



C.A.R.E.A.B.L.E.

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Message from the President...

Happy New Year!

C.A.R.E. has had a busy Fall, and anticipates being very active for the rest of 2008. Our programs have been highly sought after and very successful.

We had four Barnes and Noble author and new book nights at three locations, and we will have four more in the Spring. The brand new Barnes and Noble at the Lehigh Valley Mall hosted a lovely night grand opening with coffee, teas, and dessert squares. In addition, we were honored that JOAN LENGEL, our Regional Director for KSRA, joined us at the Lehigh Valley Barnes and Noble on



November 5th. She came a great distance and shared her enthusiasm and knowledge about our children and our organization. She met the author of the evening, Robin Friedman, who also enjoyed warm conversation and camaraderie with Mrs. Lengel.

There was a very nice reception at the MORNING CALL -Newspapers in Education Program in Allentown. They may be repeating it in the Spring because there were so many people that registered.



The most popular program was SUE MOWERY's PSSA STRATEGIES. We had a full house and Sue wowed everyone with her talk and handouts. It was a wonderful night, and everyone left with strategies, vocabulary, and graphic organizers to help prepare their students for the PSSA tests. We can't thank Sue enough. She has always been there to help us.

At the KSRA CONFERENCE, C.A.R.E. was given the IRA HONOR COUNCIL AWARD, as well as, the KSRA EXEMPLARY COUNCIL AWARD. We received \$200.

A huge thank you goes to illustrator, RALPH MASIELLO, who sent signed books, signed prints and the signed proof from his new book for our raffle basket. It was probably the most valuable basket there.

In addition, we thank CRAYOLA, who donated many products to complete our "drawing basket." Our basket was very popular. Since we volunteered more than fifteen hours, our council will get 100% of the profit from the raffle.

Send in your nominations for the CELEBRATE LITERACY AWARD. There are so many deserving people that should be recognized for their exceptional effort to increase literacy.

There are many fabulous programs coming soon. Our next workshop will be J. DAVID COOPER, sponsored by HOUGHTON MIFFLIN at Moravian College, HELPING STRUGGLING READERS: INTERVENTIONS THAT WORK! We are so fortunate to have someone of Mr. Cooper's caliber to share his ideas with us.

JOIN IN! BE ACTIVE! SHARE THE PASSION of promoting literacy, and I hope to see you at our next event!

Dale Harper, President

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****
PDE # is needed at the time of the event for ACT 48 credit.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **J. David Cooper-** February 19, 2008, 5:30-8:15. Helping Struggling Readers: Interventions that Work! Dana Lecture Hall, Moravian College. Look for more information coming soon.
- **Teachers As Readers-** April 8, 2008, 5:00-7:00. Books: **Weeping Willows Dance** by Gloria Mallette or **No Quick Fix, The RTI Edition** by Richard L. Allington & Sean A. Walmsley, editors. Lower Dansbury, East Stroudsburg University. Refreshments will be served.



- **New Literacy Presented by Alex Gibb-** April 15, 2008, 5:00-7:00. Lower Dansbury, East Stroudsburg University
- **Celebrate Literacy Program and Dinner-** April 24, 2008, 5:30-7:30. J & R Smokehouse Restaurant, Windgap, PA
- **Barnes and Nobel Author Programs-** April and/or May. Whitehall, Center Valley, and Bethlehem Township, 6:30-8:30
- **IRA Annual Convention-** May 4-8, 2008. Atlanta, GA

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CARE AMBASSADORS



Calling all CARE members!

We need you to help spread the word about our meetings and our organization. We would like you to post information in your faculty rooms, talk about programs during staff discussions and faculty meetings and act as a spokesperson for CARE in your school.

Information would be sent to you by email-notices about meetings, governmental issues and upcoming workshops- that we would like you to share with your colleagues.

Anyone willing to be a school representative please send your name

and email address with the subject heading **CARE REP** to Rhonda Sutton, rmsutton@ptd.net. She'll add you to the database and send notices of upcoming events and issues by email.

Governmental Relations Update

Highlights of Chapter 49 (Teacher Certification) Regulations:

The following are the summary highlights of the new Chapter 49 regulations including the following: The new certificates issued after January 1, 2013, will be:

- a. Early Childhood (PK through grade 4, or ages 3 through 9).
- b. Elementary/Middle (grades 4 through 8, or ages 9 through 14).
- c. Secondary (grades 7 through 12, or ages 11 through 21).
- d. Specialized areas (PK through grade 12 or up through age 21).
- e. Special Education PK-8 (PK through grade 8 or ages 3 through 14) with a dual certificate in one of the following:
 - i. Early Childhood
 - ii. Elementary/Middle
 - iii. Reading Specialist
- f. Special Education 7-12 (Grades 7 through 12 or ages 11 through 21) with a dual certificate in one of the following:
 - i. Secondary
 - ii. Reading Specialist