Dame Julia Morton-Marr Visit to Hawaii

In a few weeks our chapter will be hosting a visit to Hawaii by Dame Julia Morton-Marr. Julia is the founder and president of the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC) in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. PDK Hawaii will be working with schools and local sponsors (including the Hawaii Science Teachers Association, Charter School Administrative Office, United Nations Association of Hawaii, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Hawaii, University of Hawaii College of Education's Educational Foundations Department and International Education Advisory Committee) to host a dinner celebrating Dame Julia Morton-Marr's visit to our state.

**Date and Time:** Friday, December 5, 2008 5:00pm-8:00pm  **Location:** at the Akoakoa Building on the Windward Community College campus. **Directions:** Off Likelike Highway, turn north on Highway 830 (Kamehameha Hwy), then left onto Kea'ahala Road and into the WCC campus.

The menu will include only food that was grown, raised or caught in Hawaii. With sustainability as one of Dame Morton-Marr's primary focuses, this dinner will serve as a launchpad for many exciting projects and partnerships. The student organizers of this event will demonstrate some of the important reasons to "eat local food" including:

* Locally grown food tastes better and is better for us. Traveling thousands of miles before reaching Hawaii tends to also affect the nutritional value of the food.

* Eating locally grown food supports a cleaner environment and helps decrease our dependence on imported oil.

* It also supports our local agricultural industry and economy and helps maintain open, green space on our islands.

If you are interested in attending and/or helping sponsor this event, please contact John Thatcher at thatche@aloha.net or Aaron Levine at alevine@hawaii.edu.

For more details, check out the PDK/Hawaii website at: [http://www.hawaii.edu/pdknews/](http://www.hawaii.edu/pdknews/)
President’s Report

by John Thatcher

Aloha from Charlotte, North Carolina. I am attending the annual Coalition of Essential Schools' (CES) Fall Forum; connecting with thousands of K-12 educators, students, parents, and other leading thinkers who are changing lives through learning. If you have never attended a Fall Forum, I highly recommend looking into attending next year's conference in New Orleans (November 5-7). CES focuses on supporting schools through a focus on personalization, equity, and intellectually challenging curricula. To learn more visit www.essentialschools.org.

On my way to Charlotte, I had an opportunity to visit PDK's national headquarters in Bloomington, Indiana. Bloomington is nestled in the rolling hills of southern Indiana. It is an attractive, progressive community situated 50 miles south of Indianapolis. The city was established in 1818 by a group of settlers from Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas and Virginia. The settlers were so impressed with "a haven of blooms" they called it Bloomington. I had the pleasure to meet PDK Executive Director Bill Bushaw, Director of Office Operations Cathy Ruf, and the Director for Leadership Development and Chapter Services Amy Kemp. I also spent some time at Harmony School in Bloomington. Harmony is a preK-12 school based on the principle that the role of education in a democracy is to sensitize young people to the delicate balance between individual growth and community responsibility. Harmony School is also a CES school and home to the National School Reform Faculty, a national network of over 15,000 educators dedicated to educational and social equity and to working toward school change.

We are all very excited about the upcoming visit to Hawaii of Dame Julia Morton-Marr. She is also the founder of the International School Peace Gardens (ISPG) Millennium Programme; established in more than 3,500 schools in 34 countries. In 1994 Julia was internationally recognized in the category of "People Who Make A Difference" at the "Second Global Conference, Building a Sustainable World through Tourism" held in Montreal. Julia was one of the 1,000 Women Nobel Peace Prize nominees from 150 countries around the world.

The IHTEC was awarded Economic and Social Council status at the United Nations and is an official organization with UNESCO for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade of a Culture of Peace. They are involved with many projects with focuses ranging from conflict resolution and cultural understanding, to geography and performing arts. Their founding principles are based on three pillars of human sustainability: ecological integrity, social peace, and individual rights and responsibilities. Please contact me at 935-2395 or thatche@aloha.net if you would like to schedule a school visitation with Julia on Oahu or the Big Island during her visit to our state.
Charter School Administrative Office Report

A number of charter schools in Hawaii have expressed an interest in the "Green Charter Schools" movement. Representatives from Connections and Halau Ku Mana recently attended the Green Charter Schools first National Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. As a means of launching our involvement, the CSAO has become involved with the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC) and their International School Peace Gardens project. The goal of the IHTEC is to introduce continuous Global Sustainability Education activities in schools and communities, and the establishment of a forum and space of awareness for peace and global studies. The IHTEC supports a variety of holistic programs and each embraces various aspects of sustainability. International School Peace Gardens have been established in over 3,500 schools in 34 countries.

The IHTEC was founded by Dame Julia Morton-Marr who has dedicated herself to supporting school programs that teach children to be citizens of the world. These programs encompass the concepts of peace, justice, and the environment as a whole; not as separate components. In recognition of her commitment to peace education, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Dame Morton-Marr will be visiting Hawaii from December 2 - 5. It is her hope to find schools that are interested in sharing in her mission for peace and sustainability for our planet. It is our hope that the charter schools, especially the ones with existing gardens and an interest in the "Green" movement will choose to participate in this exciting and inspirational project.

Dame Morton-Marr's visit to Hawaii is being sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK). An informational dinner with Dame Morton-Marr will be held on December 5, 2008 at the Akoakoa Building on the Windward Community College campus. This dinner will feature a menu of locally grown food, with the assistance and support of some of Hawaii charter schools. PDK is hoping to involve youth from our schools in the preparation of this dinner as a means of encouraging the establishment of PDK Future Educators Association clubs.

Interested schools should contact PDK Hawaii president, John Thatcher of Connections PCS, at 808-935-2395 or email him at thatche@aloha.net as soon as possible.

Maunalei Love, Interim Executive Director, Charter School Administrative Office
Julia Morton-Marr and IHTEC/ISPG

International School Peace Gardens (ISPG) ISPG is a highly successful curriculum program is sponsored by the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre founded by Julia Morton-Marr. IHTEC is dedicated to developing Global Sustainability Education programs that educate young people through "Tourism as a Vital Force for Peace." Come December 5 to the open meeting featuring Morton-Marr during her week in Hawaii. See details elsewhere.

Dame Julia Morton-Marr, DStG, B.Ed., Dip.T., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada - Teacher, educational curriculum innovator and consultant, academic and system scientist. She founded the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre - IHTEC and its flagship program International School Peace Gardens to teach Peace Education. IHTEC has developed inter-cultural teaching modules for global understanding. The peace garden supports ecological integrity by planting local bio-diversity; societal integrity the use of Friendship Benches for conflict resolution. Individual and community duties and values on issues and concerns to ensure sustainability of the global commons, such as water, oceans, species loss. IHTEC has ECOSOC special status at the United Nations and is involved with Teacher Training globally using web conferencing. This includes attending meetings, speaking engagements at video conferences; dedicating peace gardens; holding Educational Round Tables with scientists and Governments using web conferencing. IHTEC has a YouTube site and is continuing to develop ideas for solving Climate Change issues.

From 2004 onwards Julia has participated in many on-line conferences with collaborators in PDK, and is an active member of the University of Hawaii Chapter of PDK. This has involved participation with students and teachers, Digital Story Telling and the Gallop Poll, using TC and iVisit and other multi-modal and multi-media programs.

Julia has been honored as one of "1,000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe".

Editor's Note: On Oahu, the Millenium Peace Garden is located across the street from the Kapiolani Community College parking lot and the Farmer’s Market, between the crater access road and Diamond Head Road.

Conferencing Note...

In preparation for Julia Morton-Marr's visit to Hawaii, all schools who are interested in becoming involved with IHTEC's International School Peace Gardens must also join the IHTEC Nicenet Classroom. Class Key: SZZ86Z8X22

Teachers are asked to upload their materials, photos, and lessons plans here. This would then be used and promoted as part of CRDG and PDK Hawaii's work on 'Hawaiian Lesson Plans for Global Sustainability Education.
UH Manoa College of Education Read for the Record Report

I want to extend a huge Mahalo to all the educators who helped make this reading campaign a splendid success! Our event count of 241 children has been added to the official tally at the Jumpstart Read for the Record web site.

Read for the Record broke the record this year with more than 425,567 participants reading the same book (Corduroy) on the same day in many different states and countries.

Thanks to the College of Education for allowing us to use the Curriculum Resource Center for the noon time reading session.

Also, thanks to all the University Laboratory School teachers Craig Doyle, Terry Starko Laurie Faure, and Anne-Marye Ymzon who brought their students to the Curriculum Resource Center for the reading session at 12:00 noon. [See photo]

We have started something that will continue for years to come. The students were very excited to begin thinking about next year and where they might be able to branch out into the community and conduct their own reading sessions.

Merci and Gracias to the second language teachers at the University Lab School who took the time to translate Corduroy into both French (Kika Bombeke) and Spanish (Martha Haberman). They used the opportunity to challenge the students by translating the text and performed a reader's theatre style reading of the book.

Finally, thanks to Lani Au, Chelsey Abe, Jeffrey Bock, Kara Nishijima, Shelly Yorita, Kristi Kawahara, Wendi Uyemura from the University Children's Center for reading to their kids and joining the official count. You all are such enthusiastic participants!!

Sincerely, Maria DaSilva, Read for the Record Coordinator, University Laboratory School/CRDG, College of Education, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Annual Fundraising for PDK Foundation

In the 40 years since its inception, the Foundation has been making a difference in the lives of educators and students everywhere. The Foundation supports community outreach projects such as the annual PDK Walk for Education; advocacy efforts such as the PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools, now in its 39th year; scholarships for prospective and practicing educators; and research-based books and periodicals.

The 2008-2009 Annual Fund giving campaign ends June 30, 2009. Use form at end of the newsletter to submit your donation that will help PDK/Hawaii reach it's 20/20 goal. If you didn't submit a donation along with your annual dues you can send a check "PDK Foundation" to Loretta Krause, PDK/Hawaii Foundations Rep, 4707 Matsonia Dr. Honolulu, HI 96816-4011.
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PDK membership has a variety of modes for those interested in not only improving education today but preparing and recruiting educators for tomorrow. Members represent all areas and levels of the profession and include educators from preschool through higher education. Undergraduate students, community leaders, parents, and institutions are also eligible for membership.

PDK offers four varieties of Individual memberships, and also Institutional memberships.

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  - are licensed or credentialed as educators or employed in an education-related field or
  - are undergraduate education majors who are participating in or have completed student teaching.

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Available to schools and academic institutions, companies and agencies to provide for multiple individuals in a professional community the opportunity to enjoy the benefits and services of membership.

**Future Educators Association** is an international program for middle and high school students interested in exploring careers in education. The program is similar to the Future Teachers of America, an activity that existed prior to 1969 under the auspices of the NEA. Phi Delta Kappa International organizes Future Educators Association clubs in schools across the United States and internationally.

For further information on any of the above alternatives either:

- Go to the PDK International website for membership: http://www.pdkintl.org/joinpdk/joinhome.htm and select the category of interest (immediate, on-line application available)
- Contact PDK customer service at customerservice@pdkintl.org or call 1-800-766-1156 and ask for Customer Service.
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