



## ECAEYC April 2012 News

Dear ECAEYC members and friends,

Only a week away for our next meeting in Spearfish! Come Saturday morning, April 14th for an early breakfast at 7:00 before the South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference begins its final day. We'll be at Lucky's 13 Pub, in the Holiday Inn, right where the conference is. See the invitation attached.

Our "Paper Exploration Night" was great. Lynda Venhuizen gave us a brief description of her trip to Washington DC for the Public Policy Forum. We made paper creations, ate refreshments, and Laura Gloege gave us a tour of the SDSU preschool labs and kindergarten. Thanks to the FRN students who joined us. Attached are pictures from the evening, the treasurer's report, and Lynda's description of her trip.

Please contact me if you are attending the conference. Our affiliate needs to fill two time slots at the SDAEYC booth in the exhibit hall. The times are Thursday, April 12 from noon to 2:00 pm and Friday, April 13 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. It's pretty fun to meet people from all over the state and tell them about the NAEYC organization. Come volunteer for an hour or so.

Membership is at 42. We are so appreciative of your work you do with children. There are now 9 comprehensive, 25 regular, and 8 student members.

The following students have been awarded a year's membership to NAEYC; Andee Budahl is a sophomore, Kayla Warkenthien a junior, and Alyssa Brown a senior. Congratulations! We look forward to supporting your enthusiasm and dedication to teaching children.

Don't forget Week of the Young Child is April 22-28. There is always something to do to recognize the children in our lives and the people that support and serve the children. You can find ideas on [www.naeyc.org/woyc](http://www.naeyc.org/woyc) to celebrate this special week.

Nominations will soon be out for Vice President, President, Member Relations Chair, Communications Chair, and Student Representative. Let us know your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

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See you at the conference,

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