



## ***IN KAACE...***

**Winter 2007 Newsletter**

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### **Presidents' Corner**

**Happy New Year! I hope that 2007 has gotten off to a good start for you! With each New Year there are new resolutions, new goals, and new priorities. Let's make it our goal to have a great year.**

**This past fall KAACE sponsored a successful conference, "Instructional Strategies." Adult educators gained new techniques and teaching skills to use in their classrooms. I hope you were able to participate and that you brought back new ideas for your students.**

**KAACE will again be sponsoring a legislative luncheon on February 22, during the current session. Since this is a short session, and not a budget session, the focus will be on building relationships and making friends at the luncheon. Melissa Bradley, KAACE Advocacy chairman, will be sending out the details about the event. KAACE members should use this opportunity to say thank you to their Senators and Representatives. This is also a great time for KAACE members to reach out to fellow adult educators and encourage them to become involved in KAACE activities and to join KAACE!**

**The KAACE Board will be busy setting goals and making plans for the remainder of this year. KYAE has indicated they will have three regional conferences this fall, so KAACE will have an opportunity to be creative in planning for the KAACE annual meeting and the election of officers. Watch for additional information in future KAACE newsletters regarding these events.**

**I have enjoyed serving as your KAACE President during the past year, and look forward to serving the remainder of this year. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns that you would like to send to me, please do not hesitate to do so. My e-mail address and phone numbers are listed on the web site.**

**Sincerely,  
Jonell Tobin, Ed.D.  
KAACE President 2006-2007**

# Legislative Luncheon

Thursday, 02/22/07

In the legislative/advocacy world, we just completed a holiday-themed advocacy campaign in which we sent all state legislators a packet that included a 2007 KAACE calendar as well as a postcard that had holiday greetings on one side and an invitation to attend the upcoming legislative luncheon on the other. **The Legislative Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 22, in the Capitol Annex Cafeteria at the Capitol in Frankfort. The luncheon begins at noon. Representatives from all programs are encouraged to attend, especially students.** Last year, this was a highly successful advocacy effort. Many legislators attended, and they really seemed to enjoy talking to students. It is a great learning experience for students and the ones who attended last year found it to be enlightening and empowering.

For more information, contact Missy Brownson Bradley at [melissa.bradley@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:melissa.bradley@jefferson.kyschools.us) or (502) 485-7027. **In order to know how many people are attending contact Missy by February 15<sup>th</sup>.** Also, please wear your Adult Ed shirt if possible to the luncheon.

## GED FRAUD ALERT

Submitted by B.J. Helton from KYAE

**KYAE is working with the Attorney General's office to issue a press release concerning websites purporting to offer the GED. The message will stress that GED instruction may be offered online, but the GED Tests may only be taken at official GED test centers under contract with GED Testing Service. In Kentucky, there are over 40 GED test centers that provide the paper and pencil GED Tests which take over 7 hours to complete. The GED Tests may not be taken online. The GED high school equivalency transcript/diploma may only be conferred by a state. No other entity may issue the GED. The release will also inform the public that instruction is available free of charge at adult education centers in every county.**

## COOKBOOK UPDATE



Recipe Categories:

**[Appetizers](#)**

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**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT KAACE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Target Available Date for Cookbooks: 2007 Fall KAACE Meetings**

# *Regional News*

## **Region I**

The Region 1 KYAE meeting was held in Hopkinsville on December 14<sup>th</sup> and was well-attended. We are pleased to report that the primary mission of Adult Education will be to provide quality education with focus on improving GED scores and successful transitioning to post-secondary education. Region 1 providers are encouraged to submit suggestions for a regional training to me at (270) 527-7712 or email [jillian.henson@marshall.kyschools.us](mailto:jillian.henson@marshall.kyschools.us). Please feel free to inform me of anything new and exciting happening at your centers. I would love to share success stories with other counties in the region. **JILLIAN HENSON-REGION I REP**

## **REGION II**

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very prosperous New Year. KAACE is in the process of creating a cook book, and we need your wonderful recipes or your students' recipes to add to the book. We want to begin compiling them as soon as possible. You can e-mail your recipes to me or straight to Pam Morgan at [Pam.Morgan@Logan.kyschools.us](mailto:Pam.Morgan@Logan.kyschools.us) as soon as possible. Make sure your recipe is type ready to be added to the cookbook. We want to schedule our yearly Region II meeting. I would like to have suggestions as to possible topics which would provide PD credit. Maybe the end of February or early March would be an excellent time for the meeting. Please provide me feedback as to the topic, best date, and any concerns that KAACE needs to know about.

KAACE is sponsoring a legislative lunch in 2007 before the legislature adjourns. We want the programs to attend to meet their senator and representative and let them know how important adult education is the people of Kentucky. The actual date has not been set; but I will inform you as soon as it is set. We know that the funding for research on adult education has been cut. So we must continue to keep adult education on the forefront if it is to survive. Sandy Kestner also informed KAACE that you can delete last years' PD track information from your file. Your KAACE membership for 2006 will expired December 31. For those of you who did not pay your 2007 dues during the conference in October, you can complete the enclosed membership form and forwarded to the address at the bottom of the form. Even though adult literacy is a major concern, adult education funding is always close to the "chopping block". If we don't continue to be a "very loud" voice speaking to the "powers that be," funding for adult education will be on the block. We need your support to show a united front for the survival of a much needed service for adults. Kentucky has improved over the past ten years, but we still have an enormous way to go to stamp out adult literacy in Kentucky. Today, please help us in sounding the alarm regarding adult literacy by making a tax deductible donation of \$20.00 to become a KAACE member for 2007. Have a joyous New Year. **Mary A. Ford Region II Rep**

**More REP News to Follow in Spring Newsletter in March!**

***SUPPORT KAACE***

**[www.kaace.org](http://www.kaace.org)**

# ***CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!***

**Workplace Rep-Submitted by Anne Reeder**

## ***Adult Education Student Sworn in as US Citizen***



Do Quang Thau was sworn in as a citizen of the United States of America on September 22, 2006 just three days before his seventy-second birthday. His journey began in the MCTC Adult Education Program in August of 2005.

Mr. Thau is a native of Vietnam. He, his wife and family lived in Saigon where he worked as a nurse from 1958 to 1989 when he retired. He has lived in Maysville for about five years.

After applying for citizenship with the Department for Immigration and Naturalization Service, Mr. Thau reported to the US District Court in Louisville in August. Here he was asked questions about why he wanted to be a citizen. He had been studying American history with the Mason County Adult Education program for about one year. The judge asked him about the early history of the United States including when the US Constitution was written. This was an easy question for Mr. Thau who can list the Amendments in the Bill of Rights, name the Thirteen Colonies, and talk about much of the history of early America. He successfully completed this part of the process and had only one final step, the completion of his background check. This done, he appeared for a Naturalization Oath Ceremony on Friday, September 22, 2006 at the US District Court of Eastern Kentucky in Covington, KY.

Mr. Thau registered and voted in the November election. When asked what he liked most about the United States, Mr. Thau said that this is the most advanced civilization in the world. He plans to continue working on his English with the college Adult Education program and when he becomes more comfortable with the language he would like to do volunteer work.

## ***Renae Harrison-KAACE 2006 Member of the Year***



***Thank you for your dedication and hard work  
In promoting Adult Education in Kentucky!  
We Are Proud Of You!!***

***KAACE 2006 Student of the Year***

## *Melanie Abney Baskerville*



***We Are Proud of You!***

My Name is Melanie Abney-Baskerville. Today, I am a lot of things. This list includes a capable parent, student at Hopkinsville Community College, Office Manager at Logan County Adult Education & Workforce Training, a member of Crossroads Church, a wife, a daughter, and the list can go on-and-on. It wasn't so very long ago I could not be so proud to name these accomplishments though. Thanks to the assistance of the program I now work for, and the grace of God, I can say these things. These women gave me the courage and drive that I needed to be able to pursue my goals. The Logan County Adult Education program changes lives. I am proof of that. It truly is amazing the lengths these women go to in order to help individuals obtain the goals necessary to achieve in the world today. They are also always ready to build your self-esteem and support you in any way possible.

I came to them without any self-confidence, clueless as to what I needed to do with my life. With their support and perseverance, I now have employability skills, ambitions, goals and most of all; I have them as true friends. There are not enough ways I could say "Thank you" to these ladies for all they have made possible in my life. And to them, it's just all in a days work.

***YOUR KAACE BOARD IS WORKING HARD FOR YOU!!***



***PLANNING, PLANNING, AND PLANNING!!!!***

Many thanks to Charles Ludwig and Julie Scoskie who are working hard to make sure that Kentucky is represented in the COABE conference in Louisville in 2009!



*Greetings to everyone! I hope you are having a great semester. As you read the newsletter, I hope you will make plans to attend the Legislative Luncheon. It is important that we keep in touch with our legislators. I firmly believe “out of sight-out of mind” can be risky- especially where funding is involved.*

*I ask that each program send at least 2 recipes for the cookbook. It will take some time to put it together but once ready, it can be a good way to raise funds for KAACE scholarships. We all would like to see more of our students go to college. If more money was available that could happen! Thanks to those that have submitted recipes.*

*I am looking for the KAACE member that has been in Adult Ed the most years. If you know of such an individual please send me his or her name. I also want to spotlight programs and the great things that are happening in Adult Education.*

*Thanks! Pam Morgan-IN KAACE Editor*