



# Invitational Education

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## A Message from the Executive Director



As the school semester closes and we stand on the cusp of a new year, it is a great time for reflection of the past and excitement for the future. Having served in public schools for 33 years, I totally understand the chaos of this time of year. It seemed that there was an endless "to do" list which included work and family related activities. Yet, watching that last bus leave and the staff parking lot empty, I always took the time to stop and look back at my planner which included all of the things I had accomplished that year. Some years, I had more "to be continued" activities than I had completed; other years, I could celebrate major projects in final or complete stages. Then, looking at the mostly empty pages of the new calendar, I had a sense of renewal, knowing that each day would bring the opportunity to complete what I had started, or to embark upon a new endeavor. As you examine your past year and plan your new one, I hope that you reflect upon the tenets of Invitational Schools. Make more time to be personally inviting; intentionally apply healthy doses of care, optimism, respect and trust. As IAIE begins the 37th year I am sure it will be one of our most successful. Thank you for being part of a special international team of educators and community supporters.

Merry Christmas and to all an Inviting New Year!

*Kathy*

## News and Updates:

A great holiday gift idea is Dr. Purkey's [Creating a Positive School Climate Nuts and Bolts of Invitational Education](#). It is packed with ideas that can easily be applied in your classroom and school today. This book would be an excellent resource for a team book study. To help facilitate these opportunities, I am offering this helpful tool at a reduced price.

Regularly \$14.00 it is now on sale for \$11.00. Orders of 20 or more copies can be purchased at \$9.80. Feel free to contact me for orders or simply go to our [IAIE website](#).



WILLIAM PURKEY

Other very valuable resources are also available which include books, the IAIE toolkit, and customized coaching.

## Sue Bowen Memorial Fellowship



As you know, this year we lost a very special member of our IAIE team. Mrs. Sue Bowen, who had held multiple positions of leadership in IAIE will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Fellowship has been established in Sue's honor. This Fellowship will provide 2019 conference registration and membership to a student who will benefit from learning more about Invitational Schools. If you would like to donate in memory of Sue, please make checks or money orders payable to IAIE and mail to PO Box 594, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340. Please denote on the check that this is for the Sue Bowen Memorial.

## Betty Siegal Silent Auction

Thanks to many public and private donations, \$600.00 has been sent to Sharing Smiles at the Florida Hospital in honor of our special co-founder, Dr. Betty Siegel. Recently, this note of thanks was received:

*Dear friends at the International Alliance for Invitational Education,*



*One person can make a difference and today, that person is you! Your gift to Sharing Smiles will bring joy, health, and healing into the lives of children in developing countries. What a wonderful way to honor Betty Siegel.*

*Your generosity provides facial reconstructive surgery, pediatric dentistry, and physical therapy to hundreds of children who have no economic resources for care. Training programs are also organized in order to give doctors and nurses the ability to provide year-round comprehensive medical care.*

*Because of you, these little ones have a whole new reason to smile!*

*With gratitude,*

*Alyssa Ali, Donor Relations, Florida Hospital Foundation/Sharing Smiles*



## Membership Campaign

As the holidays approach, it is a great time to think about sharing the benefits of IAIE membership with a colleague, family member, or friend. As a member, you are aware of the many benefits which include international networking, reduced cost for conference events, student/teacher exchange opportunities, and access to research.

The IAIE Membership Committee asks that all members suggest a colleague who may benefit from being part of our organization. Simply notify Dr. William Purkey, [wwpurkey@aol.com](mailto:wwpurkey@aol.com) with the name, address, and email. (Those of you who participate will be entered into a drawing for 2 free books of your choice.)

If by chance time has gotten away and you need to renew your membership, or perhaps you experienced issues during the website refresh, simply logon now to [our website](#) and visit the store to find the type of membership. \* Remember, you may now login using your full email address or a previously used username.

Should you have any issues or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact, [Kathy Fields](#)



### **Coming New Year**

Get to know your Board of Trustee members! Beginning in January, one Board member will be featured in each newsletter. This will provide your information on their service and how to reach them.

### **IAIE Holiday Office Hours**

The IAIE office will be closed December 21-Jan. 6 for the Christmas/New Year holidays.

