



Communicator

News from Utah Association for Adult, Community,
and Continuing Education

March 2001

Dan Clark Convention Keynote Speaker

Susan Anderson, President Elect and Conference Chairperson has announced that Dan Clark, author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, will be our keynote speaker for our thirteenth annual UAACCE convention. He is a nationally-renown motivational speaker who understands the struggles of adults as they try to find meaning and purpose in life.

The conference committee is busily planning for the convention with the theme of "Virtual World of Learning." Ted Ungricht has had some of his UVSC students conduct a phone poll of many of the UAACCE members to help guide the planning process. Members have identified several types of presentations that they would like at the convention. If you would like to present or know someone who would be a quality presenter, please contact Susan Anderson at (801)576-7981.

Put October 29-30 on your calendar and encourage your colleagues to do likewise. The committee has set a goal of getting an additional 50 people to join us at Park City Marriott for this year's convention.



Notes from President Cindy Krueger

I read a story I would like to share with you from the book *DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF... and it's all small stuff. Simple ways to keep the little things from taking over your life*, by Richard Carlson. This strategy is one of the most helpful exercises I've learned to help me deal with difficult people, disappointments and bad news. Some of you have read the book; if you haven't, it is worth reading.

Title: Imagine that Everyone Is Enlightened Except You.

As the title suggests, the idea is to imagine that everyone you know and everyone you meet is perfectly enlightened. That is, everyone except you! The people you meet are all here to teach you something. Perhaps the obnoxious driver or disrespectful teenager is here to teach you about patience, the punk rocker might be here to teach you to be less judgmental.

Your job is to try to determine what the people in your life are trying to teach you. You'll find that if you do this, you'll be far less annoyed, bothered, and frustrated by the actions and imperfections of other people. You can actually get yourself in the habit of approaching life in this manner; and, if you do, you'll be glad you did. **(Continued on page 2)**

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Often, once you discover what someone is trying to teach you, it's easy to let go of your frustration. For example, suppose you're in the post office and the postal clerk appears to be intentionally moving slowly. Rather than feeling frustrated, ask yourself the question, "What is he trying to teach me?" Maybe you need to learn about compassion--how hard it would be to have a job that you don't like. Or perhaps you could learn a little more about being patient. Standing in line is an excellent opportunity to break a habit of feeling impatient.

You may be surprised at how fun and easy this is. All you're really doing is changing your perception from "Why are they doing this?" to "What are they trying to teach me?" Take a look around today at all the enlightened people.

--Richard Carlson

Consider the students with whom we work. Some of us work with ESOL, ABE, GED, Community Education, Continuing Education, etc., different areas and different people. Just think of every person we meet and what they are trying to teach us? If you give this strategy a try, you may be surprised at your changed responses. Hopefully lifelong learning will be filled with new adventures and successes each day.

Legislative Alert

As most of you are probably aware, the state legislature adjourned without addressing the status of the Applied Technology Centers in the state. We have learned that there is an interim committee working on a proposal which would create a new college in the state with each of the ATC's serving as branch campuses of that college. If this is indeed the direction that the legislature considers, there are numerous questions that adult educators as well as continuing educators need to have resolved, especially credit for high school work.

The state school board and the board of regents spent most of the day on March 15th in St. George trying to learn from each other the kinds of

impact this change would have on both systems. It appears they are recommending establishing a separate board to oversee the ATC college. Do we need another layer of bureaucracy?

We encourage all members who have an interest in this development to contact their legislator as soon as possible. We understand that there will probably be a special legislative session sometime in early April to vote on the proposals. Watch your newspapers for further details.

Local Service Awards

At our March board meeting in Ogden, two outstanding educators were honored with the prestigious UAACCE local service award. This award is specifically for the practitioners at the local level. At each board meeting we try to honor one or more educators. If you have someone you would like to nominate for an award, please send a letter of nomination to President Cindy Krueger.



Local Service Award Presented to Lou Ann Bessinger

The first recipient was Lou Ann Bessinger manager of the Ogden area Community Action Agency. She is responsible for the food pantry; arranging for emergency transportation needs via gas vouchers and bus tokens; arranging rentals, assisting in locating jobs, and promoting adult education to build job skills and strengthen the home and family. *(Con't on page 3)*

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Lou Ann has been responsible for “creating a powerful collaboration between the Community Action Agency and the Ogden City School District Adult Education Program for English as a Second Language learners. This program has become so successful that classes have been split and divided to accommodate many levels, and still there are nights when there is standing room only.”

Kim Dohrer in presenting the award stated, “Lou Ann is always ready to help her clients find ways to improve their lives through education.”

Congratulations to Lou Ann Bessinger for being such a great asset to the people in the Ogden area who receive assistance because of your



dedication and help.

Local Service Award Presented to Marsha Prantil

Marsha Prantil is a visionary. When she first realized the need for after-school childcare, she had to overcome the school administrator’s belief that childcare was the responsibility of families, and the private providers fear that she was taking away their business. She persevered and helped organize the childcare system and was their leader for a long time. Marsha was instrumental in obtaining the childcare office for the state. When the 21st Century Grant funds became available, she put the proposal together along with the many other organizations she had developed relationships with while doing the

after-school program. Marsha was successful in receiving the grant and changing the way childcare had been offered. She continues to improve the system that provides childcare services to the children of Ogden and Weber County.

Marsha’s ability to work with a variety of people and her dedication to children are her greatest assets. Her flexibility and patience are her greatest skills. It is with great admiration and appreciation that UAACCE awards Marsha the Local Service Award.

Legislative Action Workshop

UAACCE and its community education forum is sponsoring a Legislative Action Workshop on April 9, 2001, at the Utah Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, Salt Lake City. Those attending will gain knowledge and confidence about legislative procedures. You will learn about current issues on the State and National level that impact education in your community.

For more information contact Sandra Grant at (801)538-7844.

UAACCE Scholarship Guidelines

The Utah Association for Adult, Community and Continuing Education is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for its members. These scholarship funds are generated by various UAACCE fundraising activities. The purpose of these scholarships is the help member attend selected conferences, workshops, courses, or site visits that will help them become more effective in their own jobs. Applicants must locate and arrange their own visitations sites and make all other arrangements for travel, lodging, and food for the duration of the planned scholarship experience. Scholarships are available in any amount up to a maximum of \$450.

Contact Sandra Grant at (801)538-7844 or visit our web site (www.uaacce.org) for an application.

Notes from the field.

In each issue of the Communicator we will spotlight one or more programs to help us all become more aware of what is happening throughout the state.

**San Juan Campus
College of Eastern Utah
by Don Larson**

The San Juan Campus will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in October 2002. Located in Blanding, Utah, the San Juan Campus is a full-service community college, serving as an administrative unit of College of Eastern Utah. Originating with the efforts of a citizen's group, the campus has a central mission of providing service to the community. Educational, economic, and cultural thrusts are an important part of that service.

In addition to a strong academic program of general education, certificate education, and associate degrees, the campus offers adult education programs in partnership with the San Juan School District. The campus also provides non-credit technical education in partnership with the Southeast ATCSR. In addition, the campus provides a full-range of community education offerings.

The San Juan Campus serves just over five hundred students each semester. Fully half of these students are Native American students from the Navajo, Hopi, and Ute nations. We also host international students. This past year we have had students from Viet Nam and Mongolia as part of the student body. We pride ourselves on our diversity and the quality of our instructional staff. The campus has thirteen full-time instructors for on-site instruction. We also participate with the Utah Education Network and receive and originate nearly seventy-five additional courses each semester through the CEU system in southeast Utah.

The San Juan Campus also hosts the Utah State University Blanding Center on campus. USU has two dedicated classrooms and has access to four

additional satellite wired receive classrooms. Students who come to the San Juan Campus have access to developmental work, certificate, associate level, bachelor level, and master level programs (with the new USU Ed.D. becoming available in the near future). Nine buildings comprise the San Juan Campus, providing instructional, special event, dormitory, cafeteria, bookstore, student service, and library space.

Students come to the San Juan Campus because we are able to provide personal attention in and out of the class room. They also come for our excellent instruction in general education and transfer education, and they come for our programs in nursing, pre-education, business/computer science, and heavy equipment and truck driving. We feel that we can prepare students to compete in the work force and to succeed in additional education at transfer institutions.

The fact that the San Juan Campus just happens to be located in the heart of red rock canyon country, within a short drive to eight major national park and monuments, and with an incredible vista, makes us an attractive alternative to urban schools. Call 435-678-2201 for further information.

National Service-Learning Exchange

The Learn and Serve America Exchange supports service-learning programs in schools, colleges and universities, tribal communities, and community organizations across the country through peer-based training and technical assistance. People who are seeking assistance may call a toll-free phone number (877-LSA-EXCHange) or visit the Exchange Web site (www.lsaexchange.org) to connect to one of five Regional Centers for assistance. Utah is located in the Pacific Region.

If people need individualized help, the Regional Center staff will provide contact information for an Exchange Peer Mentor.

**Thoughts from an
adult education director**
by Kim Dohrer



I am in my fourth year as an adult education director and I now know enough to know I know very little. Therefore, I am willing to share any knowledge I have with you.

I asked myself what three things have I learned that might be helpful to other adult educators. So here are my thoughts and remember this is just the opinion of one.

1. The State Office of Education is not the enemy. Call them, talk to them, argue with them, laugh with them, because they really are very helpful. Whenever I call Sandi, Shauna, or Dave they always respond and try to help.
2. Make friends with other adult educators. They are a strong support system for information and great to generate ideas for program improvement.
3. And last but certainly not least, don't forget we are all about students. Grants, S-3 reports, meetings and district politics really aren't our focus. Spend time in the classrooms, talk to students and celebrate their learning with them. We are actually involved with amazing people, so BE GRATEFUL.

UAACCE Board Member Profiles

Nikki Lovell is a Board Liaison representing Service-Learning and serves on the Professional Development Committee. She is a consultant for Substance Abuse Prevention, Service-Learning, Grantwriting, and a trainer for Dimension Three Training. Nikki first served as a Board member for the Utah Association for Community Education (later to become UAACCE) in 1981. She has served as a liaison and Board Member continually since 1990. She recently became a national trainer for the Pacific Regional Center for Service-Learning. In 1997 she began working for Harley Paulson at the Utah State Office of Education, as a Field Specialist for Service-Learning. Prior to working at USOE, she was employed as the Utah State Coordinator for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, University of Oklahoma. She was one of the first Prevention Specialists hired in 1983, through Weber Department of Human Services. "This organization is for me, something that has provided training and friendship for many years, even before I was a member. My mother (Zada Haws) was one of its first Presidents, she is a life long learner and has instilled that philosophy in the lives of her children".

UAACCE Board Member Profile #2

Lonnie R. Campbell Sr., is the Off-Campus Credit Program Administrator at Weber State University. His board assignments are Public Affairs Committee and Continuing Education Strand.

When asked, "Why did you become involved in UAACCE," he replied. "I felt that Weber State University needed to be more involved in local collaborative activities in education. This association seemed to be an organization that could have a positive effect on relationships between Higher Education, School Districts and Adult Learning organizations.

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At the time I was working closely with several school districts and wanted to improve relationships with the people I was working with."

Lonnie's philosophy of education is simple. "There are two things that come to mind as important. First, we are all life-long learners, and having a good attitude toward learning helps make life more enjoyable. The second is summed up in a quote I read with no author attached: "He who ceases to learn cannot adequately teach."

The most successful, interesting thing Lonnie has done in education? "A few years ago I was asked to lead an education travel adventure for 80 Japanese students, 40 American students, along with 3 Japanese and 7 American adult counselors. The Japanese students ranged in age from 7-19 and the Americans were from 12 to 18 years old. We traveled for two weeks visiting National and State Parks, points of interest, and theme parks, ending the trip at Disneyland in California. It was an eye-opening and very exciting experience to put the kids from different cultures together while camping and traveling in close quarters.

A quote that epitomizes Lonnie. "Life is too short to worry about the insignificant and inconsequential. Concentrate on the relationships and activities of value to yourself and those around you."

UAACCE Board Member Profile #3

Sue Myers, Board Secretary is ½ Coordinator, ½ Teacher at Ogden-Weber ATC Her board committee assignment is Professional Development.

Why did you want to become involved with UAACCE? "UAACCE supports all avenues of learning. As an organization, they support teachers, students, and administrators. The more these areas of learning work together, the better for students; and students are the reason we do what we do."

Her philosophy of education is: "Teachers can best serve students by helping them learn how to find answers for themselves and think beyond the questions at the end of the chapter."

The most successful, interesting thing Sue has done in education is to work with students to set personal goals they can achieve in and out of the adult ed program. "When a student sees the possibilities that lie ahead due to gains made in the classroom, then I have truly succeeded as a teacher."

A quote that epitomizes Sue. "When you give of yourself, you have truly given."

Congratulations to Lou Workman

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Lou Workman on her appointment as the new Dean of Continuing and Professional Studies at Southern Utah University effective this coming April.

Lou has served Utah State University for 21 years in several capacities with the past 10 years with Continuing Education. She served as the USU Brigham City Branch Campus Director and did a great job of building both enrollment and ultimately the challenging task of having the present facility acquired by Box Elder County, remodeled and made available for the USU Brigham City Branch Campus.

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In recent times she has served as Director of Regional Programs and went about the challenging tasks of selling USU Continuing Education programs across the region. There are many, many students who have completed their education because of Lou Workman's efforts and her contribution of reaching out and touching someone's life for good that brings tremendous impacts that are life long.

We commend Lou and want to express appreciation for her fine leadership contributions to UAACCE. We wish her both personal and professional success and happiness in her new role at SUU.

Corrections Education Forum

Susan Anderson presented a letter from a group of educators in Corrections education requesting that there be a forum instituted in UAACCE for all those who work with incarcerated adults in our state prisons and jails. The board took this matter under advisement with a positive recommendation and instructions for the group to achieve forum status.

By becoming a forum, the corrections educators ally themselves with a larger state organization while maintaining some autonomy for their specialized interests. Any other educators working with prisoner who would like to become members of this forum as well as UAACCE, please contact Jeff Galli at USOE and he will forward that information on to the group.

Articles Wanted

We are trying to upgrade the quality of the *Communicator* by providing more information about what is really happening in the field. We welcome articles about UAACCE members, retirement, awards, promotions or just something good they have

done. We are interested in learning what your institutions are doing to improve the quality of services to our clientele. What partnerships have you formed and who have you met with to further lifelong learning in the state.

Please send any information that you have to Gaylin Rollins at 702 W. 350 S. , Orem, UT 84058, or e-mail me at roll0790@alpine.k12.ut.us. Call at (801)227-2440 for more information.

Job opportunity.

The community services council of Salt Lake City is seeking an executive Director to oversee the operations of its multi-program outreach effort. The position would have responsibility for managing all aspects of the Council's programs including the Utah Food Bank, the Volunteer Center, the Information & Referral Center, LifeCare and Transitional Living Center.

Contact Business Advantage International, Inc.

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**UAACCE will be sponsoring
another grant writing workshop in
Cedar City on July 9-10 in
conjunction with the
Shakespearean Festival.**

**This was very successful last year
and we anticipate a great time for
those who care to participate.**

**Please go to the website at
www.UAACCE.org to get more
information.**

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 29-30** Light on Literacy Conference, Provo Marriott
- Apr. 5 Deans and Directors meeting, Price
- Apr. 4-6 Adult Ed Director/Coordinator Meeting, St. George
- Apr. 11 Adult Ed Advisory Committee Meeting
- Apr. 26-28 Mt. Plains Adult Education Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- May 8 Deans and Directors meeting, EDNET

**Statewide Literacy Conference
 Provo Marriott Hotel, March 29-30
 Contact Sandra Grant (801)538-7844**

UAACCE Board Meeting Schedule

- April 20 Moab
- May 11 Orem
- June 8 Brigham City
- July 13 Provo
- August 10 UEN
- September 14 Park City
- October 21 Park City
- November 9 Jordan
- December 14 Granite

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