

Bits & Pieces

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A Message from the President....

Hello Fellow Colleagues,

"Welcome Back!" to all continuing employees and "Welcome!" to all new employees of Denver Public Schools. My name is Joellen Davis and I am the Student Advisor at Grant Beacon Middle School and your new Denver Teachers' Club (DTC) President.

As we start the 2010-2011 school year and I start my 25th year with DPS, I first wish to express my sincere hope that each of you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year working in the continually growing and evolving DPS community. Three new schools are opening this year and I would like to welcome all of the employees aboard. I wish each of you a year of success.

As I enter my 25th year with DPS, I realize that for all those years I have also been a member of the Club, the best organization available to all full-time employees of Denver Public Schools. I joined the DTC Voluntary Payroll Protection Plan in my first year with the district. Later on, I became more involved with the Club, serving as a Building Representative. I have continued to serve as a DTC Representative at each new assignment with the district, a total of six. In 2008, I became a member of the DTC Board and now I am serving as President of this great organization. Joining the DTC was one of the smartest things I have ever done. So, make a wise investment and join the DTC today - you will be glad you did.

On several occasions throughout my career with the DPS, I have used the fabulous medical equipment available to me and my family through the DTC Assistance Fund. My first experience was when my mom fell and broke her hip. She needed a walker, a raised toilet seat, and a shower chair. A simple call to Millie and all of these items were available to me- AT NO CHARGE! My mom was able to use these items until she was comfortable moving around without them - NO TIME LIMIT!

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As time went on and my mom got older, she had other incidences where she needed additional medical equipment (wheelchairs, grab bars, canes, and a bed rail). I made a simple phone call, and all of these items were available for me to pick up at the Club. The price tag - \$0! I certainly couldn't have afforded to purchase or rent these items on my own. THANK YOU DTC!

When you suffer from a long- term illness or injury, the Club can pay you up to \$5,000 in a year. Current employees – the window to enroll in the Voluntary Payroll Protection Plan is now open until the end of the year. You can find detailed information and answers to all your questions on our website - www.denverteachersclub.org.

Our office manager, Martha Duncan, will gladly make a presentation to your school staff at your next meeting. Call the DTC office at 303 377-0222 to make arrangements.

Have a great year.

Sincerely,

Joellen Davis

Letter from the Executive Director....

Dear Friends & Colleagues:

The Denver Teachers' Club is now 113 years young, the longest existing non-profit in Colorado. For more than 113 years, the Club has had the privilege of providing our very unique service to active and retired DPS employees and their family members. The continued support of our volunteers is incredible. Special thanks are due to our Board of Directors and our Helping Hands for the hundreds of hours of service they provide and the money we are able to save because of their efforts.

The monetary contributions we receive - donations, memorials and bequests - are key to the success of the Club and we are all proud to say your generosity is second to none. Well done!!!

If you have questions or find yourself in need of the services we provide, please call us at 303-377-0222, email us at dtclub@qwestoffice.net - this email address is NEW! You can also visit our website at www.denverteachersclub.org with questions regarding hours, contact information, or membership, and to view our video and read the Club's history.

Please read this issue of Bits & Pieces carefully. We are making several changes to our business practices that will help diminish our environmental footprint and streamline our communication with you. These "Green" changes will allow us to save thousands of dollars and provide additional options for you to more conveniently use the services we provide.

Important!!! If you are retiring, please read the article below from DPSREA President Lucia Aandahl. We want all active DPS employees to continue being eligible to use our medical equipment after you retire. The easiest way for you to ensure your continued eligibility is to register with the DTC as a DPS retiree.

Best wishes for a healthy and successful school year!

Sincerely,

Andy Raicevich

Letter from DPSREA President

Dear Friends of the Denver Teachers' Club:

I would like to invite you to join our worthwhile organization: the Denver Public School Retired Employees Association (DPSREA). Over the last four decades, the DPSREA has successfully networked in a variety of areas to continue serving our community. Our Board members are committed to ensuring that DPS Retirees have a voice before the Board of Education and Colorado PERA. The DPSREA Board is dedicated to providing our members with current information about health insurance, benefits, and other services. It also maintains committees to assist our members, publishes a retired personnel directory (at a very modest cost to the members), sends a newsletter four times a year with information regarding issues of concern to the retired employees, and maintains a Foundation that provides scholarships for DPS students. We recognize our members with flowers on their 90th birthday, and every five years thereafter, in appreciation for their years of service to the children of the Denver Public Schools. **We take great pride in representing ALL retired DPS personnel, and welcome every single person retiring from DPS to join our Association.**

This year we held two very special social gatherings. Our Brunch at the Doubletree Hotel in March was a great success. As usual, we not only enjoyed a great meal but also had the opportunity to reconnect with friends and former colleagues. The door prizes were a hit and our Ambassadors looked as elegant as ever welcoming the attending audience and distributing the

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prizes to eager winners. We welcomed our guest speakers, PERA Executive Director Meredith Williams, and PERA General Counsel Gregg Smith, who explained the reasons for the reduction of the Cost of Living Adjustment and the impact that will have on the future of our pensions. The lunch at Mount Vernon, a very popular gathering, was equally as fabulous. It's especially gratifying to listen to the accomplishments of our Scholarship recipients. We were pleased to provide bus service for the event from three different locations in the Metro area for those retirees who needed alternative transportation in order to attend. We have added Line Dancing, Baseball Games, and other activities to our yearly program of events. Any other suggestions you may have are always welcome.

With all the changes in the retirement system, we no longer have access to the names of those employees about to retire. We must find other ways to notify these people about our organization or risk losing the opportunity to extend ourselves to new members. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in sharing names and addresses, whenever possible, of persons who have recently retired or who are about to retire. A membership form and an invitation to join us at one of our special events will be mailed and enable each recipient to stay informed and active in our Retired Community. Let's stay in touch! **Please contact me (303-321-1983), or Pam Woods, DPSREA Treasurer (303-755-5865).**

Sincerely,
Lucia S. Aandahl

Denver Teachers' Club Goes Green!!!

We have been focusing our attention on improving our overall bottom line, as is true for any business operating in the current economy. Another goal for 2010 has been to improve our business practices in a way that helps us diminish our carbon footprint and provide you with more options. We believe sound steps toward achieving our goals include paperless record keeping and communication. Following are some of the immediate improvements we've made that will streamline how we provide services for you, the members of our DPS family:

- ◆ *Bits & Pieces* is our best way to communicate with the DPS community as a whole. With recently added on-line capabilities, we would like to decrease the number of hard copies produced with each issue. As of this issue, buildings, departments and schools will receive two to five hard copies based on staff size. These copies will be made available in employee lunchrooms/ lounges, or other convenient places. *Bits & Pieces* will also be published on our website. Active employees will receive an announcement like the one you received this week each time a new issue is published. Retirees who wish to help with these efforts can supply us with your email address and be notified via email when new issues are ready on-line. This will save the Club thousands of dollars in print and paper expenses and save the planet dozens of trees. **Retirees will continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter as always. However, if you prefer to read your Bits & Pieces on our website, please call our office at 303-377-0222 to place your order. Active employees may also call to order a personal hard copy.**
- ◆ We are now providing you with another option for equipment orders and membership applications. To save the cost of encryption and to protect your personal information, email is another way for you to join or place an order. There are instructions on our website, www.denverteachersclub.org, that will take you through the process. Your dpsk12.org email address will serve as your electronic signature for joining the VPPP. For equipment orders, your email will allow us to complete your written check out record, which will be ready for your signature when you arrive in our office to pick up your order. **You may, of course, still use the phone to reserve equipment or request a paper membership application.**
- ◆ We have shortened our workday to decrease overall operating expenses. Our regular hours are now Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During DPS breaks when classes are not in session, we will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Those of you who are unable to personally come to the office for equipment during the hours we are open may send a family member or friend.

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your understanding and cooperation. We encourage you to provide us with suggestions/ feedback. We look forward to working with you to develop business practices that are both economically and environmentally responsible while at the same time providing you with the quality service you've come to expect.

YOUR ON-SITE DTC REPRESENTATIVES

Your on-site representative is your most important link to the Club. These volunteers are available to answer all your questions and help you understand more about the benefits the Denver Teachers' Club provides for you. If your name is listed below and you are no longer the Representative, or if your school is not listed below and you would like to volunteer as Representative, please call our office at 303-377-0222.

Amesse.....	Muriel Green	Knapp.....	Pam Harms	Westerly Creek.....	Connie Barrows
Archuleta.....	Bernice Herrera	Knight.....	Kathy Conway	Grant.....	Joellen Davis
Asbury.....	Nancy Holtgraves	Lincoln.....	Cynthia Croft	Hamilton.....	Vicki Vaughn
Ashley.....	Holli Coburn	Lowry.....	Karen Gariano	Henry.....	Rae Haynes
Barnum.....	Catherine O'Neil	Marrama.....	Kristi Goodrich-Marshall	Hill.....	Anne Sinn
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Centennial.....	Janell Hetrick	McMeen.....	Amy Ahonen	Rishel.....	Michelle Phillips
Colfax.....	Barbara Silva	Montclair.....	GiGi Hummel	Skinner.....	Craig Dehning
College View....	Josefita Lopez-Khosravi	Moore.....	Carrie Franklin	ALHS.....	Marie Ogle
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Cory.....	Betsy Sturges	Newlon.....	Jonie Jordan	CLA.....	Christine Obert
Cowell.....	LouAnn Martinez	Oakland.....	Kat Parker	DCIS.....	Stephen Parce
Doull.....	Don Hilsberg	Palmer.....	Stefanie Lucero	DSA.....	Ed Glassman
Edison.....	Joanne Stroud	Park Hill.....	Chris Ando	TJHS.....	Stephanie Stone
Ellis.....	Khoa Nguyen	Philips.....	Amy Addison	MLK, Jr. EC.....	Laura Thompson
Fairmont.....	Maria Martinez	Place.....	Janet Zeyen	Montbello....	Tim Gianulis/Cheryl Myres
Fairview....	Don Diehal & Pat Drumm	Polaris @ Ebert....	Colleen Clohessy	North.....	Myriam De Leon
Force.....	Shirley Cramer	Sabin.....	Sharon Dale	Janus Ed Alliance.....	Don Gilmore
Ford.....	Karen Nelson	Schmitt.....	Dawn Willbanks	P. R. E. P.....	Faye Lindebaum
Garden Place.....	Barbara Roberts	Slavens.....	Marcy Stoddard	Randolph.....	Patrick Millican
Gilpin.....	Bob Mantooth	Smith.....	Marva Boyer	South.....	Jake Jacoby
Godsman.....	Monica Garcia	Southmoor.....	Nancy King	GWHS.....	Leslie Whitty
Goldrick.....	Cynthia Beren	Steele.....	Margaret Hunter	1 st Fl, Ad. Bldg.....	Loree Klinger
Green Valley.....	Alise Boxer	Swansea.....	Gerardo Canedo-Macouzet	3 rd Fl, Ad. Bldg.....	Deborah Venor
Greenwood.....	Catherine Knowles	Teller.....	Omarose Kuket	5 th Fl, Ad. Bldg.....	Jackie Schott
Gust.....	Erin Antonson	Traylor.....	Maria Rita Vera	6 th Fl, Ad. Bldg.....	Joel Bradley-Hess
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Johnson.....	Cora Gonzales	Valdez.....	Myriam De Leon	Fox Street Bldg.....	Rosie Nichols
Kaiser.....	Cindy Clearman	Valverde.....	Matt Santistevan	N. E. Transportation....	John Adams
		Waller.....	Daphne Bowen-Dennis	Service Building.....	Andy Raicevich

Our volunteers save the Club an average of \$25,000 each year through their hard work and dedication. We could not provide the quality services you have come to expect without their help. Please be sure to thank them whenever you have a chance.

**If your building/department/school is currently without a DTC Representative (not listed above),
please call to learn how easy it is to be volunteer at 303-377-0222.**

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**HONORARIUMS WERE RECEIVED BY THE DENVER TEACHERS' CLUB ASSISTANCE FUND
BETWEEN APRIL 24 AND AUGUST 27, 2010 AS FOLLOWS:**

To Honor **Betty & Tim Walker** for their Dedication to the Denver Teachers' Club & DPS Teachers - Jack Vigil
To Honor **Glenn Leyden** for his dedicated service to the Denver Public Schools - Charlene & Donald St. John
To Honor **Kathy Eckhardt** on her 60th Birthday - Fern & Stan Oliner

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Ann Flanagan

Charlotte & Irvin Rubin

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Betty J. Wood

Mary Jean Anderson

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Mary Jean Woytek

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Jr. Weed-Ziegler

IN MEMORY....

Patricia A. Cheatham.	09/28/09	Tony Garcia.	05/29/10
Sharon O'Dell Hulse.	10/10/09	Joseph H. Silversmith, Jr..	05/30/10
Juanita C. Barcus.	11/03/09	Carol B. Santee..	06/01/10
Anthony Cimino..	11/06/09	Myrtle Jean Wash.	06/07/10
Alma Straw.	11/18/09	Bonnie Ceperly.	06/10/10
Rosemary Fichter (Correction).	12/23/09	Andrew J. Kelly.	06/17/10
James G. Mulqueen.	01/03/10	Blanche E. Boshinski.	06/22/10
Haarlan D. Fiddmont..	01/23/10	Jennie A. Petschauer.	07/02/10
Doris Youngclaus.	02/07/10	Minnie B. Utsey..	07/07/10
Melvia L. Childress.	03/23/10	Jane Walsh.	07/08/10
Burney C. Jetton.	03/26/10	William C. McCracken..	07/25/10
Claudy Jernigan.	04/09/10	Joseph H. Miller.	07/25/10
Tessa D. Johnson..	04/17/10	Merlin M. Arbogast.	07/28/10
Betty C. Klune..	04/22/10	Michael J. Auer.	07/31/10
Kenneth J. Mills..	04/27/10	Pat Y. Marumoto..	08/02/10
Maxine T. Whigham.	05/08/10	Irene P. Spicer.	08/03/10
Lucille F. Frank.	05/12/10	Pete Shannon, Jr..	08/08/10
Dave A. Romero.	05/28/10	Ernestine W. Gipson..	08/09/10
		Patricia Moyers.	08/14/10

We of course received phone calls galore after announcing in our Spring Issue that Sarah Yungclas had passed away. She called personally to tell us she was still alive - not just alive, but feeling pretty darn good. Sarah, thank you so much for your understanding and your excellent attitude. Glad to print this retraction!!!

Carol B. Santee - September 15, 1926 to June 1, 2010

It is with great sadness that we say "Good Bye!!" to our dear friend and colleague, Carol Santee. She is and will continue to be missed. Carol was a stalwart supporter of many fine civic and educational organizations in and around the Denver community, not the least of which was the Denver Teachers' Club.

Carol loved teaching - she was passionate, and not just in the classroom. She worked tirelessly for the DTC, serving as a Representative at her beloved Ashley Elementary School from the late 1950's all the way through her retirement from the Denver Public Schools in 1991. In 1995, Carol became a DTC Board member, and served as President and Past President from 1997 to 2000. She served as Committee Chair for the Club's Investment Committee from the time she joined the Board and participated in the planning of every special event, including our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 1997. Before we began mailing a book of raffle tickets to every employee and our Raffle sales were conducted in person only, Carol would single handedly sell 900 to 1,200 tickets, and she was disappointed in herself when she came in closer to 900.

Volunteering was never a question for Carol, her only question was how to schedule her time equitably among those entities for whom she felt compelled to volunteer. Carol was one-of-a-kind and those of us who knew her well are blessed to have called her "friend."

**WERE YOU SICK LAST YEAR? DID YOU MISS TIME FROM WORK?
\$DID YOU RECEIVE A CHECK?\$
from the DTC Payroll Protection Plan?**

If you experienced an extended absence from work due to personal illness or injury and were treated by a physician, you could have received a check from the DTC Payroll Protection Plan. You do not have to use all your accumulated sick leave - you can receive this benefit in addition to your sick pay and other benefits you may be entitled to. We want to ensure that this valuable benefit is utilized by every eligible employee, **NOT JUST TEACHERS** - facility and lunchroom managers, office and administrative employees may join as well. Nothing is more disheartening than learning of an employee who missed time from work and we couldn't send them a check because they were not a member.

Please watch our VIDEO produced by Ed Glassman's film class at Denver School of the Arts by visiting our website -
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