

*A note from the president*

*Dear Fellow Kappans,*

*Thank you to all who joined us on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for this year's first meeting of the Bridgewater State College Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. We were happy to have good attendance for our special presentation from Dr. Susan Miller who spoke on the subject of MCAS for special needs students.*

*If you were unable to join us in October, I do hope that your schedule will permit you to be present at the next meeting on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside Grille. This will be a special night as our evening will begin with a wine and cheese social from 5:30 – 6:00 hosted by the Bridgewater State College Dean of the School of Education & Allied Studies, Dr. Anna Bradfield. Later, we will review a great PDK opportunity for both novice and veteran teachers. So please plan to join us on November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: It is rather earlier in the year for this, but I would like to introduce you to the PDK Teacher of the Year Program that is sponsored by Wal-Mart. I was not aware of this program myself until I received a call from PDK International asking if I would be willing to present the award on behalf of PDK for the RI State Teacher of the Year. Believe it or not, there is no chapter of PDK in Rhode Island, hence the need to reach out to us, the nearest chapter.*



*Mary Ann McKinnon and I went to this wonderful awards presentation at the Goff Junior High School in Pawtucket. We were on hand to present the state level award to this very deserving teacher who got a standing ovation when it was announced that in addition to his personal award, the school was receiving a check for \$10,000 from Wal-Mart! Of course we reached out to this community and invited them to join our chapter of PDK... but it also got us thinking. Why don't we promote local nominations for the Teacher of the Year Award?*

*Please visit the web site at <http://www.pdkintl.org/walmart/home.htm>. There you will find information about the Teacher of the Year Program. As I mentioned above, it is a bit early since the nominations are not due until February, but please start thinking about who would be good to nominate. I'm sure we all know many highly effective teachers that wouldn't mind being recognized for their hard work. Please give this some thought and I will circulate additional nomination information when the deadline nears.*

*I look forward to seeing you on November 15<sup>th</sup> and please feel free to invite your colleagues to join us. Sincerely, Jane M. Souza*