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PLT Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students in education, educators, and professionals who have contributed to education (including psychologists, counselors, nutritionists, librarians, etc.) with 3.5 or higher GPA.

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PLT Perspectives

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From the Desk of President Ruby Cain: “Kaleidoscope of Learning”



Our theme for the 2004-05 program year is “Kaleidoscope of Learning.” In keeping with the theme we offered a myriad of learning opportunities. We began the year by hosting PLT Great Lakes Region II Conference, June 23 - 26, 2004. Dr. Suellen Reed, Friday luncheon keynote speaker, addressed Indiana strategies for academic success. Fort Wayne native Quinton Dixie, PhD, keynote speaker for the opening session, addressed “Public Schools - Past, Present, Future: The Impact of Brown vs. Board of Education.” He also conducted a presentation on “The Place of Faith in the Educational Setting.” Dixie is co-author of *This Far By Faith*, companion book to PBS TV documentary. Other Fort Wayne Thetans presenting at the conference include Karin Hutsell (Mush into Reading: Using a Theme to Increase Fluency and Comprehension in Readers), Waltrina Dufor (Infusing Diversity in Student Leadership Curriculum), Verleash Jones (Afternoons R.O.C.K.), Pamela Cook (Early Childhood Literacy from Oxford, England), Francine Segars, J.D. (Copyright and the TEACH Act), June Robinson-Evans (New Teacher Performance Based Portfolios), Joan Lewis (Learning Through International Student Exchange and Scrapbooking: Easy as 1, 2, 3), Ruby Cain (3 Children, 3 Cultures and the IEP), Diana Jackson (International Students: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities), and Kathryn Carlson-Heler, Ph.D. (Uncovering the Enigma of Writing the Successful Grant Proposal).

In September we offered Parental Advocacy & TEAL (The Educator as Leader)

workshop. Keynote speaker was Dr. Barry Kanpol, Dean IPFW School of Education. TEAL was facilitated by Liz Douglass, PLT International Treasurer. Participants were given the challenge to address a critical issue in education, post it on the PLT International website and communicate with others around the world. Check out the PACs (Personal Action Commitments) made at www.pilambda.org. Other programs this year included Childhood Obesity, Art in Black & White, Celebration of Freedom: Escaped Slaves & Underground Railroad in Allen County (co-sponsored with AAUW), and Vocational Education.

The variety of programs offered something for everyone. As we look through the kaleidoscope of learning may we continually improve our practice and our community.

Thetan Milestones

Congratulations to Thetan Darlene Kurtz, who celebrates 50 years of membership with Pi Lambda Theta this year. Darlene is a retired FWCS teacher.

Congratulations to Joshua Cryer, who received a \$25,000 scholarship to study in Mexico, as the highly coveted 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholar of Downtown Rotary Club.

Best wishes to the following Thetans who are pursuing doctoral degrees in education: Ruby Cain, Pamela Cook, Waltrina Dufor, Verleash Jones, June Robinson, Kathy Sherman, and Marje Treff.

Veteran Leaders: PLT Members for 20+ years

Thelma J. Brown	51 years	Dr. Ken Keller	21 years	Marlene Rutz	48 years
Kathy Bruns	31 years	Sheila Kiefer	26 years	Dr. Gloria Shamanoff	25 years
Adeline Coe	49 years	Darlene Kurtz	50 years	Dr. Marjorie Souers	40 years
Dot Easterly	46 years	Susan Kay Longworth	35 years	Lee Spade	23 years
Barb Fries	41 years	Cheryl Lovinger	25 years	Eleanor Strahm	44 years
Betsy Gemmer	42 years	Cheryl Miller	33 years	Jamie Tomlinson	21 years
Henrietta Goetz	22 years	Ruth Minsel	56 years	Karen Wakley	42 years
Betty Gorrell	24 years	Kathleen Murphy	38 years	Jan Younger	22 years

Future Leaders: 2004-05 New PLT Members

Sunday, September 26, 2004

- Hana Stith, retired FWCS teacher & Curator, African/African-American Historical Museum

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

- Quinton Dixie, Ph.D., Professor, IPFW
- Kevin Johnson, Retired, Human Services
- Paige Sharp, Curator of Education, FW Museum of Art

Monday, March 14, 2005

- Kim Barnett-Johnson, Division Chair, General Education, Ivy Tech State College
- Marje Treff, IPFW Writing Lab & BSU doctoral student

Saturday, May 28, 2005

- Francine Segars, J.D., Professor IPFW School of Business & Management Science

Present Leaders:

- Roma Jean Bradburn: Active on local, state, and national levels of Indiana/American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
- Ruby Cain: Tower Bank's Towering Force, IPFW's Great Men & Women in Diversity, FW African American Cancer Alliance Advisory Board member, member of The Links, Incorporated, AAUW Diversity Chair, YWCA Board, FW Education Foundation Board
- Adeline Coe: National Navy Club Chairperson of Americanism Committee, Block Captain, Bradenton American Cancer Society, Church groups
- Dot Easterly: AAUW Program Chair, New Haven Women's Club Meeting Liaison, Volunteer Tutor, First Presbyterian Church, - several committees
- Miles S. Edwards, PhD: United Way Diversity Initiative, Treasurer & Co-Founder of African/African American Historical Society, FW African American Cancer Alliance Advisory Board Member, President Heartland Chamber Chorale Board, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Fort Wayne Black Expo Board member.
- Barb Fries: Outreach Chair, Trinity Episcopal Church, Allen County First Steps Council & Transition Committee Co-Chair, CANI Head Start Professional Development Committee & Health Advisory Committee, Women's Bureau Public Policy Committee
- Karin Huttsell & Jeffrey Nowak, Ph.D.: Recipients of ITT Industries Excellence in Education Grants.
- Karin Huttsell: 2004 NSSEA Be Your Best Teacher Scholarship Recipient & Science Committee member for Indiana's Academic Standards Resources.
- Janet Keith, Northeast Indiana Homemakers Association - First Book.
- Sheila Kiefer: Volunteer Receptionist, FW Philharmonic
- Pat Kohart & Ruth Niewyk, with members of Downtown Rotary Club traveled to Uttar Pradesh, India to administer polio vaccine to hundreds of children in November 2004.
- Niki Steitz: Church Elder, Day Camp Leader First Presbyterian Church, AAUW Recognition Chair

PLT Special Projects:

Thetan Joan Lewis chaired the 2004-05 **Special Project** to write curriculum for Alpha Tyme Academy, mentoring program for middle school boys of color, coordinated by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Under her guidance, Thetans Ruby Cain, Jeannie Fisher, Verleash Jones, Janet Keith, Dr. Ken Keller, and Karen Wakley wrote the curriculum. This project will be on display at PLT Leadership Conference in New Orleans.

Thetan Madeline Garvin will chair 2005-06 **Special Project** (Academic Achievement) that will include tutoring for 10th and 11th grade students that are at risk for not passing ISTEP and assisting in college searches, scholarships and essay writing. The pilot project will target two schools, Snider and Wayne high schools, beginning in October on Tuesdays—Thursdays, 2:45—3:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed.



November 27, 2004: Ruby Cain (center) visited PLT Chicago chapters, returning on March 5, 2005 to facilitate TEAL workshop.



October 20, 2005 PLT Program: "How We Learn—History of Education in Allen County, 1820-1920" Keynote speaker: Todd Pelfrey, Director of Education, Historical Museum.



February 26, 2005: Ruby Cain (right) and Joshua Cryer (left) IPFW Great Men & Women in Diversity Award recipients.



Zenaida Velez (right) congratulates Diana Jackson, recipient of City of Fort Wayne Mayoral Award for community service.



March 9, 2005: Ruby Cain, Miles S. Edwards, Ph.D., Diana Jackson, and Zenaida Velez are Fort Wayne African American Cancer Alliance Board members and planners of "Bridges to a Healthier Community," featuring keynote speaker, David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., former United States Surgeon General.



May 28, 2005—PLT Initiation Ceremony for Francine Segars, JD
Left to Right: Greg Smith, CPA, Diana Jackson, Karen Wakley, Marge Souers, Ph.D., Ruby Cain, Francine Segars, JD, Janet Keith, Miles S. Edwards, Ph.D.



March 14, 2005 Initiation

Left: Kim Johnson



Right: Marje Treff

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PLT Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 23, 2005, 10:00 a.m. "Special Education & the IEP" & Tour of League for the Blind & Disabled
Location: League for the Blind & Disabled

This program will outline the relationship of the IEP to special education services and services/accommodations that are available to help students with disabilities be successful. A tour of the League for the Blind & Disabled will follow the presentation.

Silent Auction (please bring items to auction and come prepared to bid.).

Thursday, July 21, 2005, 10:00 a.m. "Retreat & Potluck to the Lake"
Location: Thelma Brown's Lake Cottage, Syracuse, IN

July 28–31, 2005
PLT Leadership Conference (44th Biennial Council)
Hotel Monteleon—New Orleans, LA

"Leadership Revolution"
(includes StrengthsQuest workshop)

Registration: \$257 or \$227 if you volunteer to assist with registration.
Student fee: \$157. To register – www.pilambda.org.

Saturday, September 24, 2005
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

"PLT Great Lakes Region II Business Meeting"
Location: Fort Wayne, IN
All members are welcome to attend.

PLT Briefs

PLT Fort Wayne Area Chapter mourned the loss of Thetans **Mary Gold-Armstead** on July 27, 2004 & **Helen Schoeff** on December 6, 2004. Sympathy was extended to **Dr. Marge Souers** for the death of her father.

Niki Steitz attended a dedication for her brother, George Quamo. In 1963 - 1968, he was a highly decorated Green Beret Army officer. He was reported missing in action while serving in Vietnam. The Sand Lake Sheriff's substation was renamed The Major George Quamo Substation in his honor.

We bid farewell to Niki Steitz as she moves to Florida. Nike served many years as Scrapbook Chair, keeping a written and photographic record of our programs and accomplishments. She will be greatly missed.