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and advocating for the highest quality early childhood education for all young children.”*



President’s Message

Other benefits include:

Meeting new people—it’s always interesting. There might be the perfect mentor, a new colleague and a friend. You have questions. Sometimes a colleague has a similar experience and may be able to provide thoughtful answers.

Learning new skills – Have you always wanted to plan events? Operate AV equipment? Learn a new computer program? Understand Advocacy? Implement a plan? Supervise a group? All these opportunities are available and contribute to new skills in your professional and personal life.

Adding diversity to your life – Community involvement is a key value for individuals who aspire to be strong leaders. Fitting into new arenas remains a vital skill for all of us. Volunteering helps us learn new cultures and perspectives. Have you thought about creating a balance in your life by volunteering? Volunteering often eliminates stress, promotes life satisfaction and better physical health. SCAEYC board members work and play together and seek out ways to have fun throughout all our endeavors.

Sharing your experience and new ideas gleaned from SCAEYC colleagues with your family, friends and colleagues.

Come, share and be involved. We would like very much to meet you.

Thank you for the important work that you do each day, your support to families, and your commitment to high quality early education.

Fran Chasen
SCAEYC President

Dear SCAEYC Affiliate Members,

We are coming to a close of a great year! SCAEYC provided many interesting professional development opportunities for members, and, for quite a few non-members. The board worked collaboratively to gather the best speakers in some very interesting venues. For instance, we met at the L.A. Public Library for an Early Literacy Workshop with the children’s librarians and were reminded of the magnificent architecture as we toured the library with one of the volunteer docents (a retired professor) afterward. The Japanese Gardens in the San Fernando Valley offered a vast array of inspirational settings to study children’s learning of the arts and sciences with Michael Fritzen. Michael has offered a new opportunity at the Skirball Cultural Center in March, 2014! Plan now to attend. Do check out the year-to-come calendar in this issue of the newsletter.

Now, let me invite you into the circle! The SCAEYC Board is looking to you to assist in our continuing to be “...an inclusive, high performing functioning organization.....”. Only by actively participating can you contribute to see that the mission and vision of a group is fulfilled and relevant. Volunteering with SCAEYC on the Accreditation, Membership, Nominating, Policy, Program Committees is a great way to keep your skills current as well as learn new ones.

*Valerie Andrews, A
Passion for this Earth "As
a child, one has that
magical capacity to move
among the many eras of
the earth; to see the land
as an animal does; to
experience the sky from
the perspective of a flower
or a bee; to feel the earth
quiver and breathe
beneath us; to know a
hundred different smells of
mud and listen unself-
consciously to the
soughing of the trees."*

*"Children the world
over have a right to a
childhood filled with
beauty, joy,
adventure, and
companionship. They
will grow toward
ecological literacy if
the soil they are
nurtured in is rich
with experience, love,
and good examples."*

*Alan Dyer,
"A Sense of
Adventure"*

**Play gives
children a
chance to
practice what
they are
learning.**

-Fred Rogers

PLAY MATTERS!

SCAEYC has been the honored recipient of a gift of \$9000 from Play Matters!, an organization founded by beloved early childhood educator Docia Zavitkovsky to put play at the heart of early childhood programs. The SCAEYC Board has established a Play Matters! Advisory Board to develop recommendations for the use of these funds. and has directed the committee to emphasize the multicultural nature of play and to represent the core values of Play Matters! in its recommendations. The Advisory Committee held its first meeting in May and will be meeting again in June. Anyone interested in serving on the committee

should contact:

Betsy Hiteshew, Interim Chairperson, at hiteshew_elizabeth@smc.edu, or by phone at 310-453-1147. Prerequisites for participation on the Advisory Committee are a passion for play, a playful spirit and membership in SCAEYC (NAEYC Affiliate #903).

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

Have you enjoyed NAEYC Accreditation so much you would like to articulate it to others and promote the process? You may be the one to join the SCAEYC Accreditation committee!

Need more info? scaeyc@gmail.com

SCAEYC-CELA Committee

The Communities of East Los Angeles (CELA) organized as a chapter of NAEYC in February of 1979, and is enthusiastic about rejoining as a committee of SCAEYC. CELA serves the communities of: Boyle Heights, City Commerce, East Los Angeles, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, Monterey Park, Montebello, and Pico Rivera, but anyone is welcomed to join. Why join CELA?

Professional growth is an important and on-going aspect of professionalism. CELA a committee of the **Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC)**, affiliate, provides opportunities to connect and network with educators that work with young children and their families, in your professional community. Benefits of membership in SCAEYC include:

- Inside information about scholarship and awards
- Receive NAEYC professional journal (Young Children) to keep you up-dated on latest research and practices and CAEYC's Connections.
- Information about upcoming events, conferences and workshops (members receive reduced fees)
- Access to the up-to-date job listings in the field
- A chance to meet the movers and shakers in the field
- The prospect of being mentored by the best educators of young children
- A chance of being a part of the largest organization working to improve the quality of services to young children and their families
- A chance to be a part of the largest organization working towards improving the salaries of those working with young children

For information regarding membership in SCAEYC #903 and our committee you may contact:

Roberta Gonzalez (CELA Co-Chair) at (562) 801-5117

Melba Schefres (CELA Co-Chair) at (626) 674-8140

Angelica Del Castillo-Garcia (CELA Rep.) at angelica.g45@gmail.com

A New SCAEYC Website—YES, it's REALLY on the Way!

You may have checked in at www.scaeyc.net and wondered if we really are getting a new website.

The website committee is diligently working away. Be patient, for one day in the not too distant future, we hope to unveil the new website! The draft is complete and now we are working on content (all while attending to our full-time positions in schools and taking care of our home and family).

Thank you for your patience as we continue to gather what we need.

Remain tuned.

SCAEYC is STILL Seeking OLD Information for the Archives

Are you a long-time member of SCAEYC? Do you tend to “SAVE” a few items from your years in the organization? Wishing to clean out your garage? We NEED you!

Under the able leadership of former SCAEYC president, Jo Ellen Tullis, there is a current review of the archives of SCAEYC history, held at Cal State University, Northridge. Are you wondering how you might “clean out” your old collection of SCAEYC stuff? We could use your help in locating better copies of the following information:

SCAEYC Conference info: 1993, 1994, 1996

Audit reports: 1980, 1981, 1986

Yearbooks: 1994-1996

Minutes: 1997-99 (except May 1999), April 2000, January 2001, Oct-June 2003-2004

Annual membership meetings from a variety of years. Some of these items are just no longer legible.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to look through your files. Contact SCAEYC at scaeyc@gmail.com to let us know you have needed information for the archives.

The SCAEYC Board will consider you quite the hero for sleuthing with us!

SCAEYC-East Valleys Committee

If you live in the Whittier, Claremont, Pomona or other nearby areas, the East Valleys Committee offers connections for you. Incoming East Valleys Chairperson, Kathy Holguin, sends a warm invitation to you. Contact her at 909.466.0530.

Is Leadership on your professional growth plan? Come and learn event planning, strategic planning, and have interesting and vibrant conversations about children and child development. The value of networking in person with live conversations still has a place alongside the texts and apps of the technological era. We do both!

You may have enjoyed the Curriculum Extenders, an annual event hosted by East Valleys Committee, or other recent professional development opportunities. If you benefit from events and wish to learn even more, do come and participate in the planning! We welcome you.

SCAEYC- NORTH BAY COMMITTEE

SCAEYC-North Bay Committee Meetings are held on Monday nights at Westwood Hills Preschool. Please contact Anita Porter, North Bay Chair at 310-869-9115 for more information on meetings and events. Anita's email aanita48@hotmail.com

Our next meeting is:

Monday, May 20, 2013
Westwood Hills Preschool
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In June, we plan to celebrate the SMC students who joined our meeting last semester and helped with the successful Super Saturday.

North Bay Retreat

August 24 -TBA

Men in Child Care panel

with some people we all know very well
October 2013

Community Service Project

Nov/Dec

We are a group of early childhood educators who believe children are the best hope for the world.

Join us.

Dream Big.

Anita Porter,
Chair, North Bay
aanita48@hotmail.com

SCAEYC 2013-2014 Calendar

SCAEYC Board Meetings

3rd Saturday of each Month 9:30-Noon*
Child Development Consortium of LA
(Validated Parking adjacent)
315 W. 9th St. #500
Los Angeles, CA 90015
RSVP Required: scaeyc@gmail.com
(*unless otherwise announced)

June 2013

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Early Learning Advocacy Day,
Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento CA
www.caeyc.org

Saturday, June 15, 2013-8:30-Noon

SCAEYC Installation
Recognition of Laura Escobedo
Santa Monica College
<http://scaeycinstallation2013.eventbrite.com>

July 2013

Saturday, July 13, 2013

SCAEYC Board
Meeting and Committee Retreat
Yes, YOU are welcomed to attend!
RSVP Required: scaeyc@gmail.com

August 2013

Saturday, August 24, 2013

SCAEYC-North Bay
Meeting and Committee Retreat

September 2013

Thursday evening, September 12, 2013
Hot Topics in Early Childhood Education
Temple Isaiah, West Los Angeles
Save the Date! More information to come!

October 2013

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Membership Appreciation Breakfast.
Hosted by SCAEYC-East Valleys
Barbara Greenwood Kindergarten Cottage
Networking + 2 Professional Growth Hours
Save the Date! More information to come!

November 2013

November 20-23, 2013

NAEYC Conference and Expo
Washington, DC
www.naeyc.org

February 2014

Saturday, February 8, 2014

SCAEYC-East Valleys Curriculum
Extenders, Sheraton Hotel, Pomona.
Save the Date! More information to come!

March 2014

Saturday, March 15, 2013

SCAEYC is hosting a Special Workshop
for Early Childhood Educators at the
Skirball Cultural Center
with Michael Fritzen
www.skirball.org for more information
about the Skirball Cultural Center.
Save the Date! More information to come
SCAEYC Board Meeting to follow event.

April 2014

April 3-5, 2014

CAEYC State Conference and Expo,
Pasadena, CA
www.caeyc.org
Plan now to attend. It's local!

June 2014

SCAEYC Installation

Additional professional development events are pending. SCAEYC seeks to support the growth and development of its members by providing a variety of interesting learning experiences.

SCAEYC-Affiliate #903

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If you change your email address, log on to www.naeyc.org to update your info to continue to receive current updates and communications!

If you are joining as a new member, join Affiliate # 903.

NAEYC, CAEYC &
SCAEYC ON-LINE!

See us at:

www.naeyc.org

www.caeyc.org

www.scaeyc.net

Serving Southern California since 1939, SCAEYC serves as a local affiliate with a regional mission of leadership development, networking and advocacy for quality early childhood programs for all young children.

The geographic area, which covers the mountains to the sea, includes areas such as: Inland Valley, Pomona, Whittier, Monterey Park, East Los Angeles Communities, Montebello, Maywood, Santa Monica, Malibu, Mar Vista, Culver City, Palms, Pacific Palisades, Westchester, West LA, Beverly Hills, Venice, and the LAX area.

We welcome you to join SCAEYC-Affiliate #903 by logging on to www.naeyc.org, click on **Membership** from the menu, and then select **Join or Renew**. You will be glad you did!



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