

*A note from the president*

*Dear Fellow Kappans,*

*Welcome once again to the beginning of a new school year. I sincerely hope you were able to take some time over the summer for some much needed and well-deserved rest and relaxation.*



*“So, other than that, how was your first day as a teacher?”*

*Though I’m no longer in a teaching position, I still get energized each fall and am somehow infused with renewed enthusiasm over the beginning of a new academic year. This year, I’m particularly excited about the prospect for a very special year with PDK. The 2006-2007 year marks a significant anniversary for the Bridgewater State College Chapter. **Ten years ago this September we held our very first PDK meeting.** The group was organized as a club on September 26, 1996 with many members who are still active with the chapter today.*

***On August 6, 1997 the chapter received official notification from Phi Delta Kappa International that our petition for a chapter was accepted and a September 30, 1997 chapter installation date was confirmed.***

*We hope that you will join the executive board members in making this a **very special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season** of PDK Chapter dinner meetings.*

*We have reviewed the results of a survey conducted by outgoing chapter president, Mary Madden. Responses indicated a high interest in having speakers at our gatherings, and we are working on lining up some experts on the subjects of leadership, MCAS, and teacher licensure issues. For example, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria has agreed to be the keynote speaker for our March 1, 2007 meeting. He will address the group on the topic of Leadership in a Changing World.*

*Dr. Susan Miller, will be our first keynote speaker at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Dr. Miller is a history teacher in Middleboro. She was a 2006 finalist for Massachusetts Dept of Education Teacher of the Year and the Massachusetts Council of Social Studies 2006 Teacher of the Year winner. Her interest in education has recently taken her in another direction and on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> she will share her research on districts’ success with assisting special needs students pass the mathematics MCAS.*

*If you would like to make suggestions for future guest speakers, or if you are interested in helping us plan a very special **September 2007 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Celebration**, please email me at [Jane.Souza@connectsemass.org](mailto:Jane.Souza@connectsemass.org). See you in October! --- Jane M. Souza*