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Welcome!

Welcome to the ACHE Northeast Region (formerly Region 2) quarterly newsletter. This is the premier edition of our newsletter, and we offer it as a means to share information from our region and its members, ACHE National events and news, and, in addition, to share any information you would like to send to us that would be of benefit to our regional members.



Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center

Highlights of the National 2007 Conference

This year's conference was held at the beautiful Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, in Roanoke, Virginia. We had the fortune of having two great keynote speakers: President of the University of Kentucky, Lee Todd, who spoke on the benefits of community partnerships and the need to focus on research; and Belle Wheelan, President of the

Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She focused on recruiting, particularly in unconventional areas. We were also fortunate to have a wonderful array of sponsors for this year's conference and those of us that were able to attend the conference got a chance to speak personally with some of

these sponsors and get to know up front some of their products and services. Lastly, we must not forget the support staff at the conference and hotel as their performance was commendable.



Regional Presenters



Photograph by Robert Teitelbaum

Several regional members presented at the National Conference, among them are our Chair and Vice Chair who presented on the status of the Adult Education Graduate Degree Programs in North America. Also, Dr. Nancy Gadbow's presentation on The Role of Experience in

Adult Learning: Positive or Negative? was well received.

you know, being a presenter can be very challenging.

Presenters were welcomed with engaging and inquisitive audience participation greatly adding to their experience and information. As some of

"No problem can be solved by the same consciousness that created it. We need to see the world anew"

-Albert Einstein

Up-coming Regional Events

The board has voted to move from an annual regional conference to a bi-annual conference in order to provide greater access to our members.

The theme for the first conference will be on recruiting and understanding adult learners.

Look for specific dates and location in our next newsletter and a "Save the Date" flier that will be going out soon.

Special Interest Article:

Adults views on feasibility of returning to school

<http://www.degreesofopportunity.org>



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Degrees of Opportunity is a 2006 national study of the attitudes of adult Americans (age 25 to 60) toward continuing their education. More than half of the survey respondents indicated they would like to pursue additional education — the equivalent of more than 70 million Americans.

The study also reveals the reasons millions of adult Americans are returning to school, as well as the barriers that are preventing

others from pursuing their educational goals. Even in a time of wide public concern about the rising costs of higher education, the study found that American adults overwhelmingly believe that advanced learning is an investment that pays off. Nine out of 10 (89%) said that the benefits of higher education are equal to or greater than the time, money, and energy invested.

Despite the value adults

placed on higher education, only a third of those who said they wanted more education said they were likely to pursue it. Time management and financial issues were the greatest barriers. Even though these barriers have kept some adults from returning to school, more than half of those who did go back to school said they wish they'd done it sooner — and virtually no students said they wished they'd waited! longer.



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Call for Newsletter articles

We welcome members to submit articles of interest for inclusion in the next issue of the Northeast newsletter. This is a wonderful way for our colleagues to pass on information about themselves, their organizations or other items of interests to regional members.

Welcome New Regional Officers...

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Call for Presenters

We would like to invite members to submit proposals for presenters for our up-coming conference in the spring. Detail dates to be announced in the next newsletter.