LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION for
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

NEWSLETTER

Please plan now to be present at our annual meeting which will be on Monday, November 19, 1990 in Baton Rouge at the Embassy Suites. We have met on the Monday before Thanksgiving for many years. Since about 1980 we have been meeting as a section of the Louisiana Association of Educators. This year I was notified that we were no longer going to be allowed to meet with them as a section. We were given no reason for their action but I suspect it is a cost cutting measure. They claimed that it would be a requirement for all ACEI members to be LAE members. Be that as it may, I had to make a decision in consultation with the other officers. We decided to continue the Monday before Thanksgiving meeting. Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend!

We have a lovely place to meet and eat. Doris Coats helped make arrangements for us and we appreciate that so much. The meeting will be at 12 Noon in Cranberry’s non-smoking room at The Embassy Suites on 7 10 near the Sheraton and across from the Hilton. The menu will be: Chicken Andouville Gumbo, Fresh Marinated Pasta Salad, White Chocolate Mousse, Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Tea or Decaffeinated Coffee for $9.94. We are asking $10.00 and have guaranteed 25. We need your reservations in as soon as possible.

Our speaker will be Dr. Darlene Nemeth, psychologist, who will address the "hard to teach" child. She will be available for questions and suggestions. Dr. Nemeth has a very successful practice in Baton Rouge where she works with children, parents, and educators. I guarantee you will enjoy Dr. Nemeth’s presentation.

We are planning for violin music for your dining pleasure. Doris is working on this too. Another possibility I am working on: A special display of the manipulative materials as designed and used by Proehl in his early kindergarten. ACEI owns these materials and I have requested these on loan for our meeting. You will be very interested to see them - they are most interesting and unusual. I borrowed them for a state meeting about 20 years ago so maybe its time we let our younger members get to see these.

News from Louisiana Tech is that the branch is still functioning. They presented the ACEI Award to Lori Jordan last spring on Awards Day. Dr. Catheryn Weitman is the sponsor of that group. They have a Super Sale set for December 8th! Keep up the good work, Tech!

Dr. Beth Wise and Dr. Judy Shaver of McNeese State University made a presentation at the International meeting in April last spring. They and your state president represented Louisiana in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Rapides Branch had their 16th Annual Children’s Art Show. Dottie Brechtel has chaired the show for the past 3 years and does a super job. Fran Humphries is president of the Rapides Branch. The June meeting featured Dr. Robert Shaffer who spoke on the governor’s “Right to Read” program. Dr. Shaffer is Superintendent for Curriculum in Rapides Parish.

We haven’t had news from Shreveport, Monroe or New Orleans - we hope some of you will come and fill us in on what’s going on in your area.

The 1991 International Study Conference and Exhibition will be April 17-20, 1991 in San Diego, California. Make plans to attend if you can - we need more representation from Louisiana.

Please do plan to attend the Baton Rouge meeting - we need you.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hearn
La. ACEI President

ACEI...concerned with the well-being of all children...infancy through early adolescence
ACEI STRATEGIC PLAN
1990 - 1991

The Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) is a nonprofit professional membership organization that will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 1992. The Association's members come from every segment of the preschool, elementary and middle school fields, and include child care providers, teachers and teachers in training, administrators, researchers, teacher educators and institutional subscribers. During its long and distinguished history ACEI has provided continuous and substantive support for children, and individuals and institutions who work with children in educational and allied professions. The Association works to establish and maintain the highest standards for child growth, development and learning. It does so by identifying and addressing current issues and concerns that affect the development of every child to his/her full potential, and which fall within the scope of the Association's constitutionally defined purposes. The Strategic Plan is the Association's vehicle for accomplishing this task.

The ACEI Strategic Plan is issue-driven. Its purpose is to help ACEI leaders at all levels define, develop and disseminate programs and services that address current issues and concerns in childhood education, thereby furthering the purposes and goals of the Association. The Executive Board is responsible for conducting an annual review and revision of the Plan. The annual update, which is coordinated by the Executive Director, is based on a consensus on current issues and concerns identified by the membership as requiring attention. Data acquired from the membership is incorporated with recommendations from ACEI Committees and Headquarters staff at the Spring Annual Study Conference, and the revised plan is subsequently published and sent to the membership for implementation during the year beginning July 1.

I. Purposes and Goals

The purposes of ACEI internationally are:

- To promote the inherent rights, education and well-being of all children in home, school and community
- To work for desirable conditions, programs and practices for children from infancy through early adolescence
- To bring into active cooperation all individuals and groups concerned with children
- To raise the standard of preparation for all of those actively involved with the care and development of children
- To encourage continuous professional growth of educators
- To focus the attention of the public on the rights and needs of children and the ways in which various programs must be adjusted to fit those rights and needs.

To achieve these purposes, ACEI is guided by a dynamic philosophy of education which is flexible and responsive to human needs in a changing society (ACEI Constitution, Article II, as revised April 23, 1988).

II. Current Issues and Concerns Requiring Attention in 1990-91

- Children of all ages, infancy through adolescence, must be provided an education appropriate for their stage of development.
- Programs must be provided to meet the education and development needs of at-risk children, including those affected by poverty, drugs, disabilities, homelessness, abuse and violence.
- Parent involvement in the education of all children must be encouraged and promoted.
- Teachers' professional needs must be addressed, including education, certification, empowerment and recognition.
- Current kindergarten practices such as early placement, retention and academic curricula and instruction must be evaluated from the perspective of ACEI philosophy.

III. Guidelines for the use of the Strategic Plan

An important tool for members at every level of the Association, the Strategic Plan is intended to assist the Executive Board, ACEI Committees, and Branch and State/Province affiliates in plan and conduct programs that address the issues and concerns, and which inform educators, legislators, and the larger community as well. ACEI Headquarters will provide pertinent resource materials for branch and state/province activities, among them publications, videotapes and program packets with approved action plans and projects.

ACEI leaders and members at all levels of the Association may call the Headquarters office in Wheaton, Maryland, for further information on the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan. (301) 423-3363.
RESERVATION

NAME __________________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________________

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TELEPHONE ________________________________________

Luncheon Reservations @ $10.00 ________ Amount Enclosed _______

Monday, November 19, 1990, 12 Noon
Embassy Suites, 4914 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge

Return by November 17th to:
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