I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam.
Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me; I was there.
I led my troops, I was dirty, battleworn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country. And when it's by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.

But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.

I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldiers, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY LONG MAY I WAVE.
DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN LONG MAY I WAVE.

...Author Unknown
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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association shall be to promote the advancement of education by improving the quality of service by educational office personnel to institutions of learning and the profession. The objectives of the Association shall be to provide professional growth opportunities, to recognize office personnel as members of the educational team, and to elevate the standards of office personnel in education.
My favorite season is spring. The new flowers begin to emerge from the ground and with the first blooms, it brings about an attitude of well being. Spring is not too hot and not too cold. It is just right, or at least it usually is. People just seem to be in better moods in the spring. In the winter they are always complaining about how cold it is and all the snow. In the summer it is too hot and we have electric bills too high because of the air conditioning. Spring no-one really complains about.

Fresh fruits are usually very abundant and the fresh air somehow puts everyone in a good mood. It is also the time we start thinking about going to the NAEOP conference. This year particularly will be a very special Nebraska year. As you can see our student scholarship winner took second place, our special needs student won first, and our membership scholarship was won by our own Mary Guest. This next year Nebraska will be very well represented on the national board with Lola Young as President-elect; Lisa Morehouse, Central Area Director; and Gretchen Walker, Higher Education Council Chair. Nebraska also has submitted several awards that won't be announced until the Awards Luncheon on Thursday, July 21 and the 3rd General Session that afternoon. In the past NEOPA and all the Nebraska local associations have always done rather well in these categories. Look for the fall issue of the NEON for a full report of all the activities of the conference.

If you ever wanted to go to a National Conference, now would be the time. You can still register and make plans. It is never too late to join us in South Carolina. They even take walk-ins.

I hope everyone has a very enjoyable summer. May your travels be safe as you go to the NAEOP conference or on vacation.

The next newsletter will be the Annual Report which should be out sometime in July.

Diane Wasser
## Upcoming Events 2010-2011

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**FRIENDS ARE ANGELS WHO LIFT US TO OUR FEET WHEN OUR WINGS HAVE TROUBLE REMEMBERING HOW TO FLY**

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## Announcements

At the NAEOP conference this summer we will honor some Nebraskans:

- Jhany Alvarado placed 2nd for the Marion T. Wood Student Scholarship
- Jacob R. York placed 1st for the Special Needs nominee
- Mary Guest won the Marion T. Wood Membership Scholarship
- Gretchen Walker will be installed as the Higher Education Council Chair
- Lisa Morehouse, installed as Central Area Director
- Lola Young will be installed as the President-Elect
A Royal Invitation to the NEOPA Fall Workshop

The royal wedding of William and Kate has created worldwide excitement.

But, there is another event stirring conversation that will be held on October 21, 2011, on the Columbus Campus, which will be bursting with gorgeous fall colors and a few stately white pumpkins. This anticipated event is the Fall 2011 NEOPA Conference titled “Staying Connected in A Changing World.”

While we won’t be chatting about wedding gowns and a sapphire ring, we will be discussing InDesign, personal accountability, social networking, solutions for workplace aches and pains, coping with stress and so much more!

As your hosts, we would like to extend a warm, gracious invitation to gather with women who share your dreams and a passion for lifelong learning.

This truly will be another royal event highlighting esteemed speakers along with contagious laughter and scrumptious food.

We look forward to meeting you.

Karin Rieger
Karen Mroczek
Columbus Community College

Thursday, April 5, 1984

Nothing phony here

Charlotte Stelling demonstrates the new telephone switchboard to her co-workers at the University of Nebraska’s Northeast Station in Concord last week. The Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company installed the system last week to replace the larger, more cumbersome switchboard which had been at the experimental station since it was built 26 years ago. The new phone system gives the station’s various offices the capability to call from one to another without going through the switchboard. Also, the Dixon County Extension Office now has its own telephone line. The new number is 584-2234.

The employees above are (from left) Pat Ratliff, Evonne Magnuson, Sandy Linneberry, Mary Jarvi, and Mrs. Stelling (holding telephone).
Lincoln Public Schools Association of Office Professionals

Lincoln Public Schools Association of Office Professionals had 36 of their members lose their offices in the fire that destroyed the District Office. Many lost personal items that will be hard to replace. They are now scattered across the city at different locations. Here is a summary of the department locations and their addresses:

Human Resources and Accounting/Payroll—located temporarily at East High School until early July and then they move to the Celerion Building at 14th and Stockwell. PO Box 82889 Lincoln, NE 68501

ESU, Curriculum, Federal Programs and Library Media Services—located at the Experian Building 949 West Bond Street Lincoln, NE 68521

University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association

Newly elected officers for 2011-2012 are from left to right. Cathy Robertson, President-Elect; Jennifer Arnold, Treasurer; Donna Boone, President; Lainey Bomberger, Corresponding Secretary; and Mary Klucas, Recording Secretary
The spring semester has come to a close and WEOPA has had many good presentations and lots of opportunities for learning about new technologies these past few months. Our January meeting involved Rod Hunke, from one of our local banks, speaking to us on “Retirement and Your Finances.” He gave us some handy information on where we should be putting our hard earned money to best suit us later in life! He also spoke to us about stocks and our TIAA CREF plans.

Brett Parker, from our WSC Network and Technology department, joined us for our February and April meetings. He showed us how the updated version of video conferencing worked and showed us in detail how cool our new Smart Boards on campus are!

In March, WSC Retiree and WEOPA member, Linda Teach hosted an “Adobe Professional Workshop” which many non-WEOPA members also attended. We learned about creating fillable forms and other useful Adobe functions. It’s always nice to see a member shine in their knowledge while teaching it to others!

May, again, was our annual Bosses Luncheon in conjunction with the National Educational Bosses Week – May 16-20, 2011. We had a wonderful meal and three of our WSC multicultural students spoke to us about their homeland. Through their power point presentations, we saw many amazing pictures, learned many facts, and were made aware of many cultural traditions. It was nice to see the passion the students held for their home country and the appreciation for the educational opportunities they are receiving in this country. The Luncheon culminated with the drawing of two door prizes; one for a male boss and one for a female boss. It was tough going back to work after such a fun and interesting set of presentations and a full tummy! Also in May, our group volunteered to work at our local refurbished theatre “The Majestic” which is run by volunteers. We earned a percentage of the concession sales and we all had a great time. We even got to watch the movie for free if we stayed to help clean up afterwards. This may become a regular fund-raiser in the WEOPA future.

Now, looking ahead to our summer, we are excited to go on our annual Ladies Night Out adventure in June! Some plans are still up in the air, but tanking down a river just may become reality! July and August will be the election and installation of new officers, respectively, for the upcoming year!

On behalf of WEOPA we wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Amanda Hank
WEOPA Vice President
NAEOP News
2010 National Conference in Kansas City

NAEOP 2011 Conference
Charleston, SC
Embassy Suites, Airport

Charleston Area Conference Center
July 18-22, 2011

For more details visit:
www.naeop.org/conference/annual.htm
Be prepared to learn, laugh and live life to the fullest in historic Charleston, South Carolina, in 2011.

5th Annual PSP Luncheon focused on Football and Greek History

The Professional Standards Program (PSP) Endowment Committee of the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association went back to Ancient Roman days and Football at their 5th Annual PSP Luncheon on April 2, 2011. Commentators on college sports have alluded to how football programs at certain universities achieve such a high status among their fans that it almost becomes a religion. Some might argue that Nebraska football has reached that level. As an archaeologist who understands the workings of ancient Roman culture and being a fan of college football, our featured speaker Dr. Michael Hoff from the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was struck by the similarities of this religion and college football. In his presentation, Dr. Hoff shared insights on how UNL’s football program, like ancient Roman religion, is an institution that binds together the different populations within the state.

It was a diverse audience this year with both men and women attending the event to hear how Ancient Roman Religion and Nebraska Football are similar. Much laughter was had by all in attendance.

The luncheon was held at Vine Congregational Church. In addition to the presentation and lunch, a silent auction was enjoyed by all guests and committee members. Donations by PSP Committee Members and various Lincoln businesses contributed to a very successful auction.

UNOPA members on the Committee were Jeanne Andelt, Kathy Bennetch, Debbie Hendricks, Pat Hust, Tricia Liedle, Linda Luedtke, Lorraine Moon, Cathy Robertson, Edie Schleiger, Doreen Wagenaar, Gretchen Walker, Diane Wasser, and Lola Young.

Watch for information on our 6th Annual PSP Luncheon in future newsletters to be held Spring 2012 in March or April.

Report by Lorraine Moon
Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for all your support regarding my education! A scholarship such as this one makes all the extra hard work as a student rewarding and provides me with a quality education. I am extremely grateful for your kindness and motivation to create successful futures for students such as myself.

I grew up in a very humble community that thought me the real values of life. Even though my parents did not raise me in an ideal neighborhood, I am proud to say that all the financial challenges truly shaped me into a mature young adult that I am today. Life’s challenges have made me stronger and awfully grateful for all the help outside the limited financial assistance provided by my family.

I recently decided to double major in international business and accounting, and am going to be taking summer courses at Central Community College (CCC). I plan maintain in Grand Island at CCC for the first year including full time summer courses due to losses of family members. After the first year at CCC I will be transferring to University of Nebraska- Lincoln and I will be dedicated to earn my degrees.

I have been inspired by your donation which has motivated me to fight for my dreams despite of hardships that I may encounter throughout the way. I have hopes that one day I will be able to change lifes for less fortunate student like you have.

Once again I offer my sincere appreciation for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jhany Alvarado
Nebraskan’s to receive Recognition at NAEOP Conference in July
Student With Special Needs Scholarship

Let me introduce to you, Jacob R. York, NAEOP’s Student With Special Needs Scholarship recipient for this year. What a handsome and neat young man he is! Jacob is the son of Mary K. York from Aurora, NE, and has autism. He has been a member of the NHSBF Bowling Team for four years and has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years. He graduated this year with a cumulative GPA of 3.65. He is a hard worker having work experience at Aurora Coop, Leadership Center, and Collingham Construction.

Comments made by those who wrote recommendation letters include the following:

“The first word that comes to mind about Jacob is inspirational. He has worked hard to overcome the challenges of being autistic and has not allowed this disability to limit his academic progress. Jacob is a positive role model and well respected by his peers, teachers and administrators.”

“Throughout the year Jacob has demonstrated many forms of maturity, ability, and will power to be the best student possible. He has been successful in all areas of academics. These achievements are ones that haven’t been handed to him, but earned.”

“Jacob has a natural aptitude in math, completing five years of college preparatory math including trigonometry, statistics, and calculus as well as physics. This has carried over to the area of business where he has found his niche in accounting and this year is completing accounting II and earning three college credits. His attention to detail and ability to apply concepts is outstanding. He is a tremendously focused student who grasps information quickly.”

“Jacob approaches work, and all aspects of life, with a very positive attitude. When you combine a strong work ethic with a positive attitude, it is a winning combination for all. His character, integrity, and positive nature set him apart.”

Now in Jacob’s words why he wanted to win this scholarship:

“I have a disability called Autism. I was diagnosed with it when I was five years old. Autism has affected me through the years by my speech and interactions/conversations with people. My speech is not real clear and sometimes people can’t understand what I’m saying. Most of the time they can though. I try to talk to other people and get involved in conversations. I have to practice social skills that I learn from my speech and language teacher.

I drive a vehicle and am on the National Honor Society in high school. I have two jobs that I enjoy, I am responsible and try my best at everything I do. My future goals are to go to college to take accounting and math classes. I will also be meeting all new people that I can get to know. I want to study hard so I can get good grades and will hopefully lead to a job in the accounting department of a good company. I want to live on my own someday so will need a good job. After two years in the community college I am wanting to transfer to a four year college so I can get a Bachelor’s degree.

I would be thankful for any scholarship money I receive. If I receive enough for tuition, books and fees than I won’t have to work so much outside of school and be able to concentrate more on my studies and getting better grades. Thank you.”

Congratulations, Jacob, you will represent Nebraska well, and good luck to you this fall at Central Community College in Grand Island. I have a feeling a very successful career awaits you!

by Sandy Lineberry
Marion T. Wood Student Scholarship

Jhany Alvarado will graduated from Grand Island Senior High this May in the upper 15% of her class. Her teachers and counselors speak very highly about her work ethic, social skills, and involvement in activities and programs. She plans to begin her college career at Central Community College and later at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she will major in Accounting.

Her father is disabled and her mother works very hard to take care of Jhany's family of eight in a relatively low paying job. Jhany's mother's ability to make ends meet while providing for her family, instilled within her an intense interest in numbers and accounting.

Her goal is to obtain a Certified Public Accountant Degree and to minor in International Business. Once she obtains this goal, she would like to one day return to her childhood neighborhood and help others who may need help.

Jhany was not only awarded NEOPA's student scholarship award of $1,000, but also went on to win NAEP's second place scholarship of another $1,000. How exciting for Jhany, and also for all NEOPA members to have these scholarships go to, and be appreciated by, such a deserving young woman.

by Lola Young

Marion T. Wood Membership Scholarship

Mary Guest will receive the Marion T. Wood Membership Scholarship this July at Charleston, South Carolina. The scholarship has a value of $1,000. Mary is working towards her bachelor degree in Leadership through Bellevue University and will receive her degree in March 2012.

NEOPA Members to serve on National Board

Gretchen Walker has been named to serve as the Higher Education Council Chairman for the upcoming year.

Lisa Morehouse will continue her appointment as Central Area Chairman.

Lola Young was elected as President-Elect and will serve as our national president in the year 2012-2013.
NEOPA Membership Form

Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association
Membership Form
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Type of Membership: Renewal - Member #: ____________________________
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Classification: Active $15.00 Associate $15.00 Retired $10.00

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☐ I am a member of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals

I would like more information regarding:

☐ National association (NAEOP)
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☐ Finance
☐ Nominating
☐ Ways & Means
☐ Information Technology
☐ Field Service
☐ PSP
☐ Membership
☐ Awards
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☐ Publicity
☐ No preference, will help anywhere

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Make check payable to NEOPA and mail with membership form to:
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NAEOP Membership Form
National Association of Educational Office Professionals
Membership Form

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Active - $45  
Retired - $25  
Associate - $45  
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Corporate - $55

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Magazine Annual Subscription - $25  
Magazine Annual Subscription (Retired) $10

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Let’s be sure to utilize all the benefits of NAEOP membership!
Stay connected by:

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- Members Only—Log on to this site and utilize information for Members Only.
- NAEOP blog—managed by Carolina Wilson, IA—this began as an email on the NAEOP listserv. Participants shared comments about books read. Check it out at http://naeop.blogspot.com Join the fun and help grow the blog!
- Reading your NES Connector magazine.
- Read and get advice from Keeping Affiliates Active newsletter, put together by the current Advisory Council & Affiliations Committee Chairman.
- Begin planning for the 2011 national conference. The NAEOP board has a new “lay away” plan to help members begin saving for the conference.
SAVE THE DATE!

Join us next April for the 2012 Central Area Professional Development Day!

This event will be hosted by Kansas AEOP in conjunction with their State Conference.

Mark April 26-28, 2012 in Olathe, KS as a must attend event!

Watch for more details!

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