

REAL NEWS

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BACK TO THE BEACH: HHI REAL INSTITUTES 2004



The famous Harbour Town Lighthouse

For the second year in a row, Georgia REAL heads to Harbour Town Resorts at Hilton Head Island, SC for the annual REAL Institutes.

REAL Institute is a 37.5 contact hour course that prepares K-12, post-secondary, and community-based educators to teach REAL Entrepreneurship. Each Institute, Mini/Middle REAL Institute and REAL Institute, lasts for a period of one week (Sun-Fri) during June.

Overwhelmingly positive responses from last year's participants prompted the return to Hilton Head Island. Plentiful recreational activities such as jet-skiing, boating, shopping, tennis, outdoor concerts, and exploring

the island allow time between sessions to feel like a vacation.

Hilton Head Island's close proximity to Savannah makes it an ideal location for Georgia travelers by car and out of state travelers by air via Savannah or Hilton Head Airports.

Director of this year's HHI REAL Institute is Georgia REAL Associate Director Julie Cook. Co-Directors of the Mini/Middle Institute are REAL Instructors Sherry Malone and Lynn Hendren.

For more information on REAL, REAL Institutes, and to register for an Institute, please visit our website at www.gareal.org.

ATHENS SCHOOLS WELCOME NORWEGIAN EDUCATOR

While attending the National Community Education Conference in New Orleans recently, five high level educators from Norway decided to send a specialist to fill a training gap within the Norwegian REAL program. The kindergarten through 2nd grade specialist, Eivind Rogne, was selected to visit Athens February 8-21.

Eivind Rogne is the K-2 teacher instructor at Sogn & Fjordane University College in Sogndal, Norway. Mr. Rogne visited Timothy Road Elementary School his first week to observe the Timothyville (REAL) program and Barnett Shoals Elementary School his second week to observe their REAL program. He

was especially interested in the program being conducted for autistic and Special Education students.

Upon his return to University College, he will be working with other previously trained Norwegian instructors to implement REAL at the 3rd-5th elementary school, 6th-8th middle school, the high school, as well as the post-secondary level REAL programs.

Eivind's efforts contribute to the current program at Sogn & Fjordane University College that will generate a model to implement a seamless REAL program from Kindergarten through the college level.



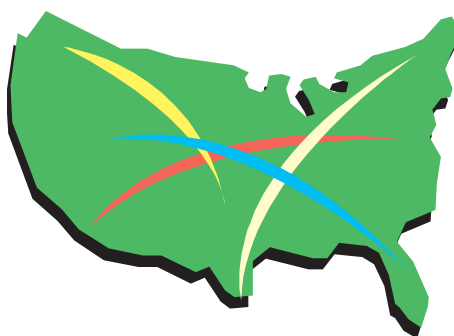
Eivind Rogne with Asst. Principal Susan Davis at Timothy Road Elementary School

NATIONWIDE REAL EDUCATORS COLLABORATE ON M/M

In an effort to update and specialize the Mini and Middle REAL Resource Manuals, Georgia REAL has been collaborating with leaders of Washington REAL Enterprises.

Washington REAL Director Talana Mielke contacted Paul DeLargy to discuss the necessity of revised manuals for subject-cohesive learning strategies.

REAL Instructors Sherry Malone and Lynn Hendren have continued to lead the revision process in Georgia while Washington instructors Janet Collier

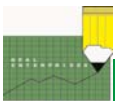


and Danica Kelly have put forth great effort to complete the process from the west coast. The four instructors will meet in Atlanta to finalize the revisions in early March. New York

Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES Curriculum Specialist Jennifer Sorochin will also travel to Atlanta to lend her expertise to the group.

National REAL Director Cullen Gurganus donated his energy to the first revision meeting that Ms. Mielke hosted in Spokane, WA early in 2004.

The two existing manuals have been redivided into specific sections to create four new manuals. The new manuals will be introduced to REAL teachers at the Mini/Middle REAL Institute this summer.



RIVERWOOD LOSES A REAL TREASURE



Mary Purifoy's Team 619

During the Thanksgiving holiday this past fall, Riverwood HS teacher Mrs. Mary Purifoy passed away unexpectedly due to heart complications.

As a member of the Atlanta Region School to Work Coalition, Mary attended the REAL School-Based Enterprise Workshop last winter and the REAL Institute last summer. She also made it possible for students to participate at the Fort Yargo Leadership Retreat as well as the

Southern Hospitality Careers Expo. Mary had been leading her class to launch a school-based enterprise that the students named *Team 619*: a business idea that the students created to customize and sell trophies to local schools and community groups.

Mary will be missed by an overwhelming number of students and colleagues that were touched by her bold and nurturing nature.



SUCCESS STEERS STUDENT SBES

Students at Hancock Central High School in Sparta, GA are now able to get firsthand experience with the free enterprise system through a partnership with GA REAL. *The Magic Stitch* is an embroidery business facilitated by Denise Barge, a Family and Consumer Science teacher. The first project was spirit towels embroidered with the school mascot which were sold during the basketball season.

Karen Taylor's Communication Technology class is learning about entrepreneurship education along

with written communication in the form of a school newspaper, the *HCHS Bulldog Herald*. Plans are also underway to move into video communications starting with a senior video memory book available this May

Career/Technology student organizations at HCHS have formed a partnership venture with REAL water. Ry Landry and Lucious Warren (Skills USA-VICA), Denise Barge (FCCLA), and Jose Castro (FFA) are facilitating this proj-



Ms. Karen Taylor with the Bulldog Herald staff

ect, partially designed to help these student organizations fund competitive events. The excited Bulldogs are eager to sell that "Dog Gone Water!"

GA REAL DIRECTOR ENTERS HALL OF FAME

On December 5, 2003 at the National Community Education Association (NCEA) Conference in New Orleans, Dr. Paul DeLargy was honored as one of the inaugural members initiated into the NCEA Hall of Fame.

Earlier, DeLargy was honored and received the NCEA Distinguished Service award for his years of service promoting the community education concept statewide, nationally, and internationally.

He, along with Dr. Ed Brown of Statesboro at Georgia Southern College (now University), were founders of the Georgia Association

of Community Education. Using the Delphi Technique, DeLargy developed the CEGA Kit (Community Education Goals Ascertainment), a process to identify community education goals. The information to develop the Kit came from his dissertation that established national community education goals. His work has been replicated by others over the years and has been widely used in the development and implementation of community education.

Using the community education concept and network, DeLargy co-founded REAL Enterprises (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action

Learning). The program provides seamless kindergarten through post-secondary level entrepreneurship training. The REAL program is now implemented in forty states, England, Scotland, Eritrea, and Norway.



Dr. Paul DeLargy honored with award

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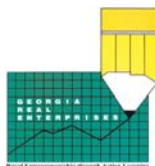
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June 13-18 @ HHI, SC
to register, please visit
www.realenterprises.org

REAL Mini/Middle Institute
June 20-25 @ HHI, SC
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SBE Workshops
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