

Nebraska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association Newsletter

June 2008

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Dear Sharon,

We hope your summer is starting out great!

It's been a busy year so far for NEIDA, and there are some exciting adventures ahead to fulfill our mission to help children read. We hope you will take an active part in making this another successful year for the Nebraska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

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Trubl Spelling Workshop Rehearsal & Training

2 pm June 12, McPhee Elementary

We are planning more Trubl Spelling workshops for elementary and middle school students this fall. There is a need a rehearsal and training session for anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the spelling workshops. Gwelda Carlson will be at McPhee Elementary School at 820 Goodhue, Lincoln. at 2 pm to "train" our volunteers. Contact gcarlson@ne-ida.com or 402 423 4490 for more information.

We are also looking for free LOCATIONS that will host these workshops this fall. An elementary or middle school is an EXCELLENT place for us to use. If you are a teacher or a parent, please talk with your school principal to ask if we can use their facility to offer this FREE Trubl Spelling workshop in your community. Let Gwelda Carlson gcarlson@ne-ida.com or Sharon O'Neal soneal@ne-ida.com know.

Linking to Literacy Regional Conference

Sept 26-27, Sioux City, Iowa

Our regional conference with the Iowa and Upper Midwest branches of IDA and the Iowa Learning Disabilities Association is shaping up to be an impressive program. We have several nationally-recognized speakers lined up and the conference will include sessions for teachers, administrators and parents.

Check the "Conferences" section of our website at www.ne-ida.com to find our tentative agenda and the list of confirmed speakers. The final program will be ready by July 1.

Annual Membership Meeting

August 9, 9:30 am

Mark your calendar for this year's NEIDA Annual Membership meeting on Saturday, August 9. Watch your e-mail for the location and more details.

We'll review this year's activities and talk about what we have planned. This is a good time to invite prospective members to attend to see what we do at NEIDA.

If you have a suggestion for a convenient, inexpensive location for this meeting, please contact Carolyn Brandle, President at 402-488-7920 or cbrandle@ne-ida.com.

Friends of NEIDA Events

October 15 and 16

Several of our members have created a Friends of Nebraska Dyslexia Association (FONDA) group to serve as the fundraising organization to support NEIDA. The charter members are Cuz Johnson, Brenda Elson, Liz Hinrichs, Mickey Tallman and Lu Pansing.

FONDA is planning TWO fundraising events this fall.

October 15, 5-8:30 pm in Omaha (location to be determined)

October 16, 5-8:30 pm at the Ferguson House, 700 S. 16th, Lincoln.

Dr. Sylvia Richardson, a respected retired pediatrician and nationally-recognized dyslexia expert, will be the featured speaker at the event.

The registration fee for NEIDA members is only \$120 for this 2-day conference or \$75 if you can only make it 1 day. This is a GREAT deal to see all these national speakers in our own backyard!

We are reserving a block of hotel rooms at a rate of \$70-80 a night. More hotel information will be available by July 1.

Start talking to your friends and colleagues about attending this outstanding conference!

Dr. Joan Erickson, Assoc. Professor at UNL's Special Education and Communications Dept. will also talk.

President Carolyn will talk about NEIDA and our programs and plans.

Start jotting down names and addresses of colleagues, friends, and others to invite to these two events. Send them to cuzjohnson@hotmail.com

Stay tuned for more information later this summer.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Again this year, we will ask Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman to declare October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Nebraska. President Carolyn Brandle will let us know the date for the proclamation signing at the state capitol. All NEIDA members are encouraged to attend.

In addition to the proclamation, NEIDA will be actively involved in supporting the FONDA fundraising events on October 15 and 16, and we hope to offer at least one of our Trubl Spelling workshops in October.

We are sorry to report the loss of two of our NEIDA board members. Earlier this year, long-time member and board member **Patti Clark** succumbed to cancer. She will be sorely missed. She was a strong, passionate supporter of children's literacy. Board member **Joan Erickson** is leaving Lincoln this summer to take a job at a college in the Chicago area. She plans to be back in Lincoln in October to help with FONDA's fundraiser if her job permits, so we may see her yet again! We wish her well in her travels and we will miss her!

As always, thanks to all our members for supporting our Nebraska branch activities, and more importantly, for helping to support our mission to help children read.

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