

Next Scheduled Meeting  
**September 13, 2011**

**Show  
me the  
Money!**

*Provino's  
At Town Center*

**Program**  
**5:30 Social**  
**5:45 Speaker**  
**6:15 Business Meeting**  
**6:30 Dinner (optional)**

**Reservations**

For reservations, e-mail  
**Dr. Cindy Szwec at**  
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by September 12.

**Mark Your Calendar**



**Chapter Meetings Dates**  
**September 13, 2011**  
**January 24, 2012**  
**April 17, 2012**

**2012 PDK  
International Conference**  
**Baltimore, MD**  
**February 16 -17**

**President's Message**

*Welcome back! I hope that your school year is off to a wonderful start. Each year seems to bring new programs and new challenges to education. Currently, several systems are learning about the impact of **Race to the Top** and training staff on Common Core Standards. PDK Kennesaw Mountain wants to help. We want to assist you and bring you the information that you need to be effective teachers and leaders in our schools.*

*The executive board has decided to focus on maintaining the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter of PDK and to strengthen our membership. Each board member has been challenged to bring at least one new member into our chapter. I am asking each chapter member to work with the board to accomplish this goal. Consider attending the meetings with a friend and enjoy the intellectual and social interaction. Contact former members and plan to meet at the chapter meetings. The meeting day has been changed to Tuesday to allow more members to attend the meetings. Meeting structure has been modified to accommodate members who want to hear the speaker but do not want to have dinner. We will meet at Provino's again this year. The manager has been most accommodating by offering a variety of options, including options that range from \$5.95 to the full menu.*

*Our theme for the year is "Sow and Nurture the Seeds." Now more than ever is the time that we need each other. Some of our schools are not reaching AYP. Systems are suffering financially, and schools are trying to get the job done with fewer personnel. Our chapter members have the expertise to support veteran and new teachers through presentations at meetings and by mentoring student and novice teachers.*

*The board has met extensively, and we hope that you agree with our choices for programming for this year. Our first meeting on September 13th will be entitled, "Show me the Money." Mr. Ken Owen, will join us and share a number of ideas for finding money for continuing or beginning projects and programs.*

*We look forward to seeing each of you at our first meeting and encourage you to bring a colleague. If you have suggestions for future programs, we want to hear from you. This is your organization, and we are here to serve you. Please take the time and let a board member know how we can help.*

*Have a wonderful school year, and I look forward to seeing you all on September 13.*

**Susan Newman, President**

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## Membership Benefits You, Your Students, and Your School

PDK members have access to many membership benefits that allow them to enhance and advance their careers. By taking part in these programs and events, PDK members can network and share ideas with other educators from across the globe, engage with education experts, and remain up-to-date on relevant education research—all while helping to fulfill PDK's tenets of service, research, and leadership as they cultivate great educators for tomorrow and ensure high-quality education for today. **Additional Member Benefits include the following:**

PDK Member Insurance Program - Group rates and member discounts on term life, auto, health, and professional liability insurance

PDK International Platinum Plus® MasterCard

TIAA CREF Financial Service

Invite a colleague to join the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter. A membership form is included in the newsletter mailing

## Leadership— Call for Officers



Leadership is a key tenet of Kappan ideals. The Kennesaw Mountain Chapter is looking for chapter members who are willing to serve as officers in the upcoming years. We have a cadre of experienced officers who provide support for future chapter leaders. For information on current openings and officer roles and responsibilities, visit the chapter website at <http://www.pdkkennesawmountainchapter.org>.

## Service - Chapter Project



**Chapter Project: Bunnies, Bears, Blankets and Books** is an on-going community service project that provides stuffed bunnies, bears, blankets, and books to children in crisis. Members are asked to bring a bunny, a bear, a book, or a blanket to each meeting. These items are delivered to police and fire stations for use with kids in crisis situations. The books are given to schools to support student literacy.

## Raffle and Book Exchange to Fund Chapter Scholarships



The Kennesaw Mountain Chapter awards three scholarships in honor of current and past chapter members. The Bob Moore Scholarship is awarded to a student teacher to help defray the costs associated with student teaching. Applications are due March 15, 2011. The J. Carla Northcutt Scholarship is awarded to an active high school FEA student or chapter; applications are due December 15, 2010. The Hugh Kinard Scholarship is awarded to a chapter members seeking to advance knowledge and skills. Applications for the Kinard Scholarship are due on March 25, 2011. Applications are available at [www.pdkkennesawmountainchapter.org](http://www.pdkkennesawmountainchapter.org). To fund the scholarships, chapter members are encouraged to participate in the raffle and bring used books to sell in the book exchange. Paperbacks will be sold for \$1. and hardbacks will sell for \$2.

## Electronic Communication



It is a sign of the times. Although this newsletter is being mailed to all Kappans on file since 2010, to keep expenses down, future newsletters will be mailed only to current members. You can still stay in touch with all of us by using the Kennesaw Mountain website. Newsletters, board minutes, by-laws, scholarship information, and committee information will be posted on the website. Please be sure that you update you contact information with PDK International and with Cathie Newell who maintains our website. Info is just a click away!

## Vote to Ratify Proposed Bylaws Passed



Now that PDK is a family of associations that includes PDK International (PDK), Pi Lambda Theta (PLT), and the Future Educators Association (FEA), PDK's lawyers recommended that the PDK International board update its governance documents to recognize these changes and to clarify the association's relationships with PDK, PLT, and FEA members. The PDK International board unanimously recommended replacing the current constitution and bylaws with the following proposed bylaws, and in May, the PDK membership voted in favor of these updates.