

# ACADEMY BULLETIN

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NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR PARK AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

## A MESSAGE FROM SANDRA

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2001. The Board has their committee work goals established for the coming year and while all committees are very important, I draw your attention to two new initiatives: 1. The Academy Renaissance Retreat- Mark your calendars for this exciting weekend in beautiful Colorado. **Michelle Park** has provided more detail in an accompanying article. 2. the National Park and Recreation Research Institute- **Peter Witt and Vern Hartenburg** and their committee consisting of **Jane Adams, Larry Allen, John Crompton, Geof Godbey, Karla Henderson, Chris Jarvi, Dale Larsen, Michelle Park, Phil Rea, Bob Rossman, and Dean Tice** are in the final stages (continued on page 2)

## ACADEMY EVENTS 2001

SEPT. 30-Oct 1.....ACADEMY RENAISSANCE RETREAT at the Aspen Lodge at Estes Park. This ranch resort and conference center will be the site for an exciting opportunity for Academy members. See article on p. 6



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

## 2001 Bulletin Publishing Deadlines

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## **SANDRA'S MESSAGE (CONT)**

of establishing the organizational structure for this Institute. The Institute is being established to 1) promote park and recreation applied research by developing a national research agenda; 2) provide a mechanism for funding applied research efforts related to the agenda and (3) generate interest in, and flow of, collaborative park and recreation research between university personnel and practitioners. Currently, no structure exists to foster or coordinate park and recreation research on a collaborative basis between professionals and the academic community and the Academy's goal is to begin to bridge this gap.

In addition to these initiatives, another of my goals is to continue to be a strong advocate for legislative efforts that will assist our field in providing quality services. Many of us have been interested in Interior Secretary Norton's agenda and how she will interact with current legislative efforts. I was heartened to read that she was following through on President Bush's campaign promises to add needed money for the maintenance of our National Parks. While this early in the administration, this is a positive move.

If you have any comments or suggestions on any of the Academy programs please call me at (703) 838-4842 or e-mail me at [sandra.whitmore@ci.alexandria.va.us](mailto:sandra.whitmore@ci.alexandria.va.us).

**Sandra Whitmore**

**“Whoever named it necking was a poor judge of anatomy”**

Groucho Marx

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## **TODAY'S GRIN**

**What do you call a noodle standing on the corner?**

**A pasta-tute**

## **GREAT THOUGHTS**

“I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now and not defer or neglect it as I shall not pass this way again.”

William Penn

## Four Honored for “Legends” Program

**Dave Clark** reports that four people were honored this year by being interviewed as part of the Academy’s Legends of Park and Recreation Administration Program. The four recognized in Phoenix were **Tony Mobley, Ellen O’Sullivan, Bob Robertson, and Joe O’Neill**. Each of these practitioners and educators have made outstanding contributions to our field. The 45-minute interviews recorded their professional insights, advice, and philosophical beliefs.

The videotapes of these four interviews and the fifty-five other individuals who have previously been interviewed can be borrowed or purchased by contacting John Potts at the Academy office. A new brochure is now available with a complete listing of those who have been interviewed as part of the Legends program.

### 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

## **20th Anniversary Banquet Held at the Heard Museum, October 12, 2000**

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration celebrated its 20th Anniversary at the magnificent Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. The Heard Museum was founded in 1929 by Dwight and Maie Bartlett Heard to house their personal collection including Native American artifacts and art. It has both a national and international reputation for its thorough and sensitive representation of Native American cultures and heritage, especially those in the southwest. Attendees of the banquet dined on delicious stuffed chicken breasts or prime rib of beef.

Guests that evening included U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt; Mrs. Betty Lu Hughes, her daughter and son Judy Cavener and Wilson Hughes, family members of Ford Hughes; Carol Severin, President of the Board of East Bay Regional Park District; Dr. Seong-Seop Kim, Best Dissertation winner; founding Academy members Mary Grogan, Bob Toalson, Dr. Tony Mobley, Dr. Joseph Bannon, Ralph Cryder, Ken Smithee, and Dr. Charles Hartsoe, and Academy members and their guests. Photos from the evening are included on page 5.

### **Deadline for Nominations for Academy Membership Nears**

**Eddie Hueston**, Chair of the Membership Committee, reports that the deadline for submitting nominations for membership in the Academy is April 20, 2001. Application packets were mailed to each current member on March 5. These packets include the criteria and nomination form. If more information is needed please contact Eddie Hueston at (214) 670-8483 or e-mail: [echueston@juno.com](mailto:echueston@juno.com)

# 20th Anniversary Banquet a Huge Success



U. S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt accepts his Pugsley Award, National Category.



Chris Jarvi accepts the Pugsley Award, Municipal Category, from Vern



Vern Hartenburg presents Carol Severin with the Pugsley Award , State Regional Category. Ms. Severin is the President of the Board of the East Bay Regional Park District.



Walt Johnson and Secretary of the Interior Babbitt chat during the reception at the Heard Museum in Phoenix in October 2000.



Vern Hartenburg presents Peter Witt with the President's Award

# The Academy Renaissance Retreat

**Purpose of the Retreat :** To develop an Academy sponsored sharing session, in a casual retreat setting, that looks at the past and the future of the Academy.

**Title:** The Academy Renaissance Retreat

*According to the American College Dictionary, the word renaissance means a new birth, a revival. This time together will be valuable to all Academy members as we collectively determine the future role of the 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 20<sup>TH</sup>. 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      Presentation by a panel of 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.

- 12 – 1:00 PM Lunch Together
- 1:00 – 2:00 Small team breakouts reflecting upon the morning session and discussing strategies for the Academy’s future.
- 2:00 – 2:30 Team reports
- 2:30 FREE TIME – 9 hole golf challenge, horseback riding, hiking, etc.
- 7:00 – 9:00 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.
- 12 – 1:00 PM Lunch and Retreat ends. It’s time to relax or on to Denver for the NRPA Congress

**The Retreat will:**

- Make us think about the future from a different perspective
- 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
- Provide spouse activities that we’ll all want to enjoy☺

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

# FORD HUGHES GOLF OUTING

The Ford W. Hughes Memorial Golf Outing was held on October 12, 2000 at the City of Phoenix Aguila Golf Course. Proceeds from the event totaled \$5,148 and were donated to the Academy Foundation according to event co-chair **Ken Smithee**. The golf outing was the idea of Ford's widow, **Bette Lu Hughes**, to honor her late husband's devotion to the academy. Ford was a past president of the Academy and founded the Academy Foundation.

Seventy-five players competed and the winning team was headed by Academy member and excellent golfer, **Connie Newport**. Co-chairs for the event **Ken Smithee and Ray Kisiah** were very pleased with the outcome and support for the event. Mrs. Hughes and her children **Judy Cavener and Wilson Hughes** were on hand to lend their support.

Next year's tournament will be at Laurie Daniel's golf course and Ron Chase will chair. More information will be available later.



Judy Cavener, Bette Lu and Wilson Hughes welcome golfers to the Ford Hughes Memorial Golf Outing held at the City of Phoenix Aguila Golf Course on October 12, 2000. Proceeds from the outing went to the Academy Foundation.



Academy member and golfer extraordinaire, Connie Newport won the Hughes Memorial Golf Outing with her group

# **A LETTER TO THE ACADEMY FROM ITS EXTERN by Lisa Piefer, Germantown Parks and Recreation**

On behalf of the City of Germantown Parks and Recreation, I would like to thank the American Academy for Parks and Recreation Administration. This (Extern Program) is truly a viable program that could help many aspiring young professionals become leaders in the field of Parks and Recreation.

Overall, the format of the program is well organized and allows us to participate in the business of NRPA. Chris Jarvi was my mentor for the day. He is an extremely innovative man with a great knowledge of parks and recreation. We were able to go over what it takes to be a leader in this profession. He gave me insight on how to become an effective leader and achieve my career goals of being a director. He was gracious enough to answer my many questions while letting me do a lot of talking, too. It was truly a great experience.

The Congress was extremely well done, and I was able to participate in many of the educational sessions that were available. The social functions allowed me to meet and network with new people whom I will always remember.

Overall, the best experience that I had was the breakfast meeting (which lasted three hours) with Phil Hester and Kurt Loch. We discussed everything and really shared experiences. If we had three or four more hours, we might have solved all the world's problems. This was a truly learning and growing experience.

Overall the program is great, but I do have a couple suggestions:

1. AAPRA will be having a retreat prior to the Denver Congress. It would be a truly great experience to participate or just watch these professionals in a less structured setting. There would be more interaction, and the participant could have many mentors on this process.

2. Publicity-We need to get the word out. This is a great program where people should be standing in line to participate.

This was truly an experience of a lifetime, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to participate.

BY LISA PIEFER, GERMANTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION  
(Submitted by Ken Kutska)

**Get Well, Jim Colley!**

Jim Colley is recuperating from recent heart surgery. He was in good spirits as of last report. Let's keep him in our thoughts and drop a note or card to wish for a speedy recovery.