

**Phi Delta Kappa  
University of Toronto Chapter  
2012 Outstanding Educator (left)**

Steve Paiken (centre) with his daughter Julia, receiving the Outstanding Educator Award from (R) Bev Freedman, Chapter President and (L) Marilyn Hahn, Past President.

**Honouring membership... Memorable  
Milestones (below)**

L-R Dr. Donald Hambleton (55yrs), Dr. Ed Quick (55yrs),  
Dr. Mary Hookey (25yrs), Gloria Baxter (20yrs), Robert  
Hookey (15yrs), Marilyn Hahn (20yrs), Irene Manahan  
(5yrs), Zenobia Omarali (5yrs)



**President Bev Freedman chats  
with Program Co-Chair Tim Rudan  
and Alice Pitt, Dean of Education,  
York University (above)**



**Attendees from the Ministry of  
Education and OISE (right)**

Including: Julia Pan, Phyllis Hendriks, Ruth  
Milne, Barbara Bodkin, Judy Speirs,  
Laurie Kukulewich





**Benjamin Petric, 2012 Jackman Award Winner**

Benjamin Petric's goal is to be an effective and dynamic teacher who facilitates and models for students the hope, passion, and spirit of engagement that successful learning and living requires. He is a recent graduate of the consecutive Bachelor of Education program at York University's Faculty of Education. His teachables are Politics, and Environmental Studies at the Intermediate/Senior level. He speaks French and Spanish.

Following his Honours B.Sc. in Political Science, and Environment & Science at the University of Toronto, he was posted to Havana, Cuba as a Youth Intern with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). He has volunteer and work experience with Pathways to Education in Regent Park, and has worked as a Teacher Facilitator for two seasons with the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre (OELC).

During his personal time, he enjoys playing soccer, and a personal goal of his is to play his trumpet more frequently.



**Mohammad Ali Zaman, 2012 Prospective Educator Award Winner**

My name is Mohammad Ali Zaman and I am currently a student at Georges Vanier Secondary School. I came to Canada in 1999 with my family from Pakistan, at the tender age of only 4 years old. I come from a family of four sisters, and I am the only male in my family besides my father.

At a very early age, I took an interest in literature and the sciences. I would often exert my creativity by designing mechanical and robotic devices. I am involved in many different clubs at my school, including the badminton team, student council, and peer tutoring. I am currently employed as a sales associate at Staples Business Depot. I am a graduate of MSC2.ca which is basically an enriched math, science, computers, and communications technology program for extraordinary students. I believe that education and its practical application is the key to success.



**Nehal Petal, 2012 Susan Seidman Excellence in Student Teaching Award Winner**

"Become the change you want to see." -Mahatma Gandhi.

This is my philosophy of education. I believe that educators have all supremacy in creating citizens of our future. Born in Canada, raised in an Indo-Canadian home, I have been well nurtured to appreciate education and gain a passion for learning. This is the force that has taken me to all heights in my academic career, where I continue to strive and aim for the stars. Being the first generation in Canada to pursue higher education has made my family very proud. They were able to successfully achieve their dreams in coming to Canada for a better life and education for their children. Having successfully completed my undergraduate degree at York University majoring in Environmental Studies with a minor in Biology, I knew that these were great characteristics that will help me build a future in education.

Teachers of my past have inspired me to become the "change" I am today. I hope to be that special teacher one day by providing the values and knowledge we have in our hands now to give to them tomorrow. I take the path of Mahatma Gandhi in being a purist for change, and I hope to achieve my goals as an educator.



**2012 Initiates**

L to R: Jackie Scroggie, Christine Bellini, Jelena Rakovac, Nehal Petal, Mohammad Ali Zaman, Benjamin Petric, Tim Rudan



**Supporting A Prospective Educator**

R to L: Mohammad Ali Zaman, Zenobia Omarali, Bill Velos, Mary El Milosh, Gloria Van Welsyk, Urooj Zaman



**Enjoying The Evening**

L to R: Long time Kappan Gloria Baxter and Anne Seymour.

## Post AGM

### Congratulation to Our 2012 Doctoral Dissertation Winner



**Boni Thompson** is an elementary teacher with 15 years' experience in the Orangeville area. She completed her Master of Education degree at York University in 2002 including a Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Her doctoral studies, supervised by Sharon Murphy of York University focused on assessment, politics and student achievement.

## International Involvement of Our Chapter's Executive



Santo Domingo

### Volunteering in the Dominican

President Bev Freedman volunteered her services in the Dominican Republic this summer. Her expertise was appreciated by the cohort of Dominican principals whom she taught. Bev gives back to the wider community through Teacher Mentors Abroad.

### UT PDK Welcomes 4 Faculty and 24 Students from the University of Jinan, China

As Partners in Education with the Canadian Federation of University Women - Niagara Falls Club - THE UT CHAPTER OF PDK welcomed Faculty and Students from the University of Jinan, China on August 13, 2012, at the Niagara Falls home of CFUW and PDK member Elizabeth Manker. The students were enrolled in a program at the Niagara Centre for the Arts, under the direction of Dr. Lan Wong.

At this event Carolyn Moras and Lis Horley-McLeod offered a welcome, and presented a certificate to each of the students. The faculty and students of Jinan were very honoured to receive these certificates, as well as the presentation by CFUW. In a moving exchange, beautiful gifts were presented to us by the Jinan students.

The fellowship successfully allowed all 55 people in attendance to chat, exchange ideas, practise language skills and enjoy the music of Pianist Terry Brown on keyboard. It was a treat to have a Chinese flute played by a young student. The visitors from China, engaged in classic dancing, happily invited everyone to dance with them. They sang several songs, including "God Save the Queen", "O Canada" and other songs, surprisingly inviting a Japanese member of CFUW to lead them in the Chinese National Anthem because she spoke Mandarin!

This indeed was an international event with refreshments provided by PDK, CFUW, and teachers from the Niagara District School Board, Niagara Falls, New York.

The CFUW members sang to the visitors: "We're Glad you're Here with Us Tonight." The door prizes provided lots of fun and laughter for the students.

The whole evening was very enjoyable for all. The evening closed with The Blessing by CFUW member Shirley Stoner: "...We are grateful to have discovered so much unity in our diversity. Protect us as we travel. Inspire us for the work that lies ahead of us. Give us pleasant memories of the time we have spent together. Be of good comfort. Be of one mind. Live in Peace, and the God of Love and Peace will be with you."

JoAnn Masterson, PDK District Director, summed it up: "What a magnificent, collaborative event you orchestrated perpetuating camaraderie, understanding and trust, friendship and good will halfway across the world with our Chinese colleagues. This truly embodies the international spirit of Phi Delta Kappa International."

Event Reported by Elizabeth Manker. Kappan Elizabeth Manker is our Niagara Falls Coordinator.



L toR: Kappans Lis Horley-McLeod, Carolyn Moras, and Elizabeth Manker present to University of Jinan Professor



Students from Jinan University