



# R.A.E.Y.C.

## General Membership Newsletter



### RAEYC Mission Statement

*We value the professionals in our communities who teach and nurture our children. We profess this value through our commitment, interest, recognition and support of the contributions made by Early Childhood Educators. We seek to advance the efforts to improve and raise the standards by which acceptable child care is measured. We believe that the potential for children's success can be positively shaped by early influence.*

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### Letter from RAEYC President, Margaret Oberg

As newly elected RAEYC President, I find it is certainly a challenge to follow in Alice LeDesma's footsteps. RAEYC has truly flourished under her leadership. I am hoping to continue on the path she paved toward the many services and needs RAEYC works hard to provide our members. One of our main goals this year will be to help members see the "value of membership" in RAEYC. Our plan is to offer more networking opportunities to various groups that make up our membership to share support and discuss issues unique to each group. We hope the feedback from these informal meetings will lead to trainings specifically planned to match members' requests. It is exciting to be a part of working to help early childhood educators find the resources they need to provide the best possible care and education to our most precious resource - our children!

### NevAEYC, UNR Student Member Section (SMS) Update, Jennifer Reisig, Vice President of Programming

The UNR Student Member Section finished up a great Fall Semester. In December, Tina Springmeyer, from the Child Care Apprenticeship Program, and Stephanie Aguilera, from *The Nevada Registry*, spoke at our last meeting of 2006, "Career Building for Future Early Childhood Educators." Tina provided us with great information about interviews and resumes, and Stephanie discussed the importance of becoming part of *The Nevada Registry*. The meeting was a great success, and the students were grateful to get some insight in to the real world of professional educators.

The UNR SMS also spent time in December helping two single, teenage mothers and their children. The students went shopping for items the families indicated they needed for the holiday season. It was a great opportunity to give to two families in need and be involved with the community!

This Spring Semester, our main focus will be working on the NevAEYC Conference Planning Committee. The students will be hosting the bus tour of accredited centers in Reno, and will be first-time presenters at the conference! With the help of our University professors, the students will be presenting a session on the meaning and importance of documentation of children's learning in the classroom. We are looking forward to this exciting professional opportunity. The SMS is also planning a fundraiser to take place during the conference. Look for our booth in the exhibitor hall!



UNR student members at 2007 ECE Celebration

# What's Happening? 2007 Events



All events are posted to the NevAEYC Event Calendar at [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org)

## Director's Luncheon

March 13, 2007, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Please join us for great food, wonderful company, conversation, raffle prizes and a one-hour training on "Interac Listening"! \$5.00 for RAEYC members and \$10.00 for non-members. Please contact Cheryl Price if you would like to attend (775) 856-0356. Location: Austin's Restaurant, 7671 So. Virginia. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Week of the Young Child

April 22-28, 2007

Mark your calendars, Week of the Young Child (WOYC) is April 22nd through April 28th! RAEYC is working diligently on the following:

- Mayor's Proclamation from both Reno & Sparks declaring the week officially *Week of the Young Child*;
- Walk-a-Thon for families that will also be a fundraiser to help support WOYC events;
- Specially scheduled story times at Barnes & Noble and Borders book stores to promote literacy;
- Pajama Night at the Library as well as story times for Toddlers and Preschoolers;
- Distribution of posters commemorating the week to child care facilities throughout the area.

Another one of RAEYC's main goals this year is to promote community involvement, awareness of WOYC, and opportunities for family togetherness. If you're interested in participating on the WOYC Committee or would like more information on any of the events above, please contact Margaret Oberg at [granmuna@yahoo.com](mailto:granmuna@yahoo.com) or (775) 747-6597. You can also check the NevAEYC Calendar of Events for specific event information at: [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org).

## NevAEYC Early Childhood Conference: Worthy Wages in Early Care and Education - A GOOD BET for Nevada



March 2-3, 2007

Reno Grand Sierra Resort (formerly Reno Hilton)  
Featuring Keynote Speakers José-Luis Orozco & Pam Schiller - Details at [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org)  
On-site registration will be available!

Welcome Reception, March 2, 5:30pm-7:30pm

RAEYC will host Friday night's welcome reception in the Nevada Foyer - Exhibit Hall. Please join us for a fun, informal reception with live entertainment and fabulous door prizes! Cost is \$10.00.



## RAEYC NEEDS YOU!!!

RAEYC would like to extend an invitation to all members to participate in committee work. In order to best meet the needs of our community, we need YOUR help and participation! Becoming involved in a committee is a great way to network and meet other ECE professionals throughout the area, and it's also fun! All levels of committee involvement are needed, ranging from planning and fundraising, to simply attending a committee meeting or two and providing your thoughts and ideas, or

volunteering an hour or two at an event. RAEYC is currently looking for committee involvement for the following events:

- Week of the Young Child
- Provider Appreciation Day
- Membership Mixer
- 2008 ECE Celebration

If you're interested in any of the above committees, please send us an email: [raeyc@nevaeyc.org](mailto:raeyc@nevaeyc.org) or contact Margaret Oberg at (775) 747-6597 for the WOYC, Provider Appreciation and/or ECE Celebration committees, or Stephanie Wyatt at (775) 813-6551 for the Membership Mixer committee. We look forward to hearing from you!

# 2007 ECE Celebration Scrapbook



RAEYC Board Members Tiffany Jackson and Mike Hill enjoying the dessert buffet!



TMCC E.L. Cord Foundation Child Care Center Staff



Celebration Chairperson Sandra Connell & Casey Cheche, volunteer



Washoe County School District Early Childhood Staff



Children's World Caughtlin Ranch Staff

THANK YOU to everyone who made this event a success! RAEYC would like to give special thanks to:

Amy's Flowers  
Casey Marie Cheche  
Clearwire  
El Dorado Resort Casino  
Kaplan  
Lakeshore Learning Materials  
Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe  
Siena Hotel Spa & Casino  
Starbucks  
TEACH Early Childhood® NEVADA  
Truckee Meadows Community College  
The Nevada Registry  
The Children's Cabinet  
YMCA of the Sierra

Congratulations to all of the nominees and award winners! Awards were presented to.....

Carmen Brockett  
Carol Merrill  
Carol Souders  
Casa De Vida  
Children's World Caughtlin Ranch  
Claudia Hunter  
Mary Songroth  
Pam Young

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year!

## New RAEYC Board Members!

November 2006 election results are in and RAEYC would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members, and give a big **THANK YOU** to all the outgoing members for their years of hard work and dedication in paving the path for professional development in our community. The following Board positions were filled:

President - Margaret Oberg  
\*Interim Vice-President - Stephanie Wyatt  
Resource Development Coordinator - Ginny Saiz  
Treasurer - Mike Hill  
Membership & Recruitment Coordinator - Mariah Wedemeyer

*\*Board appointed Stephanie Wyatt as Interim Vice President. Elections for Vice President will be held November 2007.*

Congratulations to our new Board members and thank you to everyone who voted this past November!

Contact Us! RAEYC has a new email address:  
[raeyc@nevaeyc.org](mailto:raeyc@nevaeyc.org)  
All inquires will be promptly responded to by a RAEYC Board member.



## Renew Your Membership!

Renewing your membership is easy! You can either send in your renewal or **SAVE TIME** by logging on to [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) and complete the entire renewal process online.

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## NEW Statewide JOB BOARD Coming March 2007!

\*The Nevada Registry will host a new statewide job board available to the entire ECE community.

\*Employers advertise positions **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Visit the Registry's website to post positions and to view a listing of current job opportunities in the field!

[www.nevadaregistry.org](http://www.nevadaregistry.org)

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