

# The Trillium

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### President's Message

Over the years, my relationship with ASCD has grown. At first, I was enthralled by outstanding publications and professional development opportunities with leading experts discussing cutting-edge topics. Discussions were vibrant and rich, the company intellectually provocative. There is no doubt in my mind that I was challenged by every conference session that I attended. I even wrote with brave confidence to the presenters to ask those "silly" questions, to follow-up on my thoughts, and to counter their points. And they replied! That is when things began to change for me.

In Ontario ASCD, we have drawn the expression "a learning community" into our mission statement (for elaboration, please see the ASCD publication "Educators as Learners"). This is because ASCD offers a unique opportunity for educators to discuss, debate, and consider alternatives across the web of diverse relationships. Communication, reflection, and learning. Active involvement is vital to learning, and all educators are by nature learners.

In this issue, we open the doors to our membership to contribute to future issues, thereby engaging in the conversation. You will read news of current activities in which Ontario ASCD is involved. You are, however, being directly invited to become part of the larger community, to participate, and to make yourself known. This newsletter intends to open the doors and welcome every educator into the process of constructing a vibrant learning community. Sharing your ideas for community reflection is a quantum leap - the inescapable truth is that we are all learners! We are looking forward to meeting you through this process.

*Roland Kay, President Ontario ASCD*

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*Ontario ASCD, a diverse learning community that promotes excellence in education, is dedicated to supporting the growth and success of*

# ASCD in Action

## Newsletter Submissions

### *an appeal for greater membership involvement*

As part of our initiative to get our membership more involved, we are now appealing for ideas and submissions for upcoming newsletters. Dates and a description of what we would like from you can be found below. The purpose here is not to be scholarly, but to provide ideas, information and opinions on topics that affect us all. We encourage all educators to offer their ideas.

#### **March 2001** *Assessment Strategies*

We would like members to send us strategies that they use, that work. Short submissions (20–100 words) are what we are looking for. These do not have to be particularly earth-shattering or innovative, but they will be useful and effective for you, and could be useful to other Ontario ASCD members.

#### **June 2001** *Leadership*

We would like two or three longer articles (300 – 500 words) about educational leadership and leadership styles. Topics could range from what appraisal strategies work, to a teacher's image of the perfect Principal or Superintendent, to suggestions about how to improve teaching.

All ideas for arti-

### Peel Regional Chapter presents

#### **Gretchen Bingham**

Human Development Professional and  
owner of *Creativity Links* will present

#### ***Lessons from Harry Potter:***

*Building Creative Climate in the Classroom*

**February 22, 2001, 3:45 - 8:15**

John Fraser Secondary School  
2665 Erin Centre Blvd.  
Mississauga

ASCD or Ontario ASCD members	<b>\$45</b>
groups of 5 or more	
non-members	<b>\$50</b>

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*late, but still coming*

### **Curriculum Directions**

Ontario ASCD's Journal

### **Membership Alert**

Please note that you will find the expiration date for your Ontario ASCD membership on your address label. It would help us immensely if you could keep your membership active. The form on Page 4 will help you do

### **New web address!!**

*see below*

## Web Sites

**Ontario ASCD: [www.ascd.ca](http://www.ascd.ca)**

**ASCD International: [www.ascd.org](http://www.ascd.org)**

*Ontario ASCD presents*

## **2001: Charting Pathways to Learning**

An International Conference on Learning, Teaching and Assessing, featuring

# **Heidi Hayes Jacobs**

**Michael Fullan, Andy Hargreaves, Jay McTighe**

**Jim Craigen, Gayle Gregory, Bena Kallick  
Ken O'Connor, Carol Rolheiser, Chris Ward**

**International Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre  
Toronto, Ontario**

**April 26 - 28, 2001**

**Conference registration fee**  
(includes programme, 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch)

**US\$250, CD\$339**

For conference brochure and registration, please contact:

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visit the Ontario ASCD website at [www.ascd.ca](http://www.ascd.ca)

## Northeast Regional Conference 2000

The ASCD Affiliates in the Northeast are celebrating the success of their 4th annual conference on assessment and learning. Once again, the prestigious Boston Park Plaza hosted this event from November 30th through December 2nd. The Planning Committee made up of leaders from Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Ontario organized the conference around the theme, *Authentic Learning and Assessment: Standards and Results*. Participants had a choice of three featured keynote presenters: John L. Brown, Beatrice McGarvey, and Eleanor Renée Rodriguez. They spoke on *Understanding By Design*, Standards Based Grading, and Diversity in the Standards-Based Classroom. On Friday afternoon, more than twenty breakout sessions were held on an array of topics from Service Learning to Learning Technology. Planning is already in the works for the 2001 Conference entitled, *Schools That Succeed, Students Who Learn* to be held at the Boston Park Plaza, from November 29th through December 1st, 2001.

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### ASCD's SmartBrief

ASCD's SmartBrief is a free daily electronic summary of education news on curriculum, professional development, leadership, emerging technologies, policy, and news from the field. It is available at no cost to ASCD members and others interested in education. ASCD Affiliates, colleagues, and others interested in education can view a sample issue and sign up to receive it by visiting [www.smartbrief.com/ascd](http://www.smartbrief.com/ascd). For more information contact Barbara Gleason, ASCD public information director at 1-800-933-2723, ext. 5610; e-mail:

### Ontario ASCD Membership - new or renewal

Please send this form and your membership fees (\$25) to the Membership Coordinator at the address above.

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