

April 2006

Dear Kenyon Members,

Happy Spring to our membership! We are looking forward to some exciting activities in the coming months.

I hope that you all enjoyed the March workshop at Rutgers University. Dr. Maurice Elias is a wonderful speaker; he inspired those of us in attendance to remember the importance of nurturing children's emotional intelligence. Our smaller workshops were equally well received. Many thanks are due to Jennifer Manuola and Johanna Jandrisovits for organizing our evening.

Sharon Griffin has again organized our Kenyon Fun Fair in Roosevelt Park in Edison. The date is Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please copy and send the enclosed flyer to the parents in your center right away; we are hoping for a good turnout! It's not too late for your program to play a part—remember, one participant will win a free table at our Spring Dinner! If your center has been collecting books for our Literacy Drive, be sure to contact me about picking up the books.

We're trying a new location for our Spring Dinner, the Westwood in Garwood! I hope you will join us on May 11. The featured speaker is Hugh Hanley, a nationally recognized educator, who will help us make our circle time lessons more exciting. Please see the details inside--and send in your registration TODAY!

It has been an honor and a privilege being the Kenyon president for the past four years. Our new officers will be looking for volunteers to create a new Governing Board. Please consider being a part of Kenyon leadership. It's rewarding--and even FUN!

Sincerely,

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Early Childhood Math & Science Conference ♦ May 4 ♦ The College of NJ ♦ [rhansel@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:rhansel@rci.rutgers.edu)

Kenyon Spring Dinner ♦ May 11 ♦ The Westwood, Garwood ♦ registration form enclosed

NJAEYC Annual Meeting and speaker ♦ Anthony Coletta: "Teaching Young Children—The Hardest Job in Education"  
♦ May 16 ♦ East Brunswick Hilton ♦ 7:00 PM ♦ [njaeyc.org](http://njaeyc.org)

NJAEYC Health in Child Care Conference ♦ May 24 ♦ Westin Hotel, Princeton Forrestal Village  
♦ [njaeyc.org](http://njaeyc.org)

NJAEYC Annual State Conference ♦ November 3-4 ♦ Atlantic City ♦ [njaeyc.org](http://njaeyc.org)

## Welcome New Members

As of this mailing, there are nearly 700 Kenyon members! With a membership this size, you can understand that we only mail newsletters to our current members. Be sure to renew your membership in a timely manner so you don't miss any communications from Kenyon, NJAEYC or NAEYC (your annual dues include membership at the local, state, and national levels!) and continue to enjoy all the benefits!! Your expiration date is on the mailing label of this newsletter.

## Election News

Elections for Principal Board Officers will be held at the Spring Dinner on May 11. In accordance with the Kenyon Chapter AEYC Bylaws the principal officers of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President are to be elected in the even numbered years. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2006:

*President – Jennifer Manuola*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Pamala Brooks*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Nancy Siracusa*

**Candidates by Petition** – A Kenyon member who wishes to have her/his name placed on the ballot may do so as a Candidate by Petition which requires a petition signed by not less than ten per cent (10%) of the total Kenyon Chapter AEYC membership in 2005 or by a majority vote of the membership at a meeting called for the purpose of voting.

Rutgers-Livingston was the first program in New Jersey to achieve accreditation! It also shares the distinction of being the first program accredited in the United States, along with eighteen others all accredited at the first commission meeting!

### What Went Right Today?

WWRT - What Went Right Today?, authored by Kenyon member Joan Buzick, has been named a finalist in the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Awards competition, in the category: Audiobook - Children's.

The 2006 Benjamin Franklin Award winner will be chosen from one of the three finalists and will receive the award from the Independent Book Publishers' Association during a ceremony on Wednesday evening, May 17, 2006 in Washington, DC. Congratulations, Joan, on your nomination!!

### Spring Dinner

We hope to see you at our annual dinner on May 11—register with the enclosed brochure. We're at a new location this year and are delighted to announce that Hugh Hanley is the featured speaker!

Hugh Hanley has been singing with young children for over twenty years in his work as an early childhood educator, music specialist and entertainer. His work has helped him gain an understanding of young children as developing music makers and a familiarity with the environments in which they play and learn. He draws from a wide and varied repertoire of songs, fingerplays, and music activities that are appropriate, accessible, and highly engaging. Hugh has learned all of the material he uses in his work from folk traditions, children, and their teachers and parents.

### *Directions to the Westwood,*

438 North Avenue, Garwood, 908-789-0808:

**From GS Parkway North:** Exit #135. Bear left following signs to Westfield/Garwood. Follow Central Ave. for 3.5 miles to North Ave. (after you've gone under railroad tracks). Turn right onto North Ave. The Westwood is 0.5 miles on the left.

**From GS Parkway South:** Exit #135. Bear right onto Central Ave. Follow Central Ave. for 3.5 miles to North Ave. (after you've gone under railroad tracks). Turn right onto North Ave. The Westwood is 0.5 miles on the left.

**From Route 22 East:** 22 East to Scotch Plains/Fanwood exit. Follow Park Ave. to Midway Ave; make a left onto Midway Ave (name changes to North Ave.) The Westwood is 5 miles on the left.

**From Route 22 West:** Route 22 West to Union; follow signs to Parkway South. Continue directions from Parkway South

### **Directors' Forum**

Kenyon Directors meet regularly to discuss topics of shared interest. There is usually a specified topic but the chance to share successes and frustrations with other directors facing similar challenges is the most beneficial aspect of this networking opportunity. The meeting location varies, allowing the prospect of touring different early childhood programs.

All Kenyon directors are invited to join our next meeting on: Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 am at the Calvary Nursery School and Childcare in Cranford

Contact Stacy Nick at 908-272-3962 or via email at [calvarynsc@verizon.net](mailto:calvarynsc@verizon.net).

### **Come to the Fun Fair!**

There's still time for programs to participate in Kenyon's Fun Fair on Sunday, April 23! Contact Sharon Griffin at 732-721-4349 or via email at [SharGrif@optonline.net](mailto:SharGrif@optonline.net). You can photocopy the enclosed flyer to inform families of this annual event!

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