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In February, PSO celebrated its 25th Year of Insights! Hopefully you were able to attend, as it was wonderful! The experts from Thursday night's dinner stayed with us for the Friday sessions, and gave us new and important information. Saturday was filled with many new speakers and exciting topics. All of the information gained will definitely be taken back and put to use!

The vendor hall was filled with vendors old and new. There were many items to purchase for schools or for you. There were school supplies, music, food, business necessities, and more! Definitely, there was something for everyone.

Throughout the conference, there were many opportunities for conferees to win prizes and money. We held a silent auction on Friday, gave away Fun Bucks to be spent in the vendor hall, raffles and conference evaluation money winners. It was an exciting weekend filled with many surprises. If you didn't make it to Insights 2007, please mark your calendars for next year's conference, February 21 - 23, 2008.

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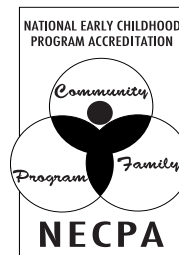
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PSO/ICCA is making a Membership Push for 2008!!

Thank you to all of the Members who have renewed your memberships! Please, let us know any changes in your contact information so that we can stay in communication with you throughout the year. We look forward to working with you and providing some great opportunities in the coming year.

This year, PSO/ICCA is undertaking a membership recruitment initiative. As a member you are eligible to participate on the Membership Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee please call our office toll free at 1-877-912-4222.

The Membership Committee is beginning plans for some training events to reach out to our current members as well as to new members, so be sure to watch for information on these events by email and by regular mail.

If you know of a licensed early care provider who might be interested in membership, please contact our office and we will mail them a membership packet.

Thanks to all of the Vendors at Insights 2007!!!

The 2007 Insights Trade Show was a smashing success in large part due to the fantastic vendors that participate. We want you to know that we really appreciate your time and commitment to our membership and look forward to working with all of you at Insights 2008!

Unfortunately, our costs are going up for the tradeshow and we will be having discussions about raising rates for the 2008 show. We have had several vendors who have already taken advantage of locking in the \$450 per booth rate by sending their contract and payment in full by April 15th. Because we value each and every one of you and want to give you every opportunity to save money, we would like to extend this opportunity until May 31st.

Thank you to all of those vendors who have already signed up for 2008: Binee's, Constructive Playthings, Count Me In, Discount School Supply, Flexitoys, Fox River Foods, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Let's Dig In, Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc./Childcarebus.com, Mr. Z's Fund Raising, Quality Catering for Kids, Inc., and Zep Manufacturing/First Impressions Floor Care.

The drawing for the FREE Booth went to Schweppe!!!

Congratulations to Judith Katz

Long-time NCCA/ICCA member Judith Katz was inducted March 8 into the Chicagoland Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. This 22-year tradition, hosted by the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, honors exceptional business leaders and entrepreneurs throughout the seven county area.

As its administrator and owner, Katz was inducted on behalf of her Minee Subee Early Education and Childcare Centers (named for her own children: **Michele**, **Neal**, **Susan** and **Beth**) located in Arlington Heights, Lincolnshire, Mt. Prospect and Hanover Park, Illinois. This serial entrepreneur, administrator, technology innovator, and corporate CEO, grew a storefront childcare center licensed in 1974 for a capacity of 40 into four state-of-the-art facilities that now serve more than 700 children with nationally-accredited programs.

A trendsetting pioneer, Katz was among the nation's first to offer infant care, day camp and the mobile bus fitness program. Her schools were also the very first to provide an unparalleled level of security through a PC-based, fingerprint facility-access control system born from her visions of a safe, secure learning environment. Known today as Door Monitor, the system was developed by her late-husband, Software Developer Norman Katz and is one of several award-winning software solutions integrated with proprietary biometric recognition technology offered exclusively by Count Me In, LLC, Katz's second company that evolved from her high standards for child safety.

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Fun Bucks Winners



Judith Katz and Michele Katz pose with the Welcome to Insights sign.



Conference attendees giving their undivided attention to Holly Elissa Bruno.



Conference attendees enjoy the breakout sessions.

Marsha Engquist and Karen Jo Walsh were involved in discussion of Pre-K Grants in Illinois



The silent auction was held on Friday for the first time ever and it was a great success. Thanks to all of you who donated items and to those of you who placed bids!

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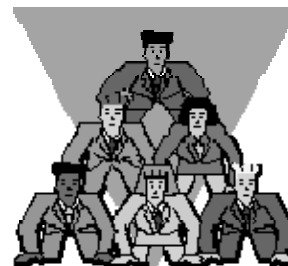
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