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TO: GENI Membership

FROM: Rick Bein, GENI Executive Director

#### ITEMS TO NOTE

- On November 2-3, 1995, GENI will sponsor a *Pre-Service Geography Education Workshop*. The workshop will focus upon the new geography standards and implementation of the standards, classroom ideas, teacher and administrator empowerment of geographic knowledge, teaming K-12 educators with post-secondary methods instructors, and resource persons and materials. See the enclosed application and agenda for more information.
- October 25-28, 1995 are the dates for the **National Council for Geographic Education Conference** to be held in San Antonio, Texas. Look for information in this newsletter.
- The **National Council for the Social Studies** Conference is scheduled for November 9-12 in Chicago, Illinois. Contact your Social Studies Department Coordinator for details.
- **GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK** is November 12-18, and the theme for 1995 is *Geography: Passports to the World*. ONLY individuals with current paid membership to GENI will receive a National Geographic Society GAW packet. The Society has been experiencing financial difficulty and has had to charge the geography alliances for the GAW packets; therefore, GENI can only expend funds where they are incoming. GENI reaches approximately 3,900 individuals with each newsletter; but only about 400 of you are paid members.
- The 1996 *Indiana Geography Bee* is scheduled for Friday, March 29. In order to register for the Bee, a written request must be mailed by the end of September from the SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL to Mary Lee Elden, National Geography Bee, National Geographic Society, 1145 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20036. If your school held a Bee last year, you will receive a registration packet again this year.
- GENI will be collaborating with the **Alaska Geography Alliance** on an Advanced Summer Geography Institute in Alaska; GENI will be sending several Indiana teachers to participate in the program. Three scholarships for Indiana Geography Teachers Consultants (teachers who have graduated from a three-week Summer Geography Institute) will be available. See the enclosed flier for further details.
- APRIL 25-27, 1996 are the dates for the **Indiana Council for the Social Studies/National Council for the Social Studies Great Lakes Regional Conference**; the conference will be held in Indianapolis at the Civic Center. See the enclosed registration information or contact the ICSS office at

(317)494-9638 for more details. The theme for the conference is *UNITING VISIONS* with

- subthemes of 1) critical issues, 2) trends and innovations, 3) global perspectives, 4) early learning, and 5) multi-cultural perspectives.
- During the summer of 1996, GENI will be collaborating with the **Indiana Junior Historical Society** on a project educating educators about Indiana; the project will consist of three, one-week institutes to occur each summer from 1996 through 1998. The first week will take place in north central Indiana and will focus on the *Great Lakes Region of Indiana* architecture, history, culture, industrial development, economics, landforms, religions, and geography. Dates for this event are August 4-10, 1996. Watch future GENI Newsletters for more details. In 1997, the *Ohio River Valley Region of Indiana* will be studied utilizing the new Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center. In 1998, the institute will focus on the canals of Indiana. Educators are “well come” to participate in all of the institutes; if you participate in two, you obtain the status of Geography Teacher Consultant. Both GENI and the IJHS are very excited about the institutes!
- A National Diffusion Network one-day **Geography Workshop** is scheduled for Indianapolis on September 19, 1995. For registration information, contact Lynn Erb at (317)497-3269 or 1-800-552-3388.
- The **Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc.** Annual Conference is scheduled for at Indianapolis’ . Contact the HASTI office for more details.
- The **Earth 2-U** exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution will be on display in Chicago, IL from October 16, 1996 through January 20, 1997.

## RESOURCES IN GEOGRAPHY

- **NCGE Master Maps** are available for \$5.00 plus \$2.00 shipping on the *World, Atlantic Basin, Pacific Basin, United States, North America, Middle America, South America, Europe, Eurasia, Northern Eurasia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South and Southwest Asia, Africa, and Australia and New Zealand*. Write to the NCGE, 16A Leonard Hall, Indiana PA 15705 or call (412)357-6290 or FAX (412)357-7708.
- Imagine it is the year 2061. In orbit around the Earth, your team is responsible for locating and testing Halley's Comet. **The WRIGHT STUFF**, an interactive, hands-on, simulated, **NASA / Challenger Learning Center** is located in Brownsburg, Indiana. To arrange a mission for your students, contact Julie Muffler at 753 South Green Street, Brownsburg IN.
- **NASA Lewis Research Center**, Teacher Resource Center, Mail Stop 8-1, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland OH 44135-3191 or call (216)433-2017.
- If you want population statistics, "**The State of the World Population**" is available free. This kit includes a summary of current world population trends in such areas as human migration, urbanization, refugees and other topics. Call UNFPA at (212)297-5000.
- The **Population Reference Bureau** once again has available current global statistics. **World Population: Toward the Next Century** is a 20-page instructional kit including up-to-date maps, charts and tables. Population pyramids, the world's ten largest cities and the popular "World Population Growth Through History" chart are also part of the kit. Send \$6.00 to the Circulation Department, PRB, PO Box 96152, Washington DC 200090.
- **The Wonder of Israel** is a free educational video produced by the Embassy of Israel. To order, please contact the Embassy at 3514 International Drive NW, Washington DC 20008 or call (202)364-5500 or FAX (202)364-5423.
- The *Center for the Study of Canada* has published new materials about Canadian history and geography. **O Canada: its geography, history and the people who call it home**, is a 248-page, full color, hard-cover, custom maps and charts text available for \$27.00. A 48-page Companion Children's Literature Collection (\$7.00) or a 64-page Teaching Strategies and Resources Guide (\$15.00) may also be ordered to accompany the text. Write to the Center for the Study of Canada, SUNY Plattsburgh, 133 Court Street, Plattsburgh NY 12901 or call (518)564-2397 or FAX (518)564-2112.
- **The World and I**, a monthly journal with over 450 pages in each issue which offers several "mini magazines" discussing current global issues, the arts, life-styles, natural science, books and cultural folkways. During the school year, free *Teacher's Guides* are included with each issue. An excellent tool for the resource center in your school. For questions and ordering, call 1-800-822-2822.
- *Free Stuff for Kids, 1995 Edition* is a collection of free and nearly free items (less than \$1.00) for kids of all ages. Listings cover geography, science, history, economics, health and safety, social issues and the environment. Order the catalog for \$7.00 from Meadowbrook Press, 18318 Minnetonka Boulevard, Deephaven MN 55391 or call 1-800-338-2232.
- A poster and article on lightning teach students not to take shelter under trees during storms. **FREE** from Kenneth Howard/Ron Holle, National Severe Storms Laboratory, 1313 Halley Circle, Norman OK 73069.
- **What do Maps Show?** is a **FREE** set of wall display materials that include a double-sided poster, six examples of maps and map symbols, four activity sheets and four suggested lesson plans. Contact the Branch of Publications, National Mapping Division, USGS, 508 National Center, Reston VA 22092 or call 1-800-USA-MAPS.

- Another free **USGS** publication is the 20 page booklet **Topographic Mapping**, which provides an up-to-date description of cartography, contour mapping and innovative uses of such maps.
- Also FREE from USGS is *Exploring Maps*, a set of double-sided posters depicting some historical advances in cartography up to mapping distant planets. The set contains four background reading/activity sheets.
- Knowledge Unlimited, Inc. has released *We Must Never Forget: The Story of the Holocaust*, a video that reviews the historical context in which the Holocaust arose. The bulk of the program features the story of Rosa Katz, a Holocaust survivor from the Polish city of Lodz. The video is 35 minutes long and costs \$55.00 plus \$4.40 s/h. Contact KU at PO Box 52, Madison WI 53701 or call 1-800-356-2303.
- Single copies of *Challenges for Space Explorers*, a collection of information, activities, and resources about living and working in space for teachers of grades 4-12 is available FREE. Contact the National Air and Space Museum, Educational Services Department, MRC 305, Code 0024, Educational Services Center, Washington DC 20560 or call (202)786-2109.
- *Chameleons, Condos, Critters and Critical Thinking* tells how to build and use condos, five to eighteen bottles habitats that teachers and students make from two-liter plastic bottles. The condos provide classes with inexpensive, highly visible habitats that house animals, crickets, and ant farms and provide close encounters with living things that catch and eat other critters. For \$9.95 order from Chameleon Publishing, 2301 East Stratford Court, Shorewood WI 53211 or call (414)963-4242.
- The **Plastic Bag Association** has produced a classroom curriculum titled, "*Don't Let a Good Thing Go to Waste*", a five lesson unit that includes multidisciplinary activities for students in grades 2-5 relating to solid waste recycling. For a free kit call 1-800-438-5856.
- The **Zero Population Growth** announces a new teaching kit for elementary educators. *Counting on People: Elementary Population and Environmental Activities* helps elementary students understand their connections to other people, nature and the world. The 150-page spiral bound book has more than forty hands-on activities. To order, send \$19.95 plus \$3.00 s/h to ZPG, Population Education Program, 1400 16th Street NW Suite 320, Washington DC 20036.
- **A and E Orienteering** has just published two books for teaching elementary children essential map skills. They are "*M.A.P.S. - Book 1 - Sycamore Glade*" about cardinal and intermediate directions for grades 2 and 3 AND "*M.A.P.S. - Book 2 - Land of Blue Lights*" about scale, symbols, and directions for grades 2-4. They are \$6.95 each, available from the publisher. A and E also publishes a series of six books to introduce orienteering to primary students called Star T Orienteering. For more information contact them at 74 Decorah Drive, St. Louis MO 63146.
- **A Teacher's Guide to the U.S. Department of Education** is available by calling the Government Printing Office at (202)783-3238.
- **MAP IT!** is a comic book that helps intermediate students do mental mapping in a more visual way. This book by Nancy Margulies is \$14.75 for five booklets, with 10% shipping; and bulk discounts are available. Zephyr Press, PO Box 660606, Tucson AZ 85728.

## Geo Tech Resources

- **Internet Environmental Information:** *The Virtual Environmental Library*, an extensive resource of environmental information and *The Environmental Education Network*, a multimedia resource for educational materials, ideas and information. For information contact, Envirolink Network Suite 236, Hamburg Building, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213 (admin@envirolink.org).
- Rand McNally recently published six new computer courseware titles, one is the **Childrens' Atlas of World Wildlife** on CD-ROM. It explores the natural environment of the world. For Mac or Windows, it can be purchased for \$69.95 from Rand McNally's Technology Educational Courseware 1995 catalog or call 1-800-678-7263.
- DK Multimedia has published a new catalog which focuses on their multimedia publications. One series they have introduced, *Eyewitness Virtual Reality*, is a series of informative CD-ROMs which utilize the 13-part video series and the book series -- both entitled Eyewitness. For a copy of their catalog, write them at 95 Madison Avenue, New York NY 10016 or call 1-800-DKMM575 or online dkmm@phantom.com.
- A new Internet discussion group focused on implementation of the *National Geography Standards* called **Geoglife** is available. To subscribe, send a message to: listserv@tamvm1.tamu.edu. In the body of your message type: subscribe geoglife (your name). For example: Subscribe Geoglife Laurie Latitude.
- The *Geography Education Program* is compiling a list of e-mail addresses and needs your input. Submit your address to: gepngs@aol.com.
- SERC's new Home Page on the World Wide Web is designed for easy access, colorful graphics which lead to information on SERC high and middle school courses, professional development, registration and pricing information and what SERC is. To view or to link to their home page, point your Web browser to <http://www/scsn.net/-serc/> or for general use, contact SERC via e-mail at [serc@serc.org](mailto:serc@serc.org).
- Check out the **U.S. Department of Education** Online Library. It has information on Goals 2000, technology and other issues. Other documents include *Helping Your Child* series for parents, a teacher's guide to the US DOE and more. To access the library you must be able to use gopher or World Wide Web client software: ED/OERI WWW Server: <http://www.ed.gov>; Gopher Server: [gopher.ed.gov](http://gopher.ed.gov); FTP users can access the information by typing to <ftp.ed.gov> (log on anonymous).
- The **Office for Educational Research Information** (OERI) with the US DOE provides online access to statistical data, and, in some cases, to full texts of departmental documentation. Computer users can retrieve this information at any hour using a modem and calling 1-800-222-4922. Direct calling at (202)219-1511.
- The National Geographic Society recently produced a new software game which challenges students to place on a world map all 191 countries and their capitals, other major cities, and significant geographic features. For grades 4-12; designed for Macintosh or Windows. To order, call 1-800-368-2728. Both are \$39.95.
- Clockwork Software publishes **Centennia**, a dynamic historical atlas of Europe and the Middle East from 1000 AD to the present. 150 pages of text, map movie, zoom features and timelines are available. In DOS or MAC or Windows; write to them at 20 Cricket Lane Suite 2100, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522 or e-mail: [centennia2@aol.com](mailto:centennia2@aol.com).

- Several resources are available from **The World Bank** on-line: contact them at <http://www.worldbank.org/> or e-mail at [faqbooks@worldbank.org](mailto:faqbooks@worldbank.org)@internet.

## DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS OF GEOGRAPHY

Three Indiana educators will be receiving *Distinguished Teaching of Geography Awards* from the National Council for Geographic Education during the Friday evening banquet of the annual conference, which is being held in San Antonio, Texas.

**Roger Jenkinson**, GENI Board of Directors President has taught Geography at Taylor University in Upland, IN for over thirty years and has devoted much of his time during the past seven years in promoting geography education throughout the state via the Indiana Geography Alliance (GENI). Roger is a fair and professional leader whom colleagues and students can rely for objective and thoughtful perspectives. Roger has directed several one-week, Interdisciplinary Geography Institutes.

**Ruth Johnston** was introduced to GENI during her participation in the 1990 Summer Geography Institute, which was a residential institute held in Indianapolis. Since that time, Ruth has been very active in promoting Geography throughout the state but, specifically, in her native northwestern Indiana through numerous one-day inservices and Summer Geography Institutes. Ruth has been teaching at Jackson Elementary School in the Duneland School Corporation; currently, Ruth is working on her Master's degree.

**Orvil Schlatter**, present member of the GENI Board of Directors, has been teaching Geography for over thirty years. Orvil was born in India and has traveled to over forty-two countries, the most recent of which was Peru. Orvil takes any opportunity to present geography to any audience, and he takes any opportunity to brag about his students. Co-directing a Summer Geography Institute was an opportunity for him to encourage other teachers to become as excited about Geography as himself.



