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"When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Aldo Leopold, Conservationist



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COVER: "Victor, a student at King's Highway Elementary School in Coatesville, PA, seen here picking a potato he helped grow, is one of the many children who benefit from the gardening program started by environmental educator Dawn Lawless. Read more about this program on page 10."



President's Comments

By Jay Gregg, 2003 PAEE President

I have encountered the theme of Sustainability often in the first few months of 2003. Sustainability is, of course, Pennsylvania's 2003 Earth Day theme. I hope all of you have received a copy of the impressive Earth Day Education Packet loaded with information, resources and activities, produced by the Departments of Environmental Protection and Conservation & Natural Resources.

I was invited to represent PAEE at the Delaware Valley Regional Sustainability Summit held in February. While the President's Day Blizzard raged outside, a *committed group of individuals* created a blizzard of ideas that coalesced into a strategy for establishing and maintaining a community whose members, systems and resources can thrive in a balance focused on the future.

I recently visited a facility that is completing the latest of an impressive series of renovations and expansions that has and will continue to allow an impressive program to grow. Most impressive, however, was the philosophy that an expanded facility or program alone is not enough. Responsible planning must include not only the means for building a facility or program, but also the means for sustaining it into the future.

As Earth Day rapidly approaches, I am eagerly anticipating the help of local students in sustaining a familiar and historic resource at Paradise Farm Camps. Young Sugar Maples will be planted along our main entrance to eventually replace the veterans planted in 1913 when the camp opened.

These anecdotes represent many different approaches, scales and topics. The common thread binding them all, however, is conscious planning focused on the future, driven by a desire to give those that follow us a thriving and dynamic environment, not one that is overburdened and weakened.

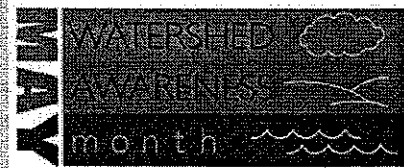
After celebrating our past and present with our 25th Anniversary, PAEE is looking to its future as well. We want to ensure that a vibrant and healthy PAEE celebrates its 50th Anniversary. To accomplish this, the Board of Directors is focusing on several initiatives. First, as you have seen, we have moved to a new home at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center. We hope this arrangement will provide us with a stable home in which we can grow into the future. Second, we are exploring new ways to focus on and provide benefits to our members. PAEE is, first and foremost, an alliance of environmental education professionals, and we must work to provide the benefits and services our members want and need. In the coming months, look for a revamped Affiliate Membership program. Third, professional support is needed to develop more sophisticated operations for PAEE. To this end, Patrick Naugle will be joining us as a part-time Administrator. Patrick has extensive business experience, and was Director of PECO Energy's Muddy Run facility. He currently teaches Business part-time at Eastern College, and has played a key role in establishing a local watershed association. Patrick will be focusing his efforts on development work for PAEE.

Finally (for now), PAEE has enlisted the services of Jim Cunningham to guide us in organizational planning and development. Mr. Cunningham has successfully worked with several EE organizations across Pennsylvania to broaden and increase their funding and stability, and we look forward to his efforts to do the same for PAEE.

I hope that each of you, our members, are as excited as I about PAEE's growth, development and future.



Watershed Awareness Month



May has been designated as Watershed Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, featuring the theme "The Watershed Connection: Land, Water and You!"

For more information contact Pennsylvania Organization of Watersheds and River (POWR) (717)234-7910; fax (717)234-7929

PAEE Board Briefs

Actions Taken by the Board: March 15, 2003

1. New PAEE Director hired: Patrick Naugle was offered and has accepted the staff position of PAEE Director. His main focus will be on development, rather than administrative functions.

Patrick will be working closely with fundraiser Jim Cunningham for the period of time Jim will be working with PAEE. Patrick will be involved in fundraising for the conference as well as for the long-term benefit to PAEE.

2. Rita Hawrot tendered her resignation as Membership Director due to the fact that she just started a new job. Handling membership data maintenance in the absence of a Membership Director was discussed. Ideally all PAEE administrative functions should be centralized at the Shaver's Creek office address. The PAEE computer, currently at Shaver's Creek, contains all membership data except for Rita's most recent updates. Joanne, the receptionist at Shaver's Creek, will be approached as to the feasibility of

her taking on this responsibility. Pat McKinney offered the services of the Schuylkill County Conservation District to handle membership data for the interim (maximum six months).

3. Fundraising Campaign: Vice President Roy Boyle has a contact that has proposed preparing two free commercials for PAEE. There is a list of outlets that would be willing to air the commercials.

4. A discussion was held to generate ideas to increase PAEE Affiliate Memberships. Currently PAEE has about 17 Affiliate members. The discussion narrowed down to the possibility of a revised and improved Affiliate Member benefit package. This will be looked at more closely by a subcommittee and proposals made at the next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Geist, Secretary



2003 PAEE AWARD NOMINATION

Please write your nomination for any of the following awards using the format provided Or, to receive a nomination form, contact Heidi Boyle - Canoe Creek State Park - RR2 Box 560 - Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Outstanding Environmental Educator

To be considered, the nominee must be "an individual who made a significant teaching contribution to the environmental education field in a formal or non-formal setting, through either curriculum development or teaching."

Daisy S. Klinedinst Memorial Award

On June 14, 1986, the PAEE Board of Directors established the "DAISY S. KLINEDINST MEMORIAL AWARD" in honor and memory of Daisy Klinedinst who passed away on March 10, 1986. The award recipient should be "an educator, new (less than five years) to the field, who is involved in environmental education and who seeks to continue to expand his/her involvement in environmental education."

Environmental Education Corporate Sponsor

This award recognizes significant partnership between the business community and environmental education. It is an award for a business that has provided financial or in kind support to enhance environmental education.

Outstanding Environmental Education Program

This award recognizes an exemplary environmental education program, which could be used as a model program.

Nominee:

Title/Address:

Award:

Accomplishments of Nominee:

When were accomplishments made?:

Where have accomplishments made the greatest impact?:

Why do you believe the accomplishments represent distinguished service to environmental education?:

Other relevant information (you may attach printed material):

Your name, address, phone number:

