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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Wednesday, September 25, EEAC will hold a membership meeting at the Con Edison Energy Museum located on 14th Street between Irving Place and 3rd Avenue. The meeting will include a reception hosted by Con Edison. Details will be in the mail soon!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

On January 1, 1991, I became the chairperson of EEAC and have spent this year learning the intricacies of the organization. My first step was to check the mail that had accumulated at the Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment. Next, I called a meeting of the executive committee, newsletter editor, and a cross section of the active membership. This meeting was held a month before I took office - so I could incorporate their ideas into my plans for the organization. A six month calendar was generated, and the steering committee mailing list was updated. Since our newsletter was not scheduled for printing, I had our secretary mail to each member: the six month calendar, mailing list, dues notice and a personal greeting with an organizational overview from me. We also sent a request for members to make known their ideas for the organization.

I instituted a 14 day meeting notice mailing schedule to give everyone adequate notice of upcoming EEAC meetings. For information and upcoming events sharing (a most important part of our meetings), I tried using a written report format. This put an accurate schedule of our member organizations events directly into everyone's hands - even if they could not be present. Unfortunately, many members like the old verbal sharing method.

We are planning three conferences for the coming year: one with the Department of Environmental Protection, one with the Council on the Environment, and one with the Central Park Conservancy. We are also working on a meeting with NYC politicians - possibly at City Hall. I have been lucky that most of the officers this year have been on the job for many years and know what has to be done to make EEAC great.

Michael Mann
EEAC Chairman

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

A voluntary organization in support of Environmental Education for New York

UPCOMING EEAC EVENTS.....

Steering Committee Meetings

Locations to be determined, call Michael Mann at (718) 941-9835 for details. All meetings begin at 4pm. Notices will go out in advance.

Thurs. Sept. 19th
Wed. Oct. 16th
Wed. Nov. 20th
Wed. Dec. 18th
Wed. Jan. 15th

Membership Meetings

Michael Zamm, Vice Chairperson for programs, is working on several for the next few months. Of course, notices will go out well in advance, but if you have any questions, call Mike at his office, (212) 566-0990. Dates are:

Wed. Sept. 25th, at the Con Edison Energy Museum, 14th Street between Irving Place and 3rd Avenue. This meeting, which will include a reception hosted by Con Edison, will begin after 5 pm.

Wed. Nov. 13th, at N.Y.U. This is the Annual Meeting and, in addition to elections, we expect there will be a panel discussion on environmental education issues. This meeting will begin at 4:00 pm.

Sat. Jan. 11th, 1992 (tentative). We are hoping to have a legislative meeting at City Hall.

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!!

Most environmental organizations have newsletters. Many of these newsletters have their own names (City Green, Ripples, PEEC season, etc.). It might be time for EEAC to name its newsletter. If any member has an idea for a name, please submit it to the Newsletter Editor, at the address listed in the bottom right corner.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The dates for submission of materials to the Editor are: November 4, February 3, May 4, and August 3.

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Please send material (articles, drawings, letters, program information, etc.) for inclusion in the EEAC Newsletter to Therese Braddick, Newsletter Editor, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, The Overlook, 80-30 Park Lane, Kew Gardens, NY 11415 or call (718) 520-5905.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NOTES cont'd.....

Environmental Action and Service Curriculum Now Available

by Michael Zamm

Teachers, youth leaders and community activists who want to involve students, youth groups, and neighborhood organizations in environmental improvement projects should order the revised 239 page TRAINING STUDENT ORGANIZERS CURRICULUM (TSO), published by the **Council on the Environment of New York City (CENYC)**. Price: \$15.00/copy.

The TSO Curriculum contains step-by-step lesson plans for organizing: anti-litter campaigns, recycling centers, energy conservation activities, alternative energy efforts and many other environmental improvement projects. Teachers and students can use the curriculum to conduct letter writing and petitioning campaigns to protect water quality and lower noise levels. Lesson plans and narratives describe how to beautify local parks and preserve open spaces.

One teacher participating in TSO said, "My students learned they could act both individually and collectively to change things." A TSO student said "I have a much better understanding of our environment now. I don't litter anymore and I encourage my family and friends to try to take care of our world." Another stated, "I had the experience of doing things I wouldn't have done otherwise. These projects helped me to learn to help other people, which is something I like to do."

"The Training Student Organizers Curriculum is an extraordinarily useful tool in our effort to educate young people, who will need skills to address the environmental problems in today's world and the world of the future," said Lou Siegel, Department of Science Chairperson, Oceanside High School in Oceanside, New York.

To receive copies of the TSO Curriculum send payment with order to: Council on the Environment, Inc., 51 Chambers Street, Room 228, New York, 10007, Attention: Michael Zamm.

The Explorers Club and Gateway Environmental Study Center proudly present...Global Exploration

The challenge of knowing more about the environment has led scientists and explorers to distant and often inaccessible places. Their findings add to our fund of knowledge about the complex world we inhabit.

At this Thursday evening series (7:00 - 9:00pm) you can be an armchair explorer and visit distant lands and waters with expert guides. Presentations take place at Gateway Environmental Study Center, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, and at the Explorers Club, 46 East 70th Street, New York, NY.

New teachers can earn 2 hours of credit per session and all are welcome. Space limitations necessitate advance registration. Call the Explorers Club at (212) 628-8383 or Gateway Environmental Study Center at (718) 252-8285 for more information.

Clearwater

In the past, many of you have enjoyed sailing on the Environmental Sloop Clearwater. You are probably unaware that the boat is maintained by volunteers. If you would like to show your appreciation for the work of this flagship of the environmental field, why not volunteer to help out during maintenance time. For more information, contact Michael Mann, EEAC Chairman.