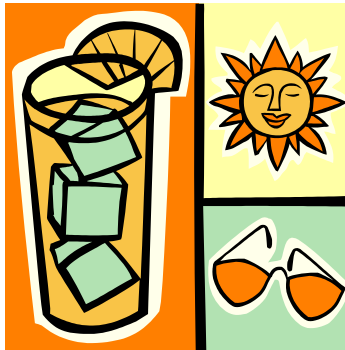


# Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Newsletter



## May, 2013 (Second Edition)

### Notes from the Executive Director

Before the SAIL/ToTAL staff leave for the summer, I thought I'd try to get out one more edition of the newsletter. I wanted to share some of the great things that are happening in May!

### End of the Year Celebration

Thanks again to the Sunshine Committee for preparing the End of the Year Celebration. We had a wonderful time!



We celebrated our retirees, Vicki and Carla.



We saw folks from our past... (and present)....





We said goodbye to Sue...



Thanked those with many years of service to Mid-Valley...



And many more years of service. We welcomed all of our new staff and thanked their mentors as well. Thanks to all of you!

Mark your Calendars for September 12, 2013: **Mid-Valley's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

I hope you will join us on September 12 for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Please let me know if you have any ideas or would like to assist in the planning. Right now, we are looking for pictures of students or events in the past for the slide show and the history book we are creating. Just let me know if you'd like to help!!

End of the Year Reminders

- Equipment moves or storage goes to Bonnie with a detailed list by the last day of school. There is a form on the website. Boxes have to be labeled 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, etc.
- ***It is very important that items for ESY be included in the moving requests.***
- There is compensation for packing/moving, if the program is being relocated. Request boxes from D303 if necessary from Sandy.
- Turn-in p-cards and keys to your coordinator.
- Everyone should follow the cleaning and packing guidelines of the host school. (MJC staff will have specific direction.)
- Related services should work with students up to two days before the end of the school year.
- Purchase orders for the upcoming school year need to be sent through the coordinators. These orders will be processed (pending budget approval) after July 1<sup>st</sup>, the new fiscal year.
- In the fall, when you are checking in packages, make sure that you send all packing slips from all purchases to Sandy.
- ***Return all workboxes to Sandy Gearhart's attention. She will inventory and clean them all up for use next year.***
- ***Return technology.***
- ***Submit prior approval and sign up for summer classes.***

- *Sign up for summer CPI.*
- *Sign up to be a mentor.*
- *Give Bonnie your summer email and home address if you aren't using the district email.*

### IPad Reminders from Rona

IPad users: Please make sure you follow the instructions in a recent email from Rona regarding some clean-up tasks for your iPad before you turn it in for the summer.

### Graduations

*Congratulations to our SAIL/ToTAL graduates:* Michael Artz, Amanda Bollero, Meysam Chashtari, Carlton Fisk, Nicholas Loney, Daniel Lott, Daniel Martinez, Brandie Mattice, Abbey McAuliff, Haley Morris, Miranda Naden, Maria Perez, John Remitz, Andres Rodriguez, Bryan Staniszewski, Ryan Turnquist, and Alonzo Wicks.

*Congratulations to our New Directions/Safe Schools graduates:* Kari Ann Brand, Nicholas Crown, Joshua Denson, Randy Dobbins, Paul Garza, Jonathon Goode, Adam Jackson, Micah Johnson, Alex Koepke, Anthony Leswig, Jordan Piechna, Joseph Seaman, and Ebony Trotter.

### Name Change

The Transition Team has decided that they would like all of the students who are 18-22 years old to be considered SAIL students. We will just have three primary locations for them: SAIL at ECC; SAIL at WCC ; and, SAIL at Shelby. We will try to phase out the term, ToTAL. The new name better describes the types of services that the students are receiving and it will be less confusing for our parents and stakeholders.

### Birthdays!

Apparently, I left off the May birthdays on the last newsletter! Happy birthday wishes (a little late) to: Jeff Baker, Chuck Brunsvold, Sharon Jenkins, Ronda Keisling, Mary Knishka, Phyllis Markovic, Yolanda Smith, Linda Koch, Barb Rowe, Claudia Vodden, and Jill Wilder.

### Thoughts and Prayers...Get Well Wishes

We continue to send our well wishes and prayers to:

Kathy Wieringa's son who is currently at Children's Memorial where they are trying to determine why he is so sick. It is a great mystery and our hearts go out to the whole family.

Bonnie Carlson's son who will be going to the Mayo Clinic to determine why he is so sick as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families.

### Our Sympathies to...

On behalf of all of us, we extend our sincere sympathies to Myra Stinson and her family at the passing of her father-in-law.

### Program News

Amanda Bollero was hired at her vocational worksite, Portillo's Batavia. She has worked hard prepping food in the kitchen. Amanda is a great fit for the Portillo's organization and is well liked by her co-workers. Best wishes to Amanda on her employment!



The Hearing Itinerant Program kids and teachers had a wonderful time at their annual movie night!

### Professional Development Opportunities

The following are some professional development opportunities you may want to explore. Just let Carla know if you'd like more information.

*The following are some other professional development opportunities you may want to explore.*

- Special Education Classes and Directorship Cohorts through Aurora University in the summer. Contact Andi Danis: [adanis@aurora.edu](mailto:adanis@aurora.edu); 630-844-3857.
- Wilson Reading, June 24-26. Oakbrook

### Infinitec Summer Training Camps--Dates and Training Titles are:

June 10, 2013 to June 11, 2013 8:30-4:00 (Low Incidence)

Facilitated by: Dr. Therese Willkomm – Ph.D., ATP, National Assistive Technology Consultant  
Beyond Duct Tape & Velcro – Making, Mounting & Modifying Assistive Technology Solutions  
In Minutes

Location: UCP/Infinitec Southwest 7550 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tinely Park, IL 60477

June 10, 2013 to June 13, 2013 8:30-4:00 (High Incidence)

Facilitated by Meg Ormiston – National Assistive Technology Consultant  
Getting Your Students College & Career Ready By Integrating Technology Into Your Teaching  
Practices

Location: UCP/Infinitec Southwest 7550 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tinly Park, IL 60477

June 12, 2013 to June 13, 2013 9:00-3:00 Facilitated by: Dr. Therese Willkomm - Ph.D.,  
ATP, National Assistive Technology Consultant

Beyond Duct Tape & Velcro – Making, Mounting & Modifying Assistive Technology Solutions  
In Minutes by

Location: UCP/Infinitec Southwest 7550 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tinely Park, IL 60477

June 25, 2013 to June 27, 2013 Facilitated by: Linda Burkhart – International Consultant on  
Augmentative Communication & Assistive Technology

PODD Communication Books: Three Day Introductory Course

Location: UCP/Infinitec Southwest 7550 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tinely Park, IL 60477

### Accommodations & Stipends:

Infinitec will provide hotels for teams traveling very long distances (participants will need to share rooms). Infinitec will provide light breakfast snacks and lunch (dinner will be on your own). Please contact Peggy Zegley at Infinitec if you have more questions.

### Final Thought

Have a wonderful summer! I'll see you in August!