



# R.A.E.Y.C.

## General Membership Newsletter



### R.A.E.Y.C. 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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### Life's Lessons

By R.A.E.Y.C. President, Margaret Oberg

Have you ever wondered how someone you admire very much came to be the person they are today? Is it nature or nurture? I believe that it is mostly a combination of the two. And I believe that the most important lessons a child learns from his parents or caregiver, are those that will affect how he will live the rest of his life, and are learned before he turns three. Each time a parent responds to her baby's crying and meets his physical and emotional needs, the infant learns to trust that someone will care for him and to feel secure in that knowledge. When a child is given praise right from the beginning for everyday accomplishments - reaching for a toy for the first time, saying first words, putting on his own jacket - the parent boosts his self esteem and encourages independence. When a child's feelings are recognized and the child learns that it's alright to feel sad, mad, disappointed, and the appropriate way to handle these feelings is demonstrated, the child then has the tools he will need to handle

difficult situations later on. A child learns respect when a parent truly listens to what he has to say and when the parent doesn't just say no to a request, but explains and helps the child understand the reason, and follows through with the decision.

I believe how a parent typically reacts when a child misbehaves, whether the child is acting destructively, disrespectfully, aggressively, or dishonestly will either change the behavior, or unintentionally reinforce it. Children learn at a very young age the best way to get what they want - whether the method is appropriate or not, and they will continue to use what works for them until they learn a method that works even better. I believe the greatest gift we can give our children, even more important than their college education, is our time in their first three years to help form this foundation of trust, respect, security, honesty, and independence.

### R.A.E.Y.C. Board Update

As per R.A.E.Y.C. Bylaws, when a position on the Board is vacated prior to the end of a term, the Board may appoint an individual to serve the remainder of the position term. This past June 2007, the R.A.E.Y.C. Board appointed Tammy Bock as Interim Treasurer and Judy McLaughlin as Assistant to the Treasurer to serve the remainder of the Treasurer term (January 1, 2007-December 31,

2008). Elections for the Treasurer position will take place November 2008. We would like to welcome Tammy and Judy to the Board and extend our gratitude to them for filling this crucial need on the R.A.E.Y.C. Board! Thank you Tammy and Judy!! If you have any questions related to the recent changes, please contact Margaret Oberg at granmuna@yahoo.com.

# ANNOUNCING! 2008 R.A.E.Y.C. Board Position Openings

It's during this time of year when the R.A.E.Y.C. Board seeks nominations for new Board members. There are four positions open for the 2008-2010 term: Vice President, Professional Development Coordinator, Secretary, and Member At Large. Elections will be held in November 2007 with new members beginning a 2-year term in January 2008.

We are looking for current or potential members who are passionate about children and family issues in Nevada and who are able to commit the time necessary to achieve progress on our organizational goals and mission: *To improve the quality of early childhood education for all young children in Nevada.*

If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for any of these positions, please follow instructions on the enclosed nomination form.

## Vice President

2-year term

January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010

- Carry out General Board Member responsibilities.
- Attend all Board meetings.
- Coordinate and delegate planning and implementation responsibilities.
- Oversee planning, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation of events.
- Promote participation in R.A.E.Y.C. events.
- Serve as substitute for the President when necessary.
- Serve as liaison to the State Affiliate (NevAEYC).

## Secretary

2-year term

January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010

- Carry out General Board Member responsibilities.
- Attend all Board meetings.
- Record and distribute minutes of all R.A.E.Y.C. Board meetings.
- Prepare correspondence.
- Maintain Board business and legal records.
- Process all bulk mail.
- Serve as the historian for the Board.

## Professional Development Coordinator

2-year term

January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010

- Carry out General Board Member responsibilities.
- Attend all Board meetings.
- Assess the educational needs of the local R.A.E.Y.C. membership/ECE community.
- Plan and implement appropriate trainings.
- Serve as a resource for ECE professionals seeking accreditation.
- Responsible for professional development opportunities for the R.A.E.Y.C. Board.

## Member At Large

2-year term

January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010

- Carry out General Board Member responsibilities.
- Attend all Board meetings.
- Serve on any special events committees or other areas as needed.
- Substitute in Board's structure as needed.
- Maintain file of ideas and information.
- Design and compile R.A.E.Y.C. newsletter.
- Assist in the recruitment of committee members.
- Participate in public speaking activities to promote R.A.E.Y.C..



ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007.

As a Board member, general responsibilities also include participation in local and statewide planning and special events.

In order to serve you must be or must become an AEYC member.  
NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO IS RIGHT FOR THE JOB!!!  
(Nomination Form Enclosed)



# 1st Annual Walk for the Children

By R.A.E.Y.C. Resource and Development Coordinator, Ginny Saiz

R.A.E.Y.C. sponsored the first annual **Walk for the Children** that was held on a beautiful sunny morning, April 29th. Sparks Mayor, Geno Martini, graciously read the Week of the Young Child Proclamation for the event kickoff and Miss Tot Nevada, Jordan Roberts, set the walkers, poised under the purple and white balloon arch, on their way with an enthusiastic "Ready, set, GO!" There were 157 registered participants who circled the picturesque Sparks Marina with their families (and leashed canine friends). Holy Child Day Home and Just Kidding Learning Center showed their support by having organized teams complete with team shirts! After the walk, the participants



R.A.E.Y.C. Board Members with Sparks Mayor Martini at the 1st Annual Walk for the Children

enjoyed refreshments, information from vendors such as Sylvan Learning Center, Children's Cabinet, Northern Nevada Child Care Association, Family to Family, door prizes and a toddler bounce house! Approximately \$1600 was raised to be used to provide community events during the Week of the Young Child 2008! We would like to thank Starbuck's, Bonanza Produce, Costco, Scolari's, Albertson's, Quizno's, and Baja Fresh for their generous donations and all of the many volunteers who helped make the event such a success. We hope to see you out there next year!

## 2008 ECE Celebration Contest & Update!

Preparations for the annual ECE Celebration are underway and we'd like to kick off the planning with a chance for your center/family home to win an ICE CREAM PARTY courtesy of R.A.E.Y.C.!! We would like to feature a photo slide show at the 2008 celebration that highlights providers and children in our community. In order to make this possible, WE NEED YOUR HELP (and your pictures)!! The center/family care provider that submits the most photos (sorry, digital photos only) will win an ice cream party. Photos must be submitted by email or mail by August 31, 2007. Please email digital pictures with your center name and a brief description of each photo (i.e. when photo was taken, what activity is occurring in photo, etc.) as attachments to: [R.A.E.Y.C.@nevaeyc.org](mailto:R.A.E.Y.C.@nevaeyc.org). If you don't have access to the internet, please send a CD with all of the above information to: R.A.E.Y.C., Attn: PHOTO

# 2008 ECE Celebration...cont.

CONTEST, PO Box 11421, Reno, NV 8951-1421. *By submitting your photos, you give R.A.E.Y.C. permission to use your photographs at the 2008 ECE Celebration and any ECE Celebration-related publication.*

If you would like to be involved in the 2008 ECE Celebration planning committee, please contact Kayelynn Savage, Committee Coordinator, at [ksavage@childrenscabinet.org](mailto:ksavage@childrenscabinet.org). The next committee meeting will be on Friday, July 20 at 2:00pm at the Children's Cabinet.

We look forward to receiving your pictures!

## Upcoming Event

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

### 4th Annual ECE Professional Mixer

September 20, 2007

6:30pm-8:30pm

Hacienda Restaurant & Bar

10580 N. McCarran Blvd.



Join R.A.E.Y.C. for an evening of networking, food and fun! There will be opportunities to win great raffle prizes, including a chance to win a shopping spree at Meadowood Mall! Stay tuned to the Events calendar on the NevAEYC website, [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org), for more information.

Kindly RSVP to Stephanie Wyatt ([pete@unr.edu](mailto:pete@unr.edu)) (775) 327-5100.

## Contact Us!

R.A.E.Y.C. has a new email address: [R.A.E.Y.C.@nevaeyc.org](mailto:R.A.E.Y.C.@nevaeyc.org)  
All inquires will be promptly responded to by a R.A.E.Y.C. 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.

2008 Open Board Positions ...  
Win an Ice Cream Party...  
4th Annual Membership Mixer...  
DETAILS INSIDE!



## Statewide JOB BOARD NOW AVAILABLE!

\*The Nevada Registry now hosts a 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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