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President's Perspective

By Judy Simpson

Child Advocacy Day 2010: Speaking out for kids from your community, street, and block to the Capitol

"Do you consider yourself an advocate for children?"

Of course, I am, you say. We should all be advocates for children. Whether you are a teacher, a caregiver, a parent educator, a health care provider, children's agency or organization staff, a community leader, a parent or grandparent...we should all be interested in the well-being of children.

But, if you think you aren't an advocate, you certainly can be!" Advocacy workshops are being held throughout Missouri in February and March to inform you of the advocacy process and prepare you for talking to legislators about children's issues. For more information, go to www.childadvocacyday.org.

Our state lawmakers consider many issues each year that impact children. Recently, Governor Nixon unveiled his budget and priorities at the annual State of the State address. Some of the highlights of the Governor's budget for children's issues include:

- \$18 million increase for public education –however, this is still \$87 million short for funding of the K-12 education foundation formula
- Reducing funding for child abuse and neglect prevention programs
- Cutting 298 positions from the Department of Social Services, which equates to over half of the total 544 state employee positions being cut



Judy Simpson.
RBAEYC President

- \$4.1 million cut to the Parents as Teachers Program – this is in addition to the \$3.4 million cut last year

The Parents as Teachers program was founded in Missouri 25 years ago. It has become the nation's largest evidence based home visitation program. In Missouri, Parents as Teachers programs serve more than 155,000 children annually. Can we allow this program to go unsupported or minimally supported?

We could spend a generation helping one child at a time or we can help advance public policies that will help an entire generation of Missouri's kids grow to be safe, healthy, and ready for college, work, and life.

The House and Senate will begin working to develop their own budget proposals for FY 2011. Throughout the budget process, you have an opportunity to make your feelings known. Contact your local representatives. Call and/or email the Governor. Help protect children's services from more budget cuts.

You *are* an advocate ...speak out for the children!

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NAEYC Children's Champions Update - President's Budget Request Places Priority on Early Childhood Investments

On Feb 1, the President released his budget request for fiscal year 2011. **In a very tough budget climate, early childhood education is a priority for additional investments.** The proposal helps improve access and affordability for low-income working and middle class families and quality improvements across the range of settings.

The Administration is seeking a **significant restructuring of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act** along its four reform areas of college and career-ready standards and assessments, effective teachers, data systems, and turning around low performing schools with several program eliminations and consolidations into new groupings. The budget request also would authorize Race to the Top and Investing in Innovation Grants which were created and funded under the ARRA (stimulus) package. There is \$1 billion held aside for ESEA if Congress reauthorizes the law this year. Although there is an increase for IDEA state grants, we urge the Administration to increase investments in early intervention Part C and special education preschool grants for a more inclusive early childhood investment agenda.

Here are highlights of the President's budget request (increases and freezes reflect FY 2010 without ARRA/stimulus funds):

- **Child Care & Development Block Grant** - a total increase of \$1.6 billion; half would be in the discretionary side and half in the mandatory side, including funding for quality improvements. The budget proposal also would adjust the mandatory portion for inflation after FY 2011.
- **Head Start/Early Head Start** - \$989 million increase
- **Early Learning Challenge Fund** - when passed, would provide nearly \$9 billion over 10 years (House bill passed; Senate awaiting action)
- **Title I** - frozen
- **Literacy** - consolidates many programs into a comprehensive birth

through high school literacy grant program. \$250 million total, of which 15% for birth to kindergarten, 40% for kindergarten through fifth grade, and 40% for middle and high school and 5% for technical assistance and other activities. The FY 2010 appropriations bill eliminated separate funding for Early Reading First and Reading First. Under the consolidation, Even Start would be eliminated.

- **Teachers** - Proposal to consolidate 9 separate programs into 3 programs: Effective Teachers and Leaders \$2.5 Billion (formula, consolidates ESEA Title II); Teacher and Leader Innovation fund \$950 million (competitive, eliminates Teacher Incentive Fund and other programs) and Teacher and Leader Pathways (competitive; would eliminate Title II Teacher Quality Partnerships for the consolidation)
- **Race to the Top** - would authorize Race to the Top and increase by \$1.35 billion
- **Investing in Innovation** - would authorize and increase by \$500 million
- **IDEA Part C** - frozen
- **IDEA Section 619 preschool** - frozen
- **Part B state grants** - \$250 million increase
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers** - frozen
- **CAMPIS** - frozen at \$16 million
- **Child Nutrition** -- \$1 billion increase In addition, the Administration would nearly double the
- **Child & Dependent Care tax credit** that helps middle class families offset the cost of child care.

A reminder: this is the beginning of a process. It's the Administration's roadmap but Congress can adopt or change it. Please stay tuned for alerts on the budget resolution and other parts of the funding process.

Save the Dates!



**Midwest AEYC
Leadership Summit IV
April 16, 2010
St. Charles Community College
8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.**

Space is limited on Friday

and

Friday spend all or part of the day with Dr. Lilian Katz or attend any of 20 break-out sessions



Spring Curriculum Conference



Children's Opportunities, Our Responsibilities

**Saturday
April 17, 2010
8:00-4:00**

Registration materials available on the website

Saturday spend part of the day with Dr. Lilian Katz or just attend any of the 50 break-out sessions

with

Dr. Lilian Katz

Check the website for continuing updates

<http://www.RBAEYC.org>

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Program Meeting “Coffee Talks”

Saturday, March 27, 2010

There is no charge to attend, light refreshments are served, and in-service hours are awarded. Attendances prizes are given, including gift certificates that can be used towards a NAEYC membership.

Session I:

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Topic: “Professional Development”
(with a focus on college students)

Presenter: Kelly Hantak

Location: St. Charles Community College
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
Cottleville, MO 63376
Social Sciences Building (SSB) Room 1401

To Register: No pre-registration required

Contact Person: Sally Halfaker
mrsalbum@yahoo.com
(636) 240-0535.

Session II

Time: 12:00 noon –2:00p.m.

Topic: Process Art II: Adding New Ideas
to Old Techniques”.

Presenters: Sally Halfaker and Melinda Emge

Location: Four Rivers Area Family YWCA
400 Grand Avenue
Washington, Missouri 63090

To Register: No pre-registration required

Contact Person: Sally Halfaker
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Advocacy Training 101

By Sarah Huisman, Public Policy Chair

On Saturday, February 6th approximately 30 individuals attended the Advocacy 101 training held at South Country Baptist Church which was led by Drs. Michelle Mathews and Marlene Levine. The purpose of the advocacy training was to inspire and guide early childhood professionals to take action at the upcoming 28th Annual Child Advocacy Day to be held on April 7th in Jefferson City. This advocacy training is one of many. Others to be held can be found at <http://www.childadvocacyday.org/>.

The training included a general overview of how to locate your state representative and senator on the internet at http://www.senate.mo.gov/lookup/leg_lookup.aspx and how to schedule a meeting with your representative at Child Advocacy Day. The trainers led participants through a variety of hands-on activities that would help a new advocate to feel inspired to meet and discuss early childhood issues with their state representative. Tips for doing this included planning a visit carefully, making an appointment, being prompt, patient, and persistent, practicing your speech, introducing yourself, making your case, being honest, making the “ask”, handouts to leave with them, and the follow-up.

Participants took away great handouts, inspiring information and “the know-how” for being more active and involved in this year’s Child Advocacy Day on April 7th.

28th Annual

MO Child Advocacy Day


April 7, 2010

Jefferson City

MISSOURI’S CHILDREN:

- 259 thousand live in poverty.
- 123 thousand lack health insurance.
- 318 thousand are alone after school
- 12 thousand drop out of school
- 5 thousand are abused & neglected.
- 310 thousand under age 6 need child care.

Let Missouri lawmakers know:
There are *thousands of reasons* to make children’s issues a top priority for the state!



Attend a regional training session for
Child Advocacy Day!

Child Advocacy 101:
Speaking Out for Kids from your Community to the Capitol

When: January 2010 (regional dates TBD)

Where: In a region near you! Cape Girardeau • Columbia • Hannibal
Joplin • Kansas City • Kirksville • Rolla • Springfield • St. Charles •
St. Joseph • St. Louis • Warrensburg • West Plains

For information about Child Advocacy Day or the trainings visit
www.childadvocacyday.org

Public Policy Corner

By Sarah Huisman, PhD, Public Policy Chair

Hopefully by now you have marked your calendar for Wednesday, April 7th to attend Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City. People always ask, "How can I be involved in child advocacy or creating new public policy?" One way to start is by attending Child Advocacy Day. At Child Advocacy Day you will meet many individuals just like yourself, learn about various topics in the field of early childhood, and feel the energy of a large number of constituents and advocates for children. The event as a whole is inspiring and empowering.

Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Be Involved in Child Advocacy:

1. Why not? Really. Most teachers and childcare providers are already advocates. The next step is taking your voice and making it heard. Working with children is unique, and you have the heart and compassion for children. Therefore, being an advocate for children is somewhat of a job requirement. The next step is channeling your passion for the betterment of children, families, and the field of early childhood.
2. As advocates we are voices for the children. Without us, who will speak for them? As advocates we are also the voices for childcare providers and the families we serve. We are needed.
3. It doesn't need to be complicated. Advocacy and creating change does not have to always be complicated. One can be aware of current issues in our state and advocate those that need our support.
4. It is challenging... but very rewarding! To know that you were a part of change that improves the lives of children, families, and early childhood providers is very rewarding.
5. It's our job! We were called to work with children. We were also called to speak up for them.
6. Ask yourself, "If I don't do it, then who will?"
7. There are people out there advocating and trying to create public policy that will benefit you as an early childhood provider, and they need your help.
8. You have the resources and skills to do it. You have a voice, and you have the knowledge to know what is good for the well-being of our children, our families, and our profession. So use it.
9. Back to #1... Why not? (just had to ask again) The number one reason people do not stand up for creating change and advocating for others is because they think someone else will do it. Let's hope so! But you can't always rely on others. Empower yourself and stand up for doing what is right. Something bothering you about the profession? Tired of hearing that the state is cutting funding for programs for children and families? Tired of the little attention that the field of early childhood receives at the state level? Then do something!
10. Another reason people do not advocate for change is- time. They believe that they don't have time. We are all strapped for time. So stop

right now- sign up for Child Advocacy Day by going to www.childadvocacyday.org Don't think about it (that takes time) - just do it! We need you.

If you are ready to become more involved in creating public policy that benefits the children, the profession of early childhood, or any other particular issue, then do the following (remember don't think too hard about it - that takes time, just do it!)

- Make sure you have signed up and attend Child Advocacy Day on Wednesday, April 7th in Jefferson City.
- Read the all newsletters you receive from AEYC-MO and your local chapter. You will find updates on issues that the state is currently facing. Use this as a tool for being informed.
- Go to <http://www.aeyc-mo.org/policy.html> to see updates and learn about what is going on in our state.
- Be in the know! Be aware of who your Representative and Senator are. Use the following website to look them up. http://www.senate.mo.gov/lookup/leg_lookup.aspx It is important to know who represents your local area, where they stand on particular issues, and how you can contact them.
- Be in the know! Be aware of current legislation. Use the following website to look up what issues are currently bills in the

Mission Statement

Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children promotes excellence in early childhood programs and systems through education, professional development, and advocacy.

January 23, 2009 Coffee Talk Recap

by Sally Halfaker, Program Chair

On January 23, two sessions in our series of program meetings were held. A group of very enthusiastic early childhood educators gathered at the Sikeston Library and rolled up their



sleeves to create science items for their classrooms, in the "Make It and Take It Science Fun" presentation by Diane Miesner and Janice Jones



After observing demonstrations of Gak, Lava Bottles and Elephant's toothpaste, they got busy at different stations around the room. Each participant was able to make and take 5 items including



Color Mixing Bottles, Current Bottles, Rain sticks, Kaleidoscopes and Pasta Skeletons. It was an enormously successful morning!



We thank Janice, Diane, and the folks at the Sikeston Library for putting together this make it and take it session so successfully!

Meanwhile, at First Baptist Church of Troy, Lisa Larson led 23 participants with her presentation "Food for Thought: Making Snack Time a Learning Time".

During the session, participants learned new ways to incorporate fun and learning at snack time.

Many delicious snacks were created using everyday ingredients. It was a "make it/eat it" session!



We want to thank our hosts at First Baptist Church of Troy for hosting our program meeting at their lovely facility. We also thank Lisa and her daughter, Lianna, for the informative and delicious program!



Action Grants

If you have a great idea and need help to fund it, a 2010 RBAEYC Action Grant could be just for you!

Application Process:

1. Download and review the application and guidelines on the RBAEYC website: <http://www.rbaeyc.org>
2. Mail your completed application, postmarked by March 1, 2010.

Rybicki Scholarship

This scholarship is available to assist a member in attending the NAEYC Conference each year. The next conference will be held on November 3-6, 2010 in Anaheim, CA.

Complete details and an application can be accessed through the RBAEYC website. The deadline to apply is March 15th. The recipient will be announced at the Spring Curriculum Conference in April.

Community News



13th Annual Play Coaches Leadership Training and Networking Retreat

“Show-Me How to Play Again”

June 23-27, 2010
Fontbonne University Campus
St. Louis, MO

Do you remember playing when you were little? We're not talking about playing a structured sport. We are talking about free, unstructured play, the kind of play that stimulates and exhausts every morsel of every domain. When was the last time you experienced that whole-body sense of joy and freedom you can only get from play?

Our professional development as educators begins with our personal development. We simply cannot give to others what we don't have! When we give ourselves the gift of play, we nourish and nurture our own well-being. Through play, we hear our thoughts, we discover, create, remember childhood experiences, laugh and reflect. We find our footing and regain our balance.

As early childhood educators we know about the value and importance of learning through play for children. The theorists who guide our professional practice including, Froebel, Erikson, Montessori, Piaget, Vygotsky, Malaguzzi and Gardner, as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics have given us plenty of research to support this fact.

We invite you to put on your play clothes and join us this summer for the “Show-Me How to Play Again” Retreat for Educators. During this 4-day networking retreat, you will experience solo play, cooperative play, playing with blocks, paint, music and dance. You will also experience, discuss and reflect on topics such as integrating play with early learning standards while discovering your dispositions to teach and learn, and applying the practices of our guiding theorists to today's classrooms.

For more information:

<http://www.sltrc.com/RRAcurent09.html>

Susan Blandford, St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center, Inc.

636-227-7095

Patricia Durkin, Fontbonne University, 314-889-4527

Special Saturday Workshops

Co-sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council
St. Louis Community College- Caring for Kids Program

Child Care Providers: Help Your Children Enter the Wonderful World of Books!

Are you looking for ways to help young children fall in love with books and stories while they gain valuable language skills? Come discover fresh, fun techniques for sharing books with young children! Learn how to explore illustrations, ask open-ended questions, and create extension activities for any book. Discover how books can be used with even the youngest children! Participants will receive a set of seven children's books to keep and learn all about the Missouri Humanities Council's READ from the START program, a workshop designed especially for parents and caregivers of children age birth to five.

12-3pm workshop (3 clock hours) will be held at:

Forest Park Campus 3/27/10

Workshop presenter is Annette Harrison, dynamic educator and story teller.

Call 314-513-4891 to receive a registration flyer with all the workshop details. — Registration fee \$15.00

Registration is Limited



2010 Missouri District

Early Childhood Conference

An event for Early Childhood Educators, Children's Ministry Workers, Pastors, and DCE's

Saturday, March 6, 2010 8 AM—3:30 PM

Immanuel Lutheran School

632 East Highway N Wentzville, MO 63385

Featured Speaker—Jim Gill

Jim Gill is a well-known children's musician and play expert. He has written several books as well as a number of songs and musical play activities. In Jim's lively workshop, he will share a number of his songs that make a connection to literacy and age-appropriate play. He will discuss how a play-based program provides an inclusive environment for all children. You won't want to miss Jim's special message!

Registration: Conference Fees—\$50 per person (Includes lunch, snacks, program, and all materials)

For More Information Drew Gerdes, 417.883.5717 X 30

week of the young child



April 11-17, 2010

"Play: Where Learning Begins" is the theme for 2010

- RBAEYC (Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children) wants everyone to celebrate WOYC.
- Please use the following as a guide to celebrating this week in your center.
- Check out the RBAEYC website www.rbaeyc.org for more information and a link to idea sheets and articles that will help you plan this week and to use the following days.

MONDAY:	Block Play
TUESDAY:	Creative Play
WEDNESDAY:	Take a Lunch to Work Day (Send w/a Value of Play Article)
THURSDAY:	Messy Play
FRIDAY:	Bubble Play

- Committee Co-Chairs Susan Feldt and Cindy Christ
- Contact susan@childcarestl.org for more information or to join the committee.

What is the Week of the Young Child?

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC is the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 90,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize early childhood programs and the services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing

that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we--as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation--will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

**Do we have
your current
email address?**

**NAEYC, AEYC-MO,
and RBAEYC
have gone electronic!**

**Have you been receiving
the state newsletter the
UPDATE by email?**

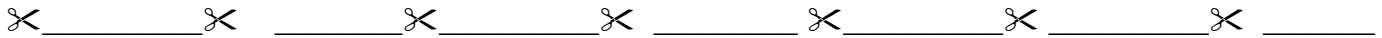
If you do not have a current email address listed with NAEYC, then you are missing many publications that are being distributed by NAEYC and AEYC-MO. This includes your state newsletter, monthly updates through NAEYC-E-News, and “time sensitive” materials distributed by RBAEYC and AEYC-MO. (i.e. scholarships, grants, advocacy opportunities, etc)

We want you to receive all the materials and correspondence you are entitled to. Therefore, we are asking you to please take a minute to check your NAEYC files and confirm or update your email address in the NAEYC database—which is where all the electronic mailings originate from.

- Log into the NAEYC website —www.naeyc.org
- From the “Membership” link click “Log In ” and follow the prompts to the “Update Member Information” where you can quickly verify and/or update your information at any time.
- If you need assistance please contact us at rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org

Ballot for 2010 Governing Board Elections

by Janice Jones, Governance Committee Chair



The Governance Committee presents the following slate of candidates for the designated positions. Their bio’s were in the January 2010 newsletter and can be accessed on the RBAEYC website under the newsletter link.

Ballot for 2010 RBAEYC Election

Vote for one candidate in each category:

President-Elect:

Jacinda Kirk

-or-

Diane Miesner

Treasurer:

Karen Pittenger

AEYC-MO State Rep

Linda Estes

**Return ballot by March 30, 2010
Cut the ballot above, fold, tape edges, and attach postage**

Conference to Bring Some Special Opportunities

Student Reception

On Friday evening of the Conference, April 16, 2010, a special student reception and "Meet and Greet" will be held at the college at 6:00 p.m. All current student members will receive a special e-vite before the conference. If you are a student and want to make sure you receive this invitation, please make sure your email address with NAEYC is current. (see pg. 9)

Students will have an opportunity to meet with Dr. Lilian Katz as well as the board members of Midwest AEYC, AEYC-MO, and Rivers Bend AEYC, to address career opportunities in Early Childhood Education.

Students must RSVP if they plan to attend. Refreshments will be served. More information will be provided in the e-vite and on the website.

Dr. Lilian Katz to Autograph Book

On April 16-17, 2010, Dr. Lilian Katz's will be autographing her newest book "Intellectual Emergencies: Some Reflections on Mothering and Teaching" in the marketplace at the conference.

Dr. Katz has spent many years conducting workshops for teachers, parents, and students all over the world, and during those workshops she has often referred to her son Stephen, and what she has termed the "intellectual emergencies" she experienced during the years he was growing up. Her responses to these "emergencies," the moments when he analyzed her actions and challenged her decisions as a parent and a teacher, are pulled together in this book.

With music and words from

Stephen incorporated into the book, Dr. Katz presents an inspirational work for parents and teachers, or anyone who has ever looked into the face of a child and wondered if they were making the right choices.

The marketplace area will be open in the morning during registration and check-in (8:00-9:00), during lunch, between break-out sessions, and at the end of Dr. Katz's presentation on Friday, or basically from 8:00-4:00. On Saturday it will also be open during registration and check-in (8:00-9:00), between morning break-out sessions and during lunch.

So, make plans now to get your autographed copy of the latest book, by Dr. Lilian Katz, at the conference on April 16-17, 2010.

Please fold in half, and secure open edges with tape.

Janice Jones
2531 Timberlake
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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“SPOTLIGHT” Feature

By Pam Batchelor, Spotlight Coordinator

- Do you know an RBAEYC member that is an inspiration to you or others in the early childhood field?
- Do you know a NAEYC accredited center that is providing services to children and families in an innovative, special or just plain excellent way?

We want to know about them!

To nominate them for the “Spotlight”:

- E-mail us at rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org with "Spotlight Nominee" in the subject line or call 800-210-2602

Please include:

- Your name, nominees name and your contact information

Send your nominations—we'll do the rest!

2009-2010 Calendar

Aug	20	RBAEYC Newsletter # 2 Deadline
	29	RBAEYC Coffee Talks —Make It/Take It
Sept	12	RBAEYC Board Meeting
Oct	10	RBAEYC Coffee Talks
Nov	18-21	NAEYC Conference, Washington D.C.
Dec	3	Newsletter # 3 Deadline
	5	RBAEYC Board Meeting
Jan	14	RBAEYC Newsletter #4 Deadline
	15	Conference Registration Info Online
	23	RBAEYC Coffee Talks—Make It/Take It
Feb	6	RBAEYC Board Meeting.
	22	Access Final RBAEYC Conference Descriptions/Presenters/ Rooms/Times
Mar	1	Action Grant Deadline
	15	Rybicki Scholarship Deadline
	27	RBAEYC Coffee Talk
Apr	7	Child Advocacy Day, Jefferson City, MO
	10-17	Week of the Young Child
	16	Leadership Summit IV-St. Louis
	17	RBAEYC Annual Conference
June	6-9	PDI Phoenix, AZ
July	9-10	Summer Board Meeting

Membership Info

Melinda Emge and Amanda Alvarez, Membership Co-Chairs

We welcome all our new members to their first copy of the chapter newsletter and look forward to seeing them across the chapter.

Remember that it's fast and easy to renew or to join online.

- Just go to www.NAEYC.org and follow the membership links
- RBAEYC is **Chapter # 39**
- Also remember to **update** your mailing and email addresses at NAEYC if things change so you won't miss any of your membership materials.
- Log into the NAEYC website —www.naeyc.org
- From the “Membership” link click “Log In ” and follow the prompts to the “Update Member Information” and you can quickly update your information at any time.
- If you need assistance please contact us at rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org

New RBAEYC Members: Dec 19, 09—Feb 10, 2010

We welcome all our new members and look forward to meeting you in person at one of our Coffee Talks or at the conference.

Amy Laughlin	Grace Sweeney	Mary Borgsmiller
Ashley Pitts	Jennifer Morrison	Pam Hotze
Carolyn Price	Kim Burzinski	Patricia Adkins
Christine Klingert	Kristen Walton	Patricia Budler Little
Deborah Poertner	Kristin Stephenson	Penelope Mosher
Denise Devereaux	Laura Whittington	Rachel Shaw
Ellen Spalinger	Lisa Merideth	Reatha Dickerson
Gail Strubberg	Margi Doshi	Stephanie Washington

Coffee Talks 2010-2011

by Sally Halfaker, Program Chair

We hope you will all consider participating in Coffee Talks at some point. It's a great way to network with colleagues, meet new people, earn free clock hours, share ideas, and become familiar with RBAEYC and its mission.

Thanks again to our presenters and host sites. Without you, we couldn't make Coffee

Talks a reality. Your RBAEYC program committee welcomes your suggestions for future Coffee Talk topics and/or host sites.

You may contact program chair Sally Halfaker directly at (636) 240-0535 or mrsalbum@yahoo.com, or through the RBAEYC website at www.rbaeyc.org.

Support for the Rybicki Scholarship

By Cindy Imhauser, Executive Assistant

The Carolyn and Jerry Rybicki Scholarship was established in memory of a family who gave their energy to ensure high quality early care and education for young children in the St. Louis area.

Each year, funds are offered through this scholarship to support one or more RBAEYC member's attendance at the National AEYC Conference. One of the ways money is raised for this scholarship fund is through a raffle at the annual Spring Curriculum Conference.

Baskets with various themes (literacy, dramatic play, "energy," teacher comfort, etc.) are made available for the raffle by individuals and centers who support this cause. Tickets are sold on

the day of the conference, with drawings held during lunch.

Please consider helping out this worthy cause by creating a raffle basket for the RBAEYC Conference at St. Charles Community College on April 16-17, 2010

Baskets can be any size you wish, as elaborate or simple as you'd like, with any theme you choose. A list of contents attached to the basket is helpful.

If you or your center would like to participate, please email Cindy at rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org by March 10, 2010, so you can be acknowledged in the final conference brochure.

Donations Accepted:

Donations may also be made directly to the Rybicki Scholarship fund on the conference registration form or by checks, made payable to RBAEYC—Rybicki Scholarship Fund and mailed to the treasurer:

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