



R.A.E.Y.C

General Membership Newsletter Summer 2009



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

I am so excited about the upcoming events planned in the next few months for RAEYC! Our hope is that our members will find even more value in belonging to RAEYC through the benefits offered to participants. You will find all the details listed in this newsletter so you won't miss any of the fun.

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend our ECE Celebration on May 7th at the Grand Sierra. It was wonderful to recognize and congratulate over fifty nominees and award winners. (All are listed in this newsletter) A very special thank you is due Kayelynn Savage, our Early Childhood Celebration organizer, who worked extremely hard and did an outstanding job to make this evening a great success.

We currently have an open position on the RAEYC Board – Educational Development Coordinator. This is due to the fact that Tiffany Jackson, RAEYC Vice President since January, resigned her position due to personal reasons but will remain on the board as a Member at Large. Cindy Johnson, Educational Development Coordinator, expressed interest and was voted by the board to assume the Vice President position. Please contact me, or any other RAEYC board member, if you are interested in hearing more about this position. We can always use more help on committees or with special events, too! Have a great summer!

Upcoming Summer Events



RAEYC Summer Mixer

Ceol Irish Pub
Thursday, July 16
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Need to unwind after a long day? Just looking to have some fun with other early childhood professionals? Join RAEYC at Ceol Irish Pub, located at 538 South Virginia Street, for finger foods, desserts and drinks. Happy hour prices end at 7:00, so get there early!

Please contact Kimber Craig if you have questions:
KCRAIG@dwss.nv.gov

Directors' Luncheon and Accreditation Support Group

September 18
11:30 - 1:00 pm
Location TBA

Lunch and information will be served!
Please contact Martie Fine at 682-8491 for more information.

RAEYC FAMILY EVENTS

Wild Island Waterpark
Saturday, August 1

Looking for a fun way to beat the summer heat? Bring your family to Wild Waters!

The park opens at 11:00 am and closes at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$16 for RAEYC members and \$20 for non members. We are also offering discounted meal coupons! See the included registration form to purchase your tickets.

Reno Aces vs. Fresno Grizzlies
Friday, September 4
7:05 pm

Join us for a fun event for the whole family. The Aces, Reno's own minor league baseball team, are playing against their biggest rival, the Fresno Grizzlies!

There will be fireworks after the game and the kids can run the bases!

Tickets are \$5 for RAEYC members and \$7 for non members and seats are located on the grassy area near the kids' playground area. See the included registration form to purchase your tickets.



Check out the included registration form to get your tickets for our family fun events! Questions? Emails us at

raeyc@nevaeyc.org

2009 Early Childhood Celebration

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our 2009 Early Childhood Celebration! Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners. To all Early Childhood Professionals- thank you for all your hard work and dedication. We appreciate everyone's feedback and we are excited to plan our ECE celebration for 2010.

Award Winners:

Leading by Example: Tracy Monachelli

Commitment to Excellence: Dr. Sally Martin

Power of One: Katherine Jackson

Angel Among Us: Amy Fruhwirth

Essential Piece: CSA/Head Start

Together We Can: A Child's World

Making a Difference: Sarah Fuller

Nominees:

Ryan Binker, Sherry Goodale, Pamela Grupe, Kathy Olivea, Sheena Brooks, Lisa Rogers, Deborah Cruz, Vicki Matthews, Rebecca Vizina, D'lisa Crain, Catherine Eichermueller, Terry Randolph, Shirley Webster, Brenda Gregory, UNR Campus Child Care Connections, Linda Labuda, Sharon Smeltzer, Sierra Nevada Achievers, The Goddard School - South Reno, Just Kidding, Small Strides, Holy Child Day Home, Little Golden Goose, Carla Wilson, Cornelia Uta, Kathy Powers, Amanda Gastonguay, Dee Brown, Rhonda Hagar, Renee Bynum, Kelly Lacruze, Rachel Smith, Dinah Lessig, Rosie Williams, Alona Beech, Jacqueline Delatorre, Natina Robinson, Gabriella Molina, Shauna Herrick, Shika Guha, Yumiko Kondo, Victoria Martinez, Ashley Baharsik, Kendra Lomelin, Teri Poirer

Thank you to Lakeshore, Kaplan, Office of Early Care and Education, T.E.A.C.H., Amy's Flowers and the Grand Sierra!

Interested in helping us plan the November 2010 ECE Celebration?

Email us at raeyc@nevaeyc.org

2009 Walk for Children

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our 2009 Walk for Children during the Week of the Young Child. We had over 150 people attend!

Congratulations to the Goddard School in Sparks for having the MOST participants!

Much thanks to the Nevada Humane Society, Hiking Buddies for their participation in the Walk for Children! Hiking Buddies is a volunteer program run by the Nevada Humane Society in which approved volunteers sign out any one of the many approved hiking buddy dogs for a day away from the shelter providing much needed fun and exercise for the dog and their buddy. If you would like more information about the Hiking Buddies program please contact the Nevada Humane Society at 856-2000.

Interested in helping plan the 2010 Walk for Children?

Email us at raeyc@nevaeyc.org

UNR Student Member Section (SMS) of the NevAEYC update,

Heidi Wilhelm, UNR SMS Past President

The UNR Student Member Section finished up the semester with a bang! In addition to assisting with many RAEYC activities in the month of April, including the Walk for Children and the State Conference, the club ended out the school year with a Student Member Social. During the social, next year's club officers were elected. The organization looks forward to many productive and fun things to come! The upcoming officers for the 2009-2010 school year are:

President: Lisa Cohen

Vice President: Brandi Flores

Secretary: Sara Wainwright

Treasurer: Sarah Hubbs

Contact the UNR Student Member Section at unrstudents@nevaeyc.org



RAEYC is looking to fill an open board position:

*Education Development
Coordinator*

If you are interested in this position, please email us at raeyc@nevaeyc.org

2009 RAEYC Board Members

President

Margaret Oberg

Vice President

Cindy Johnson

Treasurer

Sharon Mohr

Secretary

Whitney Leathers

Membership Development

Kimber Craig

Resource Development

Mariah Wedemeyer

Education Development

OPEN!!!!

Member-At-Large

Erin Baerwaldt

Member-At-Large

Tiffany Jackson

Upcoming Fall Events!

- More Mixers
- Mini Conference
- Open Board Positions in 2010
- Much More!

Watch for your Fall newsletter for more information!



Thanks Reno for a great Nevada AEYC conference! We're looking forward to next year's conference in Las Vegas in April of 2010!

RAEYC is looking for local businesses interested in advertising in our quarterly newsletter!

Our newsletters go out to over 500 ECE professionals in Nevada. Check out our different options!

	One Quarterly Issue	Advertise for the whole year!
Business Card Size	\$15	\$50
Quarter Page	\$ 25	\$85
Half Page	\$ 35	\$120

Please contact Erin Baerwaldt if you are interested:
erin_rae@hotmail.com



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and Myspace!

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committee? Want to know more about
an event? Email us at:
raeyc@nevayc.org