



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear KSLA Capital Area Member,

I hope this message finds all of our members happy, healthy, and safe! We will take advantage of technology to hold our meetings and events virtually this year. You can find a list of all the events in the newsletter.

This past March we were scheduled to recognize and honor our outstanding new educators and the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg with the Celebrate Literacy Award. Initially, we had rescheduled this event for this coming September. However, due to increased community transmission of COVID19, the KSLA Capital Area board has made the decision to cancel this event. The board is working on a meaningful way to spotlight our new educators and the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg.

KSLA Capital Area, York Adams, Lancaster Lebanon, and Franklin chapters will be conducting a professional book study this fall. The title that we will be reading is Start with Joy: Designing Literacy Learning for Student Happiness by Katie Egan Cunningham. Grab a copy of the book today and more information will be forthcoming.

KSLA will be hosting monthly Wednesday Webinars. These webinars are for KSLA members only and will be offered for Act 48 hours. The list of Wednesday Webinars will be posted on the members-only section of the website. Please take advantage of these monthly opportunities!

Stay safe and be well!
Michael Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 8th
International Literacy Day

Tuesday, October 6th
Lynne Dorfman
Penn State Harrisburg

Thursday, November 7th
Read for the Record

<https://www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record/>

January 2021
Young Adult Book Study

INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

For our International Involvement Project, KSLA Capital Area made a donation to Hope Academy, which is a bilingual STEAM school for girls in Guatemala. Hope Academy is on an avocado farm in the agricultural area of the country. Our donation was used toward the purchase of age appropriate books for their library (pictured right).

We received the following note from Ruth at Hope Academy:

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Hope Academy. Your donation will help buy much needed books. We are not only stopping the cycle of children being unable to read, but also we are now helping parents discover the world through reading!



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR—O. LYNETTE SMITH, Ed.D.

We are happy to welcome Lynette to our board! Lynette is a very active educator. She teaches 7th grade academic literacy, is a contributing faculty member at Walden University, an Adjunct Professor at Penn State Harrisburg, and a board member of Notable Books for a Global Society. On her personal side, she is married (“to a wonderful man”), has four daughters, two sons-in-law, four grandsons, and one granddaughter. We are delighted to have her join our board.



HELP WANTED

Become more active in our local council. We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- **Social Media Manager:** keep all KSLA Capital Area social media accounts up-to-date and advertise events
- **Young Adult Book Study:** coordinate an online book study during January 2021

If you are able to help, please contact Mike Williams at ndguy1979@gmail.com.



Using Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Practices to Build and Sustain a Community of Writers

Featuring Lynne Dorfman
Author of *A Closer Look*, *Welcome to the Writing Workshop*, and *Mentor Texts*



VIRTUAL EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

About Lynne Dorfman

Lynne Dorfman's professional work has focused on strategies to bolster students' writing from elementary to college level. She has published many professional resources for K-12 educators and has presented at local, national, and international conferences. In this interactive session, Lynne will share classroom stories and offer suggestions for how to build a community of writers for all learners.

This interactive virtual event is open to the campus community and public. Registration is limited.

*Register via
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