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Hello EEAI Members,

Well-----Winter is finally gone and we have sailed through Spring and Summer. By the time you read this it will be August and starting Fall! I'm sure everyone is enjoying the spring smells, gardening, flowers etc. and the gardens of green coming through once again. As always we see the cycle of life passing before our eyes. Only it seems to move awfully fast as we get older.

Keep in mind the 2008 conference at Camp Camby in Indy. I know that Brad Rody and his committee have wonderful plans for us November 14-16, 2008. Keep those dates in mind and begin to share with your EEAI friends and mates! Help pass the word to others about the fun and wonderful environmentally geared meeting. Don't forget to car pool!!! Save gas. It will be a great time of sharing your knowledge, resources and experiences with others from around the state. Look inside for your registration to send in to reserve a spot just for you.

We just went through the month of graduations and young people just launched into the world weather it is college or jobs, please, EEAI members keep them informed and knowledgeable about the importance of recycling and preserving the earth for the following generations. I still find a lot of people not understanding the importance of learning how to recycle and reuse. We need to start when they're really really young and teach how to use our resources wisely. We need to be aware of the earths' cycles as well as the cycles around us.

Looking forward to seeing you and your friends in Indianapolis in November. Travel safely.

Millie Redweik
President



One Man's Perspective

by Sam Carman

If you were one of the many EEAI members who made the trip to West Lafayette in late March of this year to hear Jane Goodall speak, this column will spark memories and hopefully a renewed enthusiasm for your work in environmental education. If you missed Dr. Goodall's visit to Indiana, this article cannot begin to capture the magic. I'll begin with a little background.

Jane Goodall was born in London, England in 1934. At age 19 she became a secretary and saved enough money by age 23 to visit a girlfriend in Kenya. While there she was hired as anthropologist Louis Leaky's secretary and was asked to accompany Leaky and his wife on one of their treks to the Serengeti plain. After observing the serious and methodical Goodall, Leaky selected her to do a study of chimps and he obtained the necessary funding for the project. In 1960 it was not considered proper for her to go into the wilds without a chaperone, so her mother accompanied her to Tanlganyika (later called Tanzania).

Jane Goodall became a world-renown authority on chimpanzees, having closely observed their behavior for decades in the African Gombe Game Reserve. She was instrumental in the study of social learning, primate cognition, thinking and culture in wild chimpanzees. One of Goodall's major contributions to the field of primatology was the discovery of tool-making in chimpanzees.



Goodall received her Ph.D. from Cambridge University in 1965. Her awards and international recognitions fill pages. Her scientific articles have appeared in many issues of National Geographic. She has written scores of papers for internationally known scientific journals as well as several books.

In recent years her interest has shifted from making observations of chimps in the jungle to using that knowledge to help the world. She established the Jane Goodall Institute (www.janegoodall.org), and has formed a group called "Roots and Shoots" (www.rootsandshoots.org) to teach children around the world to respect all living things.

Perhaps more impressive than Dr. Goodall's achievements has been her ability to persevere through adversity. Consider some of what she has endured:

- divorce of her parents at age 12
- was strongly advised against living in the African jungle ("no place for a woman")
- contracted malaria while in Africa
- survived crash landing in a small plane
- divorced from her first husband; second husband died of cancer after only 6 years of marriage
- suffers from a neurological condition known as prosopagnosia which prevents her from recognizing people's faces. (Interestingly, though, she has no difficulty in deciphering the faces of the chimps that she has tracked and recalling their names.)

She credits her success and perseverance to her mother who always supported Janes' dreams. Goodall carries this message to people where ever she speaks—set your goals, work hard and never give up. She encourages parents to support their children's dreams and the belief that anything is possible. If limits to achievement exist, the child will eventually discover those limits; if you establish limits in advance, the child's potential will be confined to those boundaries.

What really impressed me was Dr. Goodall's energy and stamina. At the age of 74 she continues her conservation work, traveling about 300 days per year to speak to audiences world-wide about the need for conservation. So often such messengers leave us in hopeless despair; Jane Goodall's message is one of hope. We must believe, work hard, and never give up.

Memory

by Niki Schmutte

I can remember waking up Christmas morning and finding a cool mountain bike. The bike was red, black and white. It was something I had been wanting for years.

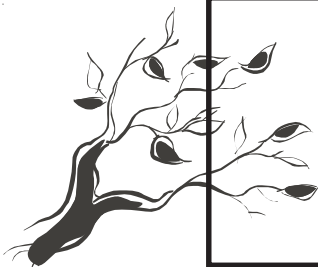


I have several memories of my childhood like this one of a Christmas morning long ago. How many of us can remember our first bikes, our first day of school, or our first cars? I think it is humorous because at times I can't even remember where I put my car keys or my shoes.

Scientists have only an elementary understanding of the complicated process of remembering. Thinking involves processing information over circuits throughout our brains. The frontal lobes or the cerebrum play a key role in many thinking processes.

There are three types of memories: sensory, short term, and long term. Sensory holds information for only one or two seconds. Suppose you look at a picture of a mountain. A nearly exact image of the mountain is stored briefly in your visual sensory memory, which involves your eyes and parts of your brain. However, the image quickly fades and disappears unless you make an active effort to think about it. Short term memories fade after 20 to 30 seconds unless you continually repeat them. Long term memory is stored in your brain for a lifetime. Experts believe by the time you die, the long term memory has stored hundreds of times the amount of information in an encyclopedia.

Whether you remember your first bike or where you put your car keys, remember to take time out of your busy day and enjoy the little things life has to offer.



A Friend Is A Treasure

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift,
A friend is someone we treasure for our friendship is a gift,
A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy, a grace
And makes the world we live in a better and happier place.

Calling all NOMINATIONS!!!!

Not only will the EEAI Annual Conference in November be an opportunity for fun, fellowship and education, but it is also a unique chance to acknowledge those in our environmental community who do a little bit more. EEAI has been recognizing different members of our community for over 20 years through the Howard Michaud Award and the Joe Wright Recognition of Excellence Award. For both of these awards, any individual can be nominated; they do not have to be a member of EEAI. The Howard Michaud Award is given to an individual in recognition of their devotion, dedication, and contributions to environmental education over the years in the state of Indiana, while the Joe Wright Award is given in recognition of specific and current achievements of the individual. Please send nominations to Warren Gartner at wgartner@dnr.IN.gov or call him at (317) 547-3104.



Nomination deadline is September 15th.

EEAI is looking for individuals to run for Board positions.

This year the positions available are **President Elect**, **Treasurer** and **Director-at-Large**.

Who Can Become a Board Member?

Active members who are in good standing are eligible to become board members.

How long is the Term?

Director-at-Large and Treasurer are three-year terms.
President Elect is a 6 year term.

How many Board Meetings do we have?

The board meets five to six times a year. Meeting places are determined by the Board Members.

Contact Warren Gartner at wgartner@dnr.IN.gov or call him at (317) 547-3104 if you are interested. If you are interested in running the deadline is September 15th.



Letter from the Editor

Howdy Everyone,

If any of you are interested in receiving this newsletter through email, send me a note with your email address and you will no longer receive the hard copy. Have a great day and smile:)

Take Care,
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CREED DEADLINES

Copy deadlines for *CREED* are: March 1, July 1, and November 1. To contribute an article, contact Niki Schmutte, 219/324-5855 or natureniki@csinet.net.

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