

Exceptional News

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Betty D. Cox, Editor

Focus on Membership

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Cecilia Arbuckle

This year has the potential to be a very exciting period for special education at the national, state and local level. Kentucky elections, support for special education, and community priorities are among the major issues facing us today. In light of our growth over the last several decades within our field, it is even more essential for professionals in special education to form a strong alliance. Our union will enable us to obtain necessary support and services for the exceptional populations we serve.

I strongly suggest to you that we allow the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children to become the thrust and spokesperson for special education needs in Kentucky. Through the coordination of efforts from local chapters, divisions, and the Federation, we will be able to be an active decision-making body within Kentucky. Policy change can occur through our efforts. However, this can only take place if we are working together on issues, policies, and coordination of efforts.

It is the Federation's hope that all chapters and divisions will work together for the development of a vital educational and community program for all our exceptional children within the Commonwealth. Please help the Federation acquire the necessary working relationships with each of you so that we can coordinate our efforts and needs.

Dr. Arbuckle is the Director of Educational Services at Brescia College in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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CEC is an international organization of over 50,000 professionals and individuals interested in exceptional children, both handicapped and gifted.

In addition to 1,000 chapters, 55 state and provincial federations, and the international structure, there are 12 divisions focusing their journals, research, and support on specific populations.

In Kentucky we have almost 20 chapters serving campuses and communities throughout the state. Our Kentucky Federation stages an annual spring convention, implements a Political Action Network, and provides support for our chapters and divisions.

Probably the most important feature of CEC membership that frequently goes unnoticed is our extremely effective lobbying group in Washington, D.C. We are credited with saving the Part B funds this year, which means jobs and direct services for thousands of people. The handbook which legislators use most frequently to provide them with information about exceptional children and youth was produced by CEC. CEC is the most significant voice of education in increasing the resources available and in influencing legislative decisions concerning handicapped and gifted persons.

CEC is currently responding to the National Commission on Excellence in Education report ("A Nation at Risk") to address the needs of exceptional students, which were frequently omitted. Judy Ashmore of Kentucky is one of six persons on that national CEC committee.

Of course, CEC provides journals, information services, topical conferences, conventions, discounts, and other benefits to its members. Professional growth through skills, knowledge, and involvement is a vital asset of CEC membership, as is the interaction with colleagues on the local, state, national, and international levels. Travel programs and insurance are also available to members.

CEC has published over 200 books, fact sheets, monographs, and media products, on which members receive a discount. Members have access to the information resources of CEC's ERIC Clearinghouse on Handicapped and Gifted Children, the most complete special education data base in the world.

CEC has also produced Professional Standards which have been adopted by many colleges and universities.

Beyond current tangible and intangible benefits and prestige of CEC membership, joining increases your impact on the future of special education. CEC is the voice of and for exceptional children both now and in the years to come.

Together, we make things happen!

Kentucky Federation Commissions a Painting

By COLEMAN HOUSE

The Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children recently commissioned Artist Betty Bruner of Barbourville, Kentucky, for a painting depicting a handicapped child. The painting is to be placed in the Kentucky Room of the CEC International Headquarters in Reston, Virginia. It will be on display during the Fall Conference of the Bureau of Education for Exceptional Children to be held at the Executive West in Louisville on October 21 and 22, 1983.

Final action on reproduction of prints of the painting will be taken during the General Board Meeting of the Kentucky Federation of CEC on October 20. If the Board decides to have the painting reproduced in prints, CEC members will have an opportunity to submit a title for the painting. The member submitting the winning title will receive a print and special recognition during the CEC Spring Convention at Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell.

Mrs. Bruner is donating prints of other of her works to use in promotion and is planning to present an exhibit of her work during the Spring Convention at the Drawbridge Inn. Mrs. Bruner has been the recipient of many awards as an amateur artist and began her professional painting career just recently. The Federation is fortunate indeed to have found such a talented and sensitive artist for this important project.

SCEC NOTICE

By BRIDGET SALOT

The Kentucky SCEC will meet on Friday, October 21, 1983, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the Gallic Room in the Executive Inn West at the BEEC convention.

There will be a presentation by Mary Kemper, Program Specialist, on leadership training and a CEC overview from the SCEC perspective. The meeting will also include fund raising and discussing ECE week and Special Olympics. We need your attendance at this important meeting.

JOIN CEC

THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

And receive the following benefits and services . . .

PROFESSIONAL PERIODICALS

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN—for 50 years the official journal of the Council, keeps members informed of the state of the art and future trends in special education. Published six times annually. Volume 50 Highlights: Professional Standards; Special Education in Rural Areas; Families; Program Effectiveness.

TEACHING EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN—the practitioner's journal with useful teaching ideas. Published four times each year.

SPECIAL INFORMATION SERVICES

ERIC and CEC Information Services—together they provide access to over 425,000 references on handicapped and gifted children . . . the most complete special education literature collection in the world.

Technical assistance and training—for school districts, state departments of education, and other agencies.

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

Only CEC members are qualified to join one or more of CEC's 12 Divisions—special organizations concentrating on a particular exceptionality or unique aspect of special education.

CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

Over 400 professional program choices at CEC's Annual Convention . . . with special features such as product exhibits and a personnel recruitment center.

Topical conferences on issues of current significance.

Conventions in every state and province annually.

Internationally known speakers.

DISCOUNTS

Member discounts on over 100 books and multimedia products.

Member rates for conferences and the annual convention.

Member discounts on computer searches of special education data bases.

Group rates for worldwide travel opportunities.

Group rates for special low-cost programs for major medical, disability, and life insurance . . . and on professional liability plans for educators.

A STRONGER VOICE

CEC continues to be the most powerful force for progress in the education of exceptional children and expansion of the professional programs that serve them.

OPPORTUNITY

Interaction with special education leaders at local and state/provincial meetings, conferences, and conventions.

Influence on local services for exceptional children through participation in the activities of CEC chapters and federations.

Professional growth through increased skill and knowledge afforded by CEC publications and services . . . and from access to the network of thousands of CEC colleagues.

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

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(Only CEC members qualify for membership in CEC Divisions.)

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MINI GRANTS

By Kathleen Reutman

The Kentucky Federation of CEC will again be providing mini-grant awards to Chapters and Divisions. Proposals will be accepted for areas of interest that a Chapter or Division feels will help them to meet their particular goals and objectives. The Federation will award grants with a maximum of \$200.00 to any Chapter or Division selected.

All Kentucky Chapter and Division officers have received a letter addressing specifics and application procedures.

NOTICE
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