

March 20, 1997
TO: GENI Paid Membership
FROM: GENI Home Office

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- * St. Mary-of-the-Woods College will once again host a **Weekend Workshop in Geography** with Dorothy Drummond, Amy Orr, Carole Mayrose and Jean Marr. Dates for the workshop are April 11-13. See the enclosed flier for agenda and registration information.
- * **June 9-30** are the dates for the **Lafayette Summer Geography Institute** which will be hosted by Purdue University and directed by Lou Camilotto. Three graduate credit hours are available through the Curriculum and Instruction Division of the Department of Education. See the enclosed application for additional information or contact the GENI office at (317)274-8879 or Lou Camilotto at (765)743-3002.
- * A three-day workshop series hosted by GENI on behalf of the Indiana Department of Education, ACCESS Information Indiana and the Indiana State Teachers' Association is scheduled for June 14-15 and July 12 to be held on the IUPUI campus. Fifteen K-12 educators are being sought to assist with the research and format of a ***geography link to an education home-page being produced for the state of Indiana***. The educators will consolidate existing on-line information, write lesson plans utilizing on-line information, and collaborate with each other and the facilitator to produce materials for the geography home-page link. No programming will be required. See the enclosed flier for additional information or contact the GENI office at (317)274-8879 with questions.
- * GENI is collaborating with the Indiana Junior Historical Society and the Falls of the Ohio State Park to sponsor a one-week institute focusing on the **Exploring and Teaching ... Indiana's Ohio River Valley**. Residential opportunities are available. Dates for the institute are July 27 - August 1. The institute is open to all inservice and preservice educators and is available for undergraduate or graduate credit through Education or Geography via Indiana University Southeast. For those residential participants, a \$200 registration fee is needed; for those commuter participants, a \$150 registration fee is needed; and for the preservice education participants, a \$100 registration fee is needed. Scholarship monies are available for the preservice participants. For more information, contact the IJHS office at (317)233-4549 or the GENI office at (317)274-8879.
- * The ***National Council for Geographic Education Conference*** is scheduled for October 8-11 in Orlando, Florida. Call the NCGE home office for registration and presentation information at (412)357-6290.
- * GENI will host a **Tri-State Geography Conference Focusing on Great Lakes Environmental Education**. The conference will be held Friday evening and Saturday, November 14 - 15, 1997 at the Potawatomi Inn of Pokagon State Park, which is located just north of Fort Wayne, Indiana. **PRESERVICE & INSERVICE EDUCATORS and EDUCATION METHODS INSTRUCTORS** from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana are "welcome". All sessions will focus on Great Lakes Environmental Education and will include literature, art, environmental studies, field work, history, culture, map-work, and geology.

Each participant will receive many dynamic and classroom-appropriate resources. See the enclosed flier regarding the conference.

* **GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK 1997: Explore the World! Geography Takes You Places** is the theme for this year. Remember that only paid GENI members will receive a GAW packet of materials from the National Geographic Society and a GENI GAW Newsletter. Dates are November 16 - 22.

* The *National Council for the Social Studies annual conference* will be held in Cincinnati, OH November 19 - 23. For additional information, contact the NCSS at 3501 Newark Street NW, Washington DC 20016.

for those who have expressed interest, Rick Bein may be reached at the following address:

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION RECIPIENTS

DOROTHY DRUMMOND - One of the founding members of GENI, Dorothy has been very active in promoting geographic education since the '60's. She has written a number of textbooks; authored Social Studies standards; developed classroom curriculum; traveled to a number of countries with geographers and educators; and provided leadership for national and state geography education programs. Recently, Dorothy has been planning and implementing the Weekend Geography Workshops which are held at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in West Terre Haute. The workshops provide K-12 educators, both preservice and inservice, with hands-on geographically oriented activities, resources, ideas and interaction among colleagues. Dorothy also teaches courses for the SMWC Department of Education and facilitates Project GEO via St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. The link with the university has been invaluable to GENI and to the promotion of quality and dynamic geography programs. THANK YOU to Dorothy to her years of service, to her honesty and to her creativity!!!

AMY ORR - Amy has been invaluable to the promotion of dynamic and appropriate geographic education around the state of Indiana; she is the Chair for the St. Mary-of-the-Woods College Department of Education, and she has collaborated with GENI on numerous projects and workshops. Specifically, SMWC hosts the Weekend Geography Workshops, which have touched 1,000 K-12 educators around the state. Amy, along with her associate, Sherrie Cheesman, maintain logistical and internal support for geography education by planning and implementing the Weekend Geography Workshops, specialty weekend workshops which focus on specific themes or regions, and Project GEO. Project GEO provided opportunities for all Vigo County Schools to thoroughly and accurately incorporate geography across the curriculum, and GEO provided opportunities to enhance geography incorporation through technological advances in interested schools. THANK YOU to Amy for her support of GENI and of Dorothy Drummond, for her logical approach to a number of tasks, and for her enthusiasm!!!

GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

DIANE ERICKSON - Since 1990, Diane has been involved with the Geography Educators' Network of Indiana and with promoting quality and appropriate Geographic Education around the state and Great Lakes region. Diane teaches fourth grade at Chandler Elementary School in Goshen; she taught second grade for many years prior to teaching fourth grade. After being selected to represent Indiana at the 1993 Great Lakes Environmental Education Institute, Diane accumulated so many wonderful activities and ideas and resources that she has become Indiana's water education contact via GENI. Diane has been very involved with planning and presenting at local, state, regional and national inservices and conferences; she takes her colleagues and her students into the field to perform dynamic and fun environmental lessons and activities. Through her involvement, geographic education has attained better understanding among educators in north-central Indiana; she has touched the every-day curriculum of hundreds of educators in the state and the region. THANK YOU to Diane for her dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to stay involved!!!

THERESA GOTTBRAH - In 1991, Theresa attended the three-week summer geography institute held at Indiana University Southeast; she had so much fun that she attended an advanced institute at IUS in 1992. Due to her involvement and enthusiasm and creativity, Theresa was nominated and selected to represent Indiana at an institute sponsored by the National Geographic Society which was held in the Pacific Northwest and which focused on water. Since that time, Theresa has been quite involved with planning and presenting a number of local, regional and national inservices and conferences. She has worked diligently to incorporate geography across her classroom curriculum; and she has worked hard in promoting geography among her colleagues, local businesspersons and school administrators. Theresa has served on the GENI Board of Directors providing leadership for geography education programs around the state. Theresa makes "learning fun" through a variety of hands-on activities both in the classroom and out of the classroom where she teaches fourth grade at Silver Street Elementary School in Goshen. THANK YOU to Theresa for her dedication, service and energy!!!

TED SPRINGER - Ted has been promoting quality and accurate geographic education since his involvement with the 1989 summer geography institute; a three-week residential course which was very time intensive but which provided lots of hands-on field experiences and ideas for the classroom. Ted traveled to Costa Rica for an advanced summer geography institute interacting with various researchers, geographers, educators and students. His leadership as a GENI Board of Directors member enables GENI to provide excellent and exciting programming and appropriate logistical support. Ted teaches at Harrison Middle School in Merrillville where he has been sponsoring the Geography Bee for a number of years. He has lead a number of inservices and presented at a number of workshops and conferences. Ted represented Indiana at a National Geographic Society Summer Geography Institute focusing on the environment; he returned to Indiana to share his resources and activities with colleagues and students. THANK YOU to Ted for his faithful contributions and support!!!

TREVOR SMITH - Recently completing his Master's Degree from Indiana State University, Trevor became involved with Geography through the Weekend Geography Workshops and through Project GEO. Project GEO addressed the curriculum needs in terms of incorporating geography across every discipline for Vigo County, Indiana K-12 schools; Trevor, who teaches Social Studies at North Vermillion Junior/Senior High School, worked diligently with the school's Project GEO Team to adequately and appropriately incorporate geography across the school's curriculum and into extra-curricular activities. Looking ahead, Trevor sees many possibilities for future programming and research for educators and students revolving around geographical perspectives. THANK YOU to Trevor for his hard work and enthusiasm in spreading geography around the Vigo County community!!!

RESOURCES IN GEOGRAPHY: linking National Wildlife Week & Earth Day

- * Indiana educators should be excited to know that **The Museums at Prophetstown** are nearing completion. The two museums: one dedicated to preserving and exploring our unique Woodland Native American legacy and the second dedicated to reviving the experience of a 1920's era Indiana farmstead, reflect a dream that began with Tenskwatawa and has grown into the largest Woodland Confederacy in history. The *Prophetstown State Park Foundation, Inc.* is located at 22 North Second Street Suite 100, Lafayette IN 47901; they may be reached by calling (765)423-4617 or faxing (765)423-4495. Plan on visiting the sites soon!!
- * **Resources for Experiential & Outdoor Education**, Main & Dogwood Streets, Franklin WV 26807; telephone (304) 358-2401; fax (304)358-2400; summit@igc.org; www.mountain.org; www.mtnforum.org.
- * Have you been looking for a resource that provides recommendations for selecting, evaluating and producing quality environmental education curricula, lesson plans and ancillary materials? **Environment Education Materials: Guidelines for Excellence** offers a set of suggestions about "what" a well-rounded environmental education curriculum might include. For more information, contact Bora Simmons, National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education, Northern Illinois University, Outdoor Teacher Education, Lorado Taft Field Campus, Oregon IL 61061 or call (815)753-0205.
- * **Outward Bound**, Route 9D, RR2, Box 280, Garrison NY 10524-9757.
- * **Project Adventure**, PO Box 100, Hamilton NY 01936.
- * **Wilderness Education Association**, Department of Natural Resources Education Division, Colorado State University, Fort Collins CO 80523; telephone, (970)223-6252.
- * **Association for Experiential Education**, 2885 Aurora Avenue Suite 58, Boulder CO 80303-2252; telephone, (303)440-8844.
- * **Leave No Trace: National Outdoor Leadership School**, 288 Main Street, Lander WY 82520; telephone, (307)332-8800.
- * **A and E Orienteering Inc.**, 74 Decorah Drive, St. Louis MO 63146; telephone, (314)872-3165. For a brochure of outdoor educational supplies, (ie. compasses, maps, workbooks, guides for disabled environmental education access, videos, socks, gaters, ...) contact A and E.
- * For a guide to **Map Appeal Inc.** posters of satellite images, aerial photographs, astronomical charts, and maps, call them at 1-800-363-0938. Transparencies, puzzles and mini-prints also available.
- * Ernst Media Inc. provides a number of videos, produced by classroom educators while on-site, to show students life in other countries. The **Hello! From Around the World!** series has available Ghana, Japan, Bali, Ecuador, Venezuela, Egypt, Central Europe, Australia, South Pacific Islands (including New Zealand), United States of America, and Mexico and Central America. For a free brochure or more information, call Karen Melnychuck at 1-800-554-3556.
- * **The State of Canada's Environment Infobase** Teacher Package is available by contacting Environment Canada, 9 etage, Place Vincent Massey, 351, boul. St.-Joseph, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0H3; telephone, (819)994-9872; fax (819) 994-5738; internet, frithros@cpits1.am.doe.ca.
- * **SPICE**, the **Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education**, has a number of resources available which focus on cultural/environmental issues around the world. For a copy of their brochure, call 1-800-578-1114 or (415)723-1114.