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PCPI CELEBRATES OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

What a party it was! Last month members of PCPI from across the US and Canada joined our hosts in Indiana, Indianapolis for a fabulous few days of meetings, workshops, and celebration of Parent Cooperative Preschools International 50th anniversary.

We were delighted to have so many cooperative preschool champions join us for a wonderfully fun and moving reunion where new friendships were made, and long-time friends celebrated coming together again.



Carolyn Hawkins PCPI's first President in 1960, cutting the anniversary cake

The sold-out Anniversary Awards Dinner and Celebration was attended by special honored guests including PCPI's first president Carolyn Hawkins. We relived memories with historical displays and presentations, and capped it off with entertainment including hilarious improvisations by Willa Burke from Vancouver Island, BC and Lynann Derrick from Annapolis, MD.

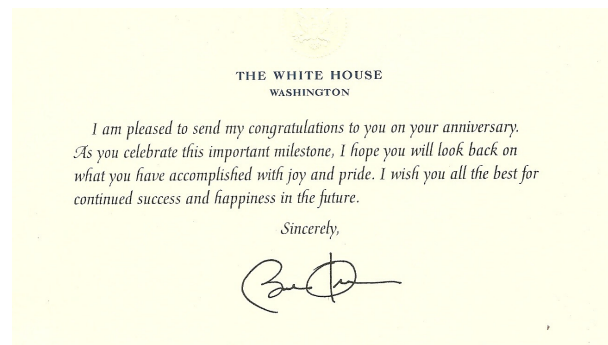
Also at the dinner were 17 special honorees,

including Natalie Hall who was honoured with PCPI's highest award, the Honorary Lifetime Achievement award.



Natalie Hall was awarded the Honorary Lifetime achievement award

Thank You to our 50th Anniversary hosts the Indiana Council of Preschool Cooperatives, to Natalie Hall for her contribution as 50th anniversary chair and to Sandi Miller, our hard-working 2010 meeting liaison.



50th Anniversary congratulations from President Obama!

Sharing our Annual Meeting Memories....

- ◆ ICPC's Parentpalooza conference workshop where we laughed as we sang and did sword-fighting using swimming pool noodles.
- ◆ Sandi Miller, our wonderful hostess, riding to the rescue to solve the inevitable minor crises.



- ◆ The fire alarm went off right in the middle of our annual general meeting. Really, really loud, no fire though. Apparently a young guest decided to pull the alarm!
- ◆ Four members from the US and Canada were able to attend the meetings for their first time thanks to the Marika Townshend Travel Grant program provided by PCPI.
- ◆ Wonderful Preschool visits to Northeast Co-operative Preschool and Kindergarten and Fishers Pointe Co-operative Preschool.



*Thank You to our
2010 Annual Meetings Hosts*
Indiana Council of Preschool Cooperatives
www.preschoolco-op.org



PCPI's New Website!



**Coming soon to
www.preschools.coop**

PCPI Elected Officers 2010/11

President - Kathy Ems, Oregon
 VP Finance - Maria Campbell, Ontario
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 VP Resources and CS Editor - Jean Beale, British Columbia
 VP Membership - Vaughn Hatch, Roberta Stuart, and Mariah Battiston, British Columbia
 Recording Secretary - Carol Brown, Ontario
 Past President - Leta Mach, Maryland

Two Becky Allen Fund recipients receive parent education grants for their co-ops

This year's Becky Allen Fund recipients were **Northeast Cooperative Preschool** and **Speedway Cooperative Preschool** both in Indianapolis, IN.

Northeast Cooperative held "Literacy Night". The program involved both parents and children. Parents learned about emergent literacy and how to foster children's literacy development. Both children and parents were given the opportunity to explore fun, hands-on literacy activities such as writing in sand trays, playdough letters and book making. Each family received a Literacy bag containing materials and resources to help promote literacy at home.



Speedway's parent and teacher education program was entitled "Raising a Confident Child". Cynthia Love, a nurse and paediatric health professional, talked about how to encourage children's feelings of self-worth and the importance of limits and consistent guidance to help children feel secure.

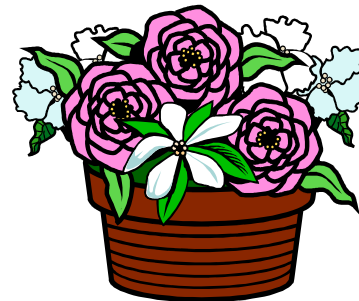
PCPI's grant deadline for the \$500.00 Becky Allen grant is December 3, 2010 for Spring 2011 education programs.

In Memoriam

*A Founder of Parent Cooperative
Preschools International*

Jean Harris Stevenson Passed away peacefully on March 8, 2010 at the age of 89, born and raised in London, Ontario, Jean, a gifted athlete and scholar, graduated from U. of T. (B.A., B. Ed. Victoria College, 1943). Throughout her life, Jean was dedicated to the service and needs of preschool children. During her career, Jean taught secondary school, was Coordinator of the ECE Program at Georgian College and supervisor in the Day Nurseries Branch of Community and Social Services. She was actively involved with PCPI since its' inception in 1960, helped found the organization, and was President in the early years. Jean leaves behind a legacy through her many contributions professionally, as a volunteer and through her love of children, family and friends.

A prolific writer, Jean leaves behind a library of academic papers and newsletter articles, and will be featured in the fall issue of Cooperatively Speaking.



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OUR ANNUAL GRANTS, NOMINATE YOUR MEMBERS FOR

AWARDS, JOIN OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

The solution to adult problems
tomorrow depends on large
measure upon how our children grow
up today.

[Margaret Mead](#)



**Join PCPI at next year's
annual meetings in
San Rafael, California
March 31 - April 3, 2011.**

