

The Eclectic Report

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Greetings!

I had a very exciting week. On Wednesday we slogged over the Bismarck so we could head up to the Capitol first thing Thursday morning. Good thing we did, otherwise we would have missed the closing session of the House from 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Great experience. But it was just the beginning. We had the opportunity to schmooz with some legislators I greatly respect and admire; one even sprang for lunch for me and the hubby. What fun we had; what interesting conversations. And thanks to the following for humoring me and allowing me to ask questions, tell stories, vent, and even show gratitude for their work: Reps. Kim Koppelman, Karen Karls, Sebastian Ertelt, Daniel Johnston, Luke Simons, Kathy Skroch, Rick C. Becker, Chuck Damschen, Tom Kading, Aaron McWilliams, Chris Olson, Dan Ruby, Craig Johnson and Sen. Janne Myrdal. I'm sorry I missed some I wanted to convey my gratitude to: Reps. Jim Kasper, Ben Koppelman, Bill Devlin, Scott Louser, Roscoe Streyle, Bill Oliver, Matt Ruby, Bernie Satrom, and Nathan Toman. I know most were in hurry to get going to begin their recess (I loved recess in school, too!), so if they read this: Thanks oodles and oodles for the work you do. True, we don't always agree, but I have actually been wrong many times in the past, so the fault may lay with me.

Then on Friday and Saturday we had our annual homeschool convention. I heard there were more than 1100 folks there. I sure got to talk to a boat load of attendees. Best part maybe: some I spoke to were homeschooled and were now homeschooling their own wee ones. Sweet!

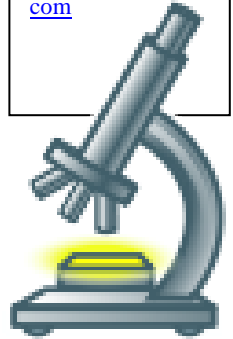
I always feel exhausted after the convention (and I don't even do any of the work!), but it is so worthwhile. I love seeing the families together, daddies carrying babies, mommies herding preschoolers, teens slyly checking each other out, gatherings of those who get to visit only once a year, vendors selling resources and services, and the visiting, visiting, visiting. Thank you to Theresa and Karol for this most useful and encouraging event. Thanks, too, to all the volunteers. WOW! It takes a myriad of people to pull this off.

Finally, maybe hard things have come into your life; maybe you are anxious, filled with sorrow, looking for relief, hardly able to go on with your daily work, maybe you have been betrayed or maligned, perhaps you are just plain weary. Remember this: Our God is for us. He is for us! And He will even take the evil done, the mistakes made, the sorrow filling you, your own failings, and He will work it for your good and for His glory! I believe this with all my heart and after almost 7 decades of living, God has proven over and over that He is for me. And He is for you!

Grace and peace,
Gail M. Biby

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The View from my Window

By Mrs. Theresa Deckert, office administrator

What a wonderful convention! The NDHSA board thanks all who volunteered to help make it possible; above all, a shout out to Karol Kapelle, our convention coordinator. She does an amazing job and never seems to get a bit rattled. Unofficially there were about 1100 in attendance.

Our Home School Day at the Capitol had a different twist with the early adjournment of the legislature. We had about 150 enjoy tours and listen to the various speakers. It seemed like the legislators that were still there had more time for conversation as they did not have to hurry off to a committee meeting.

Thank you to Joel and the crew from Generation Joshua who were willing to field questions to help add more to the program. It was great having them there as well as one of our own North Dakota GenJ clubs. By the way, thank you GenJers for baking all the yummy cookies. Too bad the legislators missed out on them!

It was so encouraging to listen to our homeschool dads who are in the legislature share with us. Thank you Reps. Chris Olson, Nathan Toman, Dan Johnston and Luke Simons for all you shared and for your representation. It is apparent you have had an impact on your colleagues because of the great response we had in legislators attending the convention. One legislator told the gals at the table, "You folks have something special going on here." I was told we had 11 legislators accept the board invitation and attend. I am not sure of that total as I only saw 9 of them. This was a wonderful way to share homeschooling with some of our legislators. Thank you to each one who took the time to make them feel welcome!

Well, I have to tell you Karol and I are truly convention addicts. We have already started discussing ways to improve next year's convention! Hope to see even more of you in Grand Forks in 2018!

Student Art Show

Open to: Grades 7 – 12

Dates of Show: April 3– April 8, 2017

The show will open on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pekin City Auditorium. We ask students to encourage parents and friends to attend the show. Students have proven their work produces an extraordinary exhibit and we want more people to view it. The show will be open daily Monday through Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Entry Form **Deadline**: Friday, **March 17**,
Artwork Delivery: No Later Than
Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

For more information call:

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"Don't Worry, Mommy!" with HSLDA Education Consultants

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FOR THE FUN OF IT!

On Time Management

Great article from Rebecca Kochenderfer

<http://www.homeschool.com/HLI/Newsletter/Issue06/TickTockTimeManagement.asp>

On Unit Studies

Another from Rebecca on Unit Studies:

<http://www.homeschool.com/HLI/Newsletter/Issue06/CurriculumCorner.asp>

On Vaccines

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) have approved new adult and childhood vaccine schedules, effective Feb. 1, 2017. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) have all endorsed the new schedules. The CDC's release of the vaccine schedules has coincided with news reports that the Trump administration may appoint a special commission to investigate the safety of vaccines.

Click box to read more.

Need a Sleeping Draught? Math, English Standards Available for New Review Sounds like fun!

BISMARCK, N.D, January 25, 2017 -- State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said Wednesday that drafts of North Dakota's proposed new math and English learning standards are now available for a second round of public comment.

North Dakotans who wish to examine the second draft of the new standards may visit the links below. The links labeled "Second Draft" show the proposed standards without any editing marks. The links labeled "Second Draft, Edit Markup Version" show how the teacher writing committees have changed the existing standards. A link to offer comments on the standards is [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDContentStandardsDraft2): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDContentStandardsDraft2>

North Dakota **English** Content Standards:

Second Draft: https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/1230/ELA_2016_Draft_2.pdf

Second Draft, Edit Markup Version: https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/1230/ELA_2016_Draft_2_MarkupCopy.pdf

North Dakota **Mathematics** Content Standards:

Second Draft: https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/1230/Math_2016_Draft_2.pdf

Second Draft, Edit Markup Version: https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/1230/Math_2016_Draft_2_MarkupCopy.pdf

BOARD COLUMN

From Convention Coordinator Karol Kapelle

Let me begin by saying, “I love my job!” In fact, it’s difficult to even consider it a job because I enjoy it so much. As the convention coordinator for the NDHSA, I have the pleasure of putting together our annual conventions. Make no mistake, there are many, many details that sometimes seem overwhelming and it is often difficult to coordinate the schedules of all our speakers and vendors. But, when convention week rolls around, I feel so excited (and, of course, a tad bit nervous) that I can hardly get to the venue quickly enough!

I think about the new homeschooling families that are going to come that will be feeling a little overwhelmed and yet excited about the new “adventure”. I smile when I picture those veteran moms and dads that will come alongside them and encourage them to just “take a breath” and enjoy the ride. They may even extend them a hug of support and offer their contact information to keep in touch.

I love to watch the young people in the hallways as they laugh together and develop new friendships (maybe even meet their future spouses...how exciting!). I heard that this year’s “Teen Meet and Greet” was a great success. By the way, it came about because of a parent’s suggestion on an evaluation form. We really do read them.

I am also so blessed at convention when veteran moms volunteer their time to work at the registration table all day (Yvette, Laurie, Cam) or offer to babysit the little ones so a young mommy can enjoy the workshops (Jody). There are also too many to mention that assist with the “glamorous” job of setting up and tearing down...did you know our keynoter speaker, Travis Zimmerman, spent most of Thursday afternoon and evening helping our board members with hanging up banners and filling in where needed? A special “thank you” to our board kids, Kalli Kapelle and Joseph Deckert, who work with Theresa and me all year long with our duties. You’re the best!

We have an awesome homeschool community! The convention is like a big family reunion minus the crazy uncle...well, I guess Troy Durham was there. Anyway, if you were there, count your blessings that we are still able to hold conventions with the rising costs of these big venues and travel expenses for speakers, etc. God has been faithful to us through your continued help and support.

If you weren’t at convention, please consider joining us next year. Or, contact the NDHSA and let us know if there is a reason you don’t attend. We want to meet the needs of our constituents if we are able. But we don’t know what those needs are if you don’t tell us. We had a great crowd this year (about 1,100 men, women and children), but we know that’s only the tip of the iceberg. We want to hear from you and we want to serve you.

Thank you to all that attended, helped, spoke, prayed for the convention. And thank you for giving me the time of my life! I can’t wait for next year!

Solar eclipse
this summer!

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<http://archive.aweber.com/classical-astro>

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Is Genesis History?

IS GENESIS HISTORY? - **ENCORE presentations.** What exactly happened, “In the beginning ...” and in the time that followed? Throughout most of history, Genesis was considered an accurate and reliable record, but over the past 250 years, it has become one of the most controversial books of all time. Events highlighted—including the Creation of the universe in six days, the existence of the real Adam and Eve, and a global Flood destroying the world—are now questioned by many ... including some Christians. Where can reliable, well-researched answers be found?

Visit [the movie website](#) to learn more, get a bunch of [free resources](#), and to [find tickets](#). Being a one night event, tickets are limited.

If you have questions contact: Marisa Borden marisa@engagemediapartners.com
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Encore presentations:

Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. West Acres Mall cinema **Fargo, ND**
Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Carmike 10 **Grand Forks, ND**

Dr. Gail Carlson tipped me off to the encore showings. Thanks, Dr. Carlson!

Event Schedule

Noon: Lunch at Dining Facility

1:00 p.m.: Tour and Hands-on at the Engagement Skills Trainer; Turkey Shoot

2:00 p.m.: Tour Combined Services & Maintenance Shop

3:00 p.m.: Tour 164th Regiment, Regional Training Institute

3:30 p.m.: Refreshments & Benefits Briefing at RTI

Home Education Day Camp Grafton Training Center April 4, 2017

(South of Devils Lake on Hwy 57)



Youth ages 13 and up and parents/guardians are welcome. All participants must register and complete a waiver form.

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NDHSA Statement of Faith

We believe in Almighty God, the Author of all creation, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; the Bible as the inspired, infallible, written Word of God, complete in 66 books and our sole basis of faith and practice; the fallen state of man, guilty by nature and by act and therefore condemned before God; the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, except without sin, the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, His visible bodily resurrection demonstrating His power over death and sin, His personal return; and regeneration by God, the Holy Spirit when we accept His free gift of salvation by His grace, through our personal faith, and not by any works we can do.

Mission statement

To provide a comprehensive home education information system to support, train and protect every willing North Dakota individual, family and church in the methods of privately funded, parent-directed home education.

NDHSA Statement of purpose

1. Encouraging and assisting Christian families in the education of their children according to Biblical principles;
2. Providing to home educators and the general public information pertaining to the Biblical, academic and legal aspects of home education;
3. Entering into activities, in filling out contracts necessary, incidental or beneficial to the accomplishment of the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

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Pray without ceasing ... for the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

ASK God to continue to give wisdom in all governance affairs of the NDHSA to our board of directors: **Ken & Llorra Knight, Jeff & Theresa Deckert, Pas. Jeff & Karol Kapelle, Sue Huntington, Neil Toman, Pas. Brian & Bev Skaar and Troy & Kristin Durham.**

BLESS those in your support group with encouragement and assistance.

INTERCEDE for Neal and Erica Anderson family as they have returned home after 6 months at Children's Hospital.

PRAISE God for HSLDA and the myriad ways they continue to assist and defend parent educators. Praise the LORD for the tremendous workshops presented by

ASK for wisdom as you raise your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Continue to REMEMBER the Barkie family as Lisa recently died due to a severe infection. She was a long-time support group contact for the Watford City area and still homeschooling.

Praise the LORD for the outstanding convention. Send a thank you to: office@ndhsa.org or kapkian@gondtc.com

PRAY for your Pastor and his family. Encourage, support, assist them as the Lord leads.

INTERCEDE for homeschooling dads that God will strengthen their resolve and show them how to lead with devotion.

REMEMBER when you pray that the Lord is Sovereign; that He is good; that He intends good for His children; and that He will never leave or forsake those called by His Name. God is for us! He is for us.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Eph.3:20-21