



## Offices Filled on PLT Board: Next Stop Boston

Four newly elected members of the PLT Board of Directors will join their fellow board members in Boston in July to meet before and after the PLT Biennial Conference. The results of the 2009 campaign for open board positions were announced in early June:



**Douglass**

**Elizabeth Douglass** was re-elected to her second two-year term as president. A member of Gamma Gamma Chapter at Indiana University-Kokomo, she has previously served as PLT first vice president, vice president, treasurer, and graduate student vice president.



**Hines**

**Laurie Moses Hines** was elected as first vice president. Since 2006 she has served as a PLT vice president. A member of the PLT Educational Endowment board and past vice president of Northeast Region I, Dr. Hines

has also served as delegate to two biennial councils. She is currently secretary of Western Pennsylvania Area Chapter.

**Ruby Cain** was re-elected to a second term as a vice president. Dr. Cain currently serves the board as chair of the PLT Resolutions Committee. She has been president

of the Fort Wayne Area Chapter; a Great Lakes Region II officer; and a regional and international delegate.

**Mark L. Hummer** was elected as a vice president. The founding president of Delta Kappa Chapter at California State U.-Northridge (CSUN), he is also serving as the Southern California Chapters secretary for 2009.



**Cain**

Beginning July 20, the four will attend pre- and post- biennial council board meetings in Boston, joining incumbent board members **Shirley G. DuBois**, treasurer; **Robert S. J. Hu** and **Kathleen Harris**, vice presidents; **Brandy R. King**, graduate student vice president; and **Sarah A. DeVan**, undergraduate student vice president.



**Hummer**

PLT's 2009 Biennial Council will get under way the next day, Tuesday, July 21. Addressing PLT's 100th anniversary in 2010, the council's agenda will include "PLT's Mission, Programs, and Plans." All meetings will be held in conjunction with the National Staff Development Council's annual teacher-leader conference: "Going the Distance with School-Based Professional Learning," Boston, July 19-22.

### Athens Latest Destination for Sachs Adams Scholar

The Georgia Sachs Adams Grant Committee has awarded \$1,000 to **Caroline Eick**, Ph.D. The grant funded Dr. Eick's participation in the Paideia, Polity, Demoi Conference of the International Association of Intercultural Education, held in Athens, Greece, June 22-26. Dr. Eick, an assistant professor of education at Mount St. Mary's U. in Emmitsburg, Maryland, presented her paper "Complicating 'Whiteness' and Other Markers of Difference in Suburbia: The Case of Miller High, 1985-2000."



*Caroline Eick*

Says Dr. Eick, "My attendance at the IAIE conference has provided the invaluable opportunity to establish meaningful connections with scholars across the globe whose works intersect with mine and to represent PLT's contributions to international perspectives on education." Dr. Eick's presentation in Greece was based on her dissertation work, which has been recognized through grant support and a *History of Education*

*Quarterly* publication. The presentation addressed cross-group relationships of Russian immigrant youth and newly migrated African-American youth within a multiracial and economically diverse high school in Baltimore County, Maryland, from 1985 to 2000.

Dr. Eick's department chair, Barbara Martin Palmer, says, "[Dr. Eick] is respected as an American historian of education, with frequent presentations at the American Education Research Association and History of Education Society. The paper adds yet another dimension to Dr. Eick's broader ongoing work, which examines the role of schools in shaping youth relationships across social categories."

Georgia Sachs Adams grants, established in 2008, help defray PLT members' costs of making scholarly conference presentations. The grants were established by the late Lorraine Mathies's bequest honoring past PLT President Georgia Sachs Adams. Application deadlines are April 1 or October 1 each year; for more details, see [www.pilambda.org](http://www.pilambda.org).

## MidAmerica Nazarene Students Fight Over Education

This spring there truly was a war alive on the campus of MidAmerica Nazarene U., Olathe, Kansas, as students in five education classes fought to raise money for the school team that would travel to Sun Valley Indian School in Arizona for missions work in May.



(Above) A bulletin board at MidAmerica Nazarene U. tracked the "fight" over sponsoring a service project to the Sun Valley Indian School. (Right) These MNU students found themselves "a long way from Kansas" by mid-May 2009, thanks in part to the generosity of MidAmerica faculty and fellow students.

**Gamma Chi Chapter** organized the war of four weeks, during which education professors passed feather-covered containers (resembling the Navajo headdress) in their classes and emphasized the importance of supporting the Sun Valley boarding school for children of the Navajo nation (and the importance of winning the contest!). Each week, class rankings were updated on a large display bulletin board, which raised awareness of the Gamma Chi

service project as well as student competitiveness.

The grand prize for the class raising the most money was an authentic Navajo breakfast at the home of Dr. **Jo Lamar**, Gamma Chi's faculty adviser. The winner was Dr. Erin Casler's Research and Learning Development class, which raised \$188.02, bringing the total amount raised to \$223.66. Several Gamma Chi members also supported the Sun Valley school by collecting soup labels for the school's supplies. "The key to raising support was encouraging the students to



talk to faculty, who may have better means to give than the students," said Dr. Casler.

The group of teacher candidates who traveled to Sun Valley Indian School the week of May 18 taught lessons to the students; conducted field events; facilitated a basketball camp; encouraged Navajo students to attend college; and emphasized the importance of leadership skills.

—Jo Lamar, faculty adviser, Gamma Chi Chapter

## In Memoriam

Frances Bauer (Alpha Psi)  
 Dorothy Beck (Eta, Philadelphia)  
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 Helena Dyer (Sigma, Santa Monica Bay)  
 Mary Flowers (Beta Lambda)  
 Laurice Fuller (Alpha Gamma)

Marie Graesser (Iota, MAL)  
 Joan Hartwell (Rho, MAL)  
 Erla Honig (Alpha Psi, Long Beach)  
 Meredith House (Alpha, Denver)  
 Betty Hughes (Mu, MAL)  
 Lois Hughes (Alpha, MAL)  
 Louise Hunsberger (Iota, Northern Ind.)  
 Norma Jones (Xi, MAL)  
 Doris Jorgensen (Beta Epsilon)  
 Kim Katz (Alpha Pi)  
 Lori Kemp (DH, Alvernia College, Delta Iota)  
 Cheryl Kinerk (Iota, MAL)  
 Lenore Lacey (Alpha Psi, MAL)  
 Judith Little (Western PA)  
 MaryAnn Lupkowski (Beta Chi)

Lois Mathis (Nu, Central Ohio)  
 Frances Meier (Sigma, MAL)  
 Adele Novotny (Alpha Zeta, Chicago Area)  
 Loretta Patzold (Gamma Gamma)  
 Patricia Raymer (Alpha Psi)  
 James Rhoades (MAL)  
 Winifred Rudisill (Delta, MAL)  
 Margaret Pauline Stenson (Zeta, MAL)  
 Mary Tarrant (Iota, MAL)  
 Robert Tindel (KMT/HonorOrg)  
 Anne Tinker (Lambda, MAL)  
 Nancy Turner (Alpha Psi, Pasadena)  
 Frances VanZanten (Beta Omega)  
 Marian Wagstaff (Upsilon, MAL)  
 Mary Wesselkamper (Hawaii)  
 Sharon Whitacre (Gamma Gamma)

(Chapters in order of membership. MAL = Member at Large)

# Chapter & Member News

## African Immigrants

At Fort Wayne Area Chapter's April meeting, **Tony**



Marje Treff

Tony Ardura of AISEDA discussed African immigrants' concerns with a Fort Wayne Area Chapter gathering this April.

**Ardura**, executive director of AISEDA (African Immigrants Social & Economic Development Agency, Inc.), spoke with Thetans about Africa and immigrants coming to Fort Wayne. His organization emphasizes how best to integrate African refugees into society as productive individuals. What began as an organization to support African immigrants, he explained, has expanded to become an "all-refugee" program. Find out more online by visiting [www.aiseda.org](http://www.aiseda.org).

—Marje Treff

## Annual Book Sale

**Beta Chi/William Paterson U. Chapter's** annual book sale, held in conjunction with the Friends of the Library, was again a success this year, bringing in even more funds for all organizations involved than in years past. Several of our members volunteered and worked. Many thanks go out to the Friends of the Library. They really do a great

job! The book sale, which has been a tradition for many years, seems to grow and get better year after year. After the sale is over, all unsold books are sent to another country, where they can be used to help educate others. So not only does the book sale raise money for us here; it also provides a lot of good to others in need.

## Annual Art Poster Contest

For the past 12 years, **Beta Chi Chapter** has worked with the Hackensack Public School System to sponsor an Art Poster Contest for public elementary school children in Hackensack, some of whom don't even have a package of crayons to call their own. The contest's theme has always focused on how children can help, in various ways. This year, given the status of the economy, the theme was "How I Can Help My Family Save Money." The participants, ranging from pre-kindergartners through fourth-graders, had some wonderfully innovative ideas about what they can do to help save money. The artwork was created in art classes as well as in regular classrooms, utilizing school equipment.

The results were outstanding. More than 400 entries were received. It was not easy to narrow the choices down to the 33 winners, earning first prize, second prize, third prize, or honorable mention. All winners were presented with a certificate for their achievements, as well as a package wrapped in Pi Lambda Theta's colors and filled with a book and a multitude of art supplies so the children can continue to build on their love of art. Supporting the children were their families, teachers, principals, assistant principals, and members of the school board and city council.

## Detroit Area Awards 2009 Scholarships

At Detroit Area Chapter's Annual Spring Commitment in support of education held May 2, seven Wayne State U. students received scholarships of \$500 each for 2009.

- Pi Lambda Theta Beck-Seitz Scholarship:* **Nadia Ramouni**, elementary-language arts
- Dorothy M. Sibley Memorial Scholarship* (given by Dorothy and Beatrice Sibley): **Layla Begum**, elementary education
- Jean Detmer Memorial Scholarship* (given by the Detmer family): **Lisa Phillion**, elementary/special education
- Jorma M. Pike Memorial Scholarship* (given by Jenny and Dennis Pike): **Amy Boehmer**, elementary/secondary kinesiology
- Helen Gordon Memorial I Scholarship:* **Casita Adams**, elementary English/health
- Helen Gordon Memorial II Scholarship:* **Rebecca Munson**, secondary English/health
- Doris M. Quine Memorial Scholarship:* **Audrey Neitling**, elementary-special education cognitive impairment

Detroit Area Scholarship Committee members are Wilford Detmer, Evelyn Kozar, Frankie Payne, Beatrice Sibley, Dorothy Sibley, Irene Welch, and Barbara Weiskopf.

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## **Amy J. Watts: 2009 Distinguished Student Scholar**

**Amy J. Watts** is the recipient of the 2009 PLT Distinguished Student Scholar Award, presented biennially to an education major who has demonstrated leadership potential and a strong dedication to education.



Amy Watts

Amy is on track to graduate in May 2010 from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, with a bachelor of arts in elementary education, including minors in reading instruction and music. She was valedictorian of her class at Evangelical Christian Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she graduated in 2006. She was listed in Strathmore's *Who's Who among American High School Students* for 2005–2006.

At Whitworth, Amy has been an academic tutor on campus and a teacher's aide at several schools. In fall 2008, as part of her undergraduate course requirement, she conducted an intervention research project in a local high school's special education classroom. The project involved assisting a student in her first steps using an alternative communication device. "The intervention resulted in substantial gains for the student and provided an excellent model for special education," says Dr. Betty Fry Williams, Amy's supervisor at Whitworth. Dr. Williams adds that she has recommended Amy and her partners to present their research at an upcoming conference.

As part of Whitworth's service-learning program, Amy, a member of the Music Teachers National Association, has played piano for senior citizens at a care center for the past two years. She has also taken service trips to Northern Ireland in 2004 and to Belize in 2006. Says Dr. Lisa Laurier of the Whitworth faculty, "Amy sees herself as a citizen of the world and embraces opportunities to learn about other cultures."

## **Mai K. M. Jones: 2009 Graduate Student Scholar**

**Mai Kapuao'ihilani Mei-Lin Jones** has received the 2009 PLT Graduate Student Scholar Award. The \$1,000 award, presented biennially, recognizes an outstanding graduate student in education.



Mai K. M. Jones serves education in three roles: as a student, as a teacher, and most important, as a parent. Here she and Amaris, five, share a moment together.

Since fall 2007, Mai has been enrolled as a graduate student in the University of Hawaii-Manoa's College of Education Graduate Division, in the curriculum studies preschool/primary program. A 2007 cum laude graduate of UH in elementary and early childhood education, she is a part-time teacher of 2nd-, 3rd-, and 4th-grade math and language arts in a Honolulu elementary school. In 2008–2009 she was the recipient of a Ke 'Ali'i Pauahi Foundation Scholarship, and she also received various Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarships each year during her undergraduate years.

In October 2008 Mai presented "Developing a Native Hawaiian Values Curriculum for Preschool" at the annual conference of the Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC). Her master's project is developing a Native Hawaiian values curriculum for preschool. Says Mai, "This will fulfill a need to have a culture-based curriculum that focuses on the whole child and aligns Hawaiian values to current preschool content standards, developmentally appropriate practices, and effective teaching pedagogy. Once complete, it is my hope to make this curriculum available online to any preschool in Hawai'i to adopt or practice."

Mai has contributed many hours to community service work, such as *heiau* (temple) restoration efforts, and *lo'i* (paddy) and *kahakai* (beach) clean-up projects. Familiar with both reading and speaking the Native Hawaiian language, she also describes herself as on a "conversational non-fluent" level in Spanish. Already a "fluent" ukulele player, she is also learning to play the piano. Mai served as president of the parent-teacher organization while her daughter attended pre-school. At her daughter's kindergarten, she currently acts as a liaison between the school governing board and the classroom.

Concludes Dr. Julie Kaomea, Mai's academic adviser in graduate school: "Mai is among a small but growing number of graduate students in the college of education who are committed to conducting research and developing culturally relevant curricula to benefit the young children of our Hawaiian community. Mai is a gifted teacher and an extremely motivated student with great professional promise."

## Beta Chi II Scholarship Recipient Leads “Exhausting” Life

This year, Beta Chi/William Paterson U. Chapter’s Beta Chi II Scholarship, hosted within the PLT Educational



Jamie Meisch

Endowment, goes to **Jamie Meisch**, a senior majoring in math and elementary education with a concentration in middle school. Jamie has made the dean’s list each term since her arrival from Seton Hall U. in fall 2005. A member of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the math club on campus, she

anticipates induction into Pi Mu Epsilon, the national honor mathematics society, this summer.

Many of Beta Chi’s past student members have been volunteers, but it is difficult to recall any with a résumé quite like Jamie’s. Jamie was a volunteer in Juarez, Mexico, in 2004, helping with repairs on a local community center;

in Trinidad in 2005, helping a local church with construction and teaching vacation Bible school; in Greece for Independent Study Abroad for nine months in 2006–2007, serving meals to a refugee camp in Athens; and in China in 2008, teaching English to college students and English teachers. This summer, Jamie plans to volunteer in Ireland in children’s sports camps.

In addition, Jamie has been a leader in her church’s youth group, mentoring middle and high school girls and planning weekend events and service projects. Her service projects have included overseeing an annual Thanksgiving dinner for people with AIDS as well as working in the AIDS hospice program.

Now that I’m totally exhausted, I would like to recognize Jamie Meisch as the Beta Chi Pi Lambda Theta Scholar for the upcoming academic year with an award of \$1,000.

—Barbara Stomber, Donor Relations, William Paterson U.

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