been 'No' for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something." - Steve Jobs