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> 60th IRA 2015 Conference

Date: July 17-20, 2015 St. Louis, Missouri "Transforming Lives Through Literacy"

READING... THE TEACHABLE MOMENT

Highlights of the 59th Annual IRA Convention

This month's focus is READING...THE TEACHABLE MOMENT is the theme of this year's conference, which is designed to honor the remarkable nature of teaching and all who engage in it. The Conference Program features a host of wonderfully gifted General Session speakers, Teaching Edge presenters, and Featured Speakers. Every component of the program has been created to provide the most current and meaningful professional development on a wide range of literacy topics, including the Common Core was the Highlights of the 59th Annual Convention. Our Guam Council delegates were very busy attending workshops both large and small.

McGraw-Hill Education delighted our Guam delegates with a wonderful dinner, and array of ideas on how to continue promoting literacy which includes the Common Core. The Guam International Reading Association would like to thank Mrs. Norma Tabayoyong, Pacific Sales Representative for inviting the Guam delegates to this event.

New Orleans is a unique combination of history buff. This city has a multitude of museums and historic churches. You can immerse yourself in the distinctive neighborhoods of the Garden District and the French Quarter.

Guam IRA members who attended the 2014 Convention in New Orleans, State of Louisiana from May 9-13, 2014 were: Mary Livingston, Council President 2014-15; Evangeline Chaco, President-Elect & Read-A-Thon Chairperson 2015; Leonora Balajadia, Okkodo High School representative; Rachel Douglas, Upi Elementary School representative; Marlene Mendiola, Benavente Middle School representative and Verna Mendiola, Truman Elementary School representative. The September 13th, 2014 Presenters are: Mrs. Evangeline Chaco and Mrs. Rachel Douglas.

Book Exchange Table

This summer I have been given books by several people so we are starting with a few books. Bring your read book(s) and exchange for what you have not read. These books are not for sale but exchange. Put a bag of books in your car today so you have them for the first meeting.

IRA

MEMBERSHIP

GOAL: 2014-2015

When the goal of 400 members is reached, a raffle will be conducted. The winner will receive a multimedia projector.

IRA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

IF YOU JOINED IN MAY FOR 2014-2015.

- You will receive a \$5 Chit for every NEW MEMBER you bring to the September and October meeting.
- Join IRA in September and receive a \$5 Chit for every NEW MEMBER you bring to the October meeting.

PRIZES

September door prizes include:

- Android Tablet
- Digital Camera
- Stuff Animal Computer Speaker
- Personal
- Gift Certificates
- And much more!

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59th IRA Convention-New Orleans, State of Louisiana



Jeff Kinney, Best-selling author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid

series



Gail Boushey & Joan Moser (The 2 Sisters)

Passionate duo behind the Daily 5 & the Daily CAFE

The delegates were excited to meet the following author's



Dav Pilkey, Creator of the Captain Underpants series

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President's Message

Hafa Adai and Welcome to another year in promoting Literacy. The Guam Council of the International Reading Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for another exciting year where we will be Celebrating READING...THE TEACHABLE MOMENT. Our mission is promoting literacy throughout the community through monthly general meetings, workshops, book exchange and resources.

Two of our Guam delegates: Evangeline Chaco and Rachael Douglas are excited to share some ideas from the 59th Annual IRA Convention, held New Orleans.

Our September venue will at Royal Orchid Guam Ballroom located in Tumon.