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2010 NEA Pacific Regional Leadership Conference

By Steve Fargan

I attended the NEA Pacific Regional Leadership Conference in Reno, Nevada the weekend of March 19-21, 2010.

On Friday night we were welcomed to the conference by NSEA President, Lynn Warne. She introduced the keynote speaker, NEA Vice President, Lily Eskelsen. Lily's speech was entertaining and uplifting and got us off to a fantastic start.

On Saturday I attended four sessions. Two sessions were held Saturday morning and two sessions were held Saturday afternoon.

The first session I attended on Saturday morning was "Never Let a Crisis Go To Waste: The Political Optimist's Workshop." This session had two presenters from NEA Campaign and Elections, Tricia Bosak and Trish Welte. We discussed the political landscape we face in 2010.

"You Can See Clearly now the Rain has Gone: Utilizing NEA Member Benefits in the Future" was the second morning session I attended. This session had two presenters from NEA Member Benefits, David Glenn and Teresa Munch. David Glenn previously gave a great presentation at our December LCEA Executive Board meeting. It was good to see David again and learn more about the many member benefits that NEA offers.

The keynote speaker at lunch was NEA Secretary-Treasurer, Becky Pringle. She gave a very serious and powerful speech.

The first Saturday afternoon session I attended was "Yoga in the Classroom." This session was presented by Julianne Dauble a teacher from the state of Washington. We were able to participate in a yoga session and feel for ourselves the benefits of yoga and also hear about how it helps Julianne's students.

The fourth and final session I attended on Saturday was "Web Video and Strategy". This session was presented by Jamiah Adams Fellow of New Media Training. I not only learned more about video editing using computer software, I also appeared in one of the videos.

On Sunday morning I attended the Open Hearing on the Reauthorization of ESEA. I listened to teachers from various states voice their concerns. I also submitted a page of concerns about the reauthorization to NEA.

Keynote speaker, NEA President, Dennis Van Roekel was much more intense than in the previous times I have heard him speak. His fiery speech on the current issues we face was inspiring and a great finish to a wonderful conference.

I also met and had discussions with many other teachers from the eight states of the Pacific Region throughout the weekend.

I appreciate the opportunity I was given in being able to attend the NEA Pacific Regional Leadership Conference. I would be happy to share more details about the conference with interested educators.



Discount Season Passes at Kirkwood

The Ormsby County Education Association and Lyon County Education Association have teamed up again to offer discounted season passes at Kirkwood. We have expanded our team to include members of any local affiliate of the Uniserv Council of Nevada, the Nevada State Education Association or the National Education Association. Kirkwood has expanded the offer to include your family, friends, and even friends of friends. Below are some details on the best deal on an unrestricted Kirkwood 2010-2011 Network pass.

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*Network Pass Rate Increase Dates: April 25, 2010; September 6, 2010; December 20, 2010. Final Network Pass price is \$499.

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