

August 2006

Dear Kenyon Member,

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to serve our membership as President. I look forward to continuing Kenyon's mission to advocate for quality early care and education for young children and to offer support and professional development to the professionals in our field.

Our most recent board meeting was held August 4, and I am delighted that many new faces are attending. Being part of the Kenyon board is more than planning activities and managing funds—it's a unique networking opportunity that allows many great minds to come together to collaborate and learn from one another. Please consider attending a future meeting to see how you can participate.

I am pleased to announce that our new Kenyon website is now available for members to use. Kenyon applied for, and received, a stipend from the national affiliate (NAEYC) to develop a professional website. Take a few moments to visit us online at www.kenyonchapter.com where you will find contact information, event dates, scholarship information, free resources and more!

Even if you work in a childcare setting that runs the entire year through, there is something nostalgic about September and Back To School that recharges us for the new school year. Keep the momentum going by attending our Kenyon at Middlesex Conference scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2006. As always, this professional development opportunity is free to current Kenyon members and is available for a nominal fee to non-members. If you're not a current member, join online via our Kenyon website and you'll be just in time to take advantage of this professional development opportunity.

In the spirit and energy of September, I wish everyone a fun and exciting school year!

Take care,

Jennifer Manuola, President
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Looking ahead:

Wednesday, September 27 • Kenyon Fall Workshops, 6:30-9:00pm • Middlesex County College

Friday and Saturday, November 3 & 4 • NJAEYC State Conference • Atlantic City

Tuesday, November 14 • Board Meeting, 6:30pm • John Kenney Childcare Center

Saturday, January 6, 2007 • Kenyon@ Kean

Welcome New Members

As of this mailing, there are nearly 700 members of the Kenyon Chapter, our local affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC!) 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.

Florence Foster

Since 1983, the Florence Foster Student Recognition Awards have been presented to outstanding graduates in the field of early childhood education. The award acknowledges the leadership and service of Florence Foster, a Life Member of NAEYC with many years of service to the Kenyon Chapter and to the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children (NJAEYC.) Students are selected by their institutions on the basis of scholarship, demonstrated competence in fieldwork, and a commitment to the early childhood profession. Our Florence Foster Scholarship recipients receive a year's membership in the organization (including Young Children journals), as well as a complimentary dinner and a gift card to *Lakeshore, Inc.* to get them started in our field!

The 2006 Scholarships were awarded at our spring dinner to these aspiring teachers:

Kean University:	Rutgers University:
<i>Dawn Marie Veltre</i>	<i>Rubygaile Franco</i>
<i>Priscella Pericas</i>	<i>Stephanie Prybella</i>
The College of NJ:	Middlesex County College
<i>Jaclyn Kotler</i>	<i>Paula Lacson</i>
<i>Allison Mundy</i>	

Congratulations and welcome to Kenyon!

The Kenyon Chronicle is published four times per year to keep members informed of chapter news and events. Member contributions are welcome and can be submitted to Kenyon Chronicle, 283 Metape South, Bound Brook NJ 08805.

Monema Kenyon Scholarship

The Kenyon Chapter of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children (NJAEYC) is committed to the educational development of early

childhood professionals. As one facet of this commitment, Kenyon Chapter has created the Monema Kenyon Educational Scholarship to provide Kenyon members with financial encouragement to pursue higher degrees in the early childhood field. It is named for Monema Kenyon who was responsible for initiating our Kenyon Chapter. You can read the criteria and download an application at our brand new website, www.kenyonchapter.com!

Member **Joy Hirschfeld**, was awarded \$500 at Kenyon's Spring Dinner! Congratulations, Joy!

Calling All Directors!

Directors! You are not alone!! There is no reason for you to "reinvent the wheel!" Join colleagues doing the same job as you are, and learn from their successes and frustrations, at Kenyon's Directors' Forum. This group meets regularly to network, discuss specific topics and keep current in the early childhood field. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

9/28 at 10:00am, Rutgers-Livingston Day Care, Piscataway--call Cheryl at 732.445.4747

10/25 at 12:30pm, John Kenney Child Care Center, Edison—call Donna 732.287.4888

11/14 Time and location to be announced on the website and via email!

Mark your calendar now; we'll be waiting for you! Contact jkenneycc@aol.com to be added to our emailing list!

Congratulations!

Dr. Lorraine Cooke has been chosen as this year's recipient for the *Aletha Wright Award for Excellence in Early Childhood in New Jersey!* Lorraine currently is the Vice President for Public Policy (aka "Voices for Children") at NJAEYC and served as its President in the past; she is a past President of Kenyon as well. Lorraine has done so much for children and families in New Jersey and for all of us as a mentor and advocate for Kenyon, NJAEYC and NAEYC. Congratulations Lorraine! You deserve this award and we are proud of you!!!!

www.kenyonchapter.com

Kenyon Chapter applied for and received funds from NAEYC to develop a new website for our members. The latest information will now be available to members any time.

- ♦ Lost your conference registration form? No problem! Just visit the Workshops and Conferences link to download another copy (also helpful if you've lost the Directions page for workshop locations!)
- ♦ Misplaced your newsletter? want to refer back to an article? Find the latest newsletter online!
- ♦ Forgot to renew your membership? It's as easy as visiting the Membership section and following the link to NAEYC's online membership form.

Other advantages available on our website will be the capability to view scholarship information and applications so that members can further their professional development and training with a little financial help. Additionally, members will be able to view a list of free resources to borrow, including videos and books. Borrowing is as easy as filling in an online request form and hitting "send"! A calendar feature is available to help members plan ahead to attend our meetings, workshops, conferences and special events. A Board Member section is also available to advise members of whom to contact for more information in specific areas.

We hope that you take advantage of this new and improved website. Visit us online often!

Month Of The Young Child Literacy Project

As part of NJAEYC's statewide literacy initiative, Kenyon collected and distributed 598 children's books during April. These schools/organizations collected books: Nutritional Sciences Preschool, John Kenney Child Care Center, Douglass Psychology Child Care Center, Pine Grove Cooperative Nursery School, Rutgers-Livingston Day Care Center, Kent Place School, Davis Family Association, and PALS Consulting Service. Books were also collected from Kenyon members at the *Kenyon at Kean* workshop in January, and were distributed to children in the Abbott Preschools in Perth Amboy, the Puerto Rican Action Board in New Brunswick, the Abbott Preschools in New Brunswick, and the Children's Academy in Newark. Thanks to all who helped make these children book owners!