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A Message from the Executive Director



Having watched the latest school/church/community shooting incidents I am once again taken back by the responses that call for reactive measures. No one ever speaks of preventive measures that address the real issues. As a school principal for 14 years and a school leader for 33, I knew in kindergarten, the children that were likely to need alternative school placement or that would one day be subject to incarceration. These children often came from broken homes, were being raised by grandparents or other

family members, were already in the foster care system, had one or both parents already incarcerated, had been transient, had a high number of absences, and needed medical or dental care that wasn't provided in a timely manner. These children needed their basic needs met. They needed mental health services. They needed someone to pay attention to them. They needed a friend.

Hate is taught and fostered. I can't help but wonder if the tenets of Invitational Education were taught and applied in the lives of all students, could planned tragic events decline or cease? But often, educators respond to the external pressure of standardized testing and state mandates. Professional development money continues to decline. The best news is that Invitational Education can be applied at little to no cost! It takes reflection, observation, intentionality, and a hearty application of love and kindness.

I encourage you to consider reviewing Dr. Purkey's <u>Creating a Positive School Climate Nuts and Bolts of Invitational Education.</u> It is packed with ideas that can easily be applied in your classroom and school today. This book would be an excellent resource for a team book study. To help facilitate these opportunities, I am offering this helpful tool at a reduced price. **Regularly \$14.00 it is now on sale for \$11.00. Orders of 20 or more copies can be purchased at \$9.80.** Feel free to contact me for orders or simply go to our <u>IAIE</u> website.



Other very valuable resources are also available which include books, the IAIE toolkit, and customized coaching.

In a world that seems in great need, it is wonderful know that there are people who care.

Together we really can make an Invitational difference!

Kathy

News and Updates:

2018 World Conference



The annual IAIE World Conference was quite a celebration. As always, there was a time of learning and many opportunities to network. A special thanks to our keynote speakers and our breakout presenters. If you were following on Facebook, you could easily see that our members and guests enjoyed multiple school visits in Franklin, Scott, and Jessamine County Schools and also enjoyed cultural events in and around the heart of the Bluegrass. If you missed



out on the many pictures shared through social media, I encourage you to visit and like our page on Facebook. A huge thanks to the Kentucky planning committee, Dr. Peter

Wong, Ken and Marlene Wright, Dallas Blankenship, Laura Hunt, Jason Snider, Elizabeth Gabhart, Charlanne Pook, James Botts, Angela Miller, and Sylvia Decker for helping to make the week run smoothly. You all are amazing. Plans are now being made for our Fidelity celebration in 2019!









Board of Trustee Updates

At the October Trustee meeting, the Board voted to place Dr. John Novak as a permanent member. John is a founding member and was nominated by Dr. Purkey to serve. The Board is honored to have John. Joining him for the 2019-2021 term will be Angela Miller (new chairperson), Sally Butzin (treasurer), James Botts, Ed Nelson, John



Ivers, Thomas Baylack, Peter Wong, Barbara Hansen William Purkey (permanent member) and Betty Siegel (permanent member). A special thanks to Allyson Schoenlein and Robert Lockwood for their service and leadership. Allyson and Robert will rotate off the board at the end of 2018.

The Board also voted to establish a memorial scholarship for membership and registration for the 2019 World Conference in memory of Sue Bowen, a dedicated IAIE leader who passed away

this fall. Sue served in numerous leadership positions including the first Executive Director and most recently co-chair of the membership committee. Sue was beloved by everyone at IAIE. Many of the letters and notes of condolence to her daughters included comments about Sue's impact upon the lives of individuals and school leadership toward meeting the goals of Invitational Education. Sue leaves a strong and lasting legacy with IAIE. She will be greatly missed. Donations for the scholarship may be sent to the IAIE office at 1090 Short Shun Road, Nicholasville, Ky. 40356. Please include Sue Bowen Scholarship in the subject line of the check.



Trustees also elected to hold the 2019 IAIE World Conference in Ohio. The Ohio Chapter will be hosting. More information to follow as the planning committee meets.

Betty Siegal Silent Auction



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This year's auction grew by leaps and bounds as over 27 silent auction items were donated by members. One special item, a one of a kind IAIE pottery bowlwas designed and donated by The Providence School in Jessamine County. This item was auctioned via live auction conducted by Marshal Tingle, 2 T Auctioneer. A total of \$600.00 (\$577.00 from the past two auctions and \$23.00 in private donations) raised from the past two auctions, will be sent to **The Sharing Smiles Foundation**, in honor of our beloved co-founder, Dr. Betty Siegel. Thanks to the generous donations of our members, Betty's brilliant and contagious smile will be shared with



many in need of medical assistance.

Stafford Leadership Awards



Three IAIE members were presented with the prestigious William StaffordLeadership Award at this year's conference. These leaders were selected by a committee chaired by Stephen Chu and certainly represent the best in IAIE leadership. We are honored to have these members in our Alliance.

Congratulations to Mr. Ed Nelson, Dr. Vickie Wilson, and Mrs. Angela Miller.



WILLIAM PURKEY

The Co-founder of IAIE, Dr. William Watson Purkey, Has Moved to Sunny Florida

Imogene and William have built a small home in Tallahassee to be near their son and daughter and their families. Their new address is 3525 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32311. William's cell phone number is 336-706-1420. The email address remains the same: wwpurkey@aol.com.

Mea Culpa

In a previous newsletter an article was submitted regarding lifetime membership granted to two very deserving leaders. Unintentionally, Dr. Charlotte Reed was referred to without her proper title. Sincere apologies to Dr. Reed for the error.

Membership Campaign

As the holidays approach, it is a great time to think about sharing the benefits of IAIEmembership with a colleague, family member, or friend. As a member, you are aware of the many benefits which include international networking, reduced cost for conference events, student/teacher exchange opportunities, and access to research.



The IAIE Membership Committee asks that all members suggest a colleague who may benefit from being part of our organization. Simply notify **Dr. William Purkey**, wwpurkey@aol.com with the name, address, and email. (Those of you who participate will be entered into a drawing for 2 free books of your choice.)

If by chance time has gotten away and you need to renew your membership, or perhaps you experienced issues during the website refresh, simply logon now to <u>our website</u> and visit the store to find the type of membership. * Remember, you may now login using your full email address or a previously used username.

Should you have any issues or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact, kathy.fields@invitationaleducation.net

IAIE Holiday Office Hours



The IAIE office will be closed Nov. 21-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 21-Jan. 6 for the Christmas/New Year holidays.