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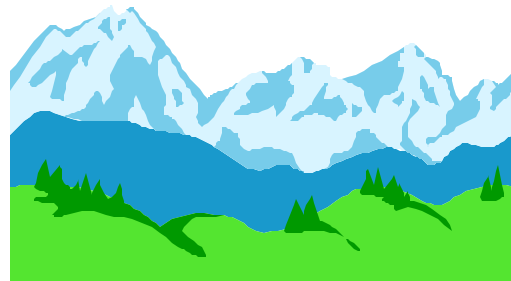
NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR PARK AND RECREATION
ADMINISTRATION

A MESSAGE FROM SANDRA

I'm pleased to announce that the National Park and Recreation Research Institute was approved recently. I have appointed **Dr. Peter Witt** and **Vern Hartenburg** as co-chairs of this important institute. **Dr. Bob Rossman** (Illinois State University), **Dr. Chris Cashel** (Oklahoma State), **Steve Messerli** (Lake County Forest Preserve, Il), **Richard Johns** (Santa Barbara, Ca.), **Jane Boubel** (Olympia, Wa) are the other members. The research institute's goals are 1. to promote park and recreation applied research by developing a national research agenda, 2. To provide a mechanism for funding applied research efforts related to the agenda, and 3. to

ACADEMY EVENTS 2001

SEPT. 30-Oct 1.....ACADEMY RENAISSANCE RETREAT at the Aspen Lodge at Estes Park. See article on page 6.



OCT. 3-7.....N.R.P.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Denver. Meeting schedules were not available.

2001 Bulletin Publishing Deadlines

Submit by:	Publish by:
Feb. 15	March
April 15	May
June 15	July
Sept. 8	Sept. 15

Submit to Jane Hodgkinson at
WDSRA@MCS.NET

SANDRA'S MESSAGE (CONT)

Generate interest in, and flow of, collaborative park and recreation research between university personnel and practitioners.

We also want to congratulate Academy member **Fran Mainella** as the new Director of the National Park Service, effective immediately. Fran was named by President Bush on June 4th in a ceremony in the Florida Everglades. Fran is a past president of NRPA and a member of the academy board of directors.

On a very sad note, I must report the death of **Bill Clement** on April 21st. I'm sure those of you who were close with Bill will drop a note to his wife, Eva.

Sandra Whitmore

“You could cover the whole world with asphalt, but sooner or later green grass would break through.” Ilya Ehrenburg

2001 Officers and Directors

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Director (2003).....Fran Mainella

TODAY'S GRIN

It was a great loss to the entertainment world when Larry LaPrise, Detroit native and writer of the “Hokey Pokey” died at age 83. It was especially difficult for the family to have him in the casket. They put his left leg in and ... well you know the rest.

GREAT THOUGHTS

“I've often thought that if our zoning boards could be put in charge of botanists, of zoologists and geologists, and people who know about the earth, we would have much more wisdom in planning than we have when we leave it to the engineers.”

WELCOME NEW ACADEMY MEMBERS!

Ned Cheely III, Williamsburg, VA
John McGovern, Northfield, IL
William Mitchell, Langhorne, PA
James Niskanen, Modesto, CA
William Palmer, Baton Rouge, LA
Joseph Wynns, Indianapolis, IN
John Comerio, Springfield, IL
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Kevin Kendrigan, Rolling Meadows, IL
Andrew Kimmel, Libertyville, IL
Doug Knapp, Bloomington, IN

Jonathan Korfhage, Foster City, CA



2001 Academy Committees and Committee Chairs

Academy Retreat.....	Michelle Park
Agency Services and Resources	Max Ramsey
Annual Banquet and Social.....	Lori Daniel
Best Paper Award.....	Bob Rossman
Bylaws	Ernie Nance
Electronic Communications.....	Dr. Peter Witt
Journal of Park and Recreation Administration.....	Dr. Peter Witt
Legends in Parks and Recreation.....	Linda Kotowski
Membership	Eddie Hueston
Newsletter	Jane Hodgkinson
Nominating	Vern Hartenburg
NRPA Congress Program	Jane Boubel
Pugsley Awards.....	Dr. John Crompton
Research Center	John Crompton, Peter Witt, Vern Hartenburg
Young Professional Externship.....	Ken Kutska

WORLD CONGRESS HEADED FOR

The next Congress of the International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration (IFPRA) will be held in Somerset West on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa September 17-19, 2001. The Congress theme will emphasize an inter-disciplinary approach to park and recreation management. The premise is that park and recreation services, as well as others in the urban environment, are less effective because of fragmentation. It is, therefore, imperative for park and recreation professionals to approach their discipline on a much broader, collaborative basis. Park, recreation and conservation managers must work together with other disciplines if development and sustainability is ever achieved. Academy member, Dr. John Crompton, will address the delegates on the repositioning of the parks and recreation files to win more political support.

Local area tours will be educational and supportive of the comprehensive program of papers to be delivered. Included in these visits will be the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, the famous Namaqualand Flowers and the world renowned Langebaan Lagoon Wetland.

The post congress tour, for those who will be fortunate enough to attend, will travel from Cape Town to Johannesburg ending at Kruger National Park for a truly outstanding wilderness experience. The park is home to great numbers and varieties of amphibians, reptiles, birds and the “big five”, elephants, rhino, lion, leopard, and buffalo which will be seen a close range. If you have ever wanted to visit this unusual part of the world this is a glorious personal and professional opportunity. The post congress tour is limited in size (44) so get reservations in early.

For information and registration contact www.ierm.org.za . For information about joining IFPRA contact Academy member Dr. James A. Peterson at japete@indiana.edu. Jim is the U.S. Commissioner to IFPRA.

JPRA GOES ELECTRONIC

JPRA is now available on line! Thanks to the efforts of Sagamore Publishing, the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration is now being webpublished. For the year 2001, the journal will also appear in paper format, but beginning in 2002, the journal will only be available on the web.

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Academy Bios Update Project- Dr. Peter Witt

As many of you know, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Academy, we are trying to update the Academy webpage {www.rpts.tamu.edu/AAPRA/Index.html} to include bios of all active members of the Academy.

We have been successful in getting or creating bios for a number of members, but still lack quite a few. In several cases, we have been able to create a bio for a member using AAPRA file information, but are worried that information may be out of date.

If your bio is not on the webpage, would you please e-mail one to Vivian Gonzalez at vgonzale@rpts.tamu.edu or fax to 979-845-0446.

Don't Miss The Academy Renaissance Retreat

September 29 – October 1, 2001
At the Beautiful Aspen Lodge, Estes Park, Colorado

The Purpose of the Retreat is to coordinate an Academy sponsored sharing session, in a casual retreat setting, that looks at the past and the future of the Academy.

According to the American College Dictionary, the word renaissance means a new birth, a revival. This time together with fellow Academy members will be valuable to all of us as we collectively determine the future role of this vital organization.

Who should attend? Current and new Academy members being inducted in 2001

Where: Estes Park, Colorado, approximately 1 ¼ hour drive north of Denver with shuttle access from the Denver airport. The Aspen Lodge at Estes Park, Ranch & Resort Conference Center is Colorado's largest and most magnificent log conference center. Its mountain views are incredible and we will be there when the fall colors are at their peak!

When: Sunday, September 30 and Monday, October 1, 2001 with arrival on Saturday evening, September 29, 2001

Cost for Housing: \$129 per person per night for double occupancy and includes three meals for each night of lodging. Spouse rate is \$119 per person per night and includes the same three meals. Children's rate (ages 3-12) is Free and includes three meals. Single rate is \$199 per person including meals. Room accommodations range from sleeping rooms in the Lodge to one, two, 3 and four bedroom heated cabins.

HOUSING MUST BE RESERVED BY JULY 20TH. Call 1-800-332-6867 to make your reservation. Mention the Academy's name to be included in our room block. We have reserved 15 single lodge rooms (1 bed) and 15 double lodge rooms (2 beds). Make your reservation early in case we need to reserve more rooms.

Retreat Format:

Saturday, September 29 Arrival and get acquainted in the Aspen Lodge Lounge

Sunday, September 30

8:30 AM Registration

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions – Sandra Whitmore, CPRP

10:00 AM Founding Academy members sharing their views of why the Academy was

founded, what purpose it has served and where we should be going in the future. Discussion and idea sharing will follow. Founding members invited to present are: Bob Toalson, Mary Grogan, Charlie Hartsoe, and Ralph Cryder.

12 – 1:00 PM Lunch Together

1:00 – 2:00 PM Update on new Academy Initiatives followed by mall team breakouts reflecting upon the morning session and discussing strategies for the Academy's future.

2:00 – 2:30 PM Team reports

2:30 PM FREE TIME – 9 hole golf challenge, horseback riding, hiking, etc.

7:00 – 9:00 PM Dinner together and relaxing at the lodge

Monday, October 1

9:30 AM Presentation by a panel of recently inducted Academy members sharing their views should be going in the future. Discussion and idea sharing will follow. Academy members invited to present are: Jim Hall, Sara Hensley, Mark Eynatten and Jane Hodgkinson

12 – 1:00 PM Lunch and Retreat ends. It's time to relax or on to Denver for the NRPA Congress

The Retreat will:

- Provide a plan for the future of the Academy
- Allow for small group discussion, debate and strategy development about the future role and efforts of the Academy
- Potentially establish a plan for the Academy to develop resources and enhance revenues for our Foundation
- Provide CEUs
- Give us the chance to socialize and recreate together in a magnificent natural setting

Retreat Registration fee will be \$50. Anticipated attendance is 50 participants.

To register, complete the form below, include payment and send to Michelle Park, CPRP, Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, 1069-A, West Main Street, Westerville, Ohio, 43081, 614-895-2222, fax 614-895-3050, email opra@ee.net.

Make checks payable to: AAPRA – Retreat

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Yes I have special needs _____

My spouse will be coming with me and would like to participate in special spouse activities. _____

My spouse's name is _____

Did You Ever Wonder About These Things?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen are defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

No one ever says, “It’s only a game” when their team is winning.

There has been a considerable discussion about the degree of competition taking place in youth/adult sports leagues. Parents scream at umpires, referees, other coaches and players. Critics say that youth sports has become too competitive. But the real discussion is not whether competition is healthy for the kids, but how to improve the uncivil behavior that the parents demonstrate.

Several organizations have taken on the testy behavior of adults to try to re-focus it into a learning model for children. Many recreation departments are requiring parents to attend a session outlining the goals for the program and expected behavior of the families that participate. Such programs are advocated by the National Alliance for Youth Sports, among others.

Character Counts is another program gaining national acceptance and approval in various school, park district, community settings. Character Counts seeks to provide young people with models of behavior in six areas: trustworthiness; respect; responsibility; fairness; caring/kindness; and citizenship.

The decline of national civility is demonstrated in the way customers treat staff, road rage, and countless other weekly examples. This article offers no answers only a question.

Should the park and recreation movement play a role in reversing the decline in civility? As Mike Meyers would say, “Talk amongst yourselves”.