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## AREA 6 NEWSLETTER

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### **Dates to Remember**

**Apr 29-30 WAEOP Spring Conference**

**Red Lion, Wenatchee**

**May 15 PSP Deadline**



### **AREA DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Well, everyone – I think I can finally say “Happy Spring.” These last three months have been busy ones for our Area 6. Yesterday we held a very successful half-day Professional Development Program (PDP) at Shawn O’Donnell’s Restaurant in South Everett. Kathy Lech, CEOE, NAEOP President, was our guest speaker, and she was wonderful. Her topic “Life in a Fish Bowl” was very appropriate for educational office professionals. We laughed a lot and enjoyed a delicious breakfast in a cozy setting. Kathy reminded us to take care of ourselves and to keep our life in balance. She gave us tips on how to de-stress and how to keep a positive attitude even when the times get tough. She offered great ideas for team building and better communication, as well. It was a great morning!

Now for some big changes that will be taking place here in Area 6. You may or may not have read that WAEOP Board elections recently were held, and I was elected as your 2011-12 WAEOP President-Elect.

I am handing my directorship over to my friend and a long-time WAEOP member, Lori Palombo, CEOE, of Marysville School District. Later in this newsletter, Lori will introduce herself. She will formally take over her duties as Area 6 Director on May 1. I am very excited to step into the President-Elect’s shoes, especially with the knowledge that Lori has agreed to be your new Area Director. I cannot wait for you to get to meet her. She emulates everything that WAEOP represents—professionalism, kindness, thoughtfulness and caring. Welcome, Lori!

### **SCAEOP UPDATES**

Our local affiliate, SCAEOP, hosted a PDP on January 20 at the Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. It was a multicultural awareness workshop focusing on three ethnic populations—Latino, Middle Eastern and Russian. Our panel of guest speakers shared information about their life experiences and covered many aspects of their cultures. It was agreed that we could have taken much more time for questions and answers. SCAEOP plans to host more PDP’s in the near future with a focus on diversity.



SCAEOP members meet four to five times a year and would like to welcome educational office professionals in Snohomish County interested in growing personally and professionally and who want to contribute to their local community. For further information, please contact Pam



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### **NEW WAEOP AREA 6 MEMBERS**

We are so glad to welcome Melinda Trowberg of Brier and Rhoda Onken from the Everett School District. It is exciting to see our Area continue to grow in membership. Again, welcome, ladies!

### **CONGRATS TO AREA 6 MEMBER**

We would like to congratulate Carla Stuller for earning her PSP recertification. Way to go, Carla.

### **WAEOP SPRING CONFERENCE 2011**

Mark your calendars, everyone – Our Spring Conference 2011 is just around the corner— April 29-30 at the Wenatchee Red Lion. We have a great lineup of guest speakers and topics. You will not want to miss this conference. Hurry and get your registrations and hotel accommodations made.

### **PLEASE WELCOME NEW AREA 6 DIRECTOR LORI POLOMBO, CEOE**



My name is Lori Palombo, CEOE and I would like to introduce myself to you. I am married to a wonderful man, Rocky, and we will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October. We have 2 daughters. Our oldest is married and a Special Education teacher. Our youngest is getting married April 9<sup>th</sup>, so life is pretty exciting at this moment.

I obtained my CEOE distinction in May 2006. Because I did not go to college, it was at that moment when I received my CEOE in which I realized that I had earned the right to be in the position as an Educational Office Professional. In October 2007 Janice Schumann and I co-chaired the WAEOP Fall Institute. I learned so many things and met such a great group of women; I knew someday I would be ready to take on the Area 6 Director position. I was privileged to be asked to take over for Pam James, CEOE as Area 6 Director as she takes on a new position as President-Elect for WAEOP.

Currently, I am the Head Secretary for Marysville ECEAP (Early Childhood) and feel so fortunate to love to go to work every single day. I am also a member of NAEOP and am on the board of our local affiliate, SCAEOP, as the secretary.

My passion is to encourage all office professionals to grow educationally and take the opportunity to meet other office professionals and network with and encourage each other. I look forward to the challenge ahead and hope to meet many of you.

Sincerely,

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