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Happy Holidays!



Nancy Butow and Doug Morris

High School teachers selected to help create New Jersey state Holocaust web site.

High School Librarian Nancy Butow and US History teacher Doug Morris were selected by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and The College of New Jersey to attend a seminar dealing with "Women and the Holocaust." They were among sixteen teachers from throughout the state who were chosen to meet once a month for seven months through April.

Each month a different speaker provides information on a different area, but focusing on how the Holocaust affected women.

Speakers include Dr. Bernard Weinstein for Kean University who has published books on the Holocaust, Brana Gurewitsch, Archivist at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, Cynthia Paces and Ellen Friedman from the College of New Jersey and Sandy Flitterman-Lewis for Rutgers University.

Poll find-ings released by pro-voucher organizations claiming that "60 percent of New Jerseyans" support school vouchers are "fatally flawed," says NJEA President Edithe A. Fulton.

The poll was commissioned by the pro-voucher organization Excellent Education for Everyone (E3) of Newark, and was released by the Washington, D.C.-based Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO). It was conducted by the Eagleton Institute of Politics Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University.

The poll asked : "Would you vote for or against a system of giving parents the option of using government-funded school vouchers to pay for tuition at the public, private or

NJEA says voucher poll is 'fatally flawed'

religious school of their choice?" By a 60-30 percent margin (10 percent did not know), respondents said they would support a proposal.

"The problem with the poll is in the wording of the question," said Fulton. "By including the word 'public' in the question – and making it the first option – the poll essentially asks respondents if they believe children should be able to attend any public school of their choosing. It is therefore fatally flawed if its intent is to measure the level of support for publicly funded vouchers for private and religious schools.

"...the Eagleton pollster, who admitted that the question, as

does not answer the question of

whether New Jerseyans support spending public tax dollars on private and religious schools..." .

"But that's what the debate over vouchers is all about," said Fulton, "and Americans clearly don't believe that's the right thing to do."

"Let's be clear what this poll is all about," said Fulton, "because New Jerseyans have a right to know the individuals and organizations behind it. It was commissioned by a NJ organization, E3, whose pro-voucher candidate for governor [Bret Schundler] was overwhelmingly defeated.

"The findings of this poll stand in stark contrast to the views expressed earlier this month by NJ voters," said Fulton.

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President's Coming Soon? Letter



NJEA Educational Support Professionals Award

NJEA will present the Educational Support Professionals Award to an NJEA member whose activities reflect the contributions of educational support professionals to public education. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who shows outstanding accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:

- 1.involvement and activities in the Association and how has he or she enhanced the image of the educational support professional
- 2.innovations to support the day-to-day educational process
- 3.work responsibilities and professional achievements in his or her classification or field
- 4.involvement in promoting public education in the community
- 5.enhancement of educational support professionals' image in the association, work site, and/or community

CRITERIA

Individuals must have been an NJEA member for three years as of January 15 of the award year. Individuals must be nominated by their county association through the county association's adopted procedures.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The Psalm of the Non-member (or, the non-members rationalization)

The dues paying member is my Sheppard, I shall not want.
He provideth me with retirement benefits, so I may lie down in green pastures beside still waters.
He guideth and promoteth my welfare without cost to me.
I stay in the path of self-righteousness for my money' sake.
Yea, although I alibi and pay no dues from generation to generation.
I fear no evil, for he pays my way and protects me.
The professional conditions he provideth me, they comfort me.
He anointeth my head with the oil of tenure.
He fighteth my battles for salary increases, and even more he speaketh out strongly for my rights.
Yea, my cup runneth over with phony gratitude for all he has secured for me.
Surely, his goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life--without cost to me.
So, I shall dwell in the Association House he has built, forever, and gleefully allow him to pay the bill with his dues.
Verily, I say unto you, my conscience bothereth me not!

cedure will be as follows:

Local associations are encouraged to nominate one ESP person and submit an application to their county association. Each county can submit one nominee through its ESP award system. A county award system is one developed by a county association that gathers nominations through local affiliates and selects one county-wide award recipient. Criteria for the county award is designed by the individual county and should not conflict with the state and national award's criteria

Christmas Food Drive

NORWESCAP is a food bank on Broad Street in Phillipsburg that services the needy in and around Warren County. The P.E.A. began our support of the food bank in the fall of 1996. when we collected over TWO TONS of food, from our members, and delivered it to the food bank.

We now collect money instead of food because the food bank works with many suppliers that sell them food, in bulk, for pennies on the

dollar.

With the money that we donate, they can actually provide more food to those in need. You can give your donation to any of your P.E.A. Building Reps.

Association Reps:

Andover-Morris:

Michelle Thatcher

Barber School:

Marilyn Shober

Custodians:

Robin Schofield

Freeman School:

Gail Barbadora

Green Street:

Susan Angelozzi

Linda Exley

Lil Mortimer

High School:

Sue Brooks

George Chiltonik

C. Brad Howard

George Pavlinsky

Elaine Strahle

Middle School:

Ed Puccio

Rick Rissmiller

Roseann Rohm

Beth Smith

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Marguerite Scannell

Paraprofessionals:

Matilda Pokrivchak

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