

President's Message

Eleanor Guetzloe



This will be our last issue of the *Pioneer Press* this year, so I am providing a brief summary of what we've accomplished, along with a bit of cheerleading for the "last

quarter."

The year has seemed to fly by (which should be a note of encouragement for those of you who are in the "presidential lineup" and others who may consider becoming candidates). Serving as Pioneer President has been a very enjoyable activity for me.

Presidential Goals

My personal goals for the year were primarily to support and continue the projects in which we were already engaged, including (a) preservation of our own, as well as CEC's, history and archives, and (b) support and enhancement of the joint CEC-CEC-PD Mentoring Program. Toward those ends, I have communicated--often and perhaps sometimes ad nauseum -- with PD Board members, our membership, CEC staff and officers, board members of other divisions, and anyone else who dared send an email in my direction. I have provided information about our activities for *CEC Today* and our own *Pioneer Press*. I have assisted in the writing of articles for newsletters of other organizations or agencies. I have also responded by telephone or email to any individuals who have asked questions about general conditions in the field of special education or the children we serve.

Our PD Board has recently approved the appointment of Diane Johnson as Historian, and, although her five-year term begins on January 1, 2012, she has already visited CEC Headquarters to assess her task and begin the work. We are also contacting several

organizations and institutions who are conducting their own work on special education history, in order to provide links to other entities that can make a contribution. Our professional sessions during the International CEC Convention have also addressed historical perspectives in our field.

Treasury Enhancement

Since our treasury depends on membership dues and we're the smallest (and therefore the poorest) CEC division, we made an effort toward fund-raising this year. We held a donation/drawing (with a very nice prize--a free week's housing on the Outer Banks). The generous donor of the vacation home (my brother, Captain Arthur Carden, USN, retired) has said that he might even do that again, and we look forward to that. Louis Tutt of Arlington, Virginia, was our winner, and he has recently contacted us to say that he will take advantage of his prize in the Spring of 2012 (See part of his message in the "Keeping in Touch" column).

Redesigning our Future

To help us in future planning, President-elect Bill Bogdan conducted an all-day meeting during the CEC Convention last April in National Harbor, Maryland. This was followed by a survey of a large number of CEC members (some of which were members of CEC-PD and some of which were not). The survey was conducted by Lyndal Bullock, PD Vice-president, and Lynn Ziraldo, our representative of the CEC Assembly. Executive summaries of the survey results will be provided by Bill Bogdan for the next issue of *Pioneer Press*.

One finding of particular interest to me is that many CEC members have never heard of us and have no idea about what we do. The Division News section of *CEC Today* is our primary way of communicating with all CEC members. I do realize, however, that many CEC members do not prefer the Internet as a means of communication.

I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to issue a call to all our members to make some personal contacts with eligible CEC members – to make them aware that we do exist, we have some great service projects going, we're having a good time, and we need their help.

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I might name this effort "Each One, Nag One." We know this works. It is, as a matter of fact, exactly how I became a candidate for Vice-president – four years ago. Someone emailed me and asked me to run for office.

CEC Convention

Our next meetings of both the Pioneers Board and the membership will be held during the CEC convention in Denver, Colorado, next April. Information about the convention is now posted on the CEC website

www.CEC.sped.org/convention including registration and housing. More information about our Pioneer offerings is also available elsewhere in this newsletter. Among the highlights of our program are our annual dinner and our Showcase Session honoring Fred Weintraub, which is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2012.

We Need All of You

This is my almost-end-of-the-year reminder to all of you: We need you! Recently, when I was in a pensive mood, I cited the following (actually an Irish fisherman's prayer) and sent it to our board members: "Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small." The Pioneers are very, very good at what they do. If we had more resources, especially the human kind, we could do so much more.

Contact the Chairpersons

If you'd like to serve the organization as an officer, please contact Diane Johnson at Dianej99@gmail.com. If you'd like to be a mentor, please contact Pamela Gillet at Pamelagillet@aol.com. If you'd like to help organize a state or provincial Pioneer subdivision, contact Laura Mohr at Mohr.educ@aol.com. If you'd just like to just come be with us at our meetings, dinner, professional sessions, and enjoyable socialization during the CEC convention, check out the CEC website at www.CEC.sped.org/convention

Please help. We need you . . . and our children need us.

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2012 CEC Convention and Expo Pioneers Division Events:
<p>Wednesday, April 11, 2012: Opening General Session, 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Thursday, April 12, 2012: Executive Committee Meeting, Annual Business Meeting, Annual Dinner/Social</p>
<p>Friday, April 13, 2012: Division Showcase Session (afternoon)</p>
<p>Friday-Saturday, April 13/14, 2012 Representative Assembly (times/ sessions TBA by CEC)</p>
<p>Saturday, April 14, 2012: Convention and Expo Ends</p>

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Update - CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program

Pamela Gillet, Coordinator

The CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program is in the beginning stages of its fifth year.

This year, there are 127 mentors involved in the Program, including 20 mentors who began mentoring during the Pilot five years ago. Seventeen universities and colleges are participating; an increase of two from last year. Three faculty advisors from these participating student CEC chapters also serve as mentors. It is anticipated that there may be as many as 135 mentees included in this year's Program; an increase of 34 from 2011-2012.

Currently, the Program is involved with conducting the process of matching the mentors to mentees based on areas of special education practice (LD, DD, etc.), age levels of students (early childhood, middle school, etc.), and geographic location.

Mentoring will continue to be conducted primarily using e mail; a true virtual mentoring experience. However, several of the mentors are exploring using more "personal" alternatives such as Skype, video conferencing, etc.

The Program will once again be partnered with the IDEA Partnership which provides a rich source of vetted information for the mentors to use as resources with the mentees during the mentoring process.

Here's to another productive year in the CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program!

It is still not too late for you to join the Program as – mentor. Just contact Pam Gillet at pamelagillet@aol.com.



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2012 Romaine P. Mackie Annual Award for Leadership

Purpose: The Romaine P. Mackie Award is to honor an outstanding professional who has demonstrated leadership in CEC and other organizations for an extensive period of time in various areas within the field: service delivery, teacher education and professional development; research; policy; assessment; publications. The individual should be nominated by someone who is familiar with the nature and quality of his/her work and who can speak to the nominee's character.

*The Award is named for **Romaine P. Mackie** who was a U.S. Commissioner of Education, a devout supporter of special education in the early years, and an active member of CEC who promoted the mission of CEC in all of her work.*

Nomination Materials Include:

- Completed Nomination Form (below)
- Letter of nomination
- Brief vitae or resume of the nominee
- At least two (2) letters of support (no more than four (4), please)

Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

CEC Membership Number: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominating Unit: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

The brief vitae or resume for the individual nominated should include educational background, employment history, length of service, special projects undertaken, awards received, and other information which will assist the Awards Committee in making a decision.

All nominations and materials must be received by **Tuesday, January 31, 2012.**

Submit your nomination packet to:

Michael Weinroth, Awards and Honors Chair
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Atlanta, GA 30328-2779
W- 404-870-1630
Email: mikeweinroth@aol.com



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In Memoriam:

Chuck Heuchert 1933 – 2011

Charles M. Heuchert died on September 20, 2011 in Waynesboro, VA, Professor Heuchert, who was known as Chuck by many friends and colleagues, was born on 30 August 1933 in Henning MN, to Karl and Amanda Lueker Heuchert. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a four-time graduate of the University of Michigan, completing Ph.D. studies in 1969.

After teaching engagements at Syracuse University, the University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University, Chuck joined the faculty at the University of Virginia. He was a member of the faculty at U.Va. in the special education program from 1969 through his retirement in 1998, serving in various capacities including assistant and then associate dean for undergraduate studies and licensure.

Throughout a career that began as a teacher and spanned 40 years, Chuck was an active advocate for students with emotional and behavior disorders and a champion of compassion and caring for student's emotional needs, promoting child-centered methods such as Life-Space Interviewing and Reality Therapy.

In 1973 Chuck co-authored *Pain & Joy in School* with Edward W. Schultz and Susan M. Stampf and in 1983 he co-authored *Child Stress and the School Experience* with Schultz. In 1987-88 he served as president of the International Council for Exceptional Children, the world's largest organization devoted to improving services for individuals with disabilities and the gifted.

His favorite charities were Camp Holiday Trails, 400 Holiday Trails Lane, Charlottesville VA 22903; and First Presbyterian Church Preschool Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 877, Waynesboro, VA 22980.



William C. Rhodes 1918 – 2011

William C. Rhodes, II, died on February 18, 2011, in The Villages, FL. Professor Rhodes, who was born on November 14, 1918, in Willets, LA, had a long career advocating for alternative perspectives about emotional and behavioral disorders.

Before his academic career, Professor Rhodes served in the US Army, achieving the rank of Captain. He completed bachelors and masters degrees at Emory University and took a doctoral degree in psychology from The Ohio State University. Professor Rhodes began his academic career at Vanderbilt University in the 1950s, working with Nicholas Hobbs. He then joined Eli Bower at the National Institute of Mental Health before going to the University of Michigan. After teaching and conducting research at the University of Michigan until 1980, Professor Rhodes finished his academic career as a senior scholar and visiting professor at the University of South Florida, where he taught until 2005.

An early paper in *Exceptional Children* by Professor Rhodes established his views about the reciprocal connection between children and their communities. Professor Rhodes' work on the Conceptual Project in Child Variance while at the University of Michigan in the early 1970s had substantial impact on special education for children and youth with emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD). The project resulted in a multi-volume publication called *A Study of Child Variance* that presented perspectives on EBD based on conceptual models popular at that time—biological, behavioral, psychodynamic, sociological, and ecological—and that ultimately set him on a path to adopting a view that taking a critical view was better than taking any particular theoretical view. His early-career interest in ecological approaches progressed into a later-career embrace of liberatory theory and post-modernism.

Professor Rhodes was the son of William and Nell Rhodes. He is survived by his wife, Estelle Smith Rhodes, whom he met and married in 1942; their children William Rhodes, III, Joseph Rhodes, Naomi Rhodes, and Trisha Rhodes; siblings; and eleven grandchildren.

Keeping in Touch With Eleanor . . .

We didn't have a Keeping in Touch column in the last issue of *Pioneer Press*, because we had so much news about the 2011 CEC Convention and Expo. Please, boys and girls don't forget about us! Your friends and colleagues are interested in your comings and goings. Your news doesn't need to be earth-shattering. We care about you and what you're doing. My sincere thanks to those who did contribute to this issue, keep those cards and letters coming!

Florida

Eleanor Guetzloe delivered a keynote address, "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Depression" at a conference at Cleveland State University on September 10 in Cleveland, Ohio. The conference was co-sponsored by the Cleveland State Student Council for Exceptional Children and a local organization of parents and families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Oregon

Mike Bullis of the University of Oregon has announced that Daniel D. Sage, Ed. D., has been named the Outstanding Alumnus of 2011. Each year, this award honors one outstanding individual who has made significant contributions in education through teaching, policy and advocacy, community service, or research and scholarship. Dr. Sage will be presented with the award at the fall college-wide orientation for students and faculty. Dr. Sage has also agreed to deliver a workshop presentation for students.

North Carolina

After residing and working in the greater Cincinnati area for the past 35 years, Bill Bogdan and partner Carl Ward have recently relocated to the mountains of western North Carolina. Over the past year, Bill and Carl have completed building their mountain retirement home and are transitioning to a new life in the Asheville, North Carolina area – and, just in time for the autumn change of color!

Lee Sherry of UNC Charlotte is completing two years as Chair of the North Carolina Special Education Cooperative Planning Consortium (CPC). The CPC consists of the state's 22 public and private college and university personnel preparation programs in special education. The Consortium meets twice a year to examine existing resources to assist public schools and agencies meet personnel needs.

Virginia

Helen Bessant-Byrd has completed her Master of Divinity Degree at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. In 2009, she was called as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. She rejoices daily that she is able to use the skills acquired in the discipline of special education as she ministers to the needs of people in her congregation and community. Helen sends blessings to all her friends and colleagues in CEC-Pioneers.

Louis Tutt, the winner of our drawing for the free week on the Outer Banks, has reported that he was not able to schedule a trip to the Outer Banks this summer or fall. He wrote, "The weather in late August and early September was pretty severe as I watched the news reports out of North Carolina. Don't give up on me or think I forgot. I will take advantage of this trip I won. I just wanted to stay in touch." Thanks, Lou, for letting us know.

Editor's Note

Contributions for this section of the Pioneer Press are accepted in almost any medium: Emails, notes, postcards, scraps of paper, and even telephone calls. Please let us know what you're doing and where you're doing it. Send your messages to Eleanor Guetzloe, CEC Pioneers, 812 Woodside Avenue; Clearwater, FL 33756, 727-447-2942.

Preserving CEC's History

The June Jordan Fund was established in 1994, by the Pioneers Division in honor of June Jordan who was a former CEC staff member. June was instrumental in providing the leadership and support for establishing the Pioneers Division. In addition, she led CEC in the collection of documents and other types of information of historical significance to CEC and the field of special education.

The official title of the fund is "The June Jordan 'I have a Dream' Memorial Fund". The purpose of the fund is to support CEC in maintaining the Archives and history of the Council. The Archives are maintained by a CEC Archivist who holds a non-voting position on the CEC-PD Board. The Fund is supported by direct contributions to the Fund. These funds are then allocated for expenditures to support the expansion and maintenance of the CEC Archives.

In the past, the support for the CEC Archives consisted of providing dollars from the June Jordan Fund to purchase supplies needed by the CEC Archivist, and to provide assistance to the Archivist by other members of the Pioneers Division in preparing and in placing materials in the CEC Archives. It is hoped that the plan developed by the History Initiative Work Group will provide additional opportunities to share, as well as, preserve the history of CEC and CEC-PD.

Please consider donating to the June Jordan Fund using the form below to assist with this important work.

The June Jordan "I Have a Dream" Memorial Fund Contribution Form

Mail contributions to: Michael D. Thew, 4524 Valley Acres Road, York, PA 17406

My contribution to the June Jordan Fund is \$_____.

Name: _____ Phone/email: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Indicate if your contribution is in memory/honor of: _____

Please provide name and address for acknowledgment card:

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Please make checks payable to the *Pioneers Division of the Council for Exceptional Children* and attach to this form. Thank You!



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