

# *District 37 Dialogue*

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## **FROM OUR DIRECTOR**

**Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~Chinese Proverb**

PTA offers us many opportunities to learn and grow. One such opportunity is the 107<sup>th</sup> Illinois PTA Convention, March 13 thru 15 at the Holiday Inn Select in Naperville. It is close enough to come for a day. It is important enough to stay for the weekend. PTA training is an excellent use of PTA funds. Every PTA should have a representative in attendance. The workshops that are offered throughout the weekend promise to be great learning experiences.

Does your PTA offer the same fund-raisers year after year? Are they meeting your expectations? Would a new idea spark more interest and help your PTA make their budget? The exhibit hall at the Illinois PTA Convention will be on Friday, March 13, from 9 AM to 8 PM. It is **only** on Friday. You do not need to be a registered delegate to visit the exhibits, just bring your PTA membership card. Vendors and cooperating organizations from all over will be available for you to meet. Please consider taking a PTA road trip with your Ways and Means and Program chairs to check out new ideas.

Friday night is the PTA Awards Dinner and Ceremony. Your PTA works hard all year and it deserves to be recognized for the effort. The different awards and their deadlines are listed later in this publication. Please take the time to fill out the awards so your PTA can be honored. After completion of the recognitions will be a fun event with dancing. Join Illinois PTA as we celebrate all we do for kids.

On Saturday, there are two General Sessions. These are the general meetings of the Illinois PTA. It is during these sessions that the representatives of your PTA get to voice their concerns and vote. This year will include the election of officers for 2009-2011 term, election of the members of the Board Development and Nominating Committee, and the adoptions to amendments to the Illinois PTA, Local Unit and Council Bylaws. (Details are on the Illinois PTA website and in the *Illinois PTA Bulletin, Convention Issue*.) In addition, this is the tenth anniversary of the *Report on the Placement and Care of Children in Substitute Care*. The updated information on this report and resolutions on TIF districts and Social and Emotional Learning will be presented in General Session II.

The District 37 Caucus will be on Saturday, March 14 from 1:15 to 2:15. We will answer questions about candidates, bylaw issues, and legislation updates. If a ballot election is needed, an explanation of the voting process will be presented. Please plan to join us for lunch on Saturday. Check the message board by the Hospitality table for the exact room number for our meeting. Further details will be sent separately.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 6, 2009 – Website Award Deadline  
February 17, 2009 – Founders Day  
February 28, 2009 – Most Award Deadlines  
March 4, 2009 – D37 Reflections/  
Scholarship Reception at  
Central Road – Rolling Meadows  
March 13-15, 2009 – State Convention  
Naperville, IL

**DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE (Continued)**

The convention concludes on Sunday but it will be a full day before we are done. Begin the morning with the Healthy Kids Event to get you up and moving. Next, the final workshop session features three programs including National Standards for Family-School Partnerships presented by National PTA President-Elect, Chuck Saylor. The Closing Event is a luncheon with the installation of the newly elected officers. Lastly, Illinois PTA honors the Reflections and Scholarship recipients at an ice cream reception.

As you can tell, this will be a full weekend of learning, fun, and recognition. Please plan to attend.

~Michele

## **TREASURER – Barb Quinn**

### **CONVENTION –**

#### ***A BIG RETURN ON A SMALL INVESTMENT***

*How does the Illinois PTA conduct business?* Annually, a general meeting is convened in conjunction with a series of workshops, round-table discussions and an exposition of vendors. The annual Illinois PTA convention is the best way for local units and councils across the state to be involved in the business of the association.

This year, the 107th Annual Convention of the Illinois PTA will take place at the Holiday Inn Select in Naperville from March 13 through March 15, 2009. This year, the delegates to the convention will elect the officers for the 2009 through 2011 term. Each local PTA in Illinois will be receiving all the information pertaining to the annual convention via the *Illinois PTA Bulletin*. Information can also be found on the Illinois PTA website, [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org).

Why is the Convention a great value for PTAs? Here are a few good reasons:

It is an opportunity for new and potential PTA leaders to participate in training with other PTA members from all over the state.

It is an opportunity for PTA members to have a voice in determining the future leadership of the Illinois PTA.

It is an opportunity for PTA members to meet other members from across the state, where items of interest (shared-issues, concerns, solutions) can be discussed in both a formal and informal setting.

It is an opportunity for PTA members to learn about the priority issues that are being discussed in local communities, in Springfield and in Washington.

In short, this is *the* place to learn about how to be the most productive, effect PTA possible. Has *your* PTA included funds to send representatives to the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention? If not, there is still time to amend your budget and send as many representatives as possible. After all, convention is just around the corner this year! What better way to bring ideas, issues, programs and services back to *your* PTA. Learning something new is always a great investment—especially when it benefits our children.

## **SCHOLARSHIP – Lynn Topp**

Illinois PTA District 37 has awarded its Lillian E. Glover Scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. The recipients, Kelly Mincey and Jennifer Less, both are seniors at Buffalo Grove High School in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. They were chosen by a committee of parents and professional educators who evaluated all of the applicants on scholarship, leadership, school activities, and community service. Each applicant had to meet standard requirements which included applicants being a graduating senior attending a public high school, ranking in the upper 25% of their class, and enrolling into a college or university in the field of education or an education related degree program.

As PTA members and PTA units, we can help fund this worthy Scholarship through memorial gifts and direct donations via the Illinois PTA office. Illinois PTA also makes available various awards for those in your community and **now** Illinois PTA polo shirts are for purchase that will directly benefit our scholarship program. The polo shirt order form was listed in the convention issue of the *Illinois Bulletin* and is available on the website at: [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org). These shirts are available on a pre-order basis only. Please consider any of these

options as a great way to support the scholarship program as well as a way to show your appreciation to the recipients of the items you purchase.

## **NEWSLETTER – Nicole Fentem**

How do you utilize your PTA newsletter? Have you used it as a means to let your membership know about our Illinois PTA convention that is taking place March 13 -15 this year?

If you have, congratulations, this is definitely an appropriate use for a PTA newsletter! If you haven't thought of doing so, please do. This is a great way to let the community see that your local PTA is a part of one large voice for child advocacy. Some may be afraid to stand up to say "I'll chair that committee" or even "I'd love to be a part of that team", simply because they feel intimidated by the volunteers that seem to be experts at what they are doing. They may think being Legislation Chair is way beyond what they are willing to take on. By learning that there is a place for them with workshops on legislation and many other topics to help them be the expert, their anxiety may become lessened. PTA has a plethora of resources on so many topics and friendly experts willing to share their knowledge – all available just for the asking. If we are successful with our publicity, they'll volunteer and attend trainings, workshops and our convention activities.

Let your community know about the upcoming convention. There are **workshops** conducted by dads, moms, grandmas, aunts and uncles. Workshop topics include: legislation, texting, leadership, parent-involvement, diversity, health and membership to name a few.

Also at convention will be exhibitors. The hall is open from 9am until 8pm Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. PTA members do not have to pay to get into the exhibit hall whether they are a paid delegate to convention or simply a PTA member. Any 2008-2009 PTA member will be allowed into the exhibit hall *FREE* upon showing his or her PTA membership card. The **exhibit hall** is open to non-members as well, but for a \$10 fee. (Hmmm...maybe it is time to get a few more members signed up before convention hits.) This means a PTA member can visit the exhibit hall with any friend or family member

whether that person belongs to PTA or not. This may be a great way to grow even a larger voice for children.

In a nutshell; use your upcoming newsletters to let everyone know about the many things PTA will be showcasing right here in District 37's own back yard.

## **MEMBERSHIP – Liz Chlopowicz**

*The Many Ways to Make Membership Matter . . .*

Congratulations to the PTAs in District 37 who earned membership awards for 2007-2008! As a District we increased membership 2% above last year's numbers. Many of our PTAs took this challenge seriously and can proudly say they did it! Let's keep the members coming in so that we can increase our membership by at least 2% again this school year. Please see the District 37 website at [www.ilpta-d37.org](http://www.ilpta-d37.org) for the specific details of this year's membership challenge; each unit can still achieve this goal.

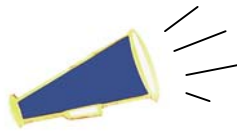
As this year starts to wind down and planning begins for next year, you will want to focus on your goals for the 2009-10 year. What goals were set and met this year – where can you improve? What methods did you use to reach these goals? Who did you recruit this year that you may have missed last year? Did you invite past board members to join again as community members? Don't forget to remind prospective members about some of the benefits available to PTA members including valuable online parenting resources and discounts offered by National PTA and sponsor companies, just to name a few. Did you remember to thank everyone for joining?

You might find it helpful to develop an evaluation tool for your membership campaign that will allow you to track and continue the progress you've made. The voice you have with PTA membership can be such a powerful tool at the Local, District, State, and National PTA levels. As your membership grows, your voice gets even stronger . . . for all our children!

For more helpful hints, visit [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org).

Please join us in making PTA bigger and better than before!

**You are Cordially Invited...**



*Calling ALL District 37 PTA members!*

Northwest Suburban Council and Schaumburg Township Council invite you to relax and enjoy good company with us at Convention. We are hosting a Hospitality Suite that will be at your service to:

- Hang up your coat
- Grab a free water & some snacks
- Be a meeting/check in place for your group
- Meet other PTA people from our area
- Put your feet up
- Stash your freebies
- Chat with the District Director, ILPTA President-Elect & NPTA President-Elect

Be sure to stop by and visit. See you in Naperville!

**CONVENTION 2009 –**  
**Reaching for New Horizons**

*Where there is something for everyone!*



**DISTRICT 37 CAUCUS ...**  
**... AT CONVENTION**



***“Reaching New Horizons”***

**Please Join Us At Our**

*Illinois PTA 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention*  
*District 37 Caucus*

March 14, 2009

1:15 – 2:15 pm

**It will be held at:**

**Holiday Inn Select Naperville Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Naperville, IL 60563**

Join us at caucus where we will answer questions about candidates, bylaw issues, and legislation updates. If a ballot election is needed, an explanation of the voting process will be presented.

Watch the message board by the Hospitality table at convention for the exact room number for our meeting. Further details will be sent separately.

Please plan to join us for lunch on Saturday while we discuss the business of Illinois PTA.

Our District 37 Caucus is becoming a widely talked about event amongst Convention attendees. Make sure you attend this year’s gathering.

The Illinois PTA Convention Bulletin is on the web [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org).

# Reflections Program - 2008-2009 - WOW!

## District 37 Projects advancing to Illinois State PTA

### Music Category

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>PTA</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jessica Streepy	2	Paddock School	NWSC	Cubbies say WOW
Ananya Shah	2	Dooley	STC	Wow! I am Parasailing!
Krislyn Cardoza	3	Hoover	STC	Surprise Party
Adam Chung	3	Marion Jordan	NWSC	Pangaea
Sophie Meier	4	Paddock School	NWSC	What a Wonderful Day
Adam Mead	4	Windsor	AHC	Wow! Toccata
Emma Simon	4	Fairview PTA	MTP	Butterfly Flying High
Annie Zheng	5	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Niagara Falls
Emily Jia	5	Whiteley	NWSC	My Sanctuary
Jennie Yang	6	Whiteley	NWSC	Exploring Emotions
Akanksha Shah	7	Margaret Mead	STC	Snorkeling with Dolphins!
Katelyn Kiner	8	South MS	AHC	WOW

### Film Category

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>PTA</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Title</u>
Mackenzie Stephens	2	Paddock School	NWSC	Whisper of the Wind
Katie Pennacchia	3	Virginia Lake	NWSC	AHHHH!
Amanda Grabowski	3	Nerge	STC	WOW!
Jessy (Heekun) Yang	3	Aldrin	STC	T-Rex's Scary Halloween
Erika Jaszka	4	Ivy Hill	AHC	I think animals are a WOW!
Andrew Markantonatos	5	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	America, You Rock!
Nathan Kawalek	5	Link	STC	Chicago
Jacquelyn Kincanon	6	Lake Louise	NWSC	The Great Battle
Nicole Gfesser	6	Winston Campus	NWSC	The Strange Dream
Danny Engstrom	7	Thomas MS	AHC	We Didn't Start the Fire by Billy Joel
Karyn Baldwin	8	Keller PTA	STC	The 7 Wonders Of my World (WOW)
Gracie Meier	8	Sundling Jr.	NWSC	Stop! ... picture time

### Dance Category

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>PTA</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Title</u>
Mary Tang	1	Whiteley	NWSC	Happy Morning
Sarah Zhou	1	Paddock School	NWSC	Sarah makes you "Wow"
Danny Kummer	3	Aldrin	STC	Space Jam
Mahyan Khalili	4	Armstrong	STC	Bandari
Kiara Morkert-Munoz	4	Kimball Hill	NWSC	Girl Power
Cathryn Byrne	4	Ivy Hill	AHC	"Wow" let's dance!
Hannah Mulroe	4	Patton	AHC	Hannah's Terble jig
Melissa Wickland	5	Aldrin PTA	STC	WOW - what a Wonderful World
Zoe Draznik	5	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Amazing
Hayley Ban	5	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Wow
Gillian Bourke	6	South MS	AHC	Jump Shout Boogie!
Ashley Guest	7	Sandburg PTSA	NWSC	Wow! Wow! Wow! Wow!



**Start planning next year's  
program today.  
It is never too early to begin.**

**Reflections Program - 2008-2009 - WOW!**  
**District 37 Projects advancing to Illinois State PTA**  
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**Photography Category**

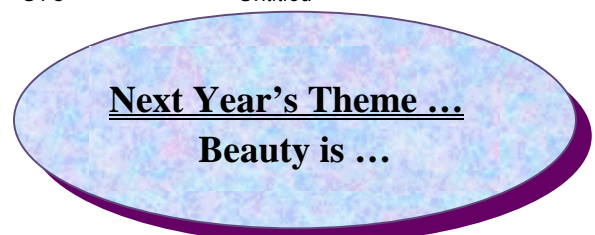
<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>PTA</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Title</u>
Zalen Capriolo	K	Nerge PTA	STC	Holy Cow!
Kai Takao	K	Paddock School	NWSC	The Sunset
Sophia Dmytryuk	1	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Wow! Bees at Work!
Carlyn Bratt	2	Winston Campus	NWSC	Moraine Lake From Above
Carlyn Bratt	2	Winston Campus	NWSC	Looking Up
Pierce Allord	3	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Wow: Wide Open Woods!
Maria Barto	3	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Up In The Sky
Breanna Parks	4	Nathan Hale PTA	STC	Sunset Photos
Chloe Bogdajewicz	5	Windsor PTA	AHC	The Painted House
Erin Crain	5	Westgate Elementary	AHC	Mystic Beauty
Samantha Schutz	5	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Wow! What a Face!
Matt Crabtree	7	Thomas MS	AHC	Na Pali Coast

**Visual Arts Category**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>PTA</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ragini Ramanujam	1	Willow Bend PTA	NWSC	Rainboz
Megan Forrest	1	Hunting Ridge PTA	NWSC	Wow look at the rooster and hen
Ryan Regier	2	Lincoln Prairie	STC	Chicago
Jaime Lyke	2	Dirksen Elementary	STC	WOW
Joseph Ahlgrim	2	Lincoln PTA	NWSC	The Reef
Kathy Neuckranz	2	Kimball Hill	NWSC	The Amazing Praying Mantis
Varsha Kalangari	4	Dirksen Elementary	STC	Crazy Plant
Diandra Duenser	5	Ivy Hill	AHC	Beautiful Nature
Shraddha Patel	6	Aldrin PTA	STC	Path to Happiness
Angela Bala	6	Link PTA	STC	Lost Kitty!
S. Molly Dominick	7	Sundling Jr.	NWSC	Wow! The miracle product that will spice up your life
Ryleigh Wilson	8	Sundling Jr.	NWSC	Untitled

**Literature Category**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>PTA</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Title</u>
Eden Grabianski	1	Hunting Ridge PTA	NWSC	Christmas
Emily Schulstad	2	Ivy Hill	AHC	WOW!
Flora Zheng	2	Pleasant Hill	NWSC	Wow, Christmas
Mackenzie Greene	3	Patton PTA	AHC	Experience of Wow
Natalie Pirovano	3	Michael Collins PTA	STC	My Wow Trip
Trevor Hallier	4	Virginia Lake	NWSC	Football
Suruchi Batra	5	Hunting Ridge PTA	NWSC	WOW
Rachael Taylor	5	Lake Louise	NWSC	WOW!
Anthony Fortunato	8	Sundling Jr.	NWSC	World Series Wow
Sierra Tuazon	8	Frost JH	STC	The Definition of "Wow"
Peter Bruno	8	Frost JH	STC	Our Words
Thomas Palcheck	8	Frost JH	STC	Untitled



## **TECHNOLOGY - Nicole Fentem**

Source: *The PTA Parent: Safe Use of Technology*, Thursday, January 8, 2009: *National PTA e-newsletter*

### **Tips for Children's Use of Online Social Networks**

The value of kids' use of online social networks can be debated, but what is indisputable is that kids are using them to socialize and form relationships. Authors Charlene C. Giannetti and Margaret Sagarese offer these tips for encouraging openness and proper use of technology:

- Consider your child's age when buying a device. Does a 10-year-old really need a camera phone? Can you be sure your 11-year-old won't misuse that camcorder? If you decide to go ahead and buy, remember that these devices don't come with proper-use manuals. That message must come from you.
- Focus on the behavior, not the technology. The technology may have changed, but kindness and decency should still be at the top of everyone's list. If your son is going to break up with a girl, he shouldn't send her an e-mail to do so.
- Talk about public versus private. A young girl may think it's okay to pour out her innermost thoughts on a public website. Point out how that information may be used against her to fuel rumors.
- Learn how your child is furthering romance on the Internet. Mention this article; then ask, "How are kids in your school using the Internet?"
- Talk about romance and relationships. Kids may have a lot to teach parents about new technology, but parents have more to teach their children about relationships and romance — on and off the electronic highway. If parents neglect to talk about the excitement and beauty of love, adolescents will get that information from peers, the media, and, yes, the Internet.

For the full article, go to the **Child Safety** section of [www.PTA.org](http://www.PTA.org).

**Want to learn about Texting?  
State Convention has a workshop  
just for you on Saturday, March 14,  
2009. Register now!**

## **STATE & NATIONAL PTA AWARD DEADLINES**



With Illinois PTA Convention taking place almost a month before it used to be held, all applications for awards have moved to earlier than normal due dates. To simplify things as much as possible the magic deadline date is the same for all applications, with a few exceptions, of course. What is the magic date?

**FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

If you haven't already begun working on your applications and events, there's no time like the present!

The following award applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2008:

- Council Membership Increase Award
- Environmental Concerns Award
- Membership Awards
- PTA Founders 50 Award
- Keeping Our Kids Healthy Award
- Juvenile Protection & Safety Award
- Newsletter Award

Each of these applications can be found on the Local Unit Packet 2008-2009 CD that each unit received at our District 37 Orientation in August. The CDs were located in the Back-to-School Box. The applications are also available for download online at: [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org) on the front page and in the Member's Only Section.

Be sure to fill out each application completely and then mail it to the address listed on the application.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY – Linda Millar**

Every PTA should consider applying for the Illinois PTA **Health Award** and the **Juvenile Protection and Safety Award**. Award submission is easy. All you or your Health & Safety Chair has to do is fill out the award paperwork and submit it as directed on the award form. Deadline for submission is February 28, 2009. All awards will be presented at the Illinois PTA Convention in March. Thanks for all you do to promote the health and well being of the children in District 37.

Below is a link to the awards section of the Illinois PTA website:

<http://www.illinoispta.org/2008-2009IllinoisPTAAwards.html>

## COUNCIL CORNER

### NWSC Update

Northwest Suburban Council PTA/PTSA will be presenting a Board of Education Candidate Forum for the communities of Community Consolidated School District 15. There are 9 candidates vying for 4 open seats on the District 15 Board of Education, which will be a highly contested race. On Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00pm in the gymnasium of Walter R. Sundling Jr. High, 1100 N. Smith Road in Palatine. The candidates will present an introductory statement and answer questions from the audience.

Election Day is Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and the last date to register to vote is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### STC Update

#### **Have a Ball at STC's *Take Me out to the Auction***

Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs will hold its annual scholarship auction March 6<sup>th</sup> at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows. The baseball-themed night will be casual fun, featuring both silent and live auctions. The Council's Executive Board and 27 local units are busy gathering baskets of goodies, sports tickets, hotel stays and much more for the evening.

The auction raises money for our Scholarship Fund. Every year STC awards twelve \$1,500 college scholarships. Nine go to students attending a 4 year college/university; two go to students attending a junior college or trade school; and one scholarship for a student with special needs. Students in grades 4-7 can also apply for scholarship funds to help offset the price of summer camp.

STC also handles a bit of official business that night. We will hold elections for the 2009-2010 Executive Committee.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 and include dinner. For ticket information, please contact STC 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Auction Chairperson, Debbie Loughman @ [debster2711@wideopenwest.com](mailto:debster2711@wideopenwest.com). Come out and enjoy a terrific evening of PTAs coming together for a great cause. We're going to have a ball!

## DISTRICT 37 BOARD

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STC	Mary Kay Prusnick <a href="mailto:mprusnick@comcast.net">mprusnick@comcast.net</a>	6/736-5737



## Registration Fees

1 – 2 Delegates	\$80.00 ea.
3 - 4 Delegates	\$75.00 ea.
5+ Delegates	\$70.00 ea.
Non-delegate child	\$25.00 ea.
On-site registration	\$100.00 ea.

## Hotel Room Rates

Single/Double	\$99.00
(All rooms are subject to tax)	
Check-in time	3:00 pm
Check-out time	12:00 pm

## Convention Meals

Friday - Box Lunch	\$8.00
Friday Night Awards Dinner	\$15.00
Saturday - Box Lunch	\$8.00
Sunday - Annual Luncheon/Installation	\$32.00
Sunday - Student Awards	

## Pre-Convention Workshops

*Road to Success*

*Chit Chat with the Chief*

*Districts without Borders*

**Thursday, March 12**

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

## PTA Awards Dinner

**Friday, March 14**

Dinner 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Awards 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

“You Rock” Celebration  
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

## Scholarship Silent Auction

*Help Support the Illinois PTA  
Scholarship Program*

## Artists’ Showcase

**Saturday, March 14**

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

*A Great Family Event*

## Healthy Kids Event

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30 am - 8:30 am

*Family Friendly*

# Illinois PTA®

*everychild.one voice.®*

**107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
March 13–15, 2009**

**Holiday Inn Select Naperville  
Naperville, Illinois**



*Advocacy*

*Networking Information*

*Priority Issues Cultural Arts*

*Parent Involvement*

*Family Fun*

*Diversity*

## Closing Event

**Annual Luncheon**

**Entertainment**

**Officers Installation**

**Sunday, March 15**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

*View the Reflections Exhibit  
Throughout the Convention!*

## Registration Deadlines

Hotel Reservations	February 23
Pre-Registration & Meals	February 20

## Registration Schedule

**Thursday, March 12**

6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

**Friday, March 13**

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Saturday, March 14**

7:30 am - 9:45 am 1:00 pm – 1:45pm  
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30 am – 9:45 am

## General Sessions

**Saturday, March 14**

Session I 10:15 am – 1:00 pm

Session II 7:00 pm - ???

## Workshops

**Friday, March 13**

Session I 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Session II 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Saturday, March 14**

Session III 8:45 am – 10:00 am

Session IV 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Session V 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, March 15**

Session VI 9:00 am – 10:30 am

## Exhibit Hours

**Friday, March 13**

**9:00 am - 8:00 pm**

## Illinois PTA Store Hours

**Friday, March 13**

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Saturday, March 14**

8:00 am – 10:00 am 2:00-6:00 pm

**Sunday, March 15**

8:30 am – 10:00 am