



October 2018
Newsletter



Letter from the president

Happy Fall,

The year is moving along and wonderful things are happening everywhere! We are so excited about our upcoming Fall Tour of Schools on Saturday, October 20th in La Cresenta-Glendale area. If you have not registered yet, join us on Saturday and register on site. We have 4 great sites on the tour and we are so pleased that the La Cresenta-Glendale area, which is *new to the Foothill Chapter* was so gracious to host this year's tour. Kaplan's School Supply donated bags, post-it's and pens for the tour and Lakeshore donated raffle prizes that we will raffle off at the tour! As our Foothill Chapter grows our goal is to better serve our members and have more opportunities to offer more programs to bring us together as Early Child Educators.

Be sure to check out the **NAEYC website** to see all the benefits available to members. Benefits vary depending on your level of membership. Digital resources, on line networking, NAEYC store discounts, local affiliate membership and Insurance discounts are available for **ALL membership levels**. Standard and Premium members also receive books, Entertainment Savers Guide, and MORE!

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Foothill Chapter of CAAIEYC, CAAIEYC or even NAEYC I would love to guide you to where your talents and passion can be utilized to benefit the children and families we all serve and care for. You can contact me at the email listed below.

Thank you for caring and making each day a little brighter for those around you.

"Play turns out to be so stunningly essential to childhood, it's like love, sunshine & broccoli all juiced together"-Lenore Skenazy

Sincerely,

Lana Shifflet-Ragos
President

Conferences to keep an eye on

FALL TOUR OF SCHOOLS

October 20TH 2018

Fall Tour of Schools is a wonderful opportunity for you to tour schools that is sure to inspire you.

4.5 professional growth hours in the field of Child Development.

CAAIEYC Annual Conference and Expo

April 11-13 2019

Come Stir the Witches Brew for a Special Treat Just for You! i early registration conference rates available until December 14,



Young Child Expo & Conference

February 7th -9th 2019

The Young Child Expo & Conference is coming to LA! It is a unique forum that brings together all early childhood professionals.

"The focus of our conference is on the essential topics & innovative approaches that can help all young children learn & grow well. Our attendees seek practical information that they can use immediately in their work. Topics that will be discussed are social emotional development, literacy, language development, autism, behavior, and other developmental disorders."

WSLN Conference



Lana Shifflet-Ragos (Foothill President) and Tammy Singdale (Foothill President Elect) attended WSLN July 18 – 21, 2018 at Soka University in Aliso Viejo. "The Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) was organized in 1982 as a part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Its function is to bring together affiliate leaders of the 13 Western States to share information, resources, and leadership techniques. These leaders represent the broad spectrum of all members of NAEYC who work with or care about young children. Participants identify, coordinate, and implement strategies to influence public policy related to young children, their families and their educators, with emphasis on issues of common concern to the West. Each year there is a gathering where registrants learn organizational skills to enable affiliate groups to work more efficiently and productively. Responsibility for this gathering shift yearly as volunteers prepare to offer a conference that is self-supporting. At the end of each WSLN, a letter is sent to NAEYC outlining recommendations for future actions, requests, and concerns of the 13 Western States. There have been specific outcomes of these letters that have affected the lives of young children."

This years WSLN focused on bilingual leaders, educators, board members... Everything was translated in from Spanish to English for English speakers and from English to Spanish for Spanish speakers. This gave everyone an enlightening understanding of how it feels (frustrating) to be talked to in a language that you do not understand. There are also many forms of communication that are in English only. There is a true need for accurate translation of pamphlets, event flyers, workshops, & much more. Many discussions at this years WSLN were focused on the need for not only written communication in a variety of languages and the need for translators and translation devices in a variety of languages (especially the languages most common in different areas), but, also the need for workshops in more languages other than English. There are currently workshops in other languages, but, not enough. AT WSLN we learned that languages do not translate word for word. Sometimes the translation loses the true meaning of what is being said. This WSLN was an eye-opening experience for all who attended. As a result, many of the attendees will add bi-lingual members to their boards. Many of us will also strive to provide more events with translators &/or translation devices, research the need of our chapter members to better incorporate languages requested, and be more in tune with the needs of our communities in their areas.

Another eye-opening discussion at WSLN was the importance of valuing and recognizing many types of educators. What do you think of Home Childcares? Are they educators also. They most definitely are! Many Home Childcare owners spoke during WSLN about the struggles of not being looked at as Professionals in Early Childhood Education. They follow many of the same standards of quality care that Centers do. They are sometimes looked at as babysitters when they in fact are Educators. Our Foothill chapter of Caeyc specifically added a Home Childcare to the Fall Tour of Schools this year to show how similar they are to Childcare Centers. In conclusion, WSLN was an amazing inspiring event that Lana and Tammy enjoyed greatly. They brought back many great tools to incorporate into our Chapter.



Spring Tour of Schools



The Spring Tour of Schools was held on March 3rd, 2018 and was a great success. We were able to tour four beautiful schools and observed wonderful classrooms. The generous teachers at the different campuses were there to answer questions and give creative ideas. Each class had something different to see. My personal favorite was the taxidermy in one of the classrooms on loan from Monrovia's Canyon Parks Nature Center. It was also stunning seeing all the different expressive and inventive art the children explore and the multiple ways of displaying it. We would like to say thank you to all those who came out in rain and shine to be part of this event. We also would like to remind you that the Fall Tour of Schools is coming up and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Please don't forget to invite others who may benefit from the experience.



International Mud Day

The History of International Mud Day

The creators of International Mud Day wanted to find a way to help all of the children of the Earth feel closer to each other...and what a better way to do it than through the Earth itself? International Mud Day began in 2009 at a World Forum event, when Gillian McAuliffe from Australia and Bishnu Bhatta from Nepal got together to talk about ways to encourage feelings of community and appreciation for the world around us. The collaboration that followed has inspired educators, children, and families across the globe, from Holland to Nepal to the United States, to celebrate International Mud Day together each year on June 29. Regardless of age, race and religion, covered in mud, we all look the same!



Different ways of celebrating Mud Day

How did you celebrate Mud Day? Did you let the children explore and experience mud through hands on activities? Playfactory Preschool, in Temple City, set up various activities through its different yards. From mud kitchens, to Mud tables, to painting with different colored mud and making their own gigantic mud puddle. The children explored the mud with their 5 senses and were able to have conversations about their experiences. There were many smiles and much laughter heard throughout the yards.



Teacher's Corner

With the upcoming months it is easy to bridge home and school. It is a great time to invite families into your classroom and have them participate in events. Here are some ideas you can try

Family pot luck lunch- Each family can sign up for a traditional dish of their home. The children will have discussions of what their home is like during supper time and they will see the differences and similarities. If lunch is not an option and you are looking for something simpler a sign up for a trail mix would be a different but similar option. Don't forget a quick craft and art and maybe a song to present to the families. It does not have to be holiday related but geared towards a season could be a more universal option.

Apple survey- Each family can bring in different types of apple (red, green, yellow) after a taste test everyone can graph their favorite type of apple. This project pairs nice with The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall. You may go even further and bake an apple pie as a class!

No bake pumpkin pie- Nothing says fall like pumpkin pie!

No Bake Pumpkin Pie

1 C. of cold milk

2 4 oz. boxes Instant Vanilla Pudding

1 16 oz. can of Pumpkin

1 tsp. Pumpkin Spice

1 9 in Baked Pie Shell or Graham Cracker Crust

1 can of whipped cream

Pour milk into bowl. Add Pudding and beat with wire whisk, 1-2 mins until it begins to thicken. Stir In Pumpkin and spices and mix well. Pour into crust, chill for at least 3 hours in fridge. Top with Whipped cream.

FOOTHILL CHAPTER



California Association for the
Education of Young Children

Join the Foothill caaeYC and become part of a nationwide campaign to provide excellent care and education for children from birth through age eight. Foothill is a chapter of caaeYC (California Association for the Education of Young Children) a state affiliate of NAEYC (the National Association for the Education of Young Children).

NAEYC offers four distinct membership categories

- Entry Level membership: \$30
- Standard membership: \$69
- Premium membership: \$150
- NEW! Family membership: \$35

Our mission is to advocate for the rights and needs of young children and their families. We seek to unite professionals within all areas of care giving and education for the purpose of emphasizing high quality care and assisting these individuals in professional growth and development.



Did you know that CAAEYC has a statewide Public Policy Committee? This committee, currently chaired by Jean Goulart, consists of members from CAAEYC throughout the state.

Want to get involved? We are asking each CAAEYC affiliate identify a public policy contact and send their information to Jean Goulart.

We have 3 work groups which members can join:

1. Advocacy & Professional Development
2. Legislative Action
3. Communication & Outreach.

Contact Jean, bundleofjoy.jean@att.net or me at my email address below if you want more information, wish to join a work group or want to learn more about the legislative process.

Activities of the committee are posted on the CAAEYC website, www.caeyc.org so that members can be informed of the ongoing official CAAEYC positions on state and federal legislation.

PENDING ECE LEGISLATION (both on Governor's desk for his signature)

- AB 605 (Mullins) One child care license for all age groups
Would require the CA Department of Social Service to adopt regulations, in consultation with stakeholders, to create a child care license covering infant, toddler, preschool, and school age
- AB 2370 Lead Testing of Drinking Water in Child Care Centers
Would require that the drinking water in child care centers to be tested every 5 years for level of lead in the water, would require centers to offer only bottled water until the problem was fixed, and would require that centers offer parents information on the dangers of lead exposure, especially to young children.

ELAD—Early Learning Advocacy Day will be March in Sacramento. CAAEYC will be partnering with many ECE organizations to host the event. More information coming.

Follow our legislation progress each year at www.caeyc.org, on Facebook and Twitter. You may also contact me at joychild2@sbcglobal.net or joyce@crazyquiltsolutions.com.

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