



December ECAEYC News 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Winter has certainly arrived and plans to stay. I wish you well and safe on such cold days.

We have three new members! Welcome to Amy Ballou, Sacha Homola, and Robin Rice. You are joining a wonderful group. Membership is up because of you. We are now at 43 members strong: 10 comprehensive, 24 regular, and 9 student members.

Save the date for the following meetings. Since we are co-sponsoring the Autism conference, I encourage you to assist in the preparation and to please participate. More information on how you can help will be coming.

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:00pm

March 16<sup>th</sup>, Autism Conference in Brookings, 9:00am-1:00pm

April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:00am in Pierre, SD

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:00pm – Member Appreciation Supper

Proposals for the South Dakota Early Childhood Conference are due by December 31, 2012. The conference is April 18-20, 2013 in Pierre. Check it out on <http://sdaeYC.org/>.

The book “Inspiring Spaces for Young Children” is available to check out from me. There is also a local website of what others in the state are doing in their programs after reading the book. Go to <http://inspiringsouthdakota.ning.com>.

The student membership scholarship application is attached for sophomore, junior, and senior student. Applications need to be submitted by January 31, 2013.

Remember to consider a leadership role for the coming year. Nominations are being accepted for President, Vice President, Student Representative, Secretary, Accreditation member, and Membership member. Please contact me if you have any interest or need further information about the positions.

Have a very wonderful and happy holiday,

Tammy Clark

ECAEYC President