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By Debbie Jasinski, CEOE

Governor Mifflin School District held an in-service on "Attitude Is Everything", which included administrators and office professionals.

I have a lot of hopes, dreams, and goals. Unfortunately, there was a lot of negativity in and out of the workplace and other areas. During the in-service, I received a "Who I am Makes A Difference" blue ribbon. Receiving the ribbon really helped me. I truly have stuck to my hopes, dreams, and goals.

I work for Cumru Elementary School. My building received another type of blue ribbon: the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. My boss Mr.

James M. Watts, Cumru Principal was one of the finalists for the National Distinguished Principal's Award for Pennsylvania. Mr. Watts, and everyone at Cumru Elementary School (including teachers, staff, and students) should be proud of themselves, because who they are does make a difference. The two issues made me think of "Who I Am Makes A Difference" Blue Ribbon Acknowledgement Ceremony. You too can make a difference.

Helice Bridges is the founder of Difference Makers International and creator/author of: "Who I Am Makes A Difference" Blue Ribbon Acknowledgement Ceremony. Her dream is to have a "Who I Am Makes A Difference"

blue ribbon over the heart of every person in America, transforming teasing, bullying, gossip, putdowns, and violence into appreciation, acknowledgement and making a difference for all people.

The program has touched many lives of people throughout the world, healing depression and illness, ending family and community feuds, reducing drug and alcohol abuse, stopping physical and emotional violence, and helping people make a positive difference in the world.

Jack Canfield, co author and editor of Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, says: If we want to overcome alienation, fear and violence in

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in action.

New Mexico State  
Conference

# New Mexico State Conference

Our conference was held on the 2nd weekend of November. Our agenda included ideas on the recruitment of new members and it is the priority of all our exiting members. Once the membership is extended, the conference will expand to include more workshops and professional motivational speakers. Our goal is to provide PSP points to our members in local and state capacities and to achieve their goal in becoming

certified personnel.

Another interesting topic discussed was the history of our State Doll TESSA. When she was presented to us, I felt she looked homely, when Viola and Lorena from Albuquerque, and Trish (known to all who go to conference as the Angel Lady) talked about Tessa and her history, it was very interesting and my view of her has changed. She is now a

special project to some of our members to update her and keep her traveling.

We would like to hear some highlights from your conferences that have or will be held for our newsletter. In fact we would like to hear what is going on in your chapter, a brief paragraph would be appreciated.

Pennsylvania State  
Conference

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The Pennsylvania Association of Educational Office Professionals will be held on April 28-30, 2010, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA.

Debbie Jasinski, CEOE, PAEOP President-Elect and Conference Plan-

ning Chair, welcomes everyone to attend the conference.

NAEOP President, Pam Posey, will be presenting session topics on Explore Your Talent and Let Your Light Shine, and Establishing Your Upward Mobility.

Plan to reserve your hotel room early to guarantee your accommodations suit your preference. Rooms fill up quickly. Please use the reservation phone number at 800-233-7505 and the hotel's

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conference code is EDU0427 when making your room reservation.

programs/educational-secretaries.

The conference is a great way to reach for the stars with networking, meeting other office professionals, enhancing your professional development and growth. The conference information is available at [www.outreach.psu.edu/](http://www.outreach.psu.edu/)

If you have any questions about the conference or need further information, please feel free to email me at [djasinsk@gmsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:djasinsk@gmsd.k12.pa.us) or [vacationtime01@aol.com](mailto:vacationtime01@aol.com), or by calling 610-775-5081, Ext. 5131.

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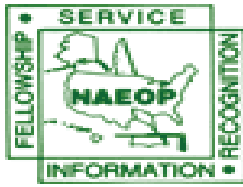
The mission of the NAEOP Foundation is to create and promote personal development

opportunities for educational professionals through seminars, scholarships, and the advancement of NAEOP.

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be done online, print and mail, or fax your application and payment to the national office. The NAEOP fax number is 316-942-7100. The mailing address is: NAEOP, Friends of the Foundation, PO Box 12619, Wichita, KS 67277.





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society, we must learn how to reach out to each other with love, respect and validation. The "Who I Am Makes A Difference" blue ribbon process helps us do that easily and powerfully."

"I want to honor you with this blue ribbon son." The boy started to cry. His son looked up at his father and said through tears, "I was planning on committing suicide tomorrow, Dad, because I didn't think

that you loved me. Now I don't need to."

I tell every staff member and child in my building that "Who you are does make a difference in this world. I also tell them, don't let anyone tell you any different. Become a steward of a dream with a blue ribbon on every person, with no one left out.

For more information, con-

tact Difference Makers International, a nonprofit organization at [www.blueribbon.com](http://www.blueribbon.com).