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President's Message

The Presidency's Residencies

This has surely been an eventful summer for our chapter! So much so that this newsletter is nearly a month overdue! I promise, it was worth the wait! Here's a recap of what's kept us hopping:

NEW TERM, NEW GOALS

The new administration is a familiar one and we hit the ground running this year. Shortly after being re-elected into office, Dr. Elliott and I met to discuss future goals and direction for our chapter. The focus for this term is **YOU**, our members.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Members that are engaged reap the most value from their membership. This administration is committed to bringing you relevant content, engaging opportunities, purposeful activities, and collaborative support. Many of these are featured on our website's [Member Activities](#) page, which will see major updates in the coming months that have already begun.

SCHOLARSHIP

One of the activities that we have not been able to focus on is the Marilyn Simon Scholarship. Details of the scholarship and its process are

undergoing restructuring with an anticipated unveiling in Summer of 2017. Be watching your inbox for an email about this in the coming months.

WALDEN DOCTORAL RESIDENCIES



I had an incredible time at the Minneapolis Residency. We had a large table just outside the advising room. Because I had my 6-port multi-USB charger, I was permitted to invite the entire room of Ed.D participants to visit our table and power up!

I had the opportunity to meet some tenured members of PDK as well as talk about our chapter between sessions. Several students ate lunch with me at our table, so there was activity at the table at nearly every break! Now we are gearing up for the Doctoral Residency on the Big Island of Hawaii in November!!!

Member Recognition

Welcome our newest

George Tweedy, Jr.	Kelly Marcotte
James Cazier	Joan Harper-Neely

And returning members

Dr. Andre Elliott	David Penn
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Thank you for your continued support

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

15+ years

Andre Elliott
Marilyn Simon
Rickey Moroney

10-14 years

Veronica Yates-Riley
Vivian Redding
Dave Harms
Shannon Chamberlin

Thank you for your tenure and support.

The Founder's Bookshelf

A

n Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States

Author: Charles A. Beard

Whereas this book was originally published in 1913, the local library in my neighborhood has a 2001 publication on the shelf. The author, professor Beard, 1874 – 1948, is ranked among America's most influential historians. His presentations in this book are not without controversy. Fortunately, the entire book is available freely on the Internet via the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/hj3pgut>

Here are the salient points that I found to be profoundly interesting.

The constitution of the United States was not created by the people of the United States.

Approximately 160,000 men were involved in the formation and adoption of the constitution. Thousands of small farmers, debtors and laboring classes opposed the formation of the constitution. A considerable proportion of the white male population was debarred from participating in the election of delegates by the prevailing property qualification on suffrage. Bankers, creditors, financiers, money lenders, merchants and manufacturers who sought protective tariffs were the chief advocates for the constitution. Alexander Hamilton's political skills and organizing ability consolidated these varying interests to attach all to the federal government. George Washington, who gave the best years of his life to the revolution,

was likely the richest man in the U.S. in his time and also a money lender.

Records regarding debates at the constitutional convention, newspapers, pamphlets and the Federalist reveal that the government was under economic pressures.

Two states, Rhode Island and North Carolina, refused to ratify the constitution until after the establishment of the new government.

Professor Beard examined the biographical sources of those attending the convention as well as their economic interests in the framing of the new government.

Elbridge Gerry was among the congressmen in attendance who had knowledge of possible land disposing west of Ohio. A land holding company contacted him regarding this information for mutual benefit. Mr. Gerry became a shareholder in the Ohio company.

David Blair of Maryland was a stockholder in the Potomac Company. The new capitol in Washington, D.C. would be located on land that he owned. He was able to facilitate this transaction, as a member of congress.

The anti-federalist believed that everything was done that could be done to keep the public out of the process. They believed the doors were shut, secrecy was engaged and what took place no man could tell.

Members in Action: Supporting YOU



DAVE HARMS

Dave has been a member of PDKWUCC for nearly 15 years. He has been named teacher of the year ...

[< READ MORE >](#)

Last term was spent exploring the history of our chapter and getting in touch with our [R.O.O.T.S.](#) This term, we're bringing forward and exploring the here and now. Each newsletter, beginning with this one, will have a Member Spotlight to get personally acquainted with our communities of practice.

To learn more about [who we are](#) and what [we're doing](#), visit our website. Are you a member in action? Tell us about it at info@pdkwucc.org

Get Involved: New Opportunities for Engagement

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ecent studies shows that those who are engaged reap the greatest value ([Lindberg & Farkas, 2016](#); [Ryberg, 2016](#)). PDKWUCC has been hard at work cultivating opportunities for you to get [plugged in!](#)

Make a Global Difference [African Library Project.](#)

Initiated by Walden Doctoral Candidate, Latrece Johnson, the project brings gently used books to an African community that has lots of eager readers but very few books. Please help by collecting and delivering gently used books or by raising money to help pay for shipping to Africa. It only takes 1000 books and \$500 to start a single library (and a little elbow grease!)



Support Fellow PDK Alumni [Reading Partners is Hiring](#)

More than simply reading with a child, you will help your student gain the key foundational skills they need to become a proficient reader and confident learner.



Support Fellow Scholars

[Help Bring Learning Through Play
Back to Kindergarten](#)



Ms. Spivey will only receive her materials if this project is fully funded by Dec 10, 2016.

Walden Doctoral Candidate,
Altovese Spivey is a teacher in a

low-income/high-poverty Title I school. My students are faced with many challenges both in and out of the classroom. Foundational math skills and concepts are practiced and strengthened through block play. Using the requested Hardwood Unit Blocks, block play will give my students opportunities to develop STEM skills by testing hypotheses and building scientific reasoning.

Support PDK International

Email CEO@PDKIntl.org

Subject line: The Future of PDK
Let Jonathan Starr know your thoughts on the ongoing role and relationship of chapters, members, and PDK International.

Subject Line: My Impact on Education
Send your story of exceptional impact on education

President's Special Message: On Being Resilient

Resilience is defined as “an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change,” ([Merriam-Webster, 2016](#)). Some would substitute the word quickly for easily ([Oxford, 2016](#)). In my experience, resiliency is neither quick nor easy. This statement has been brought to the test again over the past few months; not just for me, but for some of you and people you know.

Recent events have turned my focus to resiliency—a [school shooting](#) less than 5 miles away from my home; the 2nd highest [flood](#) in Cedar Rapids history; a [family emergency](#) calling me to be separated from my husband for 2 months and fly with our daughter to Arizona. We will be away from home for a total of 4 months, with discussion of relocating to care for one set of my aging parents. Some of you are facing similar adversities.

Recent research has identified [predictors of resiliency](#) in children. Research has also found that [resilient children become resilient adults](#) and experience less toxic stress than their peers in similar situations. It is my deep desire to empower you to be resilient and support you in [mentoring students](#) and adults to be resilient.

[Optimism](#) is a recurring theme in research regarding predictors of resilience. I would say I resemble that remark. I work for the greatest cyberspace chapter in the world. I am mobile. It may take a bit longer to get things done, but the beauty of this is it doesn't matter where I am; my work can come with me.

Knowledge is power. It is my goal that the links provided in this discourse will empower you to better mentor the predictive attributes of resiliency in yourself, your families, and the families you serve. ###



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Upcoming Events

Important Dates

May 27—JUNE 1st

Election Polls

Open

2016 FACE-2-FACE Events

June 24—29	Minneapolis, MN
Sept 30—Oct 1	Des Moines, IA
Nov 2—5	Los Angeles, CA
Nov 29—Dec 3	Kona, Hawaii Doctoral Residency
Dec 12—21	O’ahu, Hawaii
Dec 22	San Francisco, CA
Dec 27	Phoenix, AZ