



You and ICARE

December, 2009

PENNIE'S PENNINGS

I am Larry Pennie, the new President of ICARE. I am one of the founding members of the council and have been the treasurer since ICARE began. I am finally getting around to sending out the first newsletter of the year for this wonderful organization. We are bringing forth a few new ideas for ICARE. These items were discussed by the ICARE Board at the IRC Leadership Workshop in early July and given the go-ahead.

First of all, you can count on four newsletters this year. Yes, I promise to send three more before the year ends in July. I love to write and doing the newsletter is a great workable outlet for me.

Secondly, we will be hosting a new and exciting event at the IRC Conference in March. It is called "IRC's Got Talent" and is patterned after the TV show "America's Got Talent." You have a chance to win \$500!! Look for information later in the newsletter.

Next, we will once again be sponsoring a strand at the IRC Conference. It will feature last year's Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award Winner, Bonnie Diamond; current IRC President, Chris Moen; and past IRC President, Roxanne Owens. The strand is on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in Springfield. Information to attend the conference is available on the IRC website, illinoisreadingcouncil.org. If you haven't been to an IRC Conference in the past, you need to make it a part of your professional development.

There is sooooo much to see and do at the conference, you shouldn't miss it!!!

Fourth, ICARE will be striving to get the IRC Council of Excellence Award and the IRA Honor Council Award this year. It will take time and energy and help from many of you to achieve these goals. One way you can help to achieve this honors, is to become more involved in ICARE, IRC and IRA. We will be having meetings of ICARE following the IRC Board Meetings on January 23, 2010 and April 17, 2010. If you would like to attend any or all of these meetings, contact me at least 3 weeks before each meeting by email lapennie@comcast.net and I will forward information to you.

Larry Pennie, ICARE President

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We would like members to fill roles as ICARE representatives on the IRC Committees of: Parents and Reading, Newspapers in Education and Governmental Relations. Email Larry if you are interested.

Thinkin' and Inkin" About Lincoln

Roxanne Owens will be heading up this project. This is a continuation of the ABC's of Illinois that ICARE has been doing over the past years. The difference this year is that the focus is on Abraham Lincoln in honor of his 200th birthday and the manuscript may be in any text/image format (alphabet book, graphic novel, poetry, timeline, informational, pattern book.... The project is being funded by an IRC Literacy Grant. This unique project is open to ALL grade levels across Illinois. ALL classes submitting a manuscript will receive a copy of the final book (even if their particular manuscript is not included in the final published book.) Additionally, the final book will be posted on the IRC website so teachers and students from across the state can use it as a resource. Submissions are due **January 18, 2010**. For project details and to register to participate, please follow the links on the IRC Website www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. You can also view copies of previous published books from this ongoing project. Click on Area 9 on the left hand side of the home page. Then click on ICARE when the box opens. Then click on ABC's of Illinois: About the Beautiful Communities of Illinois. "A Book For Illinois Students, By Illinois Students." We hope to have an even better book for this year. That will take place only if you get involved and then get your students involved.

ICARE FOR READING AWARD

We will once again be presenting the annual GENE CRAMER ICARE FOR READING AWARD at the IRC Conference. This award is named in honor of the founder of ICARE, Gene Cramer. In addition to a plaque, an honorarium of \$500 will be presented to the winner. Now is the time to nominate someone for this award. The nomination forms were in the November, 2009 *IRC Communicator* and are found on the IRC website www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. Click on Area 9, then in ICARE and then on the link that says "Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award." The due date for the award has been extended to January 15, 2010.

It feels a lot colder when you're shoveling snow than when you're building a snow fort.

Using a word you don't understand can be embarrassing

If you're going to laugh, laugh out loud.

-- From Really Important Stuff My Kids Have Taught Me

ICARE AT IRC

As mentioned earlier, ICARE is presenting a strand at the IRC Conference in Springfield on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

- 9:15 am Christine Moen (current IRC President) *Students Show They Know: A Dozen Multimodal Comprehension Demonstrations*
- 10:30 - 11:30 am Bonnie Diamond (2009 Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award Winner) *Fostering the Love of Reading" The Yellow Brick Road*
- 1:45 - 3:45 (Double Session) Roxanne Owens and half a dozen authors *Flabby to Fab-y: Writing Workouts to Shape Up Your Curriculum*

Look for the room location for these sessions in the Conference Program Booklet. There will be a short ICARE Meeting following the Double Session.

IRC HALL OF COUNCILS

For the past few years, IRC has sponsored the Hall of Councils at the IRC Conference. ICARE has had a display for each of those years. It is time to begin thinking about a display of who we are and what we do centered around the conference theme of "Lighting the Way to Literacy." If you have a creative spirit and like putting displays together, this is a perfect job for you. Contact President Larry Pennie by email at icare@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

FROM THE EDITOR

I'm looking forward to input from all the members with information about what is going on in affective reading across the state. Also, do you have a favorite author or book? Write up a review for submission in You and ICARE. Any information should be completed in Microsoft Word and sent by email to: benfranklinchat@comcast.net

DID'JA KNOW?

The ICARE officers who attended the IRC Leadership Workshop at the Grand Bear Lodge in Utica, Illinois on July, 2009 learned a great deal.

During the Workshop, the officers participated in sessions dealing with all aspects of IRC as well as pointers on running the local and special interest councils. The Workshop was under the direction of the IRA State Coordinator, Roberta Sejnost and included presentations by most of the IRC officers and many committee chairs. Following the Wednesday meal, Jane Kline from the International Reading Association spoke to all of us about the importance of IRA and IRC and their connections.

The thing that is unique about the ICARE officers and board is that most of them have other jobs in IRC. Donna Monti is a past President of IRC, Roxanne Owens is a past President of IRC, Boomer Crotty, is chair of the Newspapers in Education Committee of IRC, Larry Pennie is a past President of IRC, is chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of IRC and Kathy Sweeny chairs the ICARE/IRC Static Sticker Committee and is an IRC Regional Director. We are truly a busy group working to improve literacy in Illinois and beyond.

ICARE LEADERS NEEDED

As we move ahead this year, we must begin looking at the next year. In that respect, we are seeking individuals who exhibit leadership skills to fill some of our leadership positions in ICARE. As a teacher and ICARE member, you are a leader and that makes you eligible for a position. We will meet at the IRC Conference to vote. Interested? Email Past-President, Boomer Crotty at 608boomer@sbcglobal.net.

ICARE MEMBER JOINS IRC HALL OF FAME

Current ICARE President, Larry Pennie, was awarded membership in the IRC Hall of Fame at the 2009 IRC Conference. The award was presented at the Friday night banquet during which Larry gave a short talk on how reading impacted his life. He spoke of reading as a refuge in books, the first book he took out of the library, his first purchase of a book and the first book he received as a gift. He also spoke of the importance of reading to and with children and that as teachers we really don't know the impact that we have on children.

AUTHOR FEATURE

In each addition of "You and ICARE," there will be an author feature. It is the hope of the editor of this newsletter that readers will send a short author feature to become a part of a future newsletter. Email such features to benfranklinchat@comcast.net. Be sure to put Author Feature in the subject. This is a chance for you to let everyone know about a favorite author of yours.

Many of you know that I have a passion for humorous picture books. In that respect, I would like to highlight an award winning picture book author that has been around for a while but who has recently come to the forefront. That person is Margie Palatini. I had the opportunity to introduce her at the IRC Conference last year. She is as delightful as her books are. I first fell in love with her writing in Piggy Pie 1995 Clarion Books, which I purchased, in of all places, at the Secondary Reading League's Conference in 1997. It was recommended to me by Jean Getseil (retired) from Anderson Bookstore. Since that time I have purchased and delighted in numerous other titles by the author. They include:

Zoom Broom 1998 Scholastic,
Broom Mates 2003 Hyperion Bks for Children,
Bad Boys 2003 Harper Collins, Bad Boys Get Cookie 2006 Harper Collins, Bad Boys Get Henpecked 2009 Harper Collins, Boo Who? 2004 Harper Collins, Boo-Hoo Moo 2009 Harper Collins, The Cheese 2007 Harper Collins, Gorgonzola 2008 Harper Collins, Bedhead 2000 Simon & Schuster, Mary Had A Little Ham 2003 Hyperion Bks and Gone With the Wand 2009 Orchard Books. In addition she has written the following books that I don't own:

Good as Goldie, Goldie is Mad, Moosekitoe, Moosetache, Moosetoe, The Three Silly Billies, Zak's Lunch, The Perfect Pet, Shelly, The Web Files, Three French Hens, Geek Chic, tub-boo-boo, Stinky Smelly Feet, Sweet Tooth, No Biting, Louise, Oink, Earthquack and Ding Dong, Ding Dong.

What I love about this author is her ability to weave fairy tales, nursery rhymes, puns and other plays on words into her stories designed for young children. It has been my experience that most of her books relate well to older children as well. Her style of writing brings all ages into the stories by accessing their prior knowledge.

Larry Pennie

ICARE AND IRC PRESENT

“IRC’S GOT TALENT”

Illinois Reading Council Conference
Friday, March 19, 2010 8:30 PM
Springfield Hilton Ballroom

CASH PRIZES

1ST PLACE - \$500 2ND PLACE - \$250 3RD PLACE - \$100

TYPE OF ACT (vocal, comedy, ventriloquist, etc.) _____

DESCRIPTION OF ACT (must fit a PG-13 rating) If it is a musical presentation, include the name of the selection. (Note: The stage is a portable stage with about an 8 foot ceiling)

NAME(S) OF PERSON(S) PARTICIPATING IN THE ACT (LIST ALL PERFORMERS)

Contact person’s name and email _____

NO GYMNASTICS TYPES OF ACTS. NO ACTS INVOLVING FIRE OF ANY KIND.

ENTRY FEES (non refundable unless act is not accepted) Entries due 2/15/10

\$25 for the first performer in the act

\$20 for the second performer in the act

\$10 each for additional performers in the act

Make checks payable to: ICARE and send to

Larry Pennie, 1902 Quail Run Ct., Normal, IL 617161

The following equipment will be furnished: piano, audio equipment to play CD’s, microphone

Prizes will be awarded following the event based on audience written votes.

Neither ICARE nor IRC are responsible for any injuries, accidents or other mishaps.

Entries are due February 15, 2010

Questions? Email to lapennie@comcast.net

Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education
GENE CRAMER ICARE FOR READING AWARD
Nomination Form

The Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education recognizes the importance of educators in modeling the love of reading and the printed word for today's students who are constantly presented with a vast array of other media. Thus, the purpose of the Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award is to honor an educator who has performed in an outstanding manner to show concern for the affective domain and who has promoted lifelong reading habits among students. The award is given annually at the March meeting of ICARE to be held in conjunction with the Illinois Reading Council conference in Springfield.

CRITERIA

1. Educator in good standing in the profession.
2. Educator who contributes to the spread of the joy of reading and promotes reading habits among students.
3. Educator who serves as an exemplary model for others in promoting the affective domain of reading.
4. Educator recommended for the award by other educators.

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION

Name _____

Address _____

Position _____ Phone _____

REASONS FOR NOMINATION

Please submit your reasons for nominating this educator on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form. Provide specific details that illustrate your nominee's qualifications.

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Address _____

Position _____

Return form by **January 1, 2010** to: Roxanne Owens, 5038 Berteau, Chicago, Illinois 60641.

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